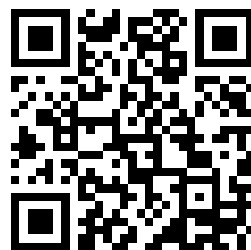
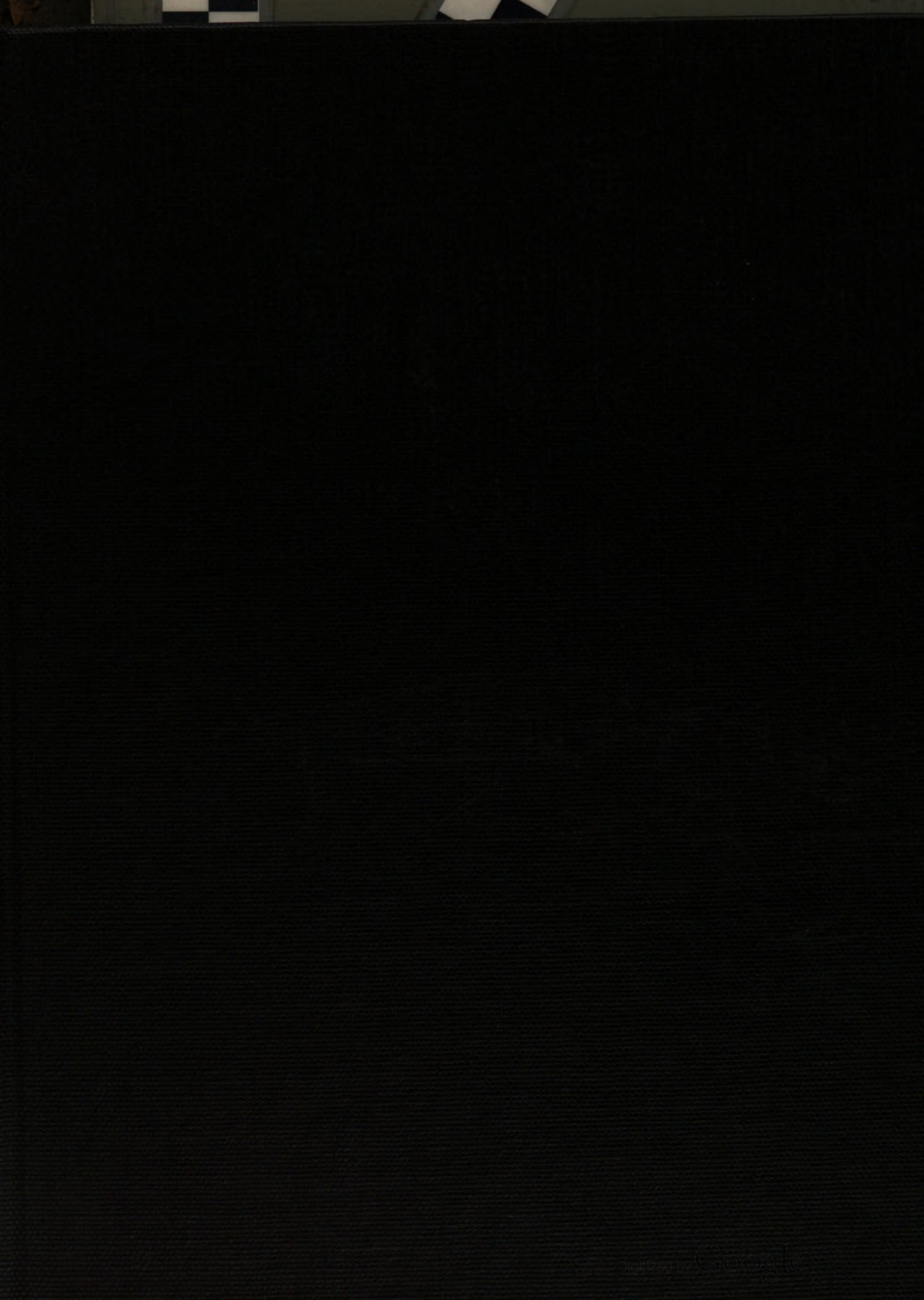

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JOHN J. HITCHNER.

John J. Hitchner represents a class of our rising generation who are rapidly forging their way to the front in the business world, both in commercial and agricultural circles. He is possessed of sturdy, industrious habits and a character which is above reproach, while the manner in which he conducts his farm and the condition in which he keeps it shows that he is possessed of no mean business ability.

He is a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Timberman) Hitchner, and was born March 10, 1875, in Alloway, Salem county, New Jersey. Charles Hitchner was a son of Johnson Hitchner and both were natives of Friesburg, although of German descent. Charles was reared to the occupation of farming and continued that industry all his life, for eight years conducting the cultivation of his father's land and in 1875 buying the place now occupied by our subject. He was public-spirited and prominent in local affairs, a member of the church and the incumbent of a number of town offices, among them that of freeholder, collector, member of the school board, etc. He was a trustee in the Presbyterian church, a director in the City National Bank of Salem and was a very successful man in his business. He owned some two hundred and fifty acres of land at his death, besides other property. He had erected a canning factory at Daretown which furnished a good market for the product of the surrounding farmers and was a source of income to its owner as well.

His marriage to Elizabeth Timberman was honored in the birth of Margaret, Alberta (Mrs. Benjamin Mickle), John J. and Geneva. His death occurred in Alloway, Salem county, April 30, 1896, and was the occasion of heartfelt grief among a wide circle of friends.

LEWIS M. MYERS.

Lewis M. Myers is a member of the firm of J. & L. Myers, merchants of Repaupo, and is the trustworthy postmaster of that place. He was born in the town which is still his home February 19, 1859, and is the son of George B. and Mariah (Parker) Myers. His mother died in 1868, and his father, surviving her many years, passed away November 25, 1890, at the age of sixty-two years. His grandfather was George Myers, a son of George Myers, Sr., who came from Germany to the New World and located in Gloucester county, New Jersey, where his descendants have since followed agricultural pursuits. L. M. Myers was an only son and had but one sister, Lizzie P.,

who is now the wife of Milton H. Myers, a carriage-builder of Swedesboro, New Jersey.

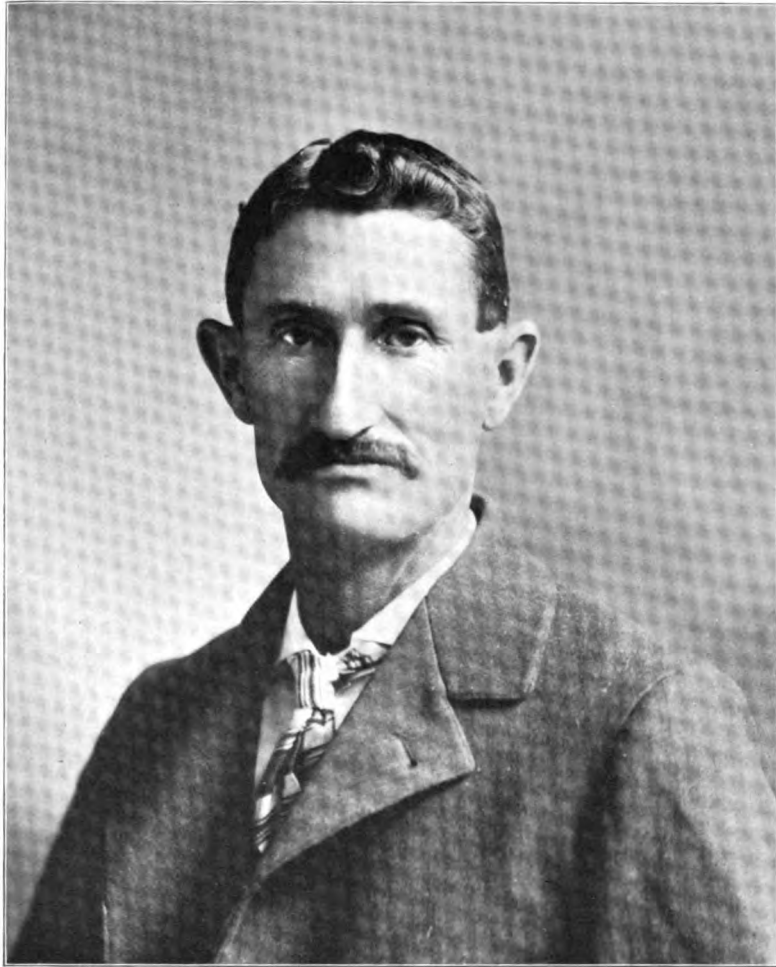
The subject of this review acquired his education in the public schools of Repaupo, and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until 1879, when, in company with his uncle, Joseph Myers he engaged in merchandising, which he has since followed with signal success. They have a well-stocked store supplied with everything demanded by a general trade, and a liberal patronage is accorded them, by reason of their honorable dealing and reliable business methods.

On the 20th of June, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Myers and Miss Alice E. Uron, a daughter of Leonard S. Uron, of Repaupo, and to them has been born one son, Giles. In his social relations Mr. Myers is connected with Delaware Tribe, No. 44, I. O. R. M. He is a stanch Democrat and was appointed postmaster of Repaupo on the 1st of October, 1890. He has discharged his duty with such marked ability and fidelity that he has since been continued in the office. His fellow townsmen know him as an enterprising business man, a public-spirited citizen and a gentleman of sterling worth.

EDWARD F. EVANS.

Edward F. Evans, a well known farmer of Williamstown, was born in Washington township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, August 24, 1859. His grandfather, Edward Evans, was a native of Wales and emigrated to this country in 1827. He prospered in business and became a large land-holder. His son John was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was first married to Harriet, a daughter of Sampson Pearson, of Green Tree. Four children were born of this union, of whom two are living: Harry, a resident of Camden, New Jersey, and Edward F. The mother died May 31, 1898.

The subject of this sketch attended the country schools of his native place, securing a good common-school education, and then turned his attention to farming. In 1883 he bought the farm on which he now resides and which he had previously rented. It comprises two hundred and eighty-eight acres of excellent land and shows good management in its cultivation. In connection with general farming Mr. Evans is engaged in the buying and selling of horses and also deals in farm implements and machinery. He has generally been successful in his business operations and is now in the enjoyment of a handsome income. Mr. Evans is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Williamstown Lodge, No. 166, has been a school



E. H. Evans

trustee for many years and is liberal in his support of the church and philanthropic institutions.

The marriage of E. F. Evans to Tamzon N. a daughter of George Hurff, took place November 15, 1896, and three children—Clifford F., Helen L., and Alice F.—have been born to them.

LEWIS S. CARLL.

Lewis S. Carll, who was for many years the leading business man of Hancock's Bridge, where he now resides in retirement, was born in the town of Lower Alloway Creek, October 20, 1833, and is a son of Ephraim and Mary A. (Smith) Carll. His father also was a native of Salem county, followed farming all his life, was a member of the New Jersey legislature in 1845 and the judge of Salem county from 1848 to 1868, and died at the age of eighty years, his wife dying at the age of seventy-five years.

Lewis S. Carll followed farming till about thirty years old and then engaged in general merchandising at Hancock's Bridge, carrying on a very extensive business for twenty-five years. He operated largely in seeds and grain, owning an elevator with a capacity of twenty thousand bushels. He was the postmaster from 1861 to 1893, a position held by his son, Harry C. M. Carll, since 1897.

Mr. Carll was married in June, 1865, to Miss Athalinda Baker. They have four children,—Luke F., Lucius H., Harry C. M. and Miss Lucy S. Mr. Carll and family are members of the Society of Friends.

LOUIS N. SHREVE.

Louis N. Shreve, whose business is that of undertaker at Glassboro, New Jersey, is a native of Barnsboro, Gloucester county, New Jersey. He was born July 27, 1861. His parents were Mahlon and Harriet (Chew) Shreve. Our subject's father was born near Bordentown, New Jersey, and his father was of an old family of that section. Mahlon was a blacksmith and followed that trade nearly all of his life; he is now seventy-one years of age. His wife, who was of an old and very prominent family, died in 1896. Of their eight children the following six are living: William, now of Clayton; Nathaniel, of Clayton; Nelson, of Berlin, Camden county; Amos, of Clayton; Louis N.; and Lida, the wife of Walter Staulcup, of Clayton.

Our subject received a good education by attending the local schools

and select schools. He followed farm life for a number of years and when he was seventeen years of age went to Clarksboro to learn the undertaker's trade, together with the art of embalming. He served there for seven years, and in 1888 began business at Glassboro on his own account. Just prior to engaging in business he attended the United States School of Embalming at New York. He received a diploma, which shows that he is an expert in this line. For three years he was the coroner of this county.

Being a firm believer in the brotherhood of man, he is identified with the orders of Masons, Knights of Pythias, Junior and Senior and Independent orders of Mechanics and is the high priest in the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In his church connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. June 3, 1882, he was married to Rennie, a daughter of Richard Skinner. Two children bless this union,—Bland and Bessie.

It almost goes without saying that our subject is a busy man of affairs, yet he finds time to attend to the duties which he owes to his family and the various civic societies to which he belongs.

ALEXANDER R. LUDLAM.

Captain A. R. Ludlam is now living a retired life near Dennis, where he owns a comfortable and attractive residence situated on a tract of eleven acres of land. For many years he sailed the seas and for some time was the owner of a vessel used in securing pine and other lumber in the south, but now has put aside all business cares and is spending the evening of his days in the quiet enjoyment of a well earned rest.

The Captain was born in Goshen, Cape May county, on the 8th of May, 1827, his parents being James and Jane (Ritchie) Ludlam. Among his ancestors the first of whom we have any extended record is Joseph Ludlam, who was a son of Anthony Ludlam, and who married and reared a family of three children. Jeremiah, the eldest, died childless. Joseph, who followed farming at North Dennis, had three children: Phoebe; Abigail, who married Seth Hand; and Thomas, whose children were Mrs. John Evans; and Thomas, who had four children,—Smith, Sarah, Thomas and Jacob. Henry, the youngest child of Joseph Ludlam, was the grandfather of our subject. He served his country in the war of 1812, and after the cessation of hostilities was justice of the peace. He died at the ripe old age of eighty years. His children were Abigail, Daniel, Henry, Joseph, Sarah Lewis, James and Smith.

James Ludlam, the father of our subject, was born in Dennisville, Cape May county, in 1784, and died in 1867. By occupation he was a farmer, but in early life followed the sea. His political support was given the Whig party, and during the war of 1812 he did patrol duty on shore. He married Jane Ritchie, and they became the parents of the following children: James, Alexander, Mary, Ann, Jane and Eliza. The father died in March, 1851, at the age of sixty-seven years; and the mother died about 1870, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.

Captain Ludlam attended school in Goshen and when sixteen years of age shipped before the mast. His fidelity won him promotion to the rank of mate, and for a quarter of a century he was the captain of a vessel. He was shipwrecked in a storm at Cape Charles on Washington's birthday, 1863, at which time he was in command of a vessel loaded with two hundred and sixty tons of coal, bound for Fortress Monroe, but all was lost. He traded with Fort Royal and Fortress Monroe and brought the first pine from Savannah to Philadelphia after the blockade was declared,—a very hazardous undertaking. His voyage was from Galveston, Texas, to Philadelphia, in 1867. It required forty days for him to make the trip and he then resolved that he would never go to sea again,—a resolution to which he has strictly adhered. He owned a half interest in a vessel and was engaged in the pine and lumber trade until 1885, in which year he retired to private life. He also owns a farm at Goshen, New Jersey, together with other valuable property.

On the 14th of December, 1851, Mr. Ludlam was united in marriage to Mary, a daughter of Edward Price, and they now have four children. Jane is the wife of Oscar A. Fow, who is engaged in the wholesale and retail meat business in Philadelphia, and they have three children: Elva A., who married Robert L. Saunders, of Philadelphia, and has one child, Minerva H.; Clarence B., who married Linda Fairchild and has a daughter, Lillie May; and Lilly. Edward died in childhood. Henry, a graduate of the high school at Hackettstown and Shoemaker's School of Oratory, married Alice Pyle, a daughter of General Pyle, and they have a daughter, Helen. Alexander, who was lost at sea, had married a Miss Foster and had one child, Ethel.

In his political views the Captain is a Republican. His life has been one of usefulness and honor. He has been true to his duty to his family, to his neighbor and to his country, and now in his declining years he merits and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded old age. He has passed the seventieth milestone on life's journey, yet seems much younger and still takes a keen interest in affairs of local and national importance.

THOMAS COLE ALLEN.

There is but one chief ruler of a nation, be he king, emperor or president. But comparatively few can gain the highest position in military circles or along artistic lines; but the field of business affords unlimited opportunities, and therein a man may gain a leading position in his special line and win success by his own unaided efforts. This T. C. Allen has done, and to-day he is engaged in the wholesale poultry-shipping business, making his headquarters at Glassboro.

He was born in Hurffville, Gloucester county, on the 19th of September, 1848, and is of English lineage, his grandfather, Samuel Allen, having come from the "merrie isle" to the New World. His son, Isaac T. Allen, the father of our subject, was born in Woodstown, New Jersey, and was a carpenter and millwright by trade, following those occupations throughout his business career. He resided for many years in Hurffville, and died on the 12th of August, 1897. He was long a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in its work, serving as steward and trustee. He married Miss Mary Bilks, a daughter of Joseph Bilks, also a resident of Hurffville, and her death occurred in 1864. By the marriage of this worthy couple six children were born, of whom three are still living: Thomas Cole Allen, of this review; Frank, who is living on the old homestead in Hurffville; and Abbie, the wife of E. T. Leap, who is living in Glassboro township.

T. C. Allen was early inured to the labors of the farm, for as soon as old enough he began work in the fields and aided in their cultivation until the harvests were gathered in the autumn. He then entered the common schools of the neighborhood, where he pursued his studies for about three months in each year. With the coming of spring it again became his duty to take his place behind the plow. In his early manhood he assumed control of the home farm, which he cultivated until 1872, when he entered upon his present line of business. He began buying poultry and shipping it to the city, and now covers a section of country extending twenty-five miles in each direction. He employs three men to assist him in making purchases and is now carrying on an extensive business. In 1898 he shipped five hundred and fifty tons of poultry, valued at two hundred thousand dollars, and sells to the New York, Boston and Philadelphia markets. His well directed efforts have brought to him a very gratifying success, and in addition to his dealing in poultry he is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Glassboro.

On the 27th of November, 1872, Mr. Allen married Miss Emma Zimmer-

man, a daughter of Abraham Zimmerman, of Glassboro, and they now have a daughter, whose name is Elsie M. They also lost one child. Theirs is a beautiful home, noted for its hospitality, and their worth is indicated by the fact that their friends are numbered among the best citizens of the community. In his political views Mr. Allen is a staunch Republican and for twelve years he has served as township committeeman. He is also a steward in the Methodist Episcopal church, contributes liberally to the support of the church and has been an active factor in all branches of its work. Socially he is a very prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite. He is the treasurer of the blue lodge, and is also a member of the order of Knights of Pythias. In the Sunday-school he is serving as assistant-superintendent and is most regular in his attendance on church and Sunday-school. He cheerfully gives his support to all measures calculated to uplift and benefit humanity and to promote the welfare and progress of his community. When Mr. Allen left home he had only five dollars in his pocket, but he possessed an honest and a resolute purpose and unfaltering energy and resolved that he would win success, if it could be done through straightforward, honorable dealing. His labors have been diligently prosecuted and his close application to business has enabled him to realize his hopes, his beautiful home being an indication of the success which he has achieved.

GEORGE HIGGINS.

George Higgins, a young but successful merchant of Glassboro, New Jersey, was born in that village, on November 7, 1871, the son of Joseph Higgins, a native of Philadelphia, whose personal history appears near the close of this sketch. George attended school in boyhood, but when old enough entered the store of his father, who is now deceased. George now carries on the business for his mother and sisters. He is a member of the board of education, taking much interest in the welfare of the schools, which institution he highly prizes. Aside from his many business cares, he finds time to do his part to maintain the following lodges with which he is affiliated: Junior Order of American Mechanics, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief; and the Daughters of Liberty, of which he is a trustee. January 9, 1897, he was married.

Our subject's father, Joseph Higgins, was a son of Joseph Higgins, Sr. Joseph, the first named, was reared in Burlington, New Jersey, and became a wheelwright. In 1854 he moved to Glassboro and engaged in merchandising. He died March 8, 1899. In his political views he was a strong believer

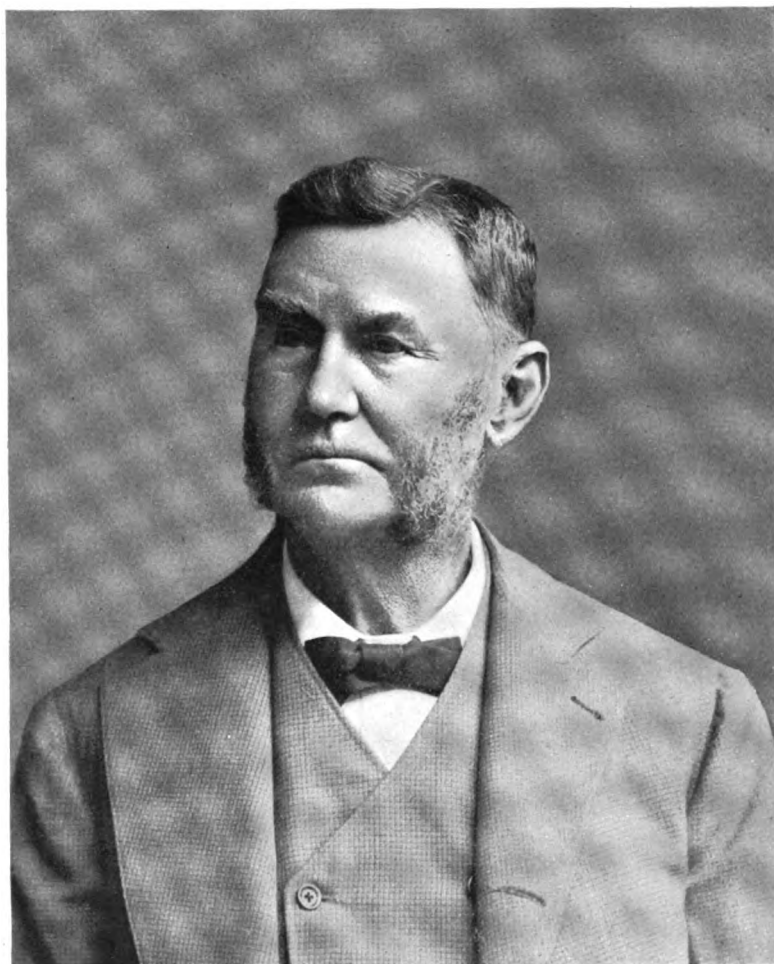
in Democratic ideas. He was the postmaster three terms, a township committeeman, and freeholder for ten years. He was a Christian gentleman and prominent in the Methodist church. At one time he was a candidate for the assembly. He married Avalinda Lowden, the daughter of George Lowden, of Riverside, Burlington county, New Jersey. She is now seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living at this time: W. R., of New York; Frank, at home; Samuel L., of Glassboro; Marion P., the wife of Joseph J. Seddon, of Glassboro; Avalinda, at home; and our subject, George Higgins.

Our subject's father was an active man in whatever he undertook. He was a true citizen; a faithful friend to all who sought to do the right; was ever ready to do his part, politically; and he held many of the important places of trust and honor in the communities in which he lived and labored. For over forty years he was an active Methodist. He imparted much of his true manliness to our subject, who as a business man is certain to take front rank. In these times, to be in a legitimate business and have the good will of a rich and prosperous trading community, is to be in a fortunate position.

CLAYTON B. TICE.

Clayton B. Tice was born in Williamstown, New Jersey, November 19, 1830, and is a son of Richard H. Tice, who was a native of Camden, Gloucester county. His father, John Tice, was a soldier of the Revolution and was a son of Cornelius Tice, whose ancestors came from Germany. John Tice moved to Williamstown at a very early day and became possessed of a great deal of land in this vicinity. Richard H. Tice was a prominent politician and took a leading part in township affairs. He was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church and much credit is due him for the assistance he gave toward the building of the edifice for which he donated the ground. He was a progressive farmer who took pride in his work. He was married to Miss Hannah, a daughter of John Ware of Sicklertown, and ten children were born to them, four of whom survive their parents, viz.: Clayton B.; Richard; Charles F., both of whom reside in this vicinity; and Hannah, the wife of Walter R. Thomas, of Philadelphia. The father died in 1864 and the mother eleven years later.

Clayton B. Tice attended the public schools in his youth and later engaged in farming. He has a fine piece of land, consisting of thirty-five acres, which is kept in a high state of cultivation. He was one of the originators of the manufacture of glass of Williamstown, associated with



Clayton B Tice

William C. Nicholson, Jacob De Hart and others, in 1835. The panic of 1836 crippled their operations and Mr. Tice returned to his farming. He has always affiliated with the Republican party and has taken an active part in their campaigns. He has served as judge of election a number of times and from 1860 was freeholder four years in Camden county. Coming to this county he held the same office from 1869 for nine consecutive years, and was township committeeman for a number of years. He was elected assessor in 1893 and is still an incumbent of that office. He was a commissioner of deeds from 1859 to 1865, and has always taken a deep interest in the success of his party.

He chose as his partner through the vicissitudes of life, Miss Catherine Eldridge, a daughter of J. D. Eldridge of this village. Ten children have been born to them, six of whom are living, viz.: Millard F., of Philadelphia; R. Howell, now the principal of the school at Merchantville, New Jersey; Nelson, of Philadelphia; Mabel, the wife of Dunlevy Loughlin, of Williamstown; Amy, now teaching at Janvier; and Clayton, at home.

Mr. Tice is liberal in his religious views and is a man of exceedingly bright intellect, who keeps thoroughly abreast of all topics of importance. He is honorable and upright to a fault and is universally esteemed.

M. JONES LUFFBARY, M. D.

Dr. Luffbary, one of the successful medical practitioners of Glassboro, New Jersey, was born in the town in which he now resides, July 25, 1862. His father, Samuel Luffbary, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a glass-blower. He has the honor of being the superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school and class-leader of the Methodist class at Glassboro for the past twenty-five years. He is a celebrity in another matter, that of having instituted the Masonic lodge, at Glassboro, as well as the Odd Fellows' lodge. He married Eliza Becket, daughter of William Becket, of Cumberland county. Samuel Luffbary is now sixty-five years of age, and his good wife three years younger. Of their six children only two survive: Daisy, the wife of George Randall, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and our subject.

After having attended the public schools, our subject graduated at Jefferson Medical College, in 1884, with the rightfully earned degree of M. D. He at once began to follow his favorite profession, at Glassboro, and has remained there ever since.

Having the natural endowments of a successful physician and being well schooled in professional studies in one of the leading medical colleges of the land, Dr. Luffbary has built up a very extensive practice.

Dr. Luffbary belongs to the Masonic order, the Red Men, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Independent Order of American Mechanics, and has been through all of the chairs of these orders. In 1881 he married Lindia, a daughter of Brazilla Abbott, of New Jersey. To this esteemed couple have been born four children: Roscoe, Wilber, Daisy and Florence. With his bright and interesting family, the Doctor has the good will and esteem of all within the scope of their acquaintance.

JOSEPH M. GREEN.

Among the well-to-do and enterprising citizens of Williamstown, Gloucester county, New Jersey, will be found the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Swedesboro, October 6, 1849, and dates his ancestry in this country back to 1600, at which time members of the family settled in the place of his nativity. His father, Chester Green, was a son of Jacob Green and followed the trade of shoemaking. He married Hannah A. Madera, of a well known family of Swedesboro, and three children were born to them: Joseph M., Edward F., who lives at Atlantic City; and Anna, the wife of William Treadwell, a resident of Williamstown.

Mr. Green obtained his education in the public schools of his native place and in 1879 purchased the farm of one hundred and eight acres on which he now resides. Here he carries on general farming, in which he is very successful, and in addition does a large business in farming machinery, windmills, etc. He is a very active, enterprising man and with characteristic energy, and thrift inherited in part from his forefathers, who were noted people in their own land, has made for himself a name and a place in his community. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and while not an aspirant for office he works for the success of his party, believing it to be in harmony with the principles which underlie the best form of government that the sun shines on.

Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Katurah, a daughter of Christopher Knisel, of Hardingville, Gloucester county, May 6, 1871. Of this union eight children have been born: Sarah F. (Mrs. George Galbraith), Hannah M. (Mrs. Charles Young), Carrie V. (Mrs. Frank Giberson), Margaretta N. (deceased), William J., Mattie K., Anna G. and Leroy C.

SAMUEL L. SERAN.

This well known farmer and old settler of Aura, Gloucester county, was born at that place September 16, 1838. His father, Samuel Seran, also a native of Aura, was a son of David Seran and a descendant of a family who emigrated from Germany and settled at Swedesboro at an early day. Samuel enlisted for the war of 1812 and was engaged in active service. About 1825 he removed to the farm which his son now occupies and which was willed to him by David Seran, and there died in 1870. His wife was Eunice Langley, a daughter of Silas Langley, and she was the mother of five children, of whom Samuel L., our subject, is the only survivor. She died in 1872.

The subject of this sketch has spent almost his entire life on the farm. As a boy he attended the district school and later assisted his father in harvesting the crops, looking after the stock and the numberless duties which fall to the lot of a farmer's lad. When the civil war broke out he gladly offered his services to sustain the government, and on September 14, 1862, enlisted at Woodbury in the Twelfth New Jersey Infantry. He took part in a number of hard-fought battles and was wounded on the field of Gettysburg. At the close of the war he returned to Aura and since that time has been engaged in farming on the old homestead of one hundred acres. He is a Republican in his political belief and is loyal to his principles. He has held the office of clerk to the school board for six years and takes a deep interest in the cause of education.

Mr. Seran was married to Elizabeth, a daughter of Isaac Clark, of Franklin, and their family comprises five children: William D., of Vineland; May E., the wife of H. E. Essler, residing at Clayton; Maud; Edna; and Samuel Langley Seran, who bears his father's name.

SAMUEL L. HIGGINS.

Samuel L. Higgins, of Glassboro, New Jersey, whose business is that of a liveryman, is a native of this place, and was born June 8, 1859. His father, the well known late Joseph Higgins, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, settled here in 1855, and was in business here forty-four years. He was born September 20, 1823, and died March 8, 1899. He belonged to the Methodist church and was connected with the K. of P. and Odd Fellows' orders. A more extended sketch of his life will be found appended to that of his son, George Higgins, elsewhere in this volume.

S. L. Higgins, after attending the common schools of his section, went

to the Kennet Square Academy. After his school days, he came home and learned the watch-maker's trade, and followed the jewelry business for eighteen years at Camden, Philadelphia and Glassboro. In 1893 he embarked in the livery business. He does the chief livery business of the town, and is noted for his fair treatment and fine turn-outs.

August 25, 1880, he was united in marriage to Achsah, the daughter of John W. Thomas, of Sewell, New Jersey. One child blesses their home, named Sarah.

The Higgins family are well and favorably known in this part of New Jersey, by reason of the father's long business career, as well as the prominent part he always took in public matters.

J. ELLIS PAULIN.

J. Ellis Paulin, a justice of the peace, magistrate and notary public of Glassboro, New Jersey, will form the subject of this notice. He was born in the above named place, August 26, 1853. When he attained the proper age he attended the common schools during the winter season, and in the summer worked on the farm, thus developing the muscles as well as the brain. From the time he was twenty-one until he was twenty-six years old, he farmed "on shares." One year of his life was devoted to the butcher business, and for ten years he was the road supervisor.

Politically Mr. Paulin is a Republican. In 1894 he was elected as the justice of the peace in his township, and in the spring of 1899 was re-elected for a term of five years. In 1895 he was appointed as a magistrate. He also served three years as coroner, and had more cases before him than any one before his time in office or since his term expired. He is a member of the O. U. A. M.; has been the financier of the lodge, and secretary for nine years. For the past eight years he has been the master of records for the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In lodge and political matters he is unusually active.

The date of his first marriage was 1879, when he was wedded to Ella Chard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chard, of Millville. This lady died in 1885, leaving three children: Annie M., now the wife of Jacob Lisse, of Philadelphia; Willard B. and Edith B., both at home. For his second companion our subject married, in 1895, Adina E. Turner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Turner, of Harrisonville.

Concerning our subject's ancestry, it may be said that his father was Joseph T. Paulin, born in Woodstown, New Jersey, and his father, our sub-

ject's grandfather, was a native of the same locality. His name was David Paulin, and he was a soldier of the war of 1812. Joseph T. Paulin learned the butcher's trade, and moved to Glassboro about 1847, running the business for five years, after which he farmed. In 1853 he was elected sheriff, serving three years, with acceptability. He died in 1886. In his religious faith he was a "Friend." He married Zillah Batten, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Batten, of Swedesboro. The good wife died in 1891. Of their six children only three survive, our subject being the eldest. The other two are named David and William S. David lives in Glassboro and William S. in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in manufacturing.

CHARLES B. GRIER.

Woodstown, New Jersey, has always been fortunate in the possession of numerous citizens of prominence who were self-made men in the best sense of that often abused term. Among such in the present generation none is more prominent than Charles B. Grier, one of the town's leading merchants and business men, whose career has been most creditable and whose achievements have been won honestly and by that earnest endeavor that is almost certain to bring success.

Charles B. Grier was born November 1, 1867, at Deerfield, Cumberland county, New Jersey, a son of George B. and Sarah A. (Wallace) Grier. His parents are both living, and George B. Grier is a prominent general merchant at Woodstown. George B. Grier is a son of Jonathan Grier, who was long a resident of Salem county, New Jersey, and who died there at the age of eighty-two years. During his early life Jonathan Grier was a contractor and builder, in which lines he acquired a creditable reputation in Philadelphia, but late in life he retired to Salem county, New Jersey, where he became a leader among the successful farmers. George B. Grier was born in Mannington, Salem county, New Jersey, and until 1876 was a farmer well and widely known in Cumberland county, where he located early in life. His wife, Sarah A. Wallace, was a daughter of Allen Wallace, a native and lifelong resident of Piles Grove township, who died there, aged sixty-eight years, leaving an enviable record as a successful farmer and high-minded, progressive citizen.

Charles B. Grier gained a thorough high-school education, and in 1883, at the age of sixteen years, began to assist his father in his then well established mercantile business, in which he was employed for twelve years, until 1895. Under his father's careful and practical instruction he acquired an

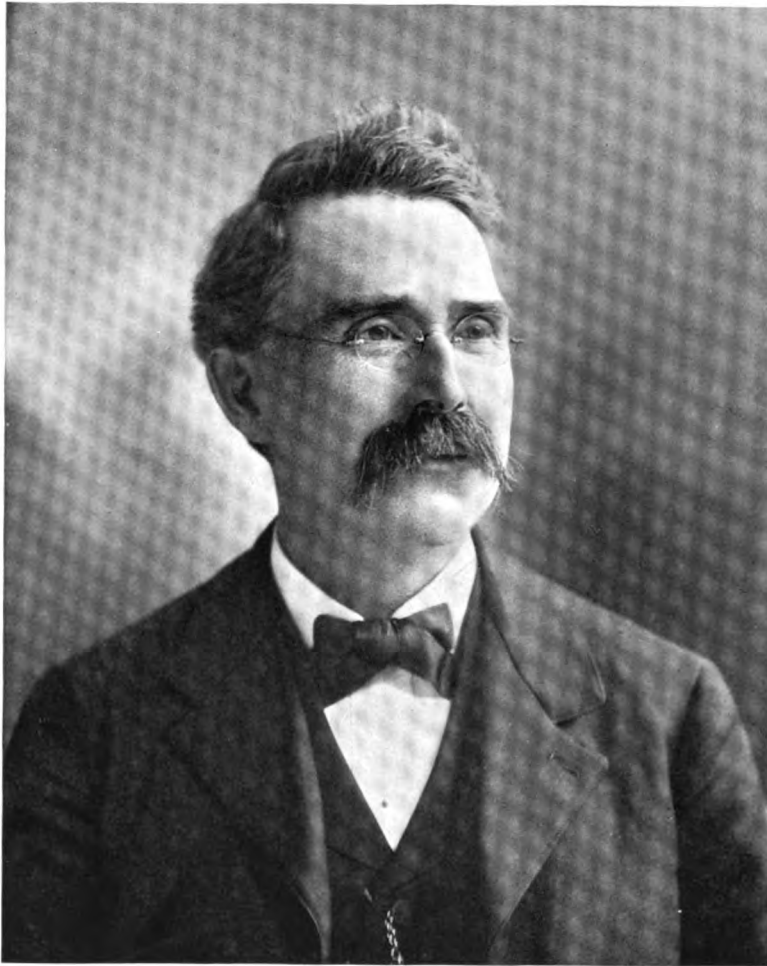
intimate knowledge of the local trade and its demands, which was of great benefit to him in the establishment and upbuilding of his own later enterprise. In 1895 he formed a partnership with George Boone and opened a clothing and furnishing-goods store. The partnership existed until May 11, 1898, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Grier continued the business and removed it to its present quarters on Main street, where he has built up a large and successful trade and has a growing patronage, which extends into all the rich country tributary to Woodstown.

In every relation Mr. Grier has proven himself a public-spirited citizen who has the best interests of Woodstown at heart and is willing to work and to contribute liberally of his means to the enhancement of the general good. He is not a politician in the ordinary acceptation of the term, but, believing that politics is business and business is politics, he has pronounced views upon all questions of public import and exerts an influence which is always felt for the local and general interests of the great political party with which he affiliates. He is identified with Woodbine Lodge, No. 158, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is well known as a devoted member of that order.

WILLIAM P. BUCK.

William P. Buck, one of the most important business factors, and a successful undertaker, at Williamstown, New Jersey, is a native of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born December 21, 1849. His family history is closely interwoven with many of the early-day, important events of this country. Our subject's father, John Buck, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, which subdivision of the Keystone state was named in honor of his family. William Buck, the grandfather, was born in the same location and it was his father, our subject's great-grandfather, who came from Bucks county, England, to America with William Penn, the celebrated Quaker, colonist and statesman. John Buck was a manufacturer of shoes in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and was a birthright member of the Friends' Society. He was hastened from the scenes of life by that dread disease, smallpox, in 1851. Mary Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bleyler, of England, became his wife, by whom she became the mother of two children,—Louis and William P.,—and died in 1863.

The subject of this notice had a fair common-school education and at an early date in his career began to cultivate the soil. He first came to Williamstown in 1866 and his farm life extended to 1870. In that year he went to Trenton, New Jersey, to learn the printer's trade, but abandoned



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it after some months on account of his eyes. For nine succeeding years he was employed at the State Lunatic Asylum. He then took an examination as a nurse at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Philadelphia and was registered as such. He was at the head of the Southern Illinois Asylum at Anna, Illinois, in 1874. In 1875 he was for some months at the State Hospital at Morris Plains, and then was again employed at the State Hospital at Trenton for five years. In 1884 he began the undertaking and furniture business at Williamstown. His patronage extends to a great distance, and he is highly successful in his operations financially and otherwise.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary W. Eldridge, a daughter of Joshua and Amy Eldridge, of Williamstown. She died in 1880. For his second wife he married Alice McCambridge, the daughter of Richard and Mary McCambridge, of Philadelphia. This marriage took place August 4, 1881. Their five children are William A., deceased; Joseph L., deceased, R. Edwin, Anna M. and Livinia H.

In political belief Mr. Buck is an ardent Republican. He has been long on the school board, served for five years as justice of the peace and in 1899 was elected to represent Gloucester county in the state assembly. In every sense he of whom we write is a strong, manly man, of whom the county and state could justly be proud in any place of honor and trust. Mr. Buck is a Royal Arch Mason and is the past master of Williamstown Lodge, No. 166, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, a past councilor of Silver Star Council, No. 26, of Williamstown, and is also a past sachem of Choctaw Tribe, No. 112, Independent Order of Red Men, of Williamstown. Socially he is an affable gentleman and a self-made man whose success has been attained by hard, honest work.

ANTHONY STEELMAN.

This gentleman has now attained the age of seventy-six years, yet is actively connected with the business interests of Tuckahoe, and his enterprise and energy should put to shame many a younger man, who, grown tired of the burden and strife of business life, has relegated to others the cares and responsibilities which they should bear. Mr. Steelman has always been noted for his industry and ability in business affairs, and to this may be attributed his success in life.

A native of Atlantic county, New Jersey, he was born in Weymouth township December 23, 1823, his parents being Jonas and Rachel (Champion) Steelman. The family is of Swedish lineage, and Charles Steelman,

the first of the name to seek a home in America, crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Weymouth township, his home being on the bank of the Tuckahoe river. He was a farmer by occupation, and some of his descendants have since resided in the locality where he made his home. Jonas Steelman, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Weymouth township, Atlantic county, and in connection with agricultural pursuits dealt extensively in wood. At the time when this republic engaged in the second war with England, he entered the service and loyally defended the stars and stripes until peace was once more proclaimed. He met his death at the age of sixty years, while engaged in fishing in the Tuckahoe river. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-five years. Their children were: James, who was twice married, his second union being with Mary Scull; Nathaniel, who married Sarah Steelman, and had the following children: Sarah, Nathan, William, Azilla and Sallie; and Jonas, the father of our subject. After the death of his first wife the grandfather was twice married, his third wife being Elizabeth Jane, by whom he had four children: Mary, Jeremiah, Experience and Harry.

Jonas Steelman, the father of him whose name begins this review, was born in Weymouth township and became a glass-blower by trade. He also engaged in farming and built a number of vessels, being very successful in his business operations. He resided in his native township for many years, and spent the last ten years of his life in Tuckahoe, where his death occurred. His marked energy and diligence were crowned with the very highest degree of prosperity, and he became one of the wealthiest men of his county. In the Methodist Episcopal church he held membership and contributed liberally to its support. He gave twelve hundred dollars toward the erection of the house of worship in Tuckahoe, and held many official positions in the church. In the early days when training companies were organized he was an active member of one of those societies. He married Rachael Champion, and they became the parents of nine children: Anthony; Martha, wife of David Tomlin, a farmer of Cumberland, New Jersey, by whom she had four children, Smith, Rachael, Emma and Elizabeth; Sarah, wife of Franklin Horner, a pine dealer of Bridgeton, New Jersey, by whom she has a daughter, Maud; Phoebe, wife of William Tomlin, a farmer, their children being Jonas, Emma and Edward; Samuel, a merchant, who married Eliza Jane Marshall, who was killed in 1899, leaving four children, Clara Ogden, Jonas, Joseph and Phoebe; and Roxanna, who became the wife of Ward Still, a farmer and merchant of Tuckahoe, by whom she has two children, Harry and Ward. The mother of these children was called to her final rest April 3, 1873.

In the district schools Anthony Steelman obtained his education, and then turned his attention to the wood business. He entered the forests in order to cut timber, but determined to devote his energies to other pursuits and gradually came to Tuckahoe, where he sought and obtained a clerkship. He had worked for his father for sixty-two and a half cents per day and thus he had accumulated eighty dollars. Selling a cow for twenty dollars, he invested his capital of one hundred dollars in the mercantile business, and for a half century was engaged in conducting a general store. His enterprise, reasonable prices and earnest desire to please his customers brought to him a liberal patronage, and he conducted a large and constantly growing business, from which he derived a good income. In 1894, however, he sold his business to George L. Parsons, and since that time has been engaged in cedar-lumber and insurance business. He has also conducted a grocery and provision store, and in these three departments he has met with creditable success. He cuts over two hundred thousand feet of cedar timber annually, and owns fourteen hundred acres of cedar timber, cord wood, oak and pine land, besides considerable farming land. He was one of the promoters and stockholders of the Seashore Railroad, served as its director for five years and then sold his interest to the Reading Railroad Company.

On the 26th of February, 1849, Mr. Steelman was united in marriage to Emeline Van Gilder, a daughter of Thomas Van Gilder, who died September 14, 1878. Mr. Steelman was then called upon to settle up his father-in-law's estate, valued at fifty-two thousand dollars. He also settled the estate belonging to his brother-in-law and of many other parties, probably having done more of this business than any other man in the county. His honesty and reliability are proverbial and every trust reposed in him is faithfully fulfilled. To Mr. and Mrs. Steelman have been born four children. Cordelia, the eldest, died at age of sixteen months. Harry married Jeannette Beebe, and their children were Ida Rae, Edna Bertha, John, Harry Moore and Elihu. Rachel was the wife of Dr. Randolph Marshall. A. Lincoln married Ann Moore.

Mr. Steelman is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, and has been an active worker in the interests of the party. He was the sheriff for three years, elected in the fall of 1868. He served as a freeholder for ten years, was township committeeman for several years, and has held various other township offices, discharging his duties with the prominence and fidelity that have won him high commendation. For several years he was the president of the Tuckahoe Building & Loan Association. For fifty-five years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has held all the offices in that organization, having been a trustee and steward of the

church in Tuckahoe for half a century. He was a charter member of Tuckahoe Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., which was organized in 1846, and is the only survivor of the thirty-three members who instituted the lodge. His life has been one of activity, and at all times has been honorable and upright. His example is in many respects worthy of emulation, and all who know him entertain for him respect and honor. He seems to possess the vigor of a man of younger years, and it is the wish of his many friends that he may long be spared to take his part, as he has always done, in the promotion of commercial activity and in the advancement of all the various enterprises that have contributed to the welfare and advancement of Cape May county.

IRA ISZARD.

Ira Iszard, who is engaged in farming near Glassboro, was born in the vicinity of Clayton, December 31, 1832. He obtained his education in the common schools and throughout his business career has carried on agricultural pursuits and worked at the glass-maker's trade. The production of glass is one of the leading industries of this section of the state and to that business he devoted his energies for a short time. He is now the owner of a farm of one hundred acres and its well tilled fields indicate his careful supervision. He has good buildings upon the place and the neatness and thrift which characterize everything indicate him to be a progressive and enterprising agriculturist.

In May, 1853, Mr. Iszard was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Shule, a daughter of Isaac Shule, of Penn's Grove. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom only five are living: Elmer, who aids in the operation of the home farm; John H., who is at home; Susan, the wife of Albert Johnson, formerly of Millville but now of Bradford, Pennsylvania; and Rose and Bertha, still at their parental home. Mary, the eldest daughter, became the wife of George A. Green and died September 2, 1899.

Mr. Iszard has been very active in public affairs and has served as township committeeman, having been in the office altogether for twelve years. He was also a surveyor of highways, and his political support is given to the Republican party. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has long been officially connected and in which he has acted as a class-leader for some time. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Odd Fellows society, and during that period served as the treasurer of his lodge. The salient points in his character are diligence and fidelity, qualities which have won him success in business and gained him the confidence of his fellow men in public life.

FRANK R. NICHOLS.

The chief executive officer of Clayton is Hon. F. R. Nichols, who in his administration of the affairs of the city displays a most progressive and public-spirited interest in the general welfare. He exercises his official prerogatives to advance all measures for the public good and withholds his support and co-operation from no movement which he believes will prove of general benefit. In a prompt and business-like manner he performs his public duties and has therefore won the commendation not only of his own party but also of many of the opposition.

Mr. Nichols is a native of New Hampshire, his birth having occurred in Newton, that state, on the 31st of July, 1824. His father, Franklin Nichols, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and in 1860 removed to Oswego, New York, where he engaged in merchandising as the proprietor of a shoe store, and employed several shoemakers. After four years passed there he took up his abode in Cape May county, New Jersey, in 1864, and also conducted a store there for five years. He subsequently spent a short time at Millville, and in 1872 came to Clayton, where he has since made his home. He is a leading and influential member of the Baptist church, in which he is holding the office of deacon, and his aid is ever given to those interests which tend to uplift humanity. He married Nancy David, a daughter of Reuben David, of New Hampshire, and in 1896 he was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, with whom he had long and happily traveled life's journey. They have had seven children, of whom the following survive: Harriet, the wife of Captain Ludnum, of Ocean City, Maryland; Charles, who is the county sheriff and resides in Cape May Court House; Frank R., of this review; and Minnie, the wife of Captain Jesse Price, of Cape May Court House.

Fred R. Nichols was a child of only six years when he left the old Granite state and removed with his parents to New York. He obtained his education in Oswego and in the schools of New Jersey, and after leaving the school-room learned the shoemaker's trade, working for his father in that capacity for two years. Since 1872 he has been a resident of Clayton, still following the same business.

In March, 1892, he was elected to the mayoralty and is the present incumbent in that office, his faithful service having caused his re-election. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and gives his support to the men and measures of the party, keeping well informed on the issues of the day. Socially he is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for a quarter of a century has belonged to the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

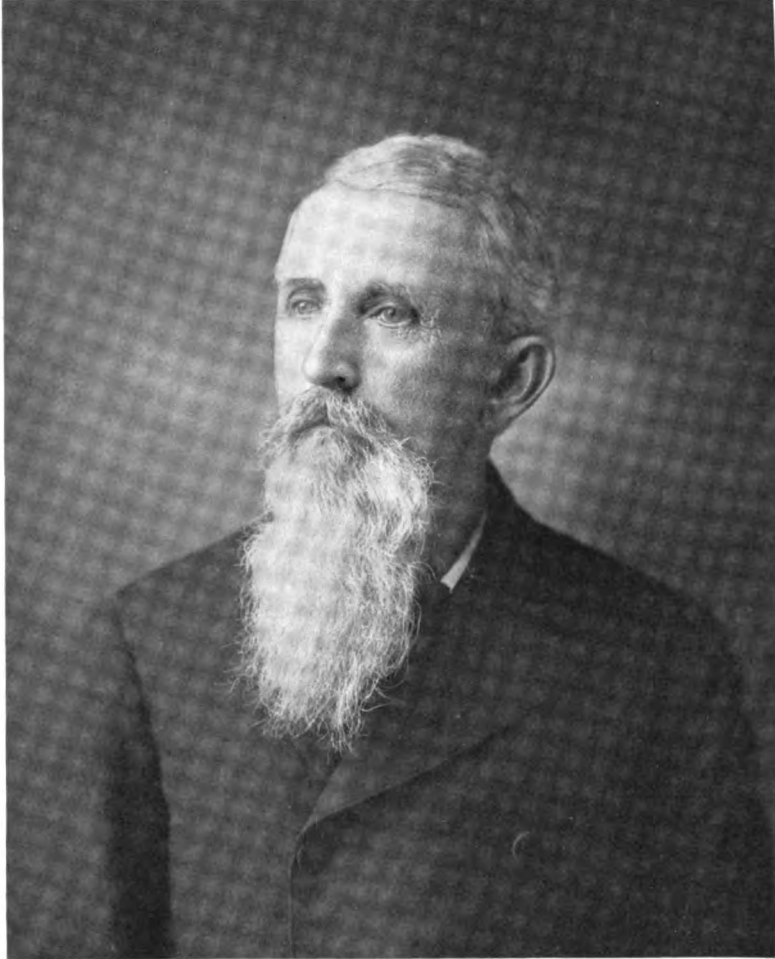
He was married in February, 1873, to Miss Belle Wolf, a daughter of Gaudloup Wolf, and they now have two daughters, Lizzie and Josephine. Widely known in Clayton, the family hold an enviable position in social circles, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is extended them.

WILLIAM ROBBINS.

Probably few of the agriculturists of Salem county can justly boast of a better kept farm than that owned by the subject of this article, who is in every sense of the word a wide-awake, enterprising man. He is well and favorably known to many persons throughout this state and in other parts of the country as a raiser of and dealer in fine thoroughbred horses, several excellent specimens of which may be found at all times upon his farm.

The parents of William Robbins were, like himself, tillers of the soil. The father, Van Room Robbins, a native of Monmouth county, this state, removed to the vicinity of Swedesboro in 1837 and there engaged in farming. He departed this life in 1887, when in his eighty-fifth year. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaretta Blackwell, was born in Monmouth county, also, and at the time of her death was but fifty-four years of age. They were the parents of five sons, namely: Henry, Benjamin C., William, Frank and Harrison, of whom the last named is deceased.

William Robbins was born on the old homestead near Swedesboro, Gloucester county, March 4, 1839. He was reared to the life of a farmer, becoming thoroughly familiar with every department of agriculture. Upon starting out for himself he rented a farm near the parental home and carried it on successfully for a period of five years. At the end of five years spent in this manner he removed to Salem county, where he leased the homestead of James Sharp, and in 1874 he located upon his present place, comprising one hundred and three acres, which he purchased of Charles Clark. He has brought the property under a high state of cultivation, reconstructing all the buildings which stood upon the farm and making here a model country home. During the '60s this place was commonly known as the "great hog farm of Jersey," owing to the fact that the largest hogs ever raised in the state were then developed here. Mr. Robbins has been engaged in dairy farming to some extent, shipping his products to Philadelphia, where he finds a ready market. But perhaps he is most widely known in connection with the fine horses which he has raised. Every one has heard of the famous Goldsmith Volunteer and Yorktown Belle, with records of 2:20½, for which animals Mr. Robbins received seven thousand



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dollars. He also owned Young Volunteer by Goldsmith Volunteer. Recently he sold another pair of fine horses of the same stock for one thousand dollars. At the time that the seven thousand dollars just mentioned was placed in his hands, he concluded to invest it in a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, adjoining his own homestead, and this property is now managed by his eldest son.

In 1866 William Robbins and Miss Mary F. Tolman, of Gloucester county, were united in marriage. They became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Van Room, William, Alberta, Blanche, Harry and Leon. Mrs. Robbins' parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Tolman, of whom the former is deceased, while the latter is still living, now in her seventy-eighth year.

JAMES BUTCHER.

Hon. James Butcher, ex-senator, of Salem, is the proprietor of a profitable butchering business and has clearly demonstrated the fact that in order to be a successful business man it is not necessary to be a man of one idea, as he has successfully prosecuted several lines of business and has shown himself the master of each. In connection with his other business he fills the office of county collector for Salem county, and is widely known and esteemed for his many noble attributes. He was born March 30, 1849, in Lower Alloway Creek township, this county, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Patrick) Butcher.

His grandfather, also James Butcher, was born in the same locality November 7, 1783, and was an agriculturist of that district. He was a man of wisdom and was at one time judge of the court of this county, and for several years was a justice of the peace, being familiarly known as "Judge" Butcher. His official business requiring his presence in Salem he moved there and made that his home for the remainder of his life. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county. He was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Hannah Sayre, who was born July 21, 1781. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, born July 16, 1807, is now the widow of John Lambert, who was born March 25, 1826, and was a merchant at Hancock's Bridge, a member of the legislature and later a farmer in the vicinity of Quinton, where he died. Job E., born November 18, 1809, died September 12, 1813. Ann, born January 9, 1812, died the following September. Hannah, born May 7, 1813, was married in 1832 to John Lindsey, a farmer of Penn's Neck township. James B., born December 10, 1816, mar-

ried February 25, 1841, Barbara Carll, and was a farmer of Lower Alloway and died May 14, 1845, as a result of a kick received from a horse. Robert, the father of our subject, was born December 20, 1819. Lydia Ann, born March 20, 1823, married William E. Scudder, a merchant residing at Hancock's Bridge. James Butcher, born December 26, 1843, was left a widower, his wife dying at the age of sixty-five years, five months, and five days. Five years later, on April 26, 1848, he led to the altar Miss Mary B. Shimp. One child, Mary, was born to them April 13, 1849, and is now deceased. Mr. Butcher is well remembered by many of our older citizens as a man of strict integrity and genial disposition.

After he had left the district schools Robert Butcher settled on a farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres in Lower Alloway Creek township, which he kept in a high state of cultivation. He was a Democrat and held a number of township offices, being respected by every one. He was married to Mary Patrick and reared several children, namely: Elizabeth P., born September 20, 1842, and wife of Robert Griscom, merchant and coroner at Hancock's Bridge; Arabella, who was born May 14, 1844, and died the January following; Phoebe M., born May 20, 1847, and died September 26, 1853; James, our subject; Hannah, born May 13, 1851, deceased, married J. Harvey Robinson, a merchant; Theodore, born January 13, 1854, died December 13, 1862; and A. Linda, born August 25, 1857, married William R. Kelly, a merchant of Salem, who died January 9, 1879: she died November 15, 1887. The father of the above children died July 28, 1881, while the mother passed away May 25, 1864.

Hon. James Butcher attended school until he reached his twentieth year, first a pupil in the district schools and later in the Friends' school at this city and at Shiloh, Cumberland county. Leaving school he spent two years farming with his father, when he married and took entire charge of the farm for a few years. Not being satisfied to make this the occupation of his life, he moved to Hancock's Bridge and for eight years was most successfully engaged in the mercantile business. About this time he was elected sheriff of Salem county and disposed of his stock of goods to take charge of that office. Soon after this he engaged in the manufacture of glass, taking charge of the Elmer Glass Company's plant and making window glass. He operated this factory three years and during that time purchased the plant of the Molloge Glass Manufacturing Company and operated both plants until he was appointed revenue collector, when he sold out and retired from the business.

Mr. Butcher chose as his bride Miss Lydia C., daughter of Peter Harris, a prominent farmer of Lower Alloway Creek township. Five children have

been born to him, viz.: Hannah A. (Mrs. F. Petrick); Benjamin E., who married Rachel Carll; Lydia C.; Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. James W. Carll). Of the four children born to our subject, Mary A., the eldest, was born July 7, 1873, and died April 15, 1889; J. Clifford was born in 1876 and is the efficient bookkeeper for the Ayers Medicine Company; Elizabeth G. attended school in this city and Bridgeton, graduating at the latter and has been one of the most successful instructors in the Canton public schools; while Robert, the youngest child, is yet a student. Mr. Butcher is one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Salem county, always attends the conventions and is perfectly at home in managing a campaign. He was elected to the office of sheriff in 1888 and served for three years, when he was elected to the senate and took his seat in the legislative halls of the state of New Jersey. From 1890 to 1893 he looked carefully after the interests of his constituents and received many commendations for the stand he took on all questions of importance to Salem county. In 1894 he was appointed revenue collector for the first district and held the office four years, and was then elected county collector. He is at present engaged in the butcher business and is making the success he did in the other enterprises in which he was engaged.

GEORGE HITCHNER.

George Hitchner was born July 22, 1835, at Friesburg, Salem county, where he still resides, and is a son of John and Sarah (Johnson) Hitchner, a grandson of Major John Hitchner, and a great-grandson of Jacob Hitchner, who came to America from Germany and reared two or three daughters and four sons. One of these sons, Matthias, was a carpenter and was unmarried; one settled in Daretown and one in Friesburg.

Major John George Hitchner was born in Friesburg and was a farmer of that vicinity. He opened and conducted the Hitchner tavern, now the residence of John Van Leer, and was a most popular host. He was industrious and frugal and was thought to be a man of considerable means. He was a Democrat and a major in a military company. He worshipped in the Lutheran church. He was twice married, his union with Miss Miller, the grandmother of our subject, resulting in the birth of Jacob, George, Martin, John and two daughters: Mary, wife of John Koats; and Margaret, who first married a Mr. Young and later Adam Wintzell. His second wife bore him five children: Mary Ann, wife of Jonathan Wood; Sarah Ann, wife of Daniel Johnson; Lydia Ann, wife of Jacob Walter; Samuel and Levi.

John Hitchner was born in 1793 on the old farm in Friesburg, where

he grew to manhood and passed his entire life, the one hundred and twenty acres furnishing him a pleasant home and comfortable income. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics and was honored with a number of township offices besides acting as committeeman. He united with the Lutheran church and took an active part in the building up of the work of that organization and for many years was one of its most efficient officers. He was married to Miss Sarah Johnson, by whom he had twelve children, six sons and as many daughters, namely: Johnson, a farmer, now deceased, married Mary Colvin and had seven children,—Daniel, Gould, Ed, George, Samuel, who is in the Bridgeton National Bank, Neal, and Mary, who died and left three children. Lewis, a farmer who died in 1899, married Isabel Moore, by whom he had several children,—Jacob, Scott, Lewis, Lizzie Peacock, Sallie Miller and Ruth. Susanna, deceased, married Isaac Van Lear; Christina became the wife of William Remster, a miller, and had one daughter, who married Scott Grice and is the mother of two children,—Clayton and one other. Matilda married Jeremiah Watson, a farmer and miller, and their children are George, Jeremiah, Wilfred, Sarah Dunham, and Mary, who married William Kenzell. Mary Ann, deceased, married Benjamin Garrison, a farmer, now deceased, and they were the parents of five children,—Lewis, William, Caroline, Anna and Ella. Eli Pallen married Mrs. Theodosia Pierson, and their children are William, Frank, Philip, Mrs. Zaiser, Mrs. Hamilton, Ella, Erbin and Charles. Sarah is the wife of John Mickle, a farmer. John and George are the next members of the family. Margaret is the wife of Samuel Batton Jones, and they have three daughters,—Catherine, Phoebe, and Ella; Charles, now deceased, was the youngest. He married Lizzie Timberman and had four children,—John, Maggie, Bert, and Geneva. The father of this family reached the age of eighty-three years before his earthly career was ended, and a noble, generous nature was called to its reward.

George Hitchner grew to manhood in Friesburg and was educated in the public schools of that vicinity. He has an acquired as well as natural talent for agriculture and for forty years tended one hundred and thirty acres of land. He takes a great interest in everything that affects the interest of the farmer, and united with the Grange, as he believed it would be the means of bringing great good to the farmer. He is a general farmer and keeps a number of cows, selling the milk, from which he receives a neat income, while the animals at the same time are the means of enriching and building up his farm. He realized that his crops if marketed in the usual manner would bring but a medium price, while if fed to cows and their product disposed of he would be sure of a steady market and would realize

much more for his labor. It is such farmers who use their brains as well as their muscle to whom Salem county owes much of its prosperity.

He was united in wedlock to Miss Mary, daughter of Henry Johnson, a farmer. They have the following named children: Amanda, wife of David Shrimp, a farmer, and the mother of three children,—George, Eddie, and an infant; Ellwood, a farmer, who married Lizzie Snellbecker, by whom he has one child, Esily; Benjamin, a resident of Philadelphia; Hattie, who married Dr. Frank Harris, of Canton, New Jersey; Lizzie Mary, wife of John May, a blacksmith, by whom she has one child, Carrie; Sallie, wife of Harris Carll, a farmer; George, a farmer, who married Addie Hitchner, by whom he has one child, Addie; and the others are Clayton, Anna, Laura, Stephen and William.

Mr. Hitchner is a Democrat, but has never been a politician. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has been an elder for more than thirty years and in which he has been an active worker, giving liberally toward its support.

MICAJAH B. CASSADAY.

Prominent among the leading farmers residing in the vicinity of Monroeville, Salem county, New Jersey, is found the gentleman whose name introduces this review, Micajah B. Cassaday. He is a native of Salem county, New Jersey, born near the town of Elmer, August 5, 1837, a son of Job Cassaday, who was a native of Gloucester county, this state, and a representative of one of the early families of New Jersey. Job Cassaday, when a young man moved from Gloucester to Salem county, where he passed the rest of his life and where he died in 1887. He was a prosperous farmer and an honorable and upright man, respected by all who knew him. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stevenson, was a native of Burlington county, New Jersey. She also died in 1887. Of their six children three are now living: Rebecca, wife of Robert Brock, of Burlington county; Micajah B., the direct subject of this sketch; and John, who resides on a farm near Elmer.

M. B. Cassaday spent his boyhood days not unlike other farmer boys, working on the farm in summer and attending the district school in winter. In 1857, at the age of twenty, he began farming operations on his own account near Monroeville, and two years later, in 1859, he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, two hundred and thirty acres, where he has since carried on general farming. Besides this he owns two other farms.

Mr. Cassaday, while he has never sought public office, has been called upon to fill such positions as overseer of the road and member of the town-

ship committee, to which he has given his careful attention, serving in the latter capacity three years.

He was married in September, 1858, to Miss Mary Ayers, daughter of Samuel Ayers, of Salem county; and they have had six children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Rebecca, wife of Robert Cornell, of Glassboro, New Jersey; Albert, of Elmer, New Jersey; and Linda, wife of Rogers Gruff, of Comletown, New Jersey.

LEWIS H. MILLER.

The profession of medicine has drawn to its service some of the brightest and most efficient men of every generation, and it has more than kept pace with other professions in the rapid advancement which has given the nineteenth century a place of honor in the history of the world. New Jersey has many promising young physicians, but none of more brilliant promise than Dr. Lewis Hitchner Miller, of Woodstown, some account of whose antecedents and whose career it will be attempted to give in the succeeding paragraphs.

Dr. Lewis H. Miller was born at Friesburg, Salem county, New Jersey, July 13, 1868, a son of William A. and Sarah M. (Hitchner) Miller. Joseph Miller, his grandfather in the paternal line, was a native and lifelong resident of Stone Church, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, where he died, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a weaver and farmer, a successful and prominent citizen. William A. Miller, father of Dr. Lewis H. Miller, died March 23, 1899, aged sixty-two years. He began a noteworthy career as a teacher at the age of seventeen years and pursued it without interruption for eight years, until August, 1862, when he enlisted for nine months as a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 2 and 3, 1863, and in the first battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862, after which he was made orderly sergeant. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he was proffered the office of commissioned officer and declined it to return to New Jersey and resume school-teaching, which, though he had won credit as a soldier, he preferred to further warfare.

In 1865 he married Sarah M., a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Hitchner, and bought a store at Centerville, Northampton county, Pennsylvania. In 1866 he disposed of his mercantile interests in Pennsylvania and removed to Salem county, New Jersey. From the spring of 1868 to

1875 he was in charge of his father-in-law's farming interests. In 1875 he bought a farm near Friesburg, Salem county, where he lived during the remainder of his life. He was a diligent reader of instructive literature and was a lifelong student, taking an active interest in the political, educational and religious work of his community. Possessing social qualities which endeared him to all whom he met, he had many warm friends among leading men throughout this part of the state. He was especially devoted to the interests of the Lutheran church.

Lewis Hitchner, grandfather of Dr. Lewis H. Miller in the maternal line, died in March, 1899, aged seventy-nine years. His widow survives him, aged seventy-eight. Five brothers and two sisters of William A. Miller are living: Lavinia, Kate, Jacob, John, James, Theodore and Albert. Three brothers and one sister of Elizabeth (Hitchner) Miller are living: Jacob, Scott, Lewis, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Peacock.

Dr. Lewis H. Miller entered upon the active duties of life at the age of sixteen, as superintendent of his father's farm, the elder Miller's time being devoted to teaching. Under his father's instruction and in the public school he had already acquired a good primary education. In the winter he attended Benjamin Ames' private school and under that enthusiastic educator made good progress. Later he spent two years as a teacher in the public schools of his native township and attended the West Jersey Academy for one year. In September, 1891, he entered the University of Pennsylvania for a four-years course in medicine, and was graduated in 1895. After one year of preliminary experience he located at Woodstown, New Jersey, where his success has brought him an extensive practice.

On February 16, 1898, Dr. Miller married Martha C. Cooper, a daughter of Joseph W. and Elizabeth (Kirby) Cooper, natives of Salem county, this state. Mr. Cooper has been active and influential in every public relation. He represented his county two terms as assemblyman, and was one of the founders and directors of the Delaware River Railroad. As a fruit-grower and truck farmer he achieved a notable success, retiring from this business in 1890. Mrs. Cooper died in 1884. Mrs. Miller is one of seven children, five of whom are living,—Howard G., William R., Maria (Cooper) Fogg, Elizabeth (Cooper) Borton, and Martha (Cooper) Miller. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Society of Friends, while Dr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran church, zealous in all its good works and active and generous in the furtherance of all its important interests. Dr. Miller is a citizen of much public spirit and has in many ways shown that he has a deep interest in the progress and prosperity of Woodstown. Though not a politician in the ordinary acceptance of the term, he takes an earnest interest in every

question affecting the public welfare and, as a patriotic citizen, takes such a part in the work of his party as he deems most promising for the good of the people of his town, county, state and country.

EDWARD BRADWAY.

Any one who has heard of Salem county, New Jersey, is familiar with the name of Bradway and knows that members of the family here referred to were among the earliest settlers in this part of the state and assisted in transforming the wilderness of early uncivilized times into fields of fertility and verdure.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch was born in Morris River township, Cumberland county, June 19, 1819, and is a son of Adna and Lydia (Baner) Bradway. He traces his genealogy back through five generations in direct line from Adna, Edward, Jonathan, William, to Edward Bradway, who came with his wife and three children, Mary, William and Susannah, together with three servants, to this country, in 1677. They embarked from London in March of that year on the ship Kent and landed at Salem in July, after a voyage of four months. He had previously purchased a town lot and one thousand acres of land of the proprietor before John Fenwick came here with his colony. He purchased sixteen acres lying adjacent to Broadway and extending from the wharf to Fenwick creek. In 1691 he erected the large, handsome building which is still standing and has become famous as the Governor's house from the fact that it was the residence of the governor of New Jersey after the death of Edward Bradway. It is a large brick structure, rivaling in size and architecture the homes built by William Penn and Samuel Carpenter in Philadelphia, and is still in possession of his lineal descendants. He received as his allotment from John Fenwick a large tract of land on the south side of Alloway creek and on this land founded the Bradway family in America. His children were: Mary, who married William Cooper, in the year 1687. He was the first blacksmith in Salem. They had three children: Mary, born in 1688; Sarah, born in 1690; and Hannah, born in 1692. William, the second child of Edward Bradway, married Elizabeth White, a daughter of Christopher White, who was born in London in 1669; they had three children: William, who died young; Jonathan, born in 1699, and Elizabeth, born in 1701; Susannah was the third child; and Hannah, the youngest, was born after the family reached this country.

Jonathan Bradway was born in 1699 and was twice married, his first wife

being Mary Daniels, a daughter of James Daniels, Sr. They had three children,—William, born in 1728, Rachel and Jonathan. For his second wife he chose Susannah Oakford, daughter of Charles Oakford, Jr., and by her also had three children,—Edward, born in 1741, Sarah and Nathan.

Edward Bradway was born April 31, 1741, in Lower Alloway Creek township, Salem county, where he grew up to become one of the best farmers in that section. He was a member of the Society of Friends, attending the Alloway Creek meeting and was known as a God-fearing, upright man. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Jonathan and Mary Ann Waddington and was born February 11, 1740. Their children were David, born November 27, 1761, and died December 28, 1820; Hannah, born March 1, 1764, and died December 16, 1795; Edward, born December 22, 1867, and died September 24, 1777; Waddington, born January 15, 1770, and died December 20, 1834; Elizabeth, born January 22, 1774, and died December 3, 1808; and Adna, born February 16, 1777, and died April 24, 1860. Edward Bradway died October 25, 1813, at the age of seventy-three years; and his wife died January 20, 1796, at the age of fifty-six years.

Adna Bradway was a native of Lower Alloway Creek township and combined the vocations of farming and pump-manufacture. He subsequently moved to Morris River township, Cumberland county, and there engaged in farming and milling. He was a Republican and made one of the best overseers of roads ever known in the county. He belonged to the Society of Friends and lived in Stow Creek township at the time of his death. He was united in matrimony, in 1801, to Miss Sarah Baker, by whom he had one son, John, who was born August 13, 1802, and died October 5 of the same year. He also lost his wife and then placed at the head of his household Miss Lydia Baner, to whom he was joined November 10, 1808. She was the daughter of Elisha Baner, who was born October 3, 1748, and died July 9, 1782. He lived at Cape May, this state, and was a farmer and fisher all his life long. He was a Quaker in his religion and a good man. His children were Jacob, born March 2, 1775, and died July 11, 1859, at the age of eighty-five years; Mark, born December 26, 1776, and died December 6, 1857; Elisha, born December 2, 1778, and died November 29, 1862; Hannah, born November 8, 1780, and died January 7, 1853; and Lydia, born November 10, 1782, and died December 8, 1856. Lydia Bradway presented her husband with the following children, viz.: Sarah, born November 29, 1809, and died January 26, 1895, at the age of eighty-five years, one month and twenty-six days; Elisha B., born November 1, 1811, died December 11, 1853; Adna, born August 3, 1814, died July 4, 1886: he was married to Mary M. Gray on February 22, 1844; Jacob, born November 30, 1816, died December 9, 1898;

Edward, our subject; Lydia, born November 30, 1821, and died in 1859; Jonathan J., born March 14, 1824; and Elizabeth, born November 20, 1827, and died January 24, 1895.

Edward Bradway received his education in Port Elizabeth and Morris River and Stow Creek townships, and from the school-room went at once upon the farm. He owned a small farm which he cultivated for many years, prospering in his business and laying up a competency for the shadowy days of life. In 1899 he retired from active business and moved to the city of Salem, where he is respected by every one. He is a Republican and a member of the Society of Friends, formerly attending at the Greenwich meeting-house, of the Hicksite division.

CHARLES R. WHITESELL.

Charles Reeves Whitesell, of Salem, has won more than a local reputation as a carpenter and builder, being one of the most reliable and skillful members of the craft in the county. His parents were John and Eliza (Curry) Whitesell. His father was a native of Philadelphia, who moved to Salem county in the early part of his life and worked at his trade, which was that of contractor and builder. He was a good workman and received a generous patronage from the residents of the county. His political sympathies were with the Democrats, while in religion he affiliated with the Methodists, to which church he united in early life. He had seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Harriet, Josiah, Abigail, Marietta, Charles Reeves, John C., and a daughter that died in infancy. The father was called from his labors in 1879, in his fifty-ninth year. The mother was sixty-five at the time of her death.

Charles R. Whitesell was born October 30, 1860, in Pennsville, Salem county, attended the schools in Salem, was apprenticed for three years to learn the trade of carpentering, and the following fifteen years worked at the trade as a journeyman. At the expiration of this time he began to make contracts and build, and also took contracts in brick work, employing six men to prosecute the work, and has succeeded in establishing a business that is at once flattering to his workmanship and gratifying as a source of income.

Mr. Whitesell was married December 24, 1883, to Miss Rose A. Balles, a daughter of Jacob Balles, who resides in Salem and is an oil-cloth manufacturer by trade. One child, a son, Norman J., was born of this union. Mr. Whitesell is a Democrat but takes little active part in political measures, as his business occupies his entire attention. He is a stockholder in the Frank-

lin Building and Loan Association, is a prominent member of the order of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a member of the board of directors. He has a membership in the Memorial Baptist church, in which he holds the office of trustee, and is one of those trusty, sturdy men whose stability and enterprising spirit go far toward promoting the best interests of a community.

JOHN L. DOWNS.

A native of Downstown, New Jersey, born March 17, 1845, J. L. Downs, a well known merchant of Newfield, Gloucester county, is a son of Ira Downs and grandson of John Downs, both of whom were well-to-do farmers and lumbermen. The father of our subject, a native of Downstown also, departed this life when in his early prime, twenty-eight years of age. He was a member of the Methodist church and enjoyed the genuine respect of all with whom he was associated. His widow, whose name in girlhood was Margaret Lashley, and who is a daughter of John Lashley, is still living, now being in her seventy-ninth year. Of the four children born to Ira and Margaret Downs all but one survive: Elizabeth, the wife of Benjamin C. Downs; John Lashley and Stephen A. Mrs. Margaret Downs married secondly, James C. Jones, and resides in the old Lashley homestead, formerly her father's home. Of the two children of this marriage William J. Jones survives and lives near the "lake."

In his youth J. L. Downs received small advantages in the way of an education save those afforded by the public schools of his district, but the power of observation, which he possesses in a marked degree, has broadened and liberalized his mind, more, perhaps, than a collegiate course might have done. Having been reared to the various duties pertaining to the management of a farm, it is not strange that he followed in the footsteps of his forefathers and made agriculture his means of gaining a livelihood. However, in 1887, when he had arrived at his prime, he removed to Newfield and opened a store, which he has carried on up to the present time, with success. He owns a house and lot here and is prospering, as he justly deserves to do.

On the 3d of July, 1873, Mr. Downs married Sally E. Souder, a daughter of Charles Souder, of Downstown. They became the parents of three children, of whom two are living: Howard, who lives at Newfield; and Mary, who resides at home. For twelve years our subject has been the treasurer of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and

for a like period he was a steward in the Methodist Episcopal church. He also has served efficiently as a school trustee and as an overseer of the poor, and in each of these varied offices has discharged his duties in a manner reflecting great credit upon his sagacity and fidelity to the best interests of the people.

WILLIAM B. JONES.

W. B. Jones belongs to the younger class of citizens whose enterprise and push have placed them on a basis equal to that of older and widely experienced men, and has brought the village of Elmer to be ranked among the prosperous commercial towns of the state. It is gratifying to a high degree, to the citizens there, that Mr. Jones has embarked in the mercantile business; and while hustling for his own prosperity he also promotes the interest of the entire community.

He was born in Aldine, Alloway township, this county, June 5, 1873, and is a son of Samuel V. and a grandson of Joseph Jones, both natives of Elmer. The family came from Wales and settled in this village, where Joseph grew to manhood and engaged in the mercantile business, conducting two stores in the village of Elmer, one at each end of the town. He was a freeholder and received the nomination for sheriff at one time. Samuel V. moved to Aldine in 1864 and opened a store, which he conducted for several years. He has been the postmaster since 1886 and has held all the town offices.

William B. Jones completed a good common-school education, supplementing it with a course at the Philadelphia Business College and taking the entire business course in six months. He then returned home and for eighteen months was with his father in the store. A place was offered him on the traveling force of B. S. Janney, Jr., & Company, of Philadelphia, large wholesale grocers, for whom he worked some time, and then resigned to accept a similar position for Thomas Roberts & Company, of that city, who also were in the wholesale grocery business. He traveled for them eight years and made many friends along his route whose orders always awaited his coming. On mature deliberation he decided to venture into the commercial field for himself, and on February 4, 1899, he opened a general store in Elmer, in which he carries a complete line of goods and is almost sure of meeting the wants of his patrons. He has been successful from the start in establishing his business on a firm basis, and has displayed an energy and enterprise seldom found in one so young. His trade is rapidly increasing and brings patrons from all over the surrounding

country to the village, where his courteous and affable treatment compels their approbation and good will. Aside from his mercantile business, he has also a canning establishment at Daretown, where he cans apples, tomatoes and pears, packing above nine thousand cases in 1899.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage February 7, 1896, to Miss Mattie Reeves, of Alloway, a daughter of William Reeves. They have one child, Samuel, who is the light of their home. Mr. Jones is a member of a number of fraternal orders, belonging to the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows and the Red Cross. He is rapidly forging his way to the front of successful business men and a brilliant career lies before him.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

James B. Nicholson, one of the leading farmers of Elsinboro township, Salem county, was born in New Castle, Indiana, July 18, 1856, and is a son of William T. and Elebeta S. (Baker) Nicholson. His father was a native of this county and removed to Indiana in 1853. During the civil war he enlisted in the Forty-first Indiana Volunteers, first in ninety-day service and later in three-year service, became sergeant and died in a hospital in 1863. He had eight children, two of whom are living,—James B.; and Capitola, who married Augustus Opel, of Massillon, Ohio.

January 13, 1865, Mr. Nicholson returned to New Jersey and received his education in the public schools of Salem county and at the Collegiate Institute at Salem. He lived with his uncle, William Thompson, until 1881, and subsequently followed the butchering business in Salem for six years, after which he returned to the farm. This farm was occupied for forty-two years by the late William Thompson, who died in 1889. He built the present residence, set out the trees, which are now large and beautiful, and brought the farm to a high state of cultivation. A portion of the farm was bequeathed to Mr. Nicholson, who later became sole owner.

In December, 1881, Mr. Nicholson was married to Miss Anna D., daughter of Peter Breece, who for many years was a merchant in Salem. They have three children,—Elsie Breece, Jennie Dumont and William Thompson. Mr. Nicholson has always been a Republican and has been township clerk, a member of the township committee four years, of which he is now chairman, and was a trustee of the county almshouse in 1898. He was also chosen a member of the board of education and president of the board, but could not act on account of holding other offices.

Mr. Nicholson's grandfather, Daniel Nicholson, was one of three broth-

ers, English Quakers, who settled in Salem county. The present generation, however, are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

HOWARD E. MOORE.

Among the many enterprising young business men of Swedesboro who have taken up the work that their fathers have laid down, and are bending their energies to carving out a successful career for themselves, and at the same time promoting the growth of their town, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He was born in Swedesboro, May 23, 1877, and is a son of George Franklin and Ella (Waters) Moore. His paternal grandparents were Ezekiel and Keziah (Justice) Moore. He is a great-grandson of John Moore, and a great-great-grandson of the pioneer of the family who came from Germany and settled in Gloucester county at an early day. The maternal grandfather of our subject, who married Rachel Brick, is a native of Woodstown, New Jersey, but was a prominent farmer in Gloucester county for many years, and one of the leading merchants of Swedesboro, from 1856 to 1890. He has for several years filled the office of justice of the peace. The maternal great-grandparents, Ephraim and Elizabeth (Campbell) Waters, were natives of Woodstown and Glassboro, New Jersey, respectively.

Howard E. Moore attended the public schools of Swedesboro, and from early boyhood assisted his father in the livery business, to which he succeeded in 1898. On August 17, 1898, he was united in marriage with Mamie B., daughter of John Johnson, of Repaupo, New Jersey. Mr. Moore is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in politics advocates the views of the Republican party. He has one sister, Miss Elsie Moore.

WILLIAM HEBENTHAL.

Cape May can boast of no more worthy citizen than William Hebenthal, a grand type of the German-American, one who has fought under the banner of his adopted country and has loyally upheld her institutions in days of peace. His record, both in public and in private life, is above reproach and is truly worthy of emulation.

The father and paternal grandfather of our subject were both named Christian, and both were farmers by occupation. The younger man was one of two children, he having a sister, Mrs. Wagner. For a wife he chose Dora Molhennick, and to them five children were born, namely: Peter,

Martin, Harry, William and Elizabeth. The latter became the wife of a Mr. Littebrandt, a teacher and minister. He removed to the United States and when the war with Mexico broke out he volunteered his services to the land of his adoption and proved himself not only a devoted soldier but an unusually wise and brilliant officer, for he was raised from the ranks, where he was serving as a private, until at length he bore the insignia of a brigadier general. Tendering his resignation at the close of the war, he was returning home on one of the army transports, when death came to him in the guise of yellow fever. Christian Hebenthal, Jr., died when in the prime of life, but thirty-three years of age; but his widow survived him many years, her death taking place when she had reached three-score and ten years.

The birth of William Hebenthal occurred June 24, 1824, in Sickemberg, Germany. His youth was passed in Osbach, Hesse-Cassel, and in 1846 he determined to seek his fortune in the United States. Coming to these hospitable shores on the good ship Philadelphia, he landed in the city of the same name, and thence went to Salem county, New Jersey, where, as previously, he was employed at agricultural pursuits for some time. Then, going to the town of Malaga, this state, he drove a team for the Jackson Glass Works and followed various lines of business until 1849, when he came to Cape May. During the ensuing twelve years he drove a stage between Philadelphia and this city, having six relays of horses, and conveying both passengers and mail. It was not until 1861 that he finally abandoned this enterprise, which the construction of the West Jersey Railroad rendered practically useless, and the next few years he devoted to farming in the vicinity of Seaville, also being employed upon the railroad mentioned.

In 1885 Mr. Hebenthal established himself in the livery business at Cape May, succeeding Samuel Van Scivor. He keeps fifteen excellent driving and saddle horses, and a good assortment of modern vehicles. A specialty is made of boarding horses, and during the course of a year many sales of good animals are made through his influence. Integrity and justice have brought him into favor with all who know him and the prosperity which he enjoys is richly deserved.

When the Mexican war was in progress, Mr. Hebenthal enlisted in the Second Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, under command of Captain Much, and at the battles of Buena Vista and Vera Cruz was under the leadership of General Taylor. Near the last named city he received a saber wound in the cheek during a desperate attempt which he and three of his comrades made to capture some mail. They were attacked by a band of twenty-five Mexican guerrillas, who were repulsed by the four brave men, not one of the latter being killed.

Politically our subject is a Democrat, and though he has never been desirous of holding public offices, he has been city marshal and keeper of the pound. Religiously he is a Baptist, as are all of the members of his family. It has been his privilege to make two trips to his Fatherland, where he has numerous friends.

In 1853 the marriage of Mr. Hebenthal and Caroline Meise, of Wittenberg, Germany, was celebrated. Their eldest child, Rhoda, married Evan Myers, who is in the dairy business at Cape May; Katie is the wife of R. S. Hand, a retired cigar dealer, and their two children are Alice and Carrie; Henry and Rachel are at home; and William is an expressman. He wedded Reba Vance, by whom he has three children,—William, James and Catherine. The younger children of our subject—Louis, Anna, Frank, Harry and Herbert—are still living at their parental home.

F. P. CANFIELD.

Real estate and insurance business is a most important factor in the material prosperity of a community. A casual observer can form no conception of the important position held by the active, enterprising agent devoted to the work of buying and selling real estate, establishing values and otherwise stimulating property-holders to the great improvements it lies within their power to make. F. P. Canfield is one of this class. The judicious principles which he upholds in his transactions, the competency with which he investigates points connected therewith, are securing for him a large and deserved patronage.

Mr. Canfield was born in Springfield, Illinois, April 7, 1860, his parents being Henry Dayton and Anna Garrison (Canfield) Canfield. The first of the name of whom we have record was Thomas Canfield, who came from England to America and settled in Milford, Massachusetts, in 1646. He had a son Thomas, who died at the age of thirty-five years. His son Israel Canfield removed to Newark, New Jersey, and was the father of Abraham Canfield, who located at Morristown, New Jersey, and has twelve children. Robert Canfield, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Morristown, New Jersey, and was a merchant there. He served as a presidential elector in 1826, casting his vote for Andrew Jackson, and during the administration of "Old Hickory" he was appointed to the position of appraiser in the custom-house at New Orleans. Subsequently he removed to Illinois, where he purchased large tracts of land. He married a Miss Walton, who was born in 1796 and died in 1852. Their children were Robert, who resides in Cali-

fornia; Henry D.; Isaac, a Presbyterian minister; and Charles. All lived to advanced age, passing away between the ages of seventy-three and seventy-nine years.

Henry Dayton Canfield was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 28, 1822, and became an extensive farmer of Illinois. He served as a clerk in the quartermaster's department in the Mexican war, and on the organization of the Republican party became one of its supporters. In Springfield, Illinois, he met Abraham Lincoln and promised to vote for him, after which he always voted in support of the men and measures of his party. In May, 1886, he came to Ocean City, New Jersey, where he lived until his death, June 2, 1899. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a man of highest respectability. In his family were ten children, but five died in infancy, the others being Ruth Helen; F. P.; Arthur C., a florist of Illinois; Alice Williams; and Harry H., who resides in Springfield, Illinois.

F. P. Canfield was educated in Edwards School, beneath the shadow of the capitol buildings of his native state. He put aside his text-books at the age of seventeen in order to devote his energies to a business career, and for some time conducted operations as a horticulturist and gardener. He also carried on the dairy business here. Since his arrival in Ocean City in 1886 he has been engaged in the real-estate business and not only handles property for others but also has some desirable realty holdings of his own.

On the 23d of September, 1893, Mr. Canfield married Miss Elizabeth Brewer, a daughter of Rufus Brewer, of Germantown, Pennsylvania. She was born in Hollister, Massachusetts, and is a representative of an old family whose ancestors came to America in the Mayflower. Her father was a graduate of Harvard College and for some years engaged in the banking business in Massachusetts, but for some years prior to his death was a well known merchant of Philadelphia. He served as an elder in the Presbyterian church in that place and was called to the home beyond in 1889. In his family were eight children, of whom six are living. John was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment in the Spanish-American war and served at Santiago, Cuba. Frank entered the Wanamaker store in Philadelphia as cashier, and although he is yet a young man he now occupies the most responsible position in that mammoth mercantile concern, being general superintendent. He is a young man of exceptional ability, of marked executive force, of studious habits and of a religious nature. Mary is a graduate of a college in this state and is now a practicing physician of Germantown, Pennsylvania. Paul died in 1889. Elizabeth is the honored wife of Mr. Canfield. Louisa and Alice complete the family. All of the children were provided with superior educational advantages and the family is one of

marked culture, refinement and intelligence. Mr. Canfield has been an important factor in public affairs, having served as a member of the city council and commissioner of appeals of the board of education, while at the present time he is a member of the board of chosen freeholders. He is serving as a member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church and his sincere and deep interest in the work of the church has made him a liberal contributor to its support and an active worker in its behalf.

FURMAN H. LLOYD.

Furman Humphries Lloyd, farmer and proprietor and operator of the Whitestone Mill, has been closely identified with the growth and business interests of Salem for many years and has improved every opportunity, often making that opportunity, for promoting the welfare of the municipality. He is a son of Furman and Elizabeth (Shear) Lloyd, and was born April 12, 1850, in Lower Penn's Neck, Salem county. The grandfather, Furman Lloyd, was a farmer of Upper Penn's Neck, later moving to Lower Penn's Neck township, where he was a constable of the county. He was of English descent, from which race he took his sturdy, industrious traits that have been a characteristic of the family and won them prosperity. His children were John, Charles, Benjamin, Furman, and two that died young. The grandmother died at the age of seventy-two years.

Furman Lloyd, the father of our subject, owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lower Penn's Neck, where he lived and prospered until overtaken by old age. He was a Republican and took an active part in politics, holding many local offices and finding great favor in the eyes of the community. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Shear, whose father was a sea captain of Richmond, Pennsylvania, who was lost while on one of his voyages and never returned to land. Their children were John, a farmer on the homestead, who married Miss Elizabeth Elkinton, and has four children,—Nettie, Veria, Mary and Lida; Charles E., who is in the commission business in Philadelphia and has one child, Allen; Furman, our subject; Anna Mary, who married Albert Dalbon, a farmer of Alloway township, this county: their children are Lizzie, Kate and Alice; Harriet, who is unmarried; and Ella, who married Samuel Taylor, a farmer of Lower Penn's Neck, and their children are Eva, Hallie, Furman, Jennie, Lydia and Elizabeth. Mrs. Lloyd is now in her seventy-second year and in the enjoyment of all her faculties to a remarkable extent. The father reached the



J. H. Lloyd

age of seventy-six years when he laid down the burden of life, August 31, 1897, and was deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Furman H. Lloyd attended district school when a boy and then assisted his father with his farm duties until 1882, when he was thirty-two years old, and then he came to this city. He engaged in baling and shipping straw and hay, his market being principally Baltimore and Philadelphia, and continued the work on such a profitable basis that in 1891 he bought the mill now operated by him. This was the Whitewater Mill, the oldest mill erected in south Jersey, the deed to which was made out March 30, 1795, and was the first deed recorded in Salem county. This building he has remodeled and repaired, putting in steam power and making it first-class in all respects. It has an output of eighty barrels per day, and does principally merchant work in flour manufacture, although Mr. Lloyd also handles large quantities of hay, straw, coal, etc. He has three hay presses in operation here, and the branch store he had at Atlantic City was destroyed by fire May 2, 1899. He furnished a good market for the produce of the farmers in the surrounding country. In addition to his extensive business in the city he owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lower Penn's Neck, which is under his immediate supervision, as he is a thorough agriculturist, and the income derived from this source is no inconsiderable sum.

Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage, in February, 1883, to Miss Sarah Stout, a daughter of Joseph and Julia (Locuson) Stout, farmers of Lower Penn's Neck township. She died May 14, 1899. Six children have blessed the home, namely: Sherwood, Beulah, Florence, Furman, Elizabeth and Irvin, the two last mentioned being twins. Mr. Lloyd is a staunch Republican and has been prominent in the councils of the local organizations and served as a delegate to various conventions. He has been a member of the county board of freeholders for two terms, or four years, from 1893 to 1896, and previous to that, from 1886 to 1890, was the representative of the West ward in the city council.

JOHN R. GILL.

John Rogers Gill, one of the leading farmers of Woolwich township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, was born in this township, October 3, 1830, and is a son of Benjamin Rambo and Mary R. (Bower) Gill, a grandson of John and Elizabeth (Rambo) Gill and a great-grandson of Matthew and Magdelene (Halton) Gill. His grandfather was first married to Zillah

Batten, by whom he had four children: John, who married Jane Wooff and had two sons, John, and Thomas, who died in childhood, and James, who died in early life, unmarried. The children of the second marriage, to Elizabeth Rambo, were: Benjamin Rambo; Elizabeth, who died in early womanhood; and George, who had three children, Mary, deceased, and Edward and Emma, who reside in Philadelphia.

Benjamin Rambo Gill was born near Swedesboro, New Jersey, in July, 1804; removed to Delaware in 1841, and died in Delaware City in 1881. His children were: Elijah, who died at the age of eleven years; John Rogers, whose name introduces this sketch; Asher Bower, of Philadelphia, who married Margaret Fisher Thompson, now deceased, and by her had two children,—Margaret Fisher and Benjamin Rambo; Edmund W., who at the age of ten years was thrown from a horse and killed; Elizabeth Ruth, the widow of William Carroll, of Camden, New Jersey, by whom she had these children: Benjamin, who died at the age of five years; Sarah, who is married and lives in Camden; Mary, who died at the age of seventeen years; George Norman, who was born in 1839 and died in Middletown, Delaware, May 31, 1898: he married Adelaide Lore, a niece of Judge Lore of Wilmington, Delaware, and by her had one child, Adelaide, who married Horatio Nelson Crane, of Sparrows Point, Maryland. George Norman married for his second wife Sarah Drummond, a daughter of John Drummond, of Middletown, Delaware, by whom he had five children,—Florence, John Drummond, Effa, Mary and George Norman; Benjamin Snow, who married Virginia _____, of Virginia, lived in Townsend, Delaware, and had five children,—Mary, Walter, Augustus, Catherine and Henry; Anna Theodotia, who married James Bradley and lived in Chestertown, Maryland, and had no children; Lewis, deceased, who married Catherine Tolson, also now deceased, and had no children; and Elijah Bower, who lived in Townsend, Delaware, married Lydia Daniels, and had four children,—Mary, deceased, Susan, William, also deceased, and Louis.

John Rogers Gill was educated in the common schools of Woolwich township and the public schools and academy of Middletown, Delaware, and from early boyhood assisted his father on the farm. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in farming for himself near Middletown, Delaware, where he continued for twelve years. He then went to Kent county, Maryland, where he took charge of a farm of 640 acres belonging to a son of ex-Governor Cochran, and carried on operations there until 1884. That year he purchased of William String his present farm, to which he has since added, by purchase, thirteen acres, making a total of one hundred and thirty acres. Since he took possession of this place he has remodeled the house

and other buildings and beautified the lawn, until now he has one of the finest country homes in the southern part of the state.

Mr. Gill was married, March 23, 1852, to Sarah Elizabeth Fisher Gilfrey, a daughter of John Gilfrey, who went to McDonough county, Illinois, where he lived until his death. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and at the time of her marriage lived with her uncle, who was the rector of St. Ann's church, Middletown, Delaware. She died May 23, 1872. Their children were: Henry Triglone, who died at the age of nine years; Mary Elizabeth, who became the wife of Alexander Kennedy, of Kennedyville, Kent county, Maryland, and has ten children,—Henry, Robert, Ada (deceased), Herbert, Mary, Marguerite, Lloyd, John Rogers, Clarence and Wilson; Clara, who died at the age of eighteen years; George Law, a merchant of Philadelphia, who married Rebecca Garrison, of Swedesboro; Margaret Fisher Harold, who married Elijah Dallett Bower and has three children living,—Elijah Dallett, Mary Devereaux and Emily Catherine; Charles, who was a deputy sheriff of Kent county, Maryland, and in 1899 Democratic candidate for sheriff, and who married Ada Hepborn, a daughter of ex-State Senator William T. Hepborn, of Kennedyville, Maryland, their children being Hepborn, Frank, Charles Lee and an infant. John R. Gill was married the second time October 31, 1877, when Miss Arabella Locke became his wife. She was a daughter of Colonel John Locke, of Swedesboro, and died November 17, 1897. On the 29th of November, 1899, Mr. Gill was again married, the lady of his choice being Emma B. Hewes, of Swedesboro, a daughter of Thomas B. and Rebecca Hewes.

Mr. Gill was a charter member of the Kennedyville Grange, the second grange organized in the state of Maryland, was its secretary for several years and afterward withdrew from the organization. In politics he is a stanch Democrat and has always taken a laudable interest in public affairs but has never been an aspirant for public office.

LEWIS S. STANGER.

Lewis S. Stanger, one of the enterprising and honorable merchants of the city of Glassboro, New Jersey, was born in the place just named, October 9, 1848, the son of Simon W. Stanger, a native of the same town. His father was Lewis S., born in Germany. He went to Allowaystown and rented a glass-factory, in which was made the first glass manufactured in this country. Simon W. Stanger was a glass-blower and worked for the Whitney Glass Company for a period of fourteen years, and then was with

the window-glass company of Warwick & Stanger, of Temperancetown, for another fourteen years. He died in 1879. He was a prominent man and held many of the local offices of his locality. He served as a class-leader of the Protestant Methodist church, in which religious body he also held other offices. He also took great interest in Sunday-school work, and was for many years a superintendent. He married Ann Pierce, a daughter of William Pierce: she died in 1857. Of their children, only two are now living: Lewis S., our subject, and Charles E., of Michigan.

Our subject attended the village schools and later Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after which for two years he was employed by the Warwick & Stanger Glass Company. He conducted a store at Millville for a year and was then engaged in the produce and commission business at Philadelphia for six years. We next find him tilling the soil in Gloucester county, New Jersey, at which he continued for four years. He then spent five years in Whitney & Company's glass-store, and in 1890 was promoted to the position of assistant manager in the yards of the Whitney glass-works, and spent two years at the glass-works near Bridgeton. In August, 1898, he returned to Glassboro and engaged in the grocery trade, his present business.

Politically, Mr. Stanger is a Republican. He was elected a freeholder, serving four years, and is now on the first year of his second term. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which order he has passed all the official chairs. December 22, 1869, he married Miss Christiana S. Newbern, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Newbern, of Glassboro. One child has blessed their home, Walter F. Stanger.

THE WELSH FAMILY.

Throughout the greater part of the century the Welsh family has been connected with the history of Gloucester county, for in 1812 John Welsh came from Crosswicks and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in what is now South Swedesboro, Gloucester county. His residence thereon was built by John Hatten some time prior to the Revolutionary war. Mr. Hatten came to America from Canterbury, England, to collect taxes in west Jersey for an English official. His property was confiscated in 1778 and passed into possession of Dr. Strattan, who sold it to Dr. Francis Hoover, from whom it was purchased by John Welsh. The house still bears the mark of British ownership in the heavy lion-head knocker on the

front door. The farm portion of the property has been sold, but the residence, within a large lawn, is still occupied by Miss Lucy A. Welsh.

John Welsh was a son of Peter and Anna (Barnes) Welsh, the former a Revolutionary soldier, while the latter had several uncles who were in the Revolutionary war, one of them being a captain, while another was among the prisoners that were sent to Nova Scotia with the British. John Welsh married Miss Mary Watson, a daughter of John Watson, a surveyor residing near Trenton, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Watson, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Charles, who was a sailor going on whaling vessels and was last heard from just before the civil war; William, who was a bookkeeper for Morgan & Buck, of Philadelphia, from 1830 until 1854, and thereafter resided with his younger sister, Mary, and a half-sister, Lucy, in Swedesboro, until his death, which occurred in 1888, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years; George, who died in Austin, Texas, of yellow fever; and Mary, who died in childhood. For his second wife Mr. Welsh wedded Miss Abigail Kates, by whom he had two children: Mary, who died in 1889; and Lucy Anna, who is the only surviving member of the family.

John Welsh was one of the most successful farmers of his time in southern New Jersey, and accumulated a handsome fortune. In politics he was an active Whig, and when Governor Strattan went from Swedesboro to Trenton to take the office of chief executive he rode with Mr. Welsh in the latter's carriage. In the sense of office-seeking, however, Mr. Welsh was never a politician, but to the principles in which he believed he gave an earnest support. He died in 1853, at the age of seventy-five, and his wife passed away in 1859, at the age of fifty-one years. They were people of high respectability, prominent in social circles, and at all times held in great regard for their excellencies of character. The family have all been members and liberal supporters of Trinity Episcopal church, of Swedesboro. Miss Welsh still occupies the family homestead, which is one of the most pleasant residences in Gloucester county. She is a lady of refined tastes and charitable disposition, and besides having many close friends worthy of the name she enjoys the high esteem of all her acquaintances, and the circle is extensive.

J. J. ELDRIDGE.

J. J. Eldridge, recently a central committeeman for Monroe township, Gloucester county, resides on his farm near the town of Williamstown, and is ranked with the representative farmers and public-spirited citizens of his

township. He was born in the house in which he now lives, September 10, 1846, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, living upon his present farm, a tract of forty-seven acres, and raising a variety of crops common to this locality. Politically Mr. Eldridge has always given his support to the Republican party and taken an active interest in local affairs. He was first elected a member of the township committee in 1894, and for ten years, until January, 1900, he was the central committeeman for the township. Fraternally he is identified with the A. O. U. W., of which he is a past master.

Mr. Eldridge was married in 1873, to Miss Kate B. Stewart, a daughter of Captain Charles H. Stewart, a native of Virginia and a ship captain sailing between Philadelphia and New York on the Ericson line. During the mining excitement in California he went to the Pacific coast and there made a fortune. Returning to the East, Captain Stewart purchased the ferry at Gloucester, which he owned for many years. He also purchased a farm in Williamstown in 1860, and lived here for a time, but afterward returned to Gloucester. Later, however, he came back to Williamstown where he died in 1887, in his seventy-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge are the parents of three children, all daughters, namely: Edna, the wife of David Loughlin, of Williamstown; and Helen and Estelle, at home.

FRANK LUERSSSEN.

Frank Luerssen, a druggist, is one of the representative men of Salem, and is a son of Francis George and Hannah (Leiper) Luerssen. He was born in the city of Philadelphia, where his parents are well known and highly esteemed citizens. The father came to this country from Bremen, Germany, and located in Philadelphia, where he has since resided and won the respect and good will of a large circle of acquaintances. He is especially popular among the German people, taking a prominent part in their various societies and founding the Turn Verein of that city. He opened a wholesale tobacco and cigar store soon after settling there, and has been so successful that he still continues in that line of business. He was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Leiper, whose father, Christian Leiper, came to this country in 1846, from Brunswick, Germany, and was one of the first to settle in Penn's Neck township. He had been a burgomeister in Germany, but turned to other means of earning a livelihood after coming to America. He was a zealous Presbyterian and a good man.

Frank Luerssen attended the grammar schools of his native city,

and then entered the drug store of C. E. Harnchen, one of the oldest in Philadelphia, and served an apprenticeship there until he was conversant with the drug business, graduating at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1880. Later he went to Washington, D. C., where he spent nine years in the same business and gained much valuable experience, having charge of the largest store in the city. Coming to Salem he became the successor to Clement Kelly and has conducted the most popular drug store in the city since. He carries the largest and most complete line of drugs to be found in southern New Jersey and enjoys an extended patronage among the best class of people. He owns several valuable business blocks besides having an interest in the hotel. His block is a large three-story building, containing an office, parlors, reception rooms and twenty sleeping rooms, all furnished in elegant taste. The dining-room will accommodate seventy-five guests, and the menu comprises the best viands prepared in the most appetizing manner. The bar is supplied with the best brands of wines, liquors, cigars, etc., while a large yard for carriages and a large livery and boarding stable, with a capacity for thirty head of horses, is connected with the hotel and at the disposal of the guests. The Schaefer House is supplied with incandescent electric lights and all modern metropolitan conveniences which will add to the comfort of the guests; and the traveling public have not been slow to appreciate the fact, as is shown by the large patronage accorded the house.

Mr. Luerssen is a member of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 54, F. A. M.; Brearley Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M., and the Olivet Commandery, No. 10, Knight Templars; and he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine of Philadelphia. Also he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and other societies. He is the vice-president of the Mutual Building & Loan Bank and a man of superior business qualifications. In politics he is independent. He was a member of the Old Guard of the Pennsylvania regiment and for fifteen years was the hospital steward of that regiment.

R. S. MOORE.

Glassboro boasts of numerous sterling, progressive business men, and of these R. S. Moore stands in the front rank. The character of a town is necessarily determined largely by the attitude of its representative business men upon all local affairs, and if, like Rip Van Winkle, they retire to rest, while the busy world rushes on toward progress and advancement, the place in which their destiny is cast falls behind in the race.

As far back as the Moore family can be traced, it has been noted for wide-awake, ambitious members, always ready to perform their share toward the public welfare. Five brothers of the name came to America from Scotland during colonial days, and from them a numerous posterity has descended. One of the number, James D., the grandfather of our subject, was a man of prominence and genius. Acknowledged to be an expert as a civil engineer, he was employed by this government and drew the plans for the aqueduct at Washington, District of Columbia. For a long period he was in the patent office at the capital, and later he carried on a large iron business in Baltimore. In that city his son Thomas T. was born and reared to manhood. He became a merchant there, and also in Philadelphia, and subsequently removed to the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, and carried on a farm. At the time of the breaking out of the Rebellion he was yet a resident of the old Dominion, but he soon joined the Union forces, and served as chief clerk in the commissary department of the federal army. At last he was so unfortunate as to fall into the hands of the rebels, and for thirteen months he suffered the tortures of Libby and Salisbury prisons. During the last years of his career he was engaged in the newspaper business in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was summoned to his reward in 1878. In his religious belief he was a member of the Society of Friends, and his daily life was an exemplification of the noble principles of that sect. His wife, whose maiden name was Francis Cather, and who was a daughter of David Cather, a native of Dundee, Scotland, died June, 1899. Of her eight children six are living. R. S. Moore is the eldest of the children, and the others in order of birth are: Laura; James Prescott, of Chicago, Illinois; James A., of Raven Rock, Ohio; Mary, the wife of James D. Hart; Charles, a resident of the state of Washington; Annie, wife of John Askey, of Baltimore; and Edward, of Washington.

R. S. Moore was born near Winchester, Virginia, February 17, 1849, and attended the local schools, there laying the foundations of his later education. For some time he was in the employ of the government as a draughtsman, and subsequently he clerked in a store in Hagerstown, Maryland. In 1866 he came to this county and learned the tinsmith's trade at Newfield. Then he worked for some time in Philadelphia; but, returning to Newfield in 1874, he started in business on his own account, selling stoves and tinware. In 1878 he became a citizen of Glassboro, where he has conducted a store similar to the one he owned at Newfield. He has occupied several local offices and is a true friend of the Republican party. A Knight of Pythias, he has passed all of the chairs in the town lodge, and is highly esteemed in the brotherhood.

In 1867 Mr. Moore wedded Miss Emma A. Mendum, a daughter of James D. Mendum, of Boston, Massachusetts. They are the parents of six children, namely: Carrie, the wife of Max Newman, of Vineland, New Jersey; Clarence P., of Jersey City; Bertha A.; Howard, Olive and Edna. The two sons are in the United States mail service. The two younger ones are yet at home, and, with their parents, are much respected members of the community.

The Mendum family is of English ancestry and early located in New England, where its members have been numerous and prominent. The first American ancestor of this particular line now remembered was John Mendum, a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was a carpenter by vocation and one of the earliest Universalists in his religious views. He died when about sixty years old. All of his children—John, Mary, Luke, Emline, Caroline, James D., and George—attained mature years. James D. Mendum, above mentioned, was born September 14, 1826, learned blacksmithing and for years was employed on the numerous ships constructed at the ship and navy yards of Newburyport and Boston. In 1849, after a residence in Boston of seventeen years, he married Caroline A. Dodge, a daughter of Joseph and Abigail Dodge. The Dodge family has been resident in New England from early Colonial days. Mr. and Mrs. Mendum were parents of two children, Emma A. (Mrs. R. S. Moore) and Charles, who resides in North Vineland, New Jersey. In May, 1866, Mr. Mendum removed from Boston to Newfield, New Jersey, and bought a farm, which he cultivated until his failing health caused him to cease. He and his wife then made their home in Glassboro with Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Mr. Mendum died at Trenton, New Jersey, on November 30, 1895. Mrs. Mendum survives him, and is in good health of mind and body. Both of them have been members of the Baptist church for many years.

LUCIUS E. HIRES.

Lucius E. Hires is a native of Salem county, his birth having occurred in Quinton, on the 29th of August, 1860. His parents were the Hon. George and Elizabeth Keasby (Plummer) Hires. His preliminary education, acquired in the schools of Quinton and Salem, was supplemented by a course in Swathmore College, and on laying aside his text-books he took up the more difficult lessons of a practical business life, becoming a clerk in his father's store in Quinton. There he remained until 1884, gaining a good knowledge of business methods and procedure. On leaving the mercantile

establishment he became associated with Robert S. Fogg, in the firm of Fogg & Hires, and embarked in the canning business. From the beginning success attended the new enterprise, and their trade has constantly increased in volume and importance until they are now at the head of one of the leading industries of New Jersey. The firm name was changed to the Fogg & Hires Company in 1895, which name is a familiar one in the world of trade and is a synonym for reliable dealing. They can a superior grade of tomatoes and the excellence of their product insures them a very liberal patronage. In fact their business has grown to such proportions that three factories are required to supply the demand, and the goods are sent throughout a wide area. The factory at Quinton furnishes employment to two hundred and fifty hands during the busy season, while a similar number is found in the factory at Fennsville; and the factory at Hancock's Bridge, purchased by them in 1897, gives work to two hundred employes, making an aggregate of seven hundred. The importance to the community of this business may easily be judged, for it not only furnishes a means of living to hundreds of families but also furnishes a market for many gardeners and adds to the commercial activity through its large shipping business.

On the 15th of November, 1883, Mr. Hires was united in marriage to Miss Bessie R., a daughter of Robert McKinley, of Philadelphia. Their children are Clementine P., fourteen years of age, and Anna S. Their pleasant home in Salem is the center of a cultured society circle and they have hosts of warm friends. In his political views Mr. Hires is a Republican, and is active and influential in the ranks of the party. He served as deputy internal revenue collector of the first district of New Jersey from 1888 until 1890, but resigned during his third year. He is very popular as a citizen and in social and business circles, and enjoys the high regard of all with whom he is brought in contact.

WILLIAM A. WOOD.

Hon. William A. Wood, ex-judge of common pleas and one of the solid men of Salem county, is a prominent citizen of Whig Lane, Upper Pittsgrove township, Salem county. He was born on the farm adjoining that on which he now resides, on December 29, 1828, and is a son of Charles and Harriet (Richmond) Wood. Charles was born on the farm now occupied by our subject, or the one adjoining, and was himself a large land-owner, having in his possession thirteen hundred acres.

His father was Jeremiah Wood, one of four brothers who came to this country from Sweden and settled in New Jersey, one in Woodstown, this

county, one at Mount Holly, one at Greenwich, Cumberland county, and one at Woodbury. In addition to carrying on his extensive farming operations he also conducted a store, as did his father before him. This store and eight or nine hundred acres of land owned by them are still in the possession of the family. He was a strict Presbyterian and a trustee of the church. The advantages for an education had been very limited, but he developed a shrewd and keen perception that made him one of the best business men in this part of the state. He was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Harriet Richmond, by whom he had one child, who is the subject of this biography. The father of Mrs. Wood was Nehemiah Richmond, who resided in this neighborhood. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was held a prisoner in New York harbor by the British. His first service in this war was voluntary, and after his time had expired a younger brother was drafted. Thinking him too young to serve, Nehemiah went as that brother's substitute. Charles Wood died in October, 1877, and his wife in March, 1899.

Judge Wood attended the common schools when a lad and then entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, at which he graduated in 1848, with the degree of B. A., and later received the degree of M. A. from the same institution. He then entered the office of Judge Washington McCartney, of Easton, Pennsylvania, with whom he studied law. This Judge was the professor of mathematics at Lafayette when Judge Woods was a student there, and was admitted to the bar of Northampton county, that state, during the January term, 1851. After remaining there a few months he went on a trip through the western states, and upon his return home became associated in business with his father. In 1855 he engaged in the mercantile business in Easton, and seven years later returned to Whig Lane and conducted a store at this place for over a quarter of a century, selling in 1888 to his son. Judge Wood then returned to his farm of three hundred acres, a small portion of which he cultivates, the remainder being rented out to tenants.

He was married to Miss Sabina Snider, of Easton, who died in 1867, leaving four children, three of whom are now living. They are Harry A. and Harriet, at home; and William, who is employed in New York in the railroad business. The second wife of our subject was Miss Sarah Richmond, a daughter of Ewalt Richmond, of Woodstown, to whom he was united on February 29, 1872, and who died fourteen years later. Six children were the result of this marriage: Herbert, in Philadelphia; and Leon, Lillian, Bessie, Florence and Sarah, all at home.

Judge Wood was appointed a judge of common pleas in 1882 and held

the office fourteen years. In 1872 he was the grand marshal of the state for the Odd Fellows, and is a man whose influence has been widely felt as a power for good. He inspires confidence and respect by his dignified bearing and sound logic, while his genial good nature has won for him the love and esteem of all who have come under his influence. He has been a life-long Democrat and held a number of local offices, the first being as township superintendent of schools in 1851. He was then elected a freeholder and the county collector, holding each office two years.

ROBERT FISHER.

One of the best known real-estate dealers and progressive business men numbered among the representatives of the commercial interests of Ocean City is Robert Fisher, who has traveled extensively in Europe and the United States, is broad and cosmopolitan in his views and work, in his perceptions of the needs of the city which has reached that period in its development when every move exerts a telling influence on the future, and thus his energies both in public and private life have been directed toward the consummation of the success which can arise only from wise administration of official prerogatives and from a careful conduct of business affairs. He was one of the first real-estate agents to locate in the city and is now one of the representative dealers here. He has been connected with the largest sales of lots that have ever taken place on the island; his business interests are therefore very closely interwoven with the history of the city, while his knowledge of locations and values is of vast benefit to purchasers.

The record of his life cannot fail to prove of interest to the readers of this volume. He was born February 24, 1848, in the county of Antrim, province of Ulster, Ireland, his parents being James and Isabella (Hume) Fisher. The family is of Scotch origin, but the grandfather of our subject, John Fisher, was a farmer of county Antrim and was a member of a yeomanry company of cavalry in the rebellion of 1798. During his military service he participated in a number of hard-fought engagements. He had two children: Charlotte, who became the wife of John Tolerton, a farmer of the Emerald isle; and James. The latter was born in 1791, became an agriculturist of county Antrim and held a membership in the Presbyterian church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Isabella Hume, was a direct descendant of Earl William Hume, and they had eight children: Hume, who died in childhood, John, Anna, William, Isabella, Mary, Robert and



Robert Fisher

Hume. The father of these children died in 1864, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother passed away at the age of ninety years.

Robert Fisher, whose name heads this record, was educated in the national schools of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy at Belfast, being graduated in the latter institution. He then accepted the position of wine agent for the firm of Dunville & Company, extensive merchants of Belfast, with whom he was associated for six years. He then came to the United States, in 1868, locating first in Brooklyn, New York, whence he removed to Ocean City, February 22, 1880. He was for four years the local secretary and agent of the Ocean City Association, in charge of their real-estate interests at this place. He then engaged in the real-estate business for himself. As the agent for the association he sold many plats of land in the island. He has been in one way and another identified with almost all the important real-estate deals that have taken place since his arrival in Ocean City. He is a very extensive real-estate operator, both buying and selling, and has just completed the largest sale made in Ocean City during the year 1899. He has extensive property holdings of his own, among which is the Bourse building, and he conducts the leading drug store in Ocean City, located in the Bourse building, in which also his large and attractive offices are found.

In July, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fisher and Miss Lizzie Swindell Graham, a daughter of Gerald Graham, of county Fermanagh, Ireland. Two children have been born to them, Anna Hume and Victor Stanley.

In politics Mr. Fisher is a stalwart Republican. He served as the mayor of Ocean City in 1894-5, his administration resulting greatly to the benefit of the town and the promotion of its leading interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Presbyterian church. He formerly belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church at Ocean City and was the superintendent of the Sunday-school; he was also a steward, trustee and exhorter in the church. The First Presbyterian church at this place stands in evidence of his interest in the cause of Christianity, for it was built as the result of his efforts. In July, 1897, he undertook the work, personally soliciting the money for the building fund, and as a member of the building committee he had entire charge of the building operations. Within three weeks of the time he started out with his subscription paper he had a church, and service was conducted on the third Sunday.

In manner Mr. Fisher is cordial and genial. The characteristics of his parentage are shown in the happy blending of the versatility of the wit and genius of the land of the shamrock and the shrewd economy of the fore-

sight of that of the thistle. With the advantage of talents amounting to genius, and with an inherent brilliancy and versatility of mind that rests only with the reward of high achievement, Mr. Fisher's continued success is established, while no more glowing tribute can be paid than that his eminence has been reached by the exercise of his own abilities.

WARREN ATKINSON.

Among the enterprising citizens who have done much to promote the agricultural interests of New Jersey, Warren Atkinson is prominent. Progress, consecutive and marked, has characterized the agricultural interests of the land, and in no country has such wonderful improvement been made either in the methods of farming or in the machinery with which the work is prosecuted. In this respect America has led the world and her example has been followed by all civilized nations, while her agricultural implements have not only revolutionized farming methods in our own country but also in the old world. Mr. Atkinson is one of the most progressive farmers of New Jersey, and his investigation and experiments in the use of fertilizers have been of great practical benefit throughout this section of the state. His property is located in a very rich and productive tract, and the Cherry Lawn farm is one of the finest and most desirable in southern New Jersey.

Mr. Atkinson was born on his farm, which has been in possession of the family throughout an entire century. He represents one of the oldest and most substantial families of the state, its founder in America having been William Atkinson, who in 1683 left his home in England and crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up his abode in Burlington county, New Jersey. His son John was the father of Samuel Atkinson, the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather, John Atkinson, took up his residence upon the Cherry Lawn farm in 1798 and here made his home until his death, which occurred in 1837. His birth had occurred in Burlington county, in 1756, and therefore he had attained an advanced age when called to his final rest. Like his ancestors, he was a member of the Society of Friends.

George T. Atkinson, the father of our subject, was born on the Cherry Lawn farm, in 1810, and became one of the most prominent and influential citizens in the community. Prior to the war he strongly espoused the cause of anti-slavery, did all in his power to promote that work, and always entertained at his home the abolition speakers who visited this neighborhood to address the people upon that all-important theme. Anna Dickinson came to Mullica Hill and made her first speech under his auspices.

She was then only seventeen years of age and was employed in the mint in Philadelphia. After the war, when the cause for which he had labored so earnestly had been adopted through the laws of the land, he was active in promoting the work of the Freedmen's Bureau, and subsequently he gave a hearty support to the Prohibition movement and voted with the party which advocates the abolition of the liquor traffic. In his business dealings he was very successful, and his energy, diligence and close application brought him a handsome financial return for his labors. His life was a long, useful and honorable one, and at the advanced age of eighty-five he was called to the home beyond. He had long been a faithful member of the Society of Friends and did much for the advancement of their cause. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bond, was a daughter of Jesse Bond, of Salem county, and died in 1893. Of their six children, four are living: John, a resident of Kentucky; Lydia, the wife of Robert Cumley; George, who is also living in Kentucky; and Warren, of this review.

The present proprietor of the Cherry Lawn Farm is both widely and favorably known in Gloucester county, where his entire life has been passed. He attended the local schools of the neighborhood, and when seventeen years of age crossed the continent to California, where he spent two years. He then returned to the old homestead, and became its owner at the time of his death. He here has one hundred and fifty-three acres, and also has a small place of thirty acres in Mullica Hill. He has transformed a rather unproductive tract into one of the finest farms of the entire locality, doing this by means of fertilizers. He has studied closely the needs of the soil and how best to supply them, and as a result he gained a knowledge of fertilizers which has proved of great practical benefit. He hired manufacturers to produce his fertilizers according to the formula he gave, and so successful was he in the cultivation of his land by these methods that his neighbors began to come to him for fertilizers and he has now quite an extensive sale in that line. It was supposed that the soil of southern New Jersey was almost utterly unfit for farming purposes, but he has demonstrated the fact that it can be made very rich and productive and will yield an excellent profit on the money invested. He raises large crops of asparagus, potatoes and hay, and in 1897 sold twenty-four thousand bunches of asparagus and forty-eight hundred bushels of new potatoes in addition to other large crops. He also raises sheep and hogs, and in all departments of his business is meeting with very gratifying success. His farm is one of the finest in southern New Jersey, and is improved with all modern accessories and conveniences. In addition to the pleasant and commodious

residence there are upon the place a large fertilizer house, ice-house and cold storage, asparagus-packing and crib house, wagon sheds, and horse, cow and sheep barns, with a geared power wind-wheel sixteen feet in diameter.

Like his ancestors, Mr. Atkinson is a member of the Society of Friends, and one of the faithful representatives of the organization. His religious belief finds exemplification in his daily life, being manifest in his honorable business methods and his reliability in all trade transactions. In this county, which is the ancestral home of the family, he fully sustains the high reputation which the Atkinsons have always enjoyed, and in the history of southern New Jersey he well deserves mention among the honored citizens.

EDWARD S. IRELAND.

Edward S. Ireland is a railroad conductor residing at Mullica Hill. He was born in Williamstown, New Jersey, July 24, 1853, and is a representative of an old family of that locality, of English origin. His grandfather, William Ireland, took up his abode in Williamstown about the year 1820, and there the father of our subject, Edward S. Ireland, Sr., was born and reared. Mr. Ireland, whose name heads this sketch, spent the days of his childhood and youth in his native town and acquired his literary education in the common schools. He lived with his uncle Andrew during his boyhood and assisted him in the barber shop, but about 1873 entered the employ of the Williamstown & Delaware River Railroad Company, which has since sold its property to the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He was employed as a brakeman for two months, then became a fireman, and in 1876 was made an engineer. In 1883 he became a conductor on a freight train, but after a year was again promoted, this time to the position of passenger conductor. He has since served in that way and is a most careful and capable employe of the road. His courtesy to his patrons has made him very popular with the traveling public, and he has the confidence and respect of the corporation which he serves.

On the 6th of April, 1874, Mr. Ireland was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Moore, a daughter of William C. Moore, of Philadelphia, and they have one child, Harry B., who is now employed in a wholesale notion house in Philadelphia. In his political views Mr. Ireland was a staunch Republican and has been an active factor in political circles of Monroe township. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed to its support, and is a public-spirited, progressive citizen who manifests a deep and active interest in the welfare of the community.

JOHN S. DOUGLASS, M. D.

John S. Douglass, who is successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine in Tuckahoe, was born at Dias Creek, Cape May county, New Jersey, December 29, 1867, his parents being Samuel E. and Mary A. (Kernan) Douglass. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Douglass, was born in Cape May county, New Jersey, at Dias Creek, and for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Dias Creek township. He held a number of local offices, was township clerk and for many years served as a freeholder. At one time he was a candidate for sheriff, but met defeat. His political support was given to the Republican party and he kept well informed on the issues of the day. He is a consistent and zealous member of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon and took an active part in the work and upbuilding of the cause. He wedded Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel Eldridge, and to them were born the following children: Francis, Howard Reeves, Freeman H. F., and Mary, the wife of Burton Howell. The grandfather died at the ripe old age of eighty years.

Samuel E. Douglass was born at Dias Creek and pursued his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For a number of years he engaged in farming and for fourteen years was connected with the life-saving station No. 35, making his home in Cape May Court House. Subsequently he engaged in the oyster business. He is now living in Cape May Court House and is one of the prominent residents of the community. His political support is given to the Republican party and he has held the office of township committeeman for fourteen years. He belongs to the Baptist church and is active and earnest in advancing the welfare and growth of this denomination. He was twice married and by the first union he had two children,—John Smith, and Mary, who died in infancy. The mother died at the age of forty-three years. She, too, was a consistent member of the Baptist church and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her. The father afterward married Miss Jane Walker and they are now occupying a comfortable home in Cape May Court House.

John Smith Douglass, whose name introduces this review, acquired his preliminary education in Cape May Court House, being graduated from the high school there. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he attended the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Baltimore and in 1896 was graduated in the Medical & Chirurgical College. He then located in Tuckahoe, where he has since built up a good general practice. He is a member of the Cape May County Medical Society, the La Place Surgical Society and the Hamilton Obstetric Society. He keeps

well informed concerning the progress that is continually being made by the profession and his knowledge of the science of medicine is comprehensive and accurate. He also conducts a drug store and both branches of his business receive a liberal patronage.

The Doctor is a valued member of Tuckahoe Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics he is a Republican, deeply interested in the growth and success of the party. He was the coroner of Cape May county from 1886 until 1889, and proved an efficient official. His ability in the line of his chosen profession has gained him prestige in the medical fraternity, while his sterling worth has made him one of the valued citizens of his native county.

ISAAC MOFFETT.

Isaac Moffett, who is now serving as the collector of internal revenue of the first district of New Jersey for the second time, is well worthy of the honor thus conferred upon him. He was born in Barnsboro, Mantua township, Gloucester county, this state, October 10, 1841, and now maintains his residence in Glassboro. His great-grandfather, Patrick Moffett, came from the north of Ireland and was the founder of the family in the new world. His son, Archibald Moffett, established the old homestead near Barnsboro, where occurred the birth of Isaac Moffett, Sr., the father of our subject. The latter was a blacksmith by trade and a man of high moral character, who took a prominent part in the work of the Methodist church in which he held his religious membership and died in 1853. He married Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Valentine and Sophia Focer, natives of Germany.

Isaac Moffett, whose name begins this sketch, the youngest of the seven children, spent his early life in working on the farm through the summer months, while in the winter season he pursued his studies in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he entered upon his business career by securing a clerkship in a store. Subsequently he was a traveling salesman and later engaged in general merchandising in Glassboro, in connection with his brother. In the fall of 1870 he embarked in a wholesale provision business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in connection with Eben Whitney, under the firm name of Whitney & Moffett. He remained in the firm for three years and for nine years traveled throughout the west and south as the representative of leading firms of Philadelphia. In 1883 he took charge of the Whitney Glass Works' store and filled that position for ten years. He was elected a delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago in 1888,



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Isaac Moffett, who is now serving as the collector of internal revenue of the county of Gloucester, New Jersey for the second time, is well worthy of the attention of the biographer. He was born in Barnsboro, Mantua township, New Jersey, this state, October 10, 1841, and now maintains his residence in Philadelphia, Pa., his grandfather, Patrick Moffett, came from Ireland to this country and was the founder of the family in the new world. He was the first to have established the old homestead near Barnsboro, and his son, Isaac Moffett, Sr., the father of our subject, was a farmer by trade and a man of high moral character, who took an active part in the work of the Methodist church in which he held membership and died in 1853. He married Miss Mary Facer, daughter of John Facer and Sophia Facer, natives of Germany.

When the name began this sketch, the youngest of the seven children of Isaac Moffett, Sr. was in working on the farm through the summer season of 1858. The next winter season he pursued his studies in the public school at Barnsboro. When he entered upon his business career by securing a position as traveling salesman and merchandising in Glassboro, in connection with his father, he was only sixteen years of age. He embarked in a wholesale provision business in connection with Eben Whitney, under the name of Whitney and Moffett. He remained in the firm for three years, and then went on a tour of travel throughout the west and south as the representative of the firm in Philadelphia. In 1883 he took charge of the business of the firm and filled that position for ten years. He was elected to the national convention in Chicago in 1888,



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which nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency. The following year he was appointed by General Harrison to the position of internal revenue collector for the first district of New Jersey, comprising one-half of the state, and served not only during the four years of the Harrison administration but also for three months during President Cleveland's term. On the expiration of that period he was succeeded by a Democrat. During that time he also conducted the Glass Works' store, but in the summer of 1893 that business changed hands and for two years he was not identified with any industrial or commercial concern, the only period during his active life. He then accepted the position of general purchasing agent of the Whitney Glass Works and served in that capacity until appointed by President McKinley to the position of internal revenue collector. His appointment to that office well indicates his capacity and his promptness in the discharge of the important duties devolving upon him.

Mr. Moffett is connected with a number of social and benevolent organizations, including the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he has taken a very active interest, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the Republican party. He is well known in political, business and fraternal circles and commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he is associated.

J. HENRY SCHELLINGER.

With two of the most important industries that have contributed to the development and progress of the state—merchandising and farming—Mr. Schellinger has always been identified, and to-day he is regarded as one of the substantial and influential citizens of Green Creek, Cape May county. A son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Newton) Schellinger, he was born in Middle township, Cape May county, April 26, 1830. Ere a century had elapsed from the time the first permanent settlement was made in America, Cornelius Skellinks came to America and took up his abode in Cape May county, and in 1692, with a colony of twenty or twenty-five families, he removed from Long Island or Staten island to this locality. In the party were J. Spicer, John Townsend, Christopher Leaming, George Taylor, Umphrey Stites, Arthur Cresse, Elijah Hughes and their families. Cornelius Skellinks and his family located at Cold Springs, and there he established a saw and grist mill, which stood as one of the landmarks of the country until a few years ago, when it was destroyed by fire. He owned

a large tract of land, lying north of Cold Spring creek, upon which is located the old historic Cold Spring Presbyterian church. This is the third house of worship erected upon that site. His will, bearing date 1742, mentioned three sons, William, Abraham and Cornelius, the last named being the direct ancestor of our subject. He had a family of seven children, namely: Cornelius, Jr., a bachelor who was a pilot on the Delaware river during the Revolutionary war, appointed by General Washington; Henry, Enos, Daniel, Mrs. Mary Stillwell, Hannah and Lydia.

Henry Schellenger, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Cold Springs, near what is now Bennett Station. He, too, was a pilot and lost a pilot boat during the Revolutionary war, the vessel being taken as a prize by the British. At that time he was made a prisoner and carried to New York, where he was afterward exchanged. He always made his home at Cold Spring and was twice married. By the first union he had several children, but all died in early life. By his second wife, Mrs. Rebecca Schellinger, he had two children,—Jeremiah and Hannah. The latter was born December 22, 1788, and died December 29, 1878; she became the wife of Captain James Hand, a sea captain, who resided at Green Creek. After his death she became the wife of Matthew Marcey, who was born June 9, 1802, and died October 10, 1874. Their marriage occurred March 21, 1831. Mr. Marcey was a prosperous merchant, lumber dealer and ship-builder at Green Creek and for thirty years was a lay judge of Cape May county. Throughout his residence in the locality he was recognized as one of the most distinguished, enterprising, successful and honorable citizens. He left no children, and at his death, Mr. Schellinger, of this review, inherited his estate. The grandmother of our subject died July 21, 1828, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Jeremiah Schellinger, the father, was born at Cold Spring about 1780, and was a farmer by occupation. After his marriage and when still a young man, he removed to Green Creek, where he died at the age of fifty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Newton, died on Christmas day, 1842, at the age of fifty-six years.

J. Henry Schellinger, their only child, obtained his education in the district school in Green Creek. His father died when he was fourteen years of age and he afterward lived with his aunt Hannah, working in the ship-yard and in the general store. Subsequently he engaged in farming on his own account at Green Creek and in 1874 he inherited his aunt's property of two hundred acres. He also owns another farm and woodland, but rents both farming properties, devoting his energies to mercantile pursuits. For fourteen years he has been engaged in the conduct of a dry-goods and notion

store at Green Creek and enjoys a very liberal patronage. He carries a large line of goods of all grades in order to meet the demand of his customers, and his business is constantly increasing. He also owns a store on the opposite corner from his place of business.

In 1853 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schellinger and Miss Sarah A., a daughter of Abraham Selem. They had nine children: Henry, a shoemaker and merchant, who married Harriet Holmes, and died in 1898, leaving four children,—Matthew, Margaret, Sarah and William; Mary, the wife of Sebastian Norbury, by whom she had five children,—Henry, Emma, Virginia, Heath and Leslie; Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Norbury and the mother of five children,—Paul, Elida, George, Eva and Carl; James, who wedded Margaret, a daughter of Rev. Hamilton Norris, and had three children,—Walter, Frank, and Roy; Eva, the wife of Stilwell H. Townsend, a teacher at Cape May, by whom she has two children,—Anna and Ralph; Abraham, who wedded Etta Worly, and died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving six children,—Clara, Edith, Edgar, Reba, Etta and Monroe; Ralph, who wedded Jane Camp and had four children: Helen, Ethel, and Elizabeth and Mary, twins; Jeremiah; and Joseph Ralph, who died in July, 1893, at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. Schellinger gives his political support to the Democratic party and is a very prominent and active member of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal church at Green Creek. He contributes liberally to its support, does all in his power to promote its work and has served as a steward and trustee. He is a gentleman of broad intelligence, of sterling worth and unassailable reputation, and well deserves mention among the representative citizens of this section of the state.

JOHN S. REDSTRAKE.

An influential citizen of Salem is John Stout Redstrake, from one of the old and honored families of Salem county. His paternal grandfather, John Redstrake, an Englishman, born June 11, 1770, married Sarah Van Horn, February 6, 1792, and soon after that event they sailed for America, the land of promise. They landed on what has since been known as Redstrake's island, at the mouth of Salem creek, and were the first settlers in Lower Penn's Neck township, Salem county. Subsequently he removed to a point about three miles from the village of Salem, and there erected a substantial brick house, since popularly called the "Half-way House." It is still standing, in a good state of preservation, and within its walls the

original owner and builder lived and died, his property then passing into the hands of his eldest son, James J., whose birth had occurred February 20, 1808. He was a prosperous farmer for many years, and for some time prior to his death, January 27, 1898, he had lived retired in Salem. His first wife was Clarissa Gibbon, and his second union was with Elizabeth Brown. Abigail Dunlap, the eldest daughter, of John Redstrake, was born November 7, 1809, and died January 13, 1810. Mary Ann, born November 18, 1810, married William Hall, a farmer of western New York state and later of Salem county, where his demise occurred. Eliza, born April 9, 1813, became the wife of Thomas V. Gibbon, a farmer of Lower Penn's Neck. Ruth Hetty, born October 17, 1815, married Ephraim Jefferson, a farmer of Smyrna, Delaware, in which locality she died. Henrietta, born September 10, 1820, died on the 15th of the following December. Isabella, born April 13, 1822, married Isaac Murphy, a farmer of Fredericktown, Salem county.

The father of our subject, Edward Dunlap Redstrake, was born February 15, 1815, and was actively engaged in numerous business ventures during his prime. For eight years he ran a packet line from Pennsville to Philadelphia, later was a member of the firm of Richard Hiles & Redstrake, carrying on a milling business at Salem for two years; then managed a farm which he bought in Lower Penn's Neck township, for a period of seven years, and finally was engaged in the grain business at Pennsville for some time. For about twenty years prior to his death, August 8, 1891, he lived retired in Salem. Here he held the office of commissioner of appeals for fifteen years, and was recognized as an authority as an appraiser and in various capacities requiring sound judgment and business experience. He was a Democrat, and religiously was an ardent Baptist, being a trustee of the First Baptist church of Salem for years. His widow, whose maiden name was Mary Stout, is still living, now in her eighty-third year. Their children are named as follows: Elizabeth, who married Theophilus Fox, formerly of Camden, New Jersey, who was accidentally killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Camden and Jersey City; John Stout; Mary Jane, born January 6, 1838, married Joseph Abbott, and died at her home in Bridgeton, New Jersey, in 1887; Sarah D., of Salem, the wife of Bartley Branning, formerly engaged in the butcher's business, but now retired; and Emma, the wife of George Snitcher, a farmer of Queen Anne's county, Maryland.

The birth of John S. Redstrake took place in Pennsville, New Jersey, January 4, 1840. He received a liberal education in the public schools and at the Friend's school in Wilmington, Delaware. For some time he was occupied in farming with his father, after which he became connected with a coast

wrecking company, and after gaining a necessary experience as a subordinate was made a master of a vessel engaged in the service. He held that position for three years and had numerous narrow escapes from death, three times being almost drowned in falling overboard into the sea, and though urged to accept a captaincy he declined. After his marriage he turned his attention to farming, and owned a fine place of two hundred and four acres in Piles Grove township. At the end of twenty years of successful work as an agriculturist he removed to Salem in 1891, still retaining his farm in his possession. The multiplicity of his outside business interests led to this step, and he has been busily employed ever since in settling up several estates, including his father's, his uncle James', that of his wife's sister, and others. At present he is attending to the management of a number of farms, ten in Salem county and five in Maryland, one belonging to his wife's sister, and two in Lower Penn's Neck township, owned by John Wight. He is the executor of his father's estate and is acting as guardian for his mother, and has already settled five estates. He is a freeholder of Salem county, and was the first Democrat ever elected in the east ward of Salem. He was first elected to fill out the unexpired term of Benjamin Westcott, and the following year was regularly elected to the office.

On the 18th of March, 1873, Mr. Redstrake married Miss Elizabeth C. Allen, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth G. The parents of Mrs. Redstrake were Michael and Elizabeth C. Allen, whose home was at Mullica Hill, New Jersey, and later in Missouri. The father died at Salem, while here on business connected with the sale of his property in this state. The children in his family were: Abigail, Margaret, Sarah, James, Anna, Mary and Elizabeth.

WALTER F. DIAMENT.

Walter Francis Diament, the well known miller of Alloway, Salem county, was born in that village September 8, 1877, a son of Robert B. S. and Margaret E. (Timberman) Diament. He received his education in the public schools of his native village and then engaged in the milling business with his father, learning all the different phases of the business until he became able to relieve his father of much of the management of the plant. His adaptability for this business was so apparent that he has continued to follow it and is now one of the wide awake, energetic young business men of Alloway. He is a Republican and takes a prominent part in local politics. He is

also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a general favorite in social circles.

Several generations of the Diaments have been millers, residents of Alloway, and have left records for honesty and integrity that are well worthy of emulation. The paternal grèat-grandfather was born at Deerfield, this county, where he engaged in milling and died at the age of seventy-eight years at Alloway. He was a Methodist by profession, a Republican in politics and a strong prohibitionist. He married Anna Eliza Sopp and had three children: B. I., who assisted his father in the mill and succeeded him in the business; Flora, the wife of Harry Ayers; and Adaline Fisher.

Benjamin Isaac Diament, the grandfather, was also a native of this county and resided at Alloway and Deerfield, the former being his home at death. He taught school, served as justice of the peace and filled other public offices. He was a Republican and later a Whig. He was married four times and had in all six children, namely: Isaac, Francis, Robert, Lottie, Ruth and Caroline. He died at the advanced age of eighty-two years, as did the grandmother of our subject. Robert B. S. Diament, the father, was also a miller and operated the mill established by Reeves & Brother, and later erected the building occupied by him at present, under the name of the Alloway Milling Company.

GODFREY M. CROWELL, M. D.

As a representative of one of the professions that has ever taken the highest rank among the callings to which men devote their energies, we present Dr. Godfrey M. Crowell, who has obtained a position of distinction in the medical fraternity. The large practice which he enjoys is an indication of his ability, for intelligent people do not give their patronage to one unfit to assume the responsible duties that fall to the physician. Dr. Crowell's birthplace is far from here, for he is a native of Melbourne, Australia, his parents being Edwin L. and Margaret (McInness) Crowell, the former a native of Maine and the latter of the Isle of Skye. In 1853 the former removed from West Waterville, Maine, to Australia, and there cut the first pole and dug the first post-hole for the telegraph line south of the equator. This pole is still called "Crowell's pole" and is now standing in Melbourne, being an object of regard. Mr. Crowell first began taking government contracts in Australia and for some years did an extended and prosperous business, but in 1868 he returned to the United States, locating in Hammonton. Here he secured a position as a traveling salesman and acted in that capacity till his death, which occurred April 27, 1888. He was a very prominent

Mason, attaining the thirty-second degree, and while in Australia he served as deputy grand master of Victoria Lodge. A man of pronounced ability, he was successful in business and won the regard and confidence of his fellow men. His wife is still living and makes her home in Hammonton.

The Doctor is the eldest in a family of seven children. He was born in March, 1858, and when ten years of age accompanied his father on his return to America. In the public schools of Hammonton he acquired his education and was graduated at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, in the class of 1882. He then spent a year in the Philadelphia hospital, where he was graduated in 1883. Thinking to identify his interests with the west, he removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where he engaged in practice until 1889, when he returned to Hammonton and opened an office here. He has displayed marked ability both in the practice of medicine and in surgery, and is a valuable member of the County Medical Society. In 1892 he established a drug store in Hammonton, which he is now successfully conducting. He is also the vice-president of the State Mutual Building & Loan Association.

In 1885 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Lillian D. Elvins, a most estimable lady who holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They now have three children,—Edwin, Annie and Marion,—and the family circle yet remains unbroken. The Doctor and his wife have a wide acquaintance in the community, where they are highly esteemed. He is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, giving his support to all measures for the public good and lends his aid and co-operation to the movements tending toward the promotion of the educational, social and moral interests.

WILLIAM T. JACKSON.

William T. Jackson, the efficient and popular superintendent of the Philadelphia Sanitarium, of Woodbury, Gloucester county, was born in Smyrna, Delaware, October 13, 1851. He is a son of Jonathan R. and Hannah A. (Burriss) Jackson, the former also a native of Delaware, in which state he is yet a resident. The wife and mother was summoned to her eternal rest at her home in Wilmington, Delaware, December 23, 1848. Of their children two died young, and the others were William T.; James L., who married Maggie Jester, of Smyrna, Delaware; Elida, the wife of William C. Roe, of Wilmington, Delaware; Robert, who married Mary E. Morgan; Walker W., whose wife was formerly Gertrude Burriss; Clayton, who wedded Ida Nicker-

son, and resides at Camden, New Jersey; Elnora, the wife of Isaac Burris, of Wilmington; Stephen, who married Florence Ogden; and Clara B.

In his childhood William T. Jackson attended the public schools of Smyrna, and when he was a mere youth he chose seamanship as his chief occupation in life. He continued to follow this calling until he reached the prime of manhood, when, in 1883, he was honored by the appointment to his present position. For a number of years he was the master of steamers plying on the Delaware river between Smyrna and Philadelphia. Since the 1st of July, 1893, he has given his entire time and attention to meeting the requirements of his responsible office as superintendent of the Philadelphia Sanitarium, and has won an enviable reputation for the able manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this well known institution. Fraternally he is a member of Brandywine Lodge, Shield of Honor, of Wilmington, and in his political views he is liberal, reserving his opinion and action in public matters without regard to party lines.

On the 31st of October, 1876, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Kate Jacobs, a daughter of Julian and Kate Jacobs, a native of Baltimore, in which city her birth had occurred August 30, 1855. Four daughters and a son blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Harry, born June 20, 1877; Irene, January 12, 1879; Bessie, October 2, 1881; Elsie, October 7, 1884; and Edith, March 2, 1888. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and number a host of sincere friends in this community.

SAMUEL M. LIPPINCOTT.

There is strong reason for the prevalent belief that the founder of the numerous families of Lippincott in America was Richard Lippincott, a native of Plymouth, Devonshire, England. He emigrated to Dorchester, New England, some time between the years 1636 and 1640, and after spending four years on these bleak shores returned to his native village. There he joined the then religious sect, the Society of Friends, about 1650, and, in common with his brethren, suffered much persecution for his faith. As the old records show, he was committed to prison on the 20th of January, 1660, by Oliver Creely, mayor of Plymouth, being taken, with some of his friends, from the meeting-house in which they had assembled for worship. Freed at length, he commenced planning to depart to a country where he and his might worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and in 1663 he and his family sailed for the shores of the New World. Locating in Rhode Island, he remained there until 1669, when, with a little colony, he came to

New Jersey, and, making a settlement at Shrewsbury, he became the proprietor of large estates.

The father of the subject of this sketch was Samuel Lippincott, a native of Gloucester county. He lived in Burlington county, this state, for a short period, but spent the greater part of his life in Salem county. In 1831 he purchased a farm in the vicinity of Woodstown, and in 1846 he removed to the village of Woodstown. Here he was summoned to his eternal rest, when he was eighty-two years of age. He was loved and held in veneration by all who knew him, and in the Friends' meeting he was especially influential and revered. His first wife died in 1832, at the age of fifty-two years, and for his second wife he chose Abigail Laurie, who departed this life when she was seventy years of age. Four of the children of Samuel Lippincott and wife Abigail survive, namely: Samuel M., Ann F., Nathan Y. and George.

The nativity of Samuel M. Lippincott occurred December 8, 1816, in Salem, near Sharptown, and from his early recollections he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the year which witnessed the close of the civil war, when he was married, at the age of twenty-four, and he located upon a farm which he had purchased in Piles Grove township, and for several years conducted that homestead. Later he carried on the place which had been his father's, and in 1865 he became a resident of Woodstown, where he continued to dwell for seven years. For a period he then made his abode in Point Airy Station, Salem county, on a farm, but in 1891 returned to Woodstown, where he is still residing. He has reason to be proud of his career, for he has held integrity and justice beyond the accumulation of riches, and has endeavored to put into daily practice the Golden Rule. He is an honored member of the Friends' meeting, and reared his children in upright principles of conduct.

A marriage ceremony which took place March 11, 1840, united the destinies of Samuel M. Lippincott and Anna M. Cawley. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Anna Maria Cawley, and sister of Sarah, widow of Hamilton Hillman, of Woodstown. Mr. Cawley died when he was in his seventy-sixth year, while his wife was summoned to the silent land when Mrs. Lippincott was but six years old. Five children blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: Maria, who is Mrs. Morris Thorn, of Washington, District of Columbia; Sally P.; Nathan R., who married Mary Humphreys; William P., whose wife was Hannah Lippincott; and Harry Samuel Wells, who died when three years old. Mrs. Lippincott, the fond wife and mother, was summoned to the better land on the 10th of September, 1886, when she was in her sixty-ninth year. Her memory is tenderly cherished in the hearts of the many who loved and admired her in life, and her husband is

quietly waiting for the moment when their spirits will be reunited, as their hopes and aims were the same along the pathway which they lovingly pursued for forty-six years.

JOSEPH M. RILEY.

This life-long resident of Upper Pittsgrove township, Salem county, is a worthy representative of a family which has occupied an honored and distinguished place in the annals of this section of the state. The Rileys formerly lived in Long Island, but for about a century have been intimately associated with New Jersey, Mark Riley, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having been the first of the name here. His son Dayton, the next in the direct line of descent, was a man of influence here, being a freeholder and a justice of the peace for many years.

Samuel R. Riley, father of our subject, was born at Indian Fields, New Jersey, April 24, 1819, and when he was eighteen years of age went to the west, where he was employed upon a steamboat for a period, after which he located upon a farm in Ohio and managed it successfully. At length, returning to his native state, he bought a stage line, running from Philadelphia to Port Elizabeth, by way of Millville. Later he sold out and invested in other enterprises, being the proprietor of a store at Elmer for some time and running a lumber business as well. Though death claimed him when he was in the prime of life he had already accomplished much, and left what was then considered a large estate. He had exchanged the store at Elmer for the homestead now owned by our subject, and this was his place of abode for a number of years. He was very kind and benevolent to the poor and, being a man of public spirit, he assisted in the building of the turnpikes and in other local enterprises. As a business man he accomplished a great deal. In his politics he was a Whig and a Republican. His useful life came to a peaceful close on the 23d of March, 1862. He wedded Anna Martin, a daughter of John Martin, of Greenville, New Jersey, the ceremony which united their destinies being performed October 2, 1846. Of their seven children three are living, namely: Joseph M.; Millard F., who is the owner of a store at Shirley; and Ella M., who resides at the old family home which has sheltered her from infancy.

Joseph M. Riley was born on the same homestead, November 28, 1852, and in his boyhood attended the public schools of the neighborhood and subsequently was a student in the Bridgeton and Salem schools. Then he was engaged in business at Shirley for four years, after which he returned to the farm and since has devoted his entire attention to its cultivation and

improvement. There are one hundred and twenty-five acres in the place, which is justly rated as one of the most valuable farms in the township.

In November, 1879, Mr. Riley married Miss Caroline Miller, and six children blessed their union. Two of the number have passed away; and Samuel, the only surviving son, is established in business at Daretown, this county. The daughters,—Lizzie, Phoebe and Verna— are at home.

Mr. Riley takes a commendable interest in religious and educational matters, giving liberally of his time and means to these important causes. He is a valued member of the Lutheran church at Friesburg, and for three years was a trustee for that body. He enjoys the respect and genuine regard of a wide circle of acquaintances and maintains an enviable reputation for integrity and uprightness of character.

EDMUND A. BOURGEOIS.

One of the leading contracting firms of Ocean City is that of which Edmund Augustus Bourgeois is a member. He was born December 13, 1857, in Mauricetown, New Jersey, his parents being George Albert and Mary Jane (Broadwater) Bourgeois. In the public schools of his native city he pursued his education and was graduated at the head of his class when eighteen years of age. He afterward served an apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade under his father, working in Mauricetown and vicinity, and since coming to Ocean City in 1887 he has been in partnership with his father under the firm name of George A. Bourgeois & Son. They built the Hotel *Ætna*, the largest building at Ocean City, and much of the time employ a force of forty workmen. They take large contracts and their business is extensive and of an important character. Our subject has a thorough understanding of building interests and his practical knowledge of the work enables him to so direct his employes as to secure from them good service. For several years he was a director of the Building & Loan Association, with which he is still connected. He is always just in his treatment of them and at all times is an honorable and reliable business man.

On the 17th of May, 1887, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bourgeois and Miss Anna Frances Stites, daughter of Captain Edward Stites, one of the largest oyster shippers of Port Norris, living at Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Bourgeois now have an interesting little son, named Edmund Roy, who is three years of age. In his political affiliations our subject is a Democrat. In 1893-4 served as the borough clerk. He is a member and the secretary of the volunteer fire department; and has served as a trustee of the pub-

lic schools and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, being one of the organizers and a charter member of the lodge at Ocean City, and he also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as trustee. He is a worthy citizen and a man in whom sterling qualities have gained to him the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOSEPH DOUGHTY TROTH.

“Life is meaningless unless it is universal and coherent.” It is in a helpful relation to our time, a sympathetic union with the surrounding current of thought, feeling and purpose, that we can realize the worth of our own identity. To consciously ally oneself with any of the mighty movements that are shaping the future is to invest life with new dignity and power. The present is a time of combinations for varied aims, for man sees more and more clearly his weakness as an individual as compared with his strength in union with others. The name of Joseph Doughty Troth is known throughout the Union, and in Canada as well, in connection with the glass-workers’ interests of the two countries. He has been most prominent in laboring for the welfare of those who represent this important industry, and his efforts have been most effective. He has a keen sense of justice and a sound mind, of rare discrimination and analysis, that enables him to arrive at correct conclusions, to realize the importance of certain situations and conditions, and to utilize these so as to bring about the best results for all concerned. His ability for leadership has gained him the national presidency of the Glass Blowers’ Association, and thus has he been a potent element in one of the mighty movements formed for adjusting the differences between capital and labor and for securing the rights of the thousands who labor in the factories and who form the bone and sinew of the Union. It is the continuous industry of the large class of workmen that has led to the prosperity and advancement of this republic, and certainly their rights should be the first consideration.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Troth has been interested in and connected with glass-manufacturing, and his close study of the problem has made him peculiarly fitted for the solution of the questions which now occupy so much of the public attention. He was born near Waterford, Camden county, New Jersey, February 27, 1857, and is of English lineage, his ancestry being connected with the Society of Friends. His parents were Thomas H. and Emily (Doughty) Troth, and his ancestry can be traced

back to William Troth, who was born in 1676, and was the founder of the family in New Jersey. He located on Rancocos creek, where he purchased land, April 29, 1717, making his home in that locality until his death, which occurred in 1740. His children were: Paul, who died in 1838; Deborah; Mary, the wife of Zachariah Pricket; Jane, the wife of William Gamond; and Rebecca, the wife of Amos Haines. Paul Troth, the eldest of the family, had five children, namely: William, who was born June 6, 1733, and was married in 1757 to Esther Borton; Isaac, Elizabeth, Mary and Jane. The children of William and Esther (Borton) Troth were Paul, Esther, Isaac and John. The eldest, Paul Troth, was born January 3, 1759, and married Mary Hillman, a daughter of James and Mary Hillman. His second wife was Sybilla Bellinger, and for his third wife he wedded Hannah Glover. The children of his first marriage were Esther, William, James, Jacob, Joseph and Elizabeth. William Troth, a son of Paul and Mary (Hillman) Troth, was born July 9, 1784, and married Sarah Gaskill, a daughter of Asa and Sarah (Monroe) Gaskill. Their children were Joesph G., Paul, Mary, Ezra, Sarah, John B. and William. John B. was a prominent figure in the federal army in the war of the rebellion. He operated a shoe factory in the state of Virginia, manufacturing shoes for the northern army, and was forced from home and business three times during the war, and after the war closed, upon invitation, came to Philadelphia and made a speech in Franklin Square. He is still living.

Joseph G. Troth, the eldest son of William and Sarah (Gaskill) Troth, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Camden, New Jersey, where he made his home throughout his life. He owned and operated a sawmill and was extensively engaged in the lumber business. He wedded Isabel Merrill, and they made their home on Third street, at the corner of Federal street, where the grandfather of our subject spent his last days. Their children were: Sarah M., who was born February 10, 1831, and became the wife of James Shivers, by whom she had three children,—Emma, John and William; Thomas H., born April 10, 1833, died July 29, 1899; Ann, who was born March 7, 1832, died February 17, 1862; Mary, who was born August 7, 1835, died March 9, 1854; Mary Ann, who was born June 27, 1839, died January 4, 1840; and William, born December 23, 1840, and died July 16, 1868. He married Rebecca P. Thomas, and their only son, Edward S. Troth, is at present a staff editor on the Mount Holly Mirror, at Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Thomas H. Troth, the father of our subject, was born on Federal street, Camden, New Jersey, attended the Quaker school at that place, and when only eight years of age, at the death of his parents, began work on a farm.

He was also employed in a sawmill, under the direction of Andrew Ross, and subsequently he learned the glass-blower's trade, which he followed for several years. In 1861 he came to Millville and entered the employ of Whitall, Tatum & Company, the proprietors of the largest glass-works in this section of the state, in whose service he continued for twenty-eight years, a fact which indicates his excellent workmanship as well as his fidelity to his employers' interests. On the expiration of that period he was elected supervisor of roads and streets for a term of five years, and while discharging the duties of that office also conducted a livery stable. He subsequently engaged in farming in Millville township, Cumberland county, turning his attention to that industry in 1893. At the time of his death, however, he resided at No. 428 Mulberry street, Millville. His political support was given the Republican party, and socially he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Glass Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada, being the secretary of the Millville branch of the organization for several years. He was a thoroughly conscientious and upright man, whose life was in harmony with the principles of Christianity, and he commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens at all times. He wedded Emily Doughty, and they became the parents of seven children: Joseph D.; William; Harry, who owns a farm and is extensively engaged in the poultry business, making a specialty of the raising of fancy pigeons, and married Louisa Hund, by whom he has a son, Edgar; Edgar; Anna, the wife of Harry Thomas, a clerk for Whitall, Tatum & Company, by whom he has a son, Edgar, and a daughter, Nellie; George, who is a glass-blower and married Ella Henry, who was formerly a successful teacher; and Elizabeth, the wife of John Maurada, a paper-hanger. The mother of these children died, and the father afterward married Mrs. Catherine Headly, nee Reeves, and their children are: Thomas O., who conducts a commission business and barber shop; and Emily, the wife of Ed Counselor, who is in the Camden office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The father of these children passed away at the age of sixty-six, respected by all who knew him.

Joseph Doughty Troth, to whom we now direct the attention of our readers, and whose life history will awaken wide-spread interest owing to his connection with the labor problems, has spent nearly his entire life in Cumberland county. He pursued his education in the public schools until fourteen years of age and then put aside his text-books in order to enter upon his business career. He learned the trade of stopper-grinding of the firm of Whitall, Tatum & Company, of Millville, and afterward learned the trade of glass-blowing. He completed a five-years apprenticeship with that com-

pany before attaining his majority, and afterward built a tank and for a short time engaged in the manufacture of glass balls for trap shooting. At length he sold that plant to Whittall, Tatum & Company and again entered the employ of the corporation. Subsequently he was employed at West Bridgewater, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and at a later date gave the greater part of his attention to his duties as an officer in the Glass Blowers' Association. His first position in the organization was that of trustee in the old Flint League, to which office he was elected on the completion of his apprenticeship. He served in that capacity until he resigned, and became the secretary of branch No. 7, also a member of the standing committee, and served annually as a delegate to the national convention, serving in those positions until elected a member of the executive board of the eastern division of the Green Glass League. In 1889 the eastern and western divisions of the Green Glass Bottle Blowers' Association met at Atlantic City for the purpose of consolidating the organizations, and Mr. Troth was made the chairman of the joint conventions. The next year he was elected a member of the national executive board, and at St. Louis, in 1892, he was elected the chairman of the national executive board and was chosen vice president of the national association. Still further advancement awaited him, for in 1894 he was unanimously elected the president of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada, at the meeting held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The following year he was re-elected, at Montreal, Canada, and was instructed to visit the Pacific coast to make an investigation concerning the importation of glassware. He is the only president ever chosen for such a task, and he is the only man ever elected president of the association east of the Alleghanies. At the time he was elected, he was the chairman of the mediation committee of the trades' organization of Millville, New Jersey, but resigned to enter upon the more responsible duties as chairman of the mediation committee that arbitrated all matters of dispute at Millville for several years, and is proud of the fact that all difficulties were settled and adjusted amicably. As president of the national organization, the distinction of reading the most able report of all presiding officers is accorded him. He has served as a delegate to many of the conventions of his party and has done effective work as a committeeman. He has mastered parliamentary law, is a logical reasoner, a fluent and forceful speaker and a man of great influence and power. His manner is courtly, his nature genial and in every regard he is a true gentleman.

Mr. Troth is a member and past chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, also a member of Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and holds the position of esteemed leading knight. He is also a member of the local assembly

of the Knights of Labor, in which he has served as master workman. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, has held a number of offices and has frequently served as delegate to the local county and state conventions. He has been a member of the city council for six years, was its president one year, and on the 15th of September, 1897, he received an ad-interim appointment as postmaster of Millville, and on the 22nd of January, 1898, he was confirmed by the United States senate, and received his commission for a full term of four years, so that he is the present incumbent. His energies are now devoted to the discharge of the duties of that position and his administration of the affairs of the office is commendable and satisfactory.

Mr. Troth was united in marriage to Miss Ida McLaughlin, a daughter of James McLaughlin, the superintendent for Whitall, Tatum & Company at Millville. Their children are: Emily, who died at the age of two months; Ethel W., William Brandreth, Leroy Clarendon, Hazel, Veniah M. and J. Sewell. He is recognized as one of the most prominent citizens of Millville, of marked force of character, of strong mentality and of keen discernment, concerned with those large loving interests which affect humanity. Probably no question has excited such universal and world-wide interest as the labor problems, and it is such men as Mr. Troth who are capable of harmonizing the differences between labor and capital and bringing about the desired results from seemingly opposing elements, and after twenty years of hard work, and study of the labor problem, he feels proud of the fact that he has never advocated or ordered a strike. His close study and careful deliberation have made him a leader in one of the most mighty movements of the century, and throughout this country and Canada he has won friends among all classes by his fairness, impartiality and his honorable purpose.

FRAMBES J. SMITH.

The palatial home of Mr. Smith in Ocean City is an indication of the success which has attended his efforts throughout his business career, and he is deserving of great credit for rising to his present position in business circles from the fact that he began life without capital and has worked his way upward by his own industry, his energy and determined purpose. He was born at English Creek, Atlantic county, September 16, 1863, and is a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Lee) Smith. The father was born at English Creek, November 24, 1828, and throughout the early part of his life sailed the sea, owning a number of vessels engaged in the coasting trade. Two years prior to his death, however, he left the water, spending the residue of his

life in retirement from active labor. He was a member of the Union Beneficial Society and of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as a trustee and steward, taking a very active part in its work and laboring earnestly and effectually to promote its success and welfare. His political support was given the Republican party. He died January 6, 1892, at the age of sixty-four years, but his wife, who was born May 8, 1834, is still living, at the age of sixty-five years. They had three children: Arelda, who died at the age of three years; Frambes; and Lena, wife of Edward Stonehill, a mason, bricklayer and plasterer residing in Ocean City, by whom she has a daughter named Sarah.

Frambes Smith obtained his education in the district schools of Atlantic county, and at the age of seventeen years put aside his text-books and went to sea. As a boy he had accompanied his father on various voyages and had acquired considerable knowledge concerning the management of ocean craft. Accordingly he was made the mate of the vessel when he decided to follow the sea, and the following year he became the captain of the John S. Gilmore, a boat which had previously been commanded by his father. He afterward was mate on the Raymond T. Maul, a boat owned and commanded by his uncle, W. C. Smith, and plying between the ports of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston. For two years Mr. Smith continued in that position, and was then married, after which he operated his father's farm for some time. Later he again went to sea, and during five years, in which he made several voyages, he never missed but three days' pay. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm at English Creek, but after a short time devoted to agricultural pursuits he again went to sea. In 1891 he removed from the farm which he sold in 1893. The former year he came to Ocean City and the following March entered the milk business and handled fresh meats and provisions, which business he conducted till 1898. During that period he also dealt in real estate to some extent. He then purchased the lumberyard formerly the property of W. C. Smith & Sons, and occupying a site one hundred and fifteen by two hundred and ten feet, on Fourth street and Haven avenue. Here he handled all kinds of lumber and building materials and received from the public a liberal patronage, his business constantly increasing in volume and importance. He is a member of the Ocean City Building & Loan Association and the Mutual Building and Loan Bank of Camden city.

On Christmas day of 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Rebecca J. Scull, a daughter of David L. Scull. Their eldest child died in infancy, but three are still living: Harry I., Allen H. and Frambes G. In his political views Mr. Smith is a Republican, unswerving in the support of

the principles of the party, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias and the Union Beneficial Society. His close application to business and his diligence and honorable dealings having been the ruling factor in his success, but man's position in the business and social world is determined by his character; and it is this which has won Mr. Smith his high standing.

THE MECUM FAMILY.

Among the prominent families of New Jersey whose history has become an integral part of the annals of the state, none is more worthy of mention in this volume than the one whose name heads this article. Its representatives have always been men of determined loyalty and of uprightness in business affairs, while its women have displayed those traits of character which everywhere win for a woman the respect of all with whom she comes in contact. The original American emigrant, Edward Mecum, came from England to the New World in the latter part of the seventeenth century. As early as 1706 his name appears in the court records as a juror in Salem county, New Jersey. One of his sons, William Mecum, purchased a large tract of land of two hundred acres in Penn's Neck township, Salem county, and built a residence thereon prior to 1737. In that year he rebuilt and the house is still standing, one of the landmarks which indicate the progress of the country. In 1728 he married Margaret Vickery, and they had one son, Major William Mecum, who was twice married. He first wedded Dorcas Gibson, and they had one child, Joseph, who died in infancy. For his second wife he chose Eleanor Sinnickson, and they became the parents of six children: Sarah, Margaret, William, Rebecca, George and Andrew.

Of the family of Major William Mecum and Eleanor Sinnickson, Sarah, the first named, married Robert Clark, by whom she had one child, Robert, who died in infancy. After the death of her first husband she married William Stedhan, of Delaware, and her third husband was James Selby. Margaret Mecum, the second child of Major Mecum, became the wife of Antrim Conârroe. William, the next younger, died in 1806. Major William Mecum was a valiant soldier of the Revolutionary war, and served as major of the First battalion of the Salem militia, with which command he was sent to New York in company with the "Flying Brigade," under General Newcomb. The sword which he carried through the struggle that brought to the nation her independence is now in the possession of the Mecum family of Salem, New Jersey. (Major Mecum had his shoe and knee buckles

melted up to make the hilt, and is a most cherished heirloom.) The major was also prominent in civic affairs, serving as a justice of the peace from 1774 until 1776, and as the Judge of Salem county during the early days of the republic,—from 1777 until 1782, and in 1786 and 1787.

Rebecca Mecum, the fourth child of William and Eleanor (Sinnickson) Mecum, became the wife of Samuel Higgins, of Delaware. George Washington Mecum was engaged in merchandising in Philadelphia at the time of the yellow fever epidemic there and lost his life while acting as nurse to some of the sufferers from that dread disease. Andrew Mecum, the youngest of the family, was born in Lower Penn's Neck township, February 23, 1780, and died on the 4th of October, 1814. He was one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Salem county, and owned several valuable farms. He was married in 1808 to Miss Nancy Wright, who died August 6, 1852.

Their son, James Wright Mecum, was born in Lower Penn's Neck township, Salem county, December 9, 1809, and was educated in private schools and in the academy in Salem, New Jersey. When a young man he spent several years in the county clerk's office, but devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of several valuable tracts of land in the township of his nativity. He was progressive in his methods, and his close application to business, his enterprise and careful management brought to him a handsome competence. The manual labor on the farms, however, was left to others, his income enabling him to hire a sufficient force to cultivate the land. At the time of his death he was a resident of Salem. A very prominent citizen, he exerted a strong influence in the community and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all. His political support was given the Whig party in early life, but later he joined the ranks of the Democracy. Of the Episcopal church he was a very active and zealous member. For many generations his family were connected with that church, and in the congregation in which his membership was placed he served as vestryman and warden and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was also lay reader for many years, and did all in his power to promote the growth and advance the cause of the church. In business he has had other interests aside from farming, having been one of the founders and for many years treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was also for many years a trustee of Rutgers College and of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey.

On the 24th of May, 1841, Mr. Mecum was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ann Harrison, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. E. G. Prescott. The lady was a daughter of Josiah and Isabella (Dick) Harrison. Her father was a son of Josham Harrison, who owned a large

farm that now forms the central portion of the city of Orange, New Jersey. He married Lydia James. Their son Josiah was a captain of the militia from Salem county, New Jersey, in the war of 1812. By profession he was a lawyer, with offices in Salem and Camden. He was graduated at Princeton College in 1790, being a member of one of its first classes, and his thorough knowledge well qualified him for the practice of his chosen profession, in which he attained considerable prominence. He figured prominently in the affairs of the colony and in the events which form the history of New Jersey after the establishment of the new Republic, and was present at the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States, in New York City, in 1789. A man of broad general culture, he had a rare and valuable collection of old books, some of which are now in possession of his grandchildren, the Mecum family. He was for many years a warden and lay reader in St. John's church (Episcopal) at Salem, and like others of the family took a very active interest in church work. He married Isabella Dick, and their children were: Maria, who was born in 1806 and who died in 1895; Henrietta, born in 1809 and died in 1883; and Lydia Ann, who was born January 26, 1812, and died in 1887. The last named became the wife of James Wright Mecum and the mother of the following children: Isabella, born in 1842, and died in 1845; George, who was born in 1844 and died in 1889; Ellen, who was born July 1, 1846; James Harrison, who was born April 12, 1849, and died July 20, 1863; Maria, born January 6, 1852; and Charles, born January 15, 1855. Charles Mecum, the youngest son of the family, married Margaret Howard Sinnickson, a daughter of J. Howard and Elizabeth (Forman) Sinnickson. Their marriage was celebrated May 29, 1890, and their children are Frances Margaret, who was born April 9, 1891; Charles Harrison, who was born July 24, 1892; and James Howard, who was born March 14, 1894.

SMITH B. SICKLER.

Smith Bowen Sickler is a son of Henry and Hannah (Dickison) Sickler and was born in Woodstown, Salem county, New Jersey, March 14, 1835. He is now a prominent citizen of Salem and a contractor and builder of unquestioned ability. He is of German descent, the family having been founded in America by three brothers who came over from the fatherland, one settling in Camden, one in Friesburg, and one in Gloucester. The one who settled in Friesburg is the ancestor to whom our subject traces his origin, and they have continued to live in that vicinity and have fol-

lowed agriculture for several generations. John Sickler, the grandfather, was born there and owned a farm of five hundred acres in Pittsgrove township. He was a Democrat. He married Hannah Freas and reared the following children, whose progeny are widely scattered: William, Samuel, Henry, the father, John, Elizabeth, Hannah and Sarah. The grandfather died at the age of sixty years and the grandmother at the age of eighty.

Henry Sickler was born in Pittsgrove township and learned the trade of blacksmith and wheelwright. This work he carried on most successfully for several years, living part of the time in Woodstown, where he owned a farm. He possessed great business ability and acquired considerable property. He was a Republican and took considerable interest in local politics. His wife was Hannah Dickison, a daughter of a prominent farmer of the same locality, Mat and Mary (Hall) Dickison. The children born to this union were three, of whom Smith, our subject, was the eldest. Henry Freas, whose sketch is given on another page, was the second; and Mary, now Mrs. Josiah Medeira, was the youngest. The father died in 1838, while yet a young man, leaving the care of his young family to his widow, and nobly did she take up the burden of rearing them to noble manhood and womanhood. She went to her reward April 12, 1881, after seventy-three years of useful life.

Smith B. Sickler attended private schools at Salem until he was eighteen years of age, when he began to learn the trade of bricklayer. He was fortunate in getting in with Richard C. Ballinger, one of the best workmen in the state and more recently a leading contractor of Philadelphia, who taught him to be accurate and careful in all work under his care and enabled him to become a skillful workman second to none. He has followed contracting and building for a period upward of thirty-five years, part of the time with different partners and at other times alone. The buildings erected by him are but so many lasting monuments to his handiwork and are scattered over a wide territory, speaking eloquently of his ability. Some of the jobs done by him are the Salem county jail, the county buildings, Salem City Bank, Gloucester county almshouse, Alloway town Baptist church, the college at Bridgeton, the residence of Dr. Brester, of that city, and several smaller jobs there. He put up many of the factory residences, and rebuilt many of those destroyed by fire, among them the post-office, the residences of William Holtz and Judge Plummer, and the E building. He received all the best contracts and often employed as many as fourteen men. For two years he was superintendent of the Fairview brick works, which he established in 1889, together with Frank and Larra Lewis, Lucius Landrich, Charles Adrisson, a lawyer of Philadelphia, and Richard C. Ballinger. The yard was afterward disposed

of to Hiles & Hilliard, when Mr. Sickler purchased a farm. He formed a partnership with Johnson Freas and continued contracting and building, at the same time manufacturing their brick at Pentonville, as their brick-yards were called. This comprised fifty acres of land with five dwellings, one store, two large barns, one ice house, two large brick kilns, brick building, frame office and six sheds, each one hundred yards long, used for storing brick. A switch has been put in connecting it with Penton station, and twelve men are constantly employed there. The capacity of the kilns is four hundred thousand brick per year, and only the best quality of any grade is put on the market. Besides common brick they make the kaolin white brick, a superior building material, and a fine grade of fire brick. They manufacture for local trade and enjoy the reputation of turning out only first-class work. He furnished the brick for the Salem filter, and in that, as in all other contracts, takes great pride in supplying only the best article. The partnership with Mr. Freas terminated at the expiration of four years, when Mr. Freas was succeeded by Zaccheus Sickler. He was also connected with Johnson Freas for a short time. After Zaccheus Sickler retired our subject carried on the business alone.

Mr. Sickler was married March 4, 1857, to Mary Freas, a daughter of Samuel Freas, a farmer. Ten children have been born to them: Edward, who was born February 13, 1858, and died of lockjaw in his thirty-seventh year, was a merchant at Frogtown and married Miss Lizzie Ridgeway, by whom he had three children,—one that died in infancy, Joseph, deceased, and Robert. Lavina, who was born in 1860, married William Dunn, a farmer of Penn's Neck township, and has two daughters,—Nellie and Emma. Emma, who was born in 1862, married John Taylor, a bricklayer, and they died, leaving one child, Elsie, since deceased. Charles, deceased, who was born in 1863, and a farmer; he married Georgia Sheppard and had two children,—Smith B. and Artie. Harry, who was born in 1865, and is a bricklayer and contractor at Salem; he married Miss Carrie Flanagan and has four children,—Morgan, Mary, Mabel and Lourene. Belle, who was born in 1867 and was the wife of Joshua Wheaton, died but a few years after the marriage. Susie, who was born in 1869, married Aaron Harris, and has since died. She had one child, Wilbur, now deceased. Hannah, Howard and Walter are at home.

Mr. Sickler is independent in his politics, believing in giving his support to the best man rather than sticking too closely to party lines without due regard to the qualifications of the candidate. He has been a freeholder at Salem two years and served as constable for the same length of time. He has been a member of the Red Men and the Knights of Pythias. During the

civil war he belonged to the home guards of Salem, and for three years was a member of the No. 1 Band of this city, in which he took an active part. He is a member of the Baptist church of this city, in which he is a willing worker and liberal contributor.

FREDERICK C. GAYNER.

Frederick C. Gayner was born December 8, 1858, in Bristol, England, and is a son of John and Francis (Atkin) Gayner. John Gayner was the founder of the Gayner Glass Company, of Salem, and was also a native of Bristol, England, as was his father, Edward Gayner, who was the superintendent of the glass factory there. John Gayner, whose biography is given at length on another page, learned the trade of glass-blower and in 1866 brought his family to America, where after many changes he settled down at Salem, New Jersey, and started a glass factory, which is now one of the principal industries in this part of the state, employing about two hundred men, women and girls to carry on the work. Owing to his industry and perseverance the plant is run on a paying basis, bringing a neat income not only to the owners, but also to many others who derive their support from its operation. John Gayner is a man of extraordinary business ability, as has been demonstrated in his management of the factory, and possesses the confidence and esteem of the entire community for his upright, honorable dealings and the kindly, genial bearing of his every-day life. He was married to Francis Atkin, the mother of our subject, and six children were born to them, four reaching mature years: Edward J., who is secretary and treasurer of the Gayner Glass Company; Frederick C., our subject; Francis and Margaret. His wife died in January, 1861, and the following October he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Wilkins, by whom he has two children: William, and Eliza Florence, who married Frank Morrison, an employe in the office of the Gayner Glass Company.

Frederick Gayner was a lad of some eight years when his parents brought him to this country. Here his education was mostly obtained and he entered his father's factory, learning the trade of glass-blower. This work, however, he at length abandoned and in 1897 he opened a general merchandise establishment in Salem, which he has conducted since January 10 of that year. He carries a general stock and has built up a large trade, having customers from many miles through the surrounding country. He is always affable and courteous in his treatment of his patrons and endeavors to cater to their taste.

On May 10, 1882, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Bessie W. Howard, a daughter of Asbury Howard, a retired capitalist of Philadelphia. They had one child, Frederick W., whose little life was lent them but for a short season when he was taken to blossom in the garden of their Heavenly Father, who said, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." They are members of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Gayner is also connected with Fenwick Lodge, No. 126, I. O. O. F., and Friends' Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias. He is a man of sterling worth and is considered one of Salem's representative business men.

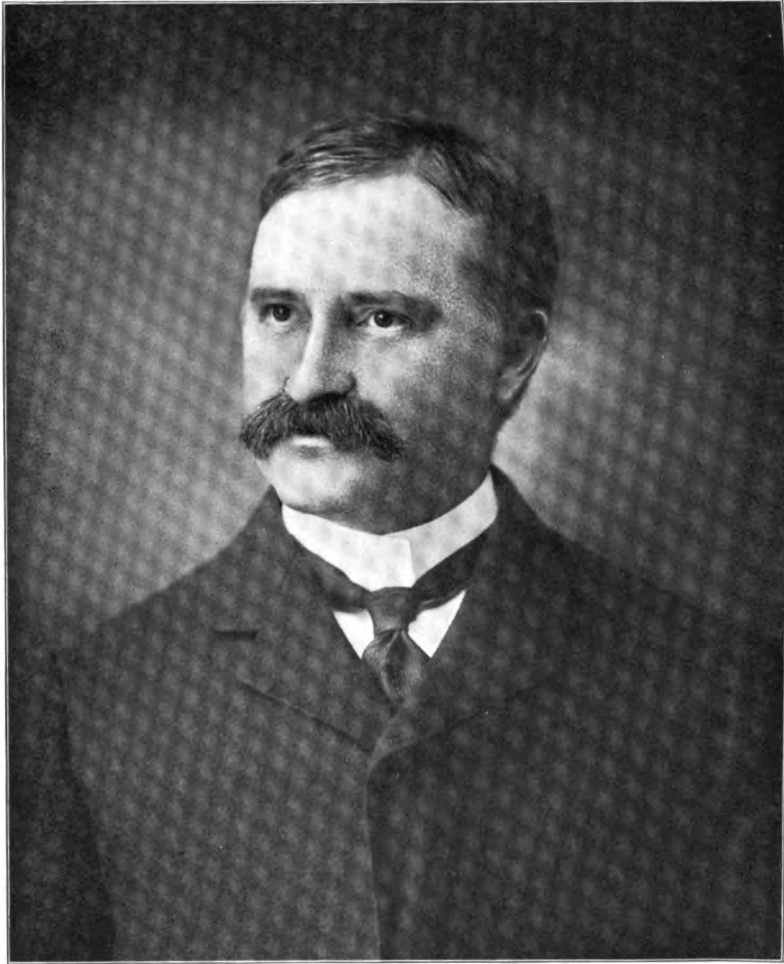
CHARLES MECUM.

The subject of this sketch was born in the city of Salem, New Jersey, January 15, 1855, his parents being James W. and Lydia Ann (Harrison) Mecum. His preliminary education, obtained in the Salem academy, was supplemented by a course in Burlington College, and in 1881 he was graduated in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. The same year he was admitted to the bar of New Jersey, and began practice in Salem. He has been licensed to practice in all the state courts and in the United States district courts. He has the reputation of being a careful lawyer and safe counselor.

Mr. Mecum has long taken an active and zealous interest in the cause of education and for seventeen years has been a member of the board of education of the city of Salem. Other business interests claim his attention. He is a director in the Salem County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and in 1898 he built the Mecum block, at the corner of Broadway and Walnut streets, which is the finest office building in the city and one of the most substantial structures of Salem. It is built on the site of the old home which belonged to his grandfather, Dr. Dick, and is fitted up for stores, lodges and offices.

In his political affiliations Mr. Mecum is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office, preferring to devote his time to his profession and personal interests. He is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the New Jersey Bar Association, in all of which organizations—religious, social and professional—he takes a deep interest.

On the 29th of May, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mecum and Miss Margaret Howard Sinnickson, a daughter of J. Howard and Eliza-



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beth Sinnickson. They now have three children: Frances Margaret, born in 1891; Charles Harrison, July 24, 1892; and James H., March 14, 1894.

JOSEPH N. MAYHEW.

Among the families that have long been resident of Pittsgrove, Salem county, perhaps none is better known than the Mayhews. They are of English origin. Several generations ago three brothers of the name of Mayhew came to this country from England, and from one of them is descended Joseph N. Mayhew, the subject of this sketch.

Eleazer Mayhew, the great-grandfather of Joseph N., owned and occupied what is now known as the Samuel Johnson farm near Pittsgrove, and it was he who built the old red brick house in which Mr. Johnson now lives. His son Stanford, grandfather of our subject, was born on this farm, and the latter's son Enoch was born on an adjoining farm, the one now occupied by Joseph N. The Mayhews for the most part have been farmers. Enoch Mayhew was a farmer all his life. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Daretown, and was noted for his deep piety. At different times in life he held township office, but he never sought official honors nor was he a politician in any sense of the word. He died in 1888. He was twice married. His first wife, nee Mary P. Severtman, died childless; his second wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Hurst, and who was a daughter of Michael Hurst, died February 1, 1896. By the latter marriage there were two children, of whom only Joseph N. is living.

Joseph N. Mayhew received his early training in the common school and later was a student in the South Jersey Institute, at Bridgeton, and also at Daretown. Reared on a farm, he naturally engaged in farming when he started out in life for himself. After his father's death he came into possession of the home farm, one hundred and ten acres, where he has since lived and carried on general farming, giving special attention to the dairy business.

Mr. Mayhew is a Republican. He was elected a freeholder in 1887, for a period of three years, and was again elected in 1895 and 1898, and is now serving in that capacity. He takes an active interest in political matters, serving as a delegate to conventions, etc., and always has at heart the best interests of the locality in which he lives. Religiously, like his father, he is a Presbyterian, and has been a trustee of the church at Daretown. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with the lodge at Elmer.

December 15, 1883, Mr. Mayhew married Miss Ella Burough, a daughter of William Burough, of Mickleton, Gloucester county, New Jersey; and they

have one daughter, Elizabeth. Mrs. Mayhew was before her marriage a school teacher.

WILLIAM W. GOLDER.

William W. Golder, a justice of the peace and well known farmer, living at Centerton, Salem county, New Jersey, forms the subject of this biographical notice. He was born at Centerton, February 25, 1838, the son of Samuel Golder, who was born at Parker's Corner. His father was Joseph Golder, a native of Tuckahoe. Much concerning the Golder family will be found in connection with the sketch of James W. Golder, who is our subject's brother.

William W. Golder spent his boyhood days, as most of the youth of his days did, in trying to gain a fair education and then becoming master of some good and useful trade. He chose that of blacksmith, which trade he works at some, even to this time in his life. January 4, 1861, he was married to Drucilla Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nicholson, of Cross Keys, Gloucester county, New Jersey. By this marriage union three children were born, two of whom are still living. Samuel, of Mount Holly, and William, who is still at home and works in his father's shop.

Every true American citizen is allied with some political party. Mr. Golder affiliates with the Democratic party and has held numerous local offices, including that of township committeeman, school trustee, etc. He has been the justice of the peace of the town of Centralia, Pitt's Grove township, for twenty-two years. In civic society matters he is an honored member of the Odd Fellows order, and has been the president of the corporate board of that lodge for fifteen years. He has held all the various offices of his local lodge, and stands well as an Odd Fellow. At the present time he is acting as warden of his lodge.

Besides his blacksmithing operations, Mr. Golder carries on farming, on a beautiful eleven-acre tract, from which he produces much. Altogether, Mr. Golder is a busy man. Between his farm, his large blacksmithing business and the faithful discharge of his official duties as a justice of the peace, he finds but few idle hours in the months as they come and go.

ALBERT W. LAWRENCE.

Albert W. Lawrence, of Elmer, Salem county, New Jersey, one of the highly respected farmers of Lower Pittsgrove town, was born at Waterloo, Canada East, October 16, 1855. His grandfather, Hezekiah Lawrence, was

a soldier in the Revolutionary conflict and the family emigrated from Massachusetts to Canada. His son Mark L., was our subject's father, also a native of Canada, where he followed farming and also manufactured furniture, doing a large, paying business, for many years. In 1865 he came to this county, settling on a farm where he hoped to regain his failing health; he survived until 1887. He was a member of the Second Advent Association, an upright citizen and an excellent business man. He married Sarah V. Bowker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cushing Bowker, of Massachusetts; she died in 1894. Their children were: Lizzie, wife of Caleb Luther, of Lawrence, Kansas; Alice, widow of Henry Cutting, of Vineland, New Jersey; and A. W. Lawrence, our subject.

Mr. Lawrence, whose name heads this notice, attended the common country schools of the locality where he resided when a lad, and a little later in life settled on the farm—the old homestead. He now has one hundred and thirty-three acres of land and a fine herd of registered Jersey cattle,—twenty-seven head in all. The milk from these cows is in great demand and for the past five years has gone to the hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Lawrence is a public-spirited man and has held various local offices, including that of a county trustee of the almshouse, in 1881-2-3. He belongs to the Methodist church, in which he has been a steward for eighteen years. He is also a worthy member of the Masonic and Red Men's civic orders. He has passed all the chairs in Red Men's lodge.

Of his domestic relations it may be said that he married, October 3, 1877, Rachael Creamer, the daughter of Jacob Creamer, of this vicinity, belonging to a well known family. To our respected subject and his wife have been born the following children: Minnie A., Irene M., Edgar A., Ada M., Bessie L.

JOHN M. KROM.

John M. Krom, one of the old residents of Upper Pittsgrove township, Salem county, comes from one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the state. His great grandfather, John Krom, died while a soldier in the Continental army, in 1776, and he and most of his descendants followed farming for a livelihood. He and his posterity, in the direct line of descent to our subject, and including the latter, were born on the same fine old homestead in this township, about a mile from the present home of John M. Krom. Harman, a son of the Revolutionary hero, was born in 1773, and Samuel D., a son of Harman and the father of our subject, was born in 1802 and died in 1862. He was very prominent in the work of the Presbyterian

denomination, being a member and a deacon in the church at Daretown. He made a success of life, in every respect, and enjoyed the esteem and genuine regard of all who knew him. His wife Sarah was a daughter of John Mayhew, of the same locality. She departed this life in 1834, leaving one child, the subject of this sketch. An interesting fact in regard to the family relates to the name, the tradition which has been handed down from one to another being that the name was originally spelled Crumb; but owing to the prejudice or notion of a teacher and the foolish ridicule of schoolmates, the children of one generation, many years ago, changed the orthography to the present form.

John M. Krom was born August 14, 1831, as previously stated, on the old family homestead, and has spent his entire life in this immediate locality, his interests being thoroughly identified with Salem county. Being an only child, he had unusually good advantages for his day and acquired a liberal education. True, he was deprived of a loving mother's care when he was very young, but his noble father was the more kind and attentive to the lad's needs and desires, as he grew to maturity. He remained on the farm, becoming a practical agriculturist, and in 1859 he came to Daretown and for the following five years kept a store. Under the administration of President Buchanan he held the office of postmaster, to the complete satisfaction of everyone concerned, and for five years he served as collector of his home township. He now owns sixty acres of excellent farm land, and gives his whole time and efforts to its cultivation.

In 1853 Mr. Krom married Achsah Richman, a daughter of Elijah Richman, and to them two children were born, namely: Sarah and Ella, the latter the wife of Israel F. Newkirk, of Upper Pittsgrove. The family are highly esteemed and their place in this community could not easily be filled.

FREDERICK FOX.

This well known and most highly respected citizen of Centerton, New Jersey, comes of an old pioneer family, and by reason of a long and eventful life very naturally finds a place in this connection. He was born near Friendship, Cumberland county, New Jersey, June 26, 1824. The name Frederick seems to be a favorite family name. Our subject's father's name was Frederick. He was born in 1802, near the birthplace of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and his father (our subject's grandfather) also was named Frederick. He was born near Malaga, Gloucester county, New Jersey, and his father, Frederick, came from Germany and was a cooper by trade. He

was beyond doubt the first man to make tar from pine knots. Our subject's great grandfather was in the Revolutionary war. The father of the subject of this sketch was a member of the Lutheran church, and lived and died in the vicinity of Friendship, departing this life in 1858. He was a large land-owner and farmed on an extensive scale for the state in which he lived. His wife, Lidia, was the daughter of Nathan Coombs, of Friendship, and of a noted family. She died in 1894, aged eighty-nine years. They reared eight children, of whom the following still survive: Our subject; Mary, wife of John DuBois; George M.; Nathan, who lives on the old homestead at Friendship; and Elizabeth, widow of John Redfield, of Bridgeton.

He of whom we write this notice, received a common-school education and very early in life began to cultivate the soil. In 1848 he purchased his farm and the following year moved to the same, which at that time contained one hundred and eighteen acres; but he now has two hundred and ten acres. November 31, 1846, he married Berlinda DuBois, a daughter of Robert DuBois. Their eight children are: Robert, residing at Centerton; Benjamin, at Willow Grove; Frederick, at Bridgeton; Franklin, at Friendship; Charles, at Daretown; Thomas, at Willow Grove; and William T. and Lizzie, at home.

Mr. Fox is a devout man, who in 1860 united with the Protestant Methodist church at Friendship, and has served as one of the trustees ever since, or for more than thirty-nine years. He became a member of the Odd Fellows lodge June 16, 1849, a half century ago, and has been the treasurer of his lodge since 1880. He has held every office in the lodge except that of secretary.

In tracing out the goings and comings of this gentleman the reader cannot fail to be impressed with the one fact that this man has held many important positions, in lodge and church, for so long a term of years as to prove that such places were filled ably and well from the very first. He is a man of method and stability; hence his life has been fraught with more than the ordinary success.

J. T. MAYHEW.

J. T. Mayhew, a well known dairyman of Pittsgrove township and the collector of the township for the past seven years, is one of the substantial and influential men of Salem county, New Jersey. He was born November 11, 1850, in Elmer, this county, and is a son of John and Maria (Johnson) Mayhew. John Mayhew was a son of Isaac Mayhew and was a favorite blacksmith of Elmer about 1850. From there he moved to Cedarville, where he

kept a hotel for a number of years. In 1865 he moved to the farm now occupied by our subject, upon which he resided until his death, in 1896. He was prominent in his locality and greatly esteemed. His wife was Maria, daughter of David Johnson, of this county. She passed to her reward in 1893, three years before her husband, leaving seven children, namely: George, who keeps a shoe store of Bridgeton; William A., a merchant of Cedarville; Emma, Mrs. L. B. Mayhew, of Atlantic City; J. T., our subject; Elmer, of Camden, New Jersey; Matilda (Mrs. Isaac Johnson), of Pittsgrove; and Sally (Mrs. Damon Hitchner), of Atlantic City.

J. T. Mayhew was reared on his father's farm and early learned the principles underlying successful farming, at the same time attending the district schools of his neighborhood. After reaching manhood he took charge of his father's land, which consists of thirty-six acres, and turned it into a dairy farm. He has one of the best regulated and well-cared-for dairies in this part of the state, while his fine herd of fifteen registered cattle furnish a supply of milk equal to any herd in this country; and it is in constant demand by those who have used it and know the pure article. It would be impossible for Mr. Mayhew to keep a sufficiently large herd of cows to meet the demands made upon him for milk.

He was married February 5, 1880, to Miss Dell Keeley, a daughter of William Keeley, of this section. They have two bright children,—Raymond L., and Elmer C.,—both living at their parental home. Mr. Mayhew is a staunch Republican and was elected to the office of town collector ten years ago. He is one of the genial, whole-souled men for which southern New Jersey is noted.

JAMES D. KELLEY.

This gentleman, who is well and favorably known in Gloucester county, has his place of business in Philadelphia, but makes his summer home at Pitman's Grove, New Jersey. He was born at Glassboro, March 17, 1861, and is the son of William and Margaret (McClearen) Kelley. His father, a native of Dublin, Ireland, came to the United States early in the '50s and in 1860 located at Glassboro. In 1856 he married Margaret, a daughter of John McClearen, of Camden, New Jersey, and they had three children, of whom two are living, James D., and Kate, the wife of D. R. Sparks, of Camden. Mr. Kelley was a highly respected citizen, a member of the Episcopal church and of the Masonic order. He died in 1866. His wife is still living. Our subject was a mere child when his father died, and from seven to twelve years of age he attended school, then began work in the Whitney Glass



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Works in his native town. In 1883 he went into business for himself, starting a grocery store at Woodbury. The following year, however, he entered the employ of Enslin & Zurn, manufacturers of and dealers in lubricating oils. For five years he was a traveling salesman for this company, at the end of which time O. F. Zurn, the head of the concern, bought out his partner and admitted Mr. Kelley as one of the firm. In 1894 the company became a close stock corporation, in which Mr. Kelley is a large stockholder and also is its secretary. They do an extensive business, their products being sold all over the United States and in the West Indies.

Mr. Kelley's success in life is due entirely to his own efforts. He is emphatically a self-made man, and while still young in years has made for himself a fine reputation in the commercial world and is already enjoying the results of his industry and faithfulness to duty. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to W. C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, F. & A. M.; T. B. Freeman Chapter, No. 242, R. A. M.; Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, in which he is junior warden, and Lu Lu Temple, Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Kelley was married June 14, 1891, to Miss Eva Holeton, of Philadelphia, and four children have blessed their union: Edith H., James W., Jean G. and John Raymond. The family spend their summers in a beautiful home at Pitman Grove, making their residence during the winter at 1715 Wallace street, in Philadelphia.

JOSEPH POWERS.

Joseph Powers is a contractor and builder of Salem, whose perseverance and industry have placed him high in the ranks of skilled workmen. He was born at Salem, this county, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Mattick) Powers. The name is of German origin. John Powers, the grandfather, lived at Penn's Neck, where he was engaged in husbandry. He was a Whig and a devout member of the early Methodist Episcopal church, in which his death, in his seventy-third year, was accounted a great loss. He married Margaret McKasson, who died in her fiftieth year, leaving him fourteen children. They were Elizabeth, Mrs. John Casperson; Michael, a farmer who married Rebecca Dunn; Sarah, Mrs. William Dunn; Catherine, the widow of Israel Brown, a broommaker; Samuel, who married Rebecca Hancock; Ellen, Mrs. Thomas Dunn; Judith, Mrs. Ephraim Shaw; Mary, Mrs. John Ellwell; John, who married Mary Fenton; Joseph, a wheelwright, who married Elizabeth Fowler; William, who married three times,—Ann J. Lippincott, Mary Wren and Rachel Hancock; Thomas, the father of our subject;

Lot R., a carpenter, who married Ruth Swing and resided in Salem; and Edward, a farmer who married Mary Patterson. But two of the family are now living,—Judith, who is upwards of eighty-four years old, and Thomas.

Thomas Powers attended school at Penn's Neck township when a lad, and his summers were employed in work about the farm. While still a boy he came to Salem and was apprenticed to George W. Filer, with whom he learned the trade of carpenter and builder. Then, with his brother Lot, as Powers Brothers, he engaged in contracting for himself and continued up to the death of his brother, when our subject was taken in as a partner. He was a quiet, unostentatious man, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican in politics. He was married to Miss Mary Matlack, who was born in 1832, and died March 17, 1876. The ceremony was celebrated December 16, 1856, and twenty years of happy married life was their portion. Two children blessed their home: Joseph, our subject; and Georgianna, who was born March 1, 1861, and died November 23, 1883.

Joseph Powers received the benefit of instruction in the public schools of Salem until he was seventeen years old, when he left school and learned the trade of carpenter and builder of his father. Later he took private lessons in architecture under Norris H. Stratton. He took pains with his work and furnished many of the plans from which he builded. Among the buildings constructed by himself and father may be named the R. M. Acton school, Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, at Pennsville, City National Bank, Schaffer Hotel, annex to the Y. M. C. A. building at Salem, Walnut Street Methodist church, canning-house for the Star Brothers, at the foot of Penn and Delaware streets, and many private residences. They employ as many as fifty men and turn out only the best workmanship. He was married February 14, 1883 to Miss Emma Hires, a daughter of Jarvis Hires, a stock-dealer of this city. They have been blessed with three children: Mary, deceased; Thomas, born July 17, 1886; and Paul H., born January 26, 1894. He is a Republican in politics, but is not an aspirant for political preferment. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

CHARLES H. SIMMERMAN.

“Life is meaningless unless it is universal and coherent.” It is in a helpful relation to our time, a sympathetic union with the surrounding current of thought, feeling and purpose that we can realize the worth of our own identity. To consciously ally one's self with any of the mighty movements that

are shaping the future is to invest life with new dignity and power. The present is a time of combinations for varied aims, for man sees more and more clearly his weakness as an individual as compared with his strength in union with others. Mr. Simmerman has realized most fully the importance and need of organized effort in securing for the laboring classes recognition of their true worth and position in the world, and has been an active worker in the mighty movements which have demanded and secured, in a large measure, this recognition. He has given the question his most earnest attention, has studied it from its various standpoints and his efforts have been most effective and far-reaching in their influence.

Charles H. Simmerman was born July 31, 1836, near Glassboro, Gloucester county, New Jersey, and is a son of John and Rachel (Fisler) Simmerman. The ancestry are Swedish and Swiss, but for many years have been connected with this state. John Simmerman, the grandfather of our subject, resided in Glassboro and had three sons and four daughters, the former being Daniel, John and Abram. John Simmerman, the father of our subject, was born in Glassboro about 1800, acquired a common-school education and became a master shearer in a glass manufactory. Subsequently he engaged in farming in Gloucester county. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and a man of sterling worth. His death occurred in 1842, at the age of forty-two years, and his wife long survived him, passing away in 1870, at the age of sixty-seven years. This worthy couple were the parents of eight children, Esther became the wife of Samuel Madara, a farmer, and they have two sons,— John and Samuel. Julia is the wife of George Shields, a shoemaker, and their children are Esther, Henry and George. William married a Miss Crane, by whom he had two sons,—John and Wilmer,—and after the death of his first wife he was again married, and had four children by the second union. He was a wood turner by occupation and resided in Franklinville, New Jersey. Joseph was married and had one daughter, Anna. Catherine, twin sister of Joseph, became the wife of Richard Dempsey, and their children are Emma, deceased; Ida; Mrs. Lulu Skinner, of Clayton, Kate and Richard. Charles is the next of the family. John, a glass-blower of Swedesboro, married Lydia Stone, and their children were Edward, Sherman, Ida, Harry and Zady. Lorenzo, a glass-blower living in Millville, married Kate McCurdy, and their children are Frank; Lincoln, deceased; Bruce; Andy; Burt and Rachel.

Mr. Simmerman, whose name introduces this review, received his education in the common schools, but was only six years of age when his father died and his privileges were necessarily limited, for his mother put him to live with a farmer at the age of eight years. For six years he lived with Rob-

ert Hewitt at the Cross Roads, in Salem county, and it is a matter of self pride with him that from the time he was eight years old he has always gained his own living; and to this early experience he attributes much of that independence of character that has characterized his subsequent life.

In 1850, at the age of fourteen, he entered the Whitney Glass Works at Glassboro as tending boy, becoming an apprentice and serving a five-year term at the glass-blower's trade. He followed that occupation for twenty-five years, during which time he became deeply interested in the labor questions. He joined the first Glass Blowers' Union ever organized in New Jersey, in 1856, and became one of the most zealous and energetic workers in its behalf. In the spring of 1858 he went to Crowleyville, New Jersey, where he instituted a union of the glass-blowers and then attended the second general convention at Millville. He was then only twenty-two years of age, but he made a close study of this branch of labor and was well fitted for leadership. Because of his aggressive attitude in the interests of labor, however, he was black-listed by the manufacturers, and for a period of more than twenty years he on different occasions was deprived of employment at the trade because of the part he took in its affairs.

Mr. Simmerman subsequently became a salesman for the firm of Bodine, Thomas & Company, with whom he remained for a year, and in that position he was enabled to study the labor questions from a different standpoint. In 1870 he was the president of the Improved Glass-Blowers' League, since which time three other organizations have been instituted among the glass-workers, under different names. In 1874 he began the agitation of the idea of a bureau of labor statistics, and in 1878, by act of the legislature, a department was organized. He was made secretary of the bureau in 1881 and held the position for twelve years, while in 1893 he was appointed chief of the bureau by governor Wurtz, continuing in that position till 1898. Prior to 1877 labor had received no recognition from the public or from legislation, but in that year Mr. Simmerman was a delegate from Camden county to the Democratic convention, where he first introduced the idea of a bureau of labor statistics. After hard labor he succeeded in getting a resolution for the institution of such a bureau inserted in the platform of the party, and during the campaign wrote and worked for its success. A majority of both houses of the legislature were of that party, he prepared the act and went to Trenton every week until it finally became a law. The importance of this measure to the labor interests of the country is inestimable. He has always been most earnest in his efforts to benefit the laboring classes and has been a close student of social and economic problems.

Mr. Simmerman has several times been elected to local offices. He was

chosen as a member of the board of school trustees of Salem, New Jersey, in 1867, and was one of the staunch advocates of the free-school system. He was elected the assessor of Camden in 1875 by a majority of two hundred and fifty-six, serving a three-year term, and in 1876 was a candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket, receiving eight hundred more votes than were given Tilden, in the district. He resided in Trenton from 1881 until 1898, when he came to Wildwood, where in 1893 he had erected the Trenton Hotel, which is supplied with thirty sleeping-rooms and all first-class accommodations. He does not conduct the hotel himself, but is again working at his trade. For nineteen years he was a member of the Knights of Labor and was very active in that organization. He is now a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On the 9th of June, 1857, Mr. Simmerman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Foster, a daughter of William Foster, and to them were born six children. Horace married Rhoda Bates, and they have a daughter, named Effie. At the age of sixteen years he left home and spent six years in the silver mines in the west, and subsequently he engaged in the grocery business in Woodbury, and afterward spent one year in the Klondike. George, the second child, died at the age of twenty-two months. Charles, who is engaged in the printing business in New York city, married Ida Kean, and has one child, Viola. Emma and William died in childhood. Lizzie married Theodore Struble, who died. She then married Henry Davis and has one child, Jennie. After his death she married Benjamin Shuster. She is now the proprietor of the Hotel Trenton, owned by her father.

It is a well attested maxim that the greatness of a state lies not in its machinery of government, nor even in its institutions, but in the sterling qualities of its individual citizens, in their capacity for high and unselfish effort and their devotion to the public good. Mr. Simmerman has probably done more for the mass of the people of New Jersey than any other representative of labor interests, and by ameliorating their condition by obtaining them just recognition of their worth he has certainly in a large measure contributed to the well being of the state.

JOHN D. HAMILTON.

Almost every city of any size has at least one manufactory of which it is proud, and Salem, New Jersey, has one of which she is justly proud. This is one of the largest and best equipped carriage-manufacturing plants in the state, and the energy and perseverance manifested by the gentleman who has brought it to its present state of perfection is worthy the commendation

he receives, and has been the means of placing the city among the front ranks of manufacturing towns. Such a man is John D. Hamilton, one of Salem's most esteemed and reputable citizens. He is a native of Medford, Vermont, was born July 13, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Rafter) Hamilton. The grandfather, Lewis Hamilton, was a farmer of Vermont and was of English parentage. He had thirteen children, among whom was the father of our subject. Joseph was a mason by trade, an industrious, hard-working man. He married Margaret Rafter, who bore him five children and whose death they were called upon to mourn in July, 1880. She had reached her fifty-sixth or fifty-eighth year when death came to her. The father died May 29, 1898, in Connecticut. He was a Democrat, but took little part in politics. His children were John D., our subject; Joseph, a foreman with the Goodyear Rubber Company of Connecticut; Helen; Thomas, overseer for the Goodyear Rubber Company; and Alvina.

John D. Hamilton was a student in the Springfield public schools when a lad, and it was little thought that he would make the brilliant record in the business world that he has. When fourteen years of age he entered a blacksmith and carriage-making shop to learn the business and served an apprenticeship of nine years, becoming familiar with every detail of the work. The following seven years were spent as a journeyman in the coach shop at Bridgeton, whence he went to Naugatuck in the capacity of superintendent for a large carriage factory at that place, and remained five years. Fitz-Gibbon & Crisp then secured his services as foreman of their blacksmith department at Trenton, one of the largest shops in the state.

After remaining with them two years he came to Salem and was in the employ of James H. Greene for eighteen months previous to engaging in business for himself. Having decided to open a shop of his own he built a two-story building twenty by fifty feet and began the manufacture of carriages, making each part and shipping the completed vehicle to all parts of the country, largely to jobbers. The business increased to such an extent that the former building was no longer roomy enough to carry on the work, and in 1898 he was obliged to enlarge it, which he did by adding another story and increasing the area to thirty by sixty-two feet. In order to still further increase the facilities of the work he put in a twenty-horse power boiler and engine, and added a wood-working machine, etc., until he now has a splendidly equipped shop in every department and is able to turn out work of a superior order in the shortest possible time. He has now in course of construction fourteen wagons, besides other work, and the shop contains about three thousand dollars' worth of work and stock. He makes a specialty of spring wagons, and in three years sold forty-three of them. He

does all his own drafting and keeps five men constantly employed. His building is heated throughout by steam and is comfortable in every part.

Mr. Hamilton was married May 29, 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Susan Good, a native of Greenwich, Scotland. Their home life has been brightened by the birth of seven children, namely: John, aged eighteen; Mary, sixteen; Jane, fourteen; Ella, thirteen; Maggie, twelve; Gertrude, eight; and Alexander, who is a lad of six. They are members of the Presbyterian church and he also takes an active part in the work of the Y. M. C. A., being a leader of the orchestra and lending assistance whenever it is needed. He is a member of both the Senior and Junior Orders of United American Mechanics.

ALBERTUS SOMERS SIMMERMAN.

A venerable and honored citizen of Woodbury, Gloucester county, New Jersey, Albertus Somers Simmerman, is living in the identical house in which his birth occurred, March 24, 1821. He is a son of John and Keziah Simmerman, both of whom have passed to their reward. The father, it is believed, was born in Germany, and settled permanently in this town prior to 1812. A cabinet-maker and undertaker by vocation, he plied these callings successfully for a number of years. He was the first undertaker in Woodbury and conducted the business, which he established in 1808, without interruption until his retirement in 1847. He died when in the seventy-third year of his age, respected by every one who knew him.

Albertus S. Simmerman is one of four children, of whom the two elder ones, Horace and Matilda, are deceased, and Keturah is yet living. He obtained a fair education in his youth, and by subsequent study, reading and observation became well informed upon general subjects. Under his father's instruction he learned the senior man's business, and in 1847, when the latter retired, on account of advancing years, the young man assumed his duties. For many years he continued actively engaged along the same line of endeavor, meeting with the commendation of his patrons, and fully meriting the high regard in which he was held by one and all. In 1890 he retired, and the business which had been established by his father more than four-score years before and had never left the family passed into the hands of others.

For more than a quarter of a century he and his wife have given much time and attention to the collecting of shells, fossils and various antiquities in this state, and their large cabinets are filled with extremely interesting specimens. Mr. Simmerman, especially, has made a study of the subject, and is considered an authority in this locality. He is an entertaining converser,

and his long residence here and keen powers of observation have rendered him familiar with local history. For eleven years he served as the overseer of the poor and in him the suffering and needy ever find a sympathetic friend. In his political views he is independent, and religiously he is a Presbyterian.

His marriage to Miss Rhoda Rambo, a native of Gloucester county, New Jersey, was solemnized in 1850. She has been a loyal, noble wife, sharing his sorrows and joys, and in the countless ways known only to womankind has smoothed and made pleasant the rough highway of life over which he has traveled. They are quietly passing their declining days in the old home endeared to them by a thousand sacred memories, and secure in the friendship of a host of old acquaintances and lifelong neighbors.

SAMUEL G. TWELLS.

Samuel G. Twells, a retired merchant of Woodbury, New Jersey, and the owner of the Briar Hill farm, was born in Peru, Indiana, September 5, 1842, a son of John S. and Fannie (Grant) Twells. His father, who was distinguished both as a citizen and a philanthropist, was born in Philadelphia, July 25, 1818, and there obtained his education. After leaving school he obtained a situation as a salesman in the dry-goods store of Hardy & Tunis, on Market street, near Second street, in Philadelphia. In 1842 he removed to Peru, Indiana, and for two years carried on the dry-goods business there, but in 1844 disposed of his stock and returned to the City of Brotherly Love, where he carried on a shipping and commission business until 1868. In 1864, meeting with an accident which resulted in partial paralysis, he was prevented from devoting his entire attention to his business. In 1866 he purchased the beautifully located property in Woodbury known as the Mickle farm, which he subsequently named Briar Hill. To this farm he removed with his family in 1868 and there spent the remainder of his days, passing away on the 16th of February, 1890.

He had three children: Samuel G. and Josephine, who died in childhood, and Standley. Mr. Twells was known far and wide for his many benevolent deeds, and no one honestly in need or in distress was ever turned empty-handed from his door. He was equally marked for his public spirit and the existence of many of the improvements on the west side of Woodbury is due to his energy and contributions. He was a man of broad humanitarian principles, kind and benevolent, and all recognized in him a genial and courteous gentleman, of true character and worth.

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when but two years of age. He was educated there at the Episcopal Academy, then situated at the corner of Juniper and Locust streets. In early life he entered his father's store and was trained to the commission business. Rapidly acquiring a knowledge of the same he soon became a partner with his father. Since 1864 he has resided at Woodbury, and since 1866 has devoted his attention to the interests of Briar Hill farm. He married Celeste Rodney, a daughter of Thomas Rodney and Susan Maria, nee Fromburger, of Damascus, St. George's Hundred, Delaware. They have seven children,—Bertha R., Herbert, Norris, John S., Cæsar Rodney, Fannie Grant and Alfred Lee. The family are devoted members of Christ Episcopal church.

In this connection it will be interesting to note something of the history of the Rodney family. According to Vincent's History of Delaware, it is probably the most complete in this country, if not in any other country, as it carries this historic family down a space of seven hundred and eighty years.

The first Rodney that came to England was Sir Walter D. Rodney, a soldier in the year 1100 who came with the Empress Maude, the daughter of Henry I, king of England. The nineteenth was William Rodney, born in 1610, an ancestor of the Delaware Rodneys, who came with William Penn in 1682 and was his legal adviser. He had a son, Cæsar, who had three daughters and five sons: one was the celebrated Cæsar, who was the Governor of Delaware, and signed the Declaration of Independence, and was the hero of "Rodney's Ride" and a bachelor. The other son was Thomas, who also had a son, Cæsar Augustus Rodney, who was the attorney general of the United States and envoy and minister plenipotentiary to Buenos Ayres, where he died in 1824. His eldest son, Thomas Rodney, with his mother's family, moved back to Delaware. He was a consul to Cuba and the collector of a port. He had three sons and one daughter, Celeste, who married Samuel G. Twells, whose family is the subject of this sketch.

GEORGE W. PAYNE.

One of the representative citizens of Cumberland county is George W. Payne, whose prominence in business and public affairs well entitles him to representation in this volume. He was born in Millville, Cumberland county, on the 7th of September, 1843, and is a son of Thankful (Van Hook) Payne. The Payne family is of English lineage, but on the maternal side our subject is of Holland Dutch extraction. The paternal grandfather, Macey Payne, resided at Millville and was a seafaring man who sailed on coasting vessels. The father of our subject was born at Millville, February 18, 1820, was left an orphan at the age of seven years and was reared by his brother, Captain

Levi Payne. He, too, followed the sea in early life, making his first voyage as a seaman when seventeen years of age. He learned the glass-blower's trade and followed both pursuits, making his home in Millville throughout his entire life. He held membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, and on the organization of the Republican party became one of its stalwart supporters. His wife, who was a daughter of William Van Hook, was born at what was then known as Schooner Landing, a point four miles south of the business center of Millville. She was the great-granddaughter of Dr. Van Hook, who came to Millville from Darmstadt, Germany, and settled permanently here. Two of his sons, Benjamin and Lawrence, who also were physicians, were prominent in the early part of this century and particularly active during the war of 1812. Dr. Lawrence Van Hook was the grandfather of Mrs. Payne. William Van Hook, her father, was engaged in farming for many years, and in the latter part of his life was in the employ of Whitehall, Talem & Company in Millville. Mrs. Payne died in April, 1893. She was for over fifty years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which her husband also belonged. Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Payne were the parents of fifteen children, seven of whom are yet living, the eldest being George. Kate V., the second, is the wife of Henry Vogt, a shipping clerk of Philadelphia. She was first married, however, to Thomas Wells, and had three children,—Albert, Lucius and Jesse. Charles, a glass-blower by trade and now a lawyer of Millville, married Maggie Smith and has two daughters,—Eva and Ruby. Mary is the wife of Jeremiah Corson, the superintendent of the grinding department in the extensive glass-works owned by Whitall, Taylor & Company, and now has five children,—Nellie, Flora, Charles, Hannah and Frederick. Frances is the wife of Frank Boardman, a railroad engineer, and their children are Lucinda Mae and Cora. Lenora married Michael Durkin, a cloth dresser, and they had three children: Lizzie, who died at the age of thirteen years, and George and James. Jennie is the wife of Ralph Kelvington, a wheelwright, and they have one son, Harvey. Rena, the youngest of the family, is the wife of George Dougherty, a lamp worker, and they have seven children. The father of these children died in 1891, at the age of seventy, and his wife passed away when seventy-one years of age.

George Payne, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education under the direction of Dr. Parker and Rev. Northrup, and after putting aside his text-books, at the age of eleven years, he learned the glass-blower's trade, entering upon an apprenticeship in 1856. He followed that business until 1895, being in the employ of Whitall, Taylor & Company, of Millville. He mastered the business in its various departments and was a most trusted

employee of the house, a fact which is well indicated by his long service.

Taking a deep and active interest in public affairs, Mr. Payne has long been recognized as a leader of public thought and movement. He served for three terms in the New Jersey legislature, being elected to the office in 1875, 1876 and 1877, and during his second term was the chairman of the committee on corporations. In 1877 he was active in pushing a bill entitled "An act for the better securing of wages to workmen and laborers in the state of New Jersey,"—a bill for which he had worked hard the two previous years, but which he did not succeed in carrying until 1877. It was a law to prevent the payment of employes in punch orders, due bills, etc., which were redeemable only at the company's store; and the introductory clause read as follows: "That it shall not be lawful for any person or corporation in this state to issue for payment any order or other paper whatsoever unless the same purport to be redeemable for its face value in lawful money of the United States by the person giving or issuing the same." This was the first general act of the kind passed in New Jersey, and it has since been amended to better protect the workingmen. Mr. Payne was opposed by many strong men, including the Democratic nominee for governor, Mr. McGill, and was loyally supported by the present governor of the state, Mr. Griggs, who was the Republican nominee. The law was an especial boon to the glass-blowers, establishing a cash basis for their labor; and Mr. Payne incurred the enmity of manufacturers throughout the state, and was for some time proscribed from being employed. He has also been connected with public service in the custom-house at Philadelphia. During Grant's administration he served as inspector of customs, and at all times has been most loyal and faithful in the discharge of his public duties. He has likewise held a number of local offices. When his term as representative was completed he was made the assessor of the old second ward of Millville, which is now the second and fourth wards, and held the position for eight years. In March, 1889, he was elected to the common council, and, after serving a few months, resigned in order to accept the position of superintendent of the glass-works of Rankins & La Mar at Atlanta, Georgia. Returning to Millville in 1892, he was again elected to the council and served three years, taking part in important rulings as a member of the finance, water and railroad committees. In March, 1895, he was elected mayor of Millville and was re-elected in 1898, without opposition; and it is needless to add that he is one of the best mayors the city has ever had, fearless in the discharge of his duty and aiming always to foster the best interests of all classes.

Mayor Payne was the first national secretary of the National Flint Glass Workers' Union, which embraces the United States and Canada, and he held

this position three years, virtually redeeming the Union from chaos and placing it on a firm financial basis. He was for twelve years representative to the national body through successive re-elections and served on the most important committees. A fine watch, properly inscribed, was presented to him by the Union, and he has a handsome chain, which was the gift of the employes at Atlanta, where he was superintendent. He served for eight years as assessor of Millville, was two terms a member of the city council from the fourth ward, and was a justice of the peace of the fourth ward.

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ability has gained him a place of distinguished preferment among the representatives of the legal profession in Gloucester county.

A native of Philadelphia, he was born on the 23d of August, 1855, a son of David M. and Abigail A. Clymer. His ancestry is one of long and honorable connection with this country, for in the middle of the seventeenth century the family was founded in the New World. Several of the family were numbered among the adherents of the American cause during the war of the Revolution.

After acquiring his preliminary training in the public schools, Judge Clymer entered upon his business career in connection with commercial pursuits, and for a decade was thus engaged. It was his desire, however, to prepare for the legal profession, and while attending to his duties as clerk he began reading law, eagerly accepting the first opportunity that presented itself to register as a law student. After a thorough and careful preparation for the bar he was admitted in 1882, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. No dreary novitiate awaited him, for he soon entered upon a successful career and in less than a decade his marked ability secured his elevation to the bench. He soon won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods he followed. His remarkable power of concentration and application and his retentive mind have excited the surprise of his professional colleagues.

Political questions early awakened his earnest attention, and by careful study and investigation he has thoroughly informed himself concerning the issues of the day. He early became a recognized leader in the local political circles of Gloucester county, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office. In 1877 he was elected the clerk of the city of Woodbury, New Jersey, and filled that position with ability and credit for four years. For one year he held the office of chosen freeholder, but in each case refused to become a candidate for re-election. He was the city solicitor of Woodbury for four years, and while discharging his duties won a most enviable reputation. He conducted a number of very important cases and his wonderful oratory, clothed with the sound logic of truth, carried conviction to the minds of judge and jury and enabled him to mount the ladder of fame. His private practice rapidly increased, both in the courts of Gloucester county and in Philadelphia, where he also has an office and has risen to prominence as a member of the bar of that city. A most important case in Philadelphia in which he was concerned was that involving the question of the constitutionality of the city ordinance imposing a tax on non-residents. This was the case of the Commonwealth vs. Simons, reported in the Legal Intelligencer, volume 41, page 448. The ordinance was declared

unconstitutional. The ability he had displayed in the practice of his profession and his recognized knowledge of the law led, in 1891, to his appointment to president law judge of Gloucester county.

For almost six years he filled the position, and no higher testimonial of his capable service could be given than the fact that no case decided by him was ever reversed by the higher courts. His decisions were models of judicious soundness and gained for him a very desirable reputation as a jurist. He is still a close student of his profession, and at the same time is a scholarly gentleman, familiar with the classical works of literature and of art. His law practice is almost exclusively confined to the civil courts and he has a large clientele in these, both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as in the district and higher courts of the United States. He has enjoyed triumphs in his professional career, and both in public and private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, kindness and geniality and deference to the opinions of others. His conversation is enlivened by a wit and repartee that render him a pleasant companion and make him popular with all classes.

GEORGE S. SHARP.

The Sharp family from which George S. traces his descent is of English extraction. His grandfather was a successful landlord in Salem county, New Jersey. He was united in marriage to a Miss Christman and had children,—Jacob, James, Thomas, Joseph, Sarah and Mary Ann (Mrs. James Thompson). Jacob was born in Salem county and married Rosanna, a daughter of George Sheets, of Bridgeport, Gloucester county. Their children were ten in number, as follows: Amanda (Mrs. Joseph Kidd), John, Eliza (Mrs. Samuel Stranger), Sarah (Mrs. Charles E. Lodge), Charles, George S., Hugh C., Thompson, Hannah Frances (Mrs. Charles Hendrickson), and Henry.

Mr. Sharp during his active life-time was a carpenter and a farmer, but having retired from these vocations now resides in Bridgeport. His son George S. was born March 6, 1836, in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and when two years of age removed to Loga township, Gloucester county, where he has since resided. He early engaged in active labor, meanwhile improving such opportunities for education as occurred during the winter months until his majority was attained, when he embarked in the raising of produce on shares, and continued thus employed for seven years. He was in the fall of 1860 married to Miss Beulah L., a daughter of Jonathan Bennett and Hannah Lippincott, of Asbury, New Jersey. Mr. Bennett had been previously mar-

ried to Miss May Davis, and was the parent of fourteen children, three of whom were by the first marriage. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are Charles Edward, Ellen B. (who has been since her eighteenth year engaged in teaching), Katie H., Howard R., and Franklin B., who died in infancy.

During the year 1867 Mr. Sharp purchased his present home in Logan township, and has since been actively interested in the raising of general produce and other farm labor. By discretion and close application to business he has in a comparatively few years acquired a competency and enjoys a deservedly high reputation as a successful grower of sweet potatoes, which he makes a specialty. The market for his produce is principally found in Philadelphia. In local politics Mr. Sharp has been somewhat active as a Republican, but has invariably refused to accept office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bridgeport, as is also Mrs. Sharp.

F. B. RIDGWAY.

There is no more loyal or public-spirited citizen in Gloucester county than this gentleman, who is an honored veteran of the civil war and who in many public offices has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that was equal to his patriotic services upon the battle-fields of the south. He is now filling the position of county clerk, and his official course has won the commendation of all concerned. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and he therefore enjoys the confidence of the public in an unqualified degree.

Mr. Ridgway was born in the township of Greenwich, Gloucester county, February 17, 1840. His grandfather was Jacob Ridgway and his father Benjamin Ridgway. The latter was also born in the town of Greenwich and engaged in farming near Mullica Hill. He was an enterprising agriculturist whose devotion to his business interests and his capable management brought to him excellent success. He held membership in the Baptist church and his life was in harmony with his professions. He married Miss Mary Batten, a daughter of Francis Batten, of Gloucester county, and they became the parents of twelve children who lived to manhood and womanhood, while eight of the number still survive, namely: Andrews, a resident of Camden; F. B.; Aaron M., whose home is near Mullica Hill; Benjamin, of Atlantic City; Myra K., the wife of Nathan S. Lloyd and living in Mullica Hill; Sabra E., the wife of Elwood Kier, of Mullica Hill; Charles K., of Baltimore; and Moses B., of Camden. The father of these children was called to his final rest in 1883, but the mother is still living, at the age of eighty-three.

F. B. Ridgway, who is so well known in Gloucester county that this sketch cannot fail to be of interest to many of our readers, was educated in the Quaker schools and left home in the spring of 1861 to enter his country's service. The echoes from Fort Sumter's guns had hardly ceased to reverberate when he joined the Union army in Company A, Third New Jersey Infantry, April 19, 1861. Going at once to the front he entered into active service, but for some time before being mustered out he was ill, the rigors and hardships of war undermining his health. At length he received an honorable discharge and returned home. He then engaged in raising vegetables for the city markets during the summer months, while in the winter season he was employed as a school teacher.

On the 22d of February, 1865, Mr. Ridgway was united in marriage to Miss Julia P. Chattin, a daughter of one of the prominent residents of the community. He then began cultivating his wife's farm comprising forty-four acres and successfully conducted his agricultural pursuits. One child, who is still living, came to bless their union, Walter C., who is now serving as a clerk in his father's office in Woodbury.

Mr. Ridgway has been a very active factor in political circles and is a staunch advocate of the Republican party. He was elected a freeholder by his township, serving for five years, and was a member of the building committee of the board of freeholders at the time when the new court-house was erected. In 1884 he was a candidate for the nomination of county sheriff against Senator Packer. In 1887, however, he received the nomination and was elected for a three-years term. In 1892 he was elected the county clerk, filling that position for five years, and so capably did he discharge his duties that in 1897 he was re-elected and is now serving a second term. He has been a delegate to all the conventions of his party and in its councils his influence has been very marked. He keeps well informed on the issues of the day and is therefore able to give an intelligent support to the measures which he advocates. Socially he is a prominent Mason, belongs to Swedesboro Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, R. A. M., of Camden; Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; and Lu Lu Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Philadelphia. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which order he has filled all the chairs, and for five years has been a representative to the great council. He also belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics; to Mullica Hill Grange No. 51, P. of H., and James S. Stratton Post, G. A. R., of Mullica Hill. His wife holds membership in the Baptist church and they are both highly esteemed by the people, enjoying the marked regard of many friends. Mr. Ridgway is a most competent official and his public record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong.

JAMES H. NIXON.

Judge James H. Nixon, who is now occupying the bench of the circuit court of New Jersey, is one of the distinguished citizens of the state. His name figures conspicuously in connection with the political, legal and judicial annals of New Jersey.

A native of Cumberland county, Judge Nixon was born in 1838, and at the age of twenty years was graduated in Princeton University with the class of 1858. He subsequently engaged in teaching school for three years in the Lawrenceville Academy near Princeton, and afterward prepared for the legal profession as a student in the law office of Hon. John T. Nixon, of Bridgeton, New Jersey. In 1863, at the November term of the supreme court, he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Millville. For twenty-one years he was the solicitor of that city and was connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district. His preparation was thorough and exact, his mind is keenly analytical, his reasoning profound and his application of legal principles to the points at issue accurate and exact. Well fitted for leadership, he has long figured prominently in connection with public affairs in the state. He was a member of the New Jersey house of the assembly for four years, from 1865 until 1869, and of the senate three years, from 1869 to 1872, and acted as the chairman of the judiciary committee in both bodies. In 1876 his name was placed on the Republican electoral ticket of the state. He filled the important office of assistant attorney general during the administration of President Harrison and for more than a year and a half under the second administration of President Cleveland. He was appointed the judge of the court of errors and appeals by Governor Gregg on the 2d of March, 1896, for a term of six years, but resigned the office to accept the appointment to the circuit bench of New Jersey made by Governor Voorhees on the 19th of February, 1900. He is a stalwart Republican and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of his party in the state. Mr. Nixon enjoys a state reputation, for the importance and prominence of the legal interests with which his name is associated have been such as to require the careful handling of men of superior ability whose talents are such as to draw to them not only the attention of their professional brethren but of the public as well. Yet Mr. Nixon is a man of great modesty and unobtrusive manner, who seeks not laudation of self. His reputation is the deserved tribute of high merit. It comes as the natural sequence of talents that place him upon an exalted plane above the majority of mankind, owing to the development of ability through study, earnest purpose and untiring effort.

GEORGE S. WEST.

George S. West, the surrogate of Camden county and a resident of the city of Camden, was born September 12, 1851, in Boston, Massachusetts, a son of Samuel and Mary (Weldon) West. Samuel West, who also was a native of Boston, settled in Camden in 1852. A soldier in the regular army, served in the Mexican war, fighting on the Rio Grande under General Zachary Taylor and distinguishing himself for bravery. Though troubled by a wound received in Mexico, he was eager to participate in the war of the Rebellion, and raised a company of volunteers in Ohio. After receiving the command of the company he never reached the battle-field, as his old wound caused his death in 1861, when he was forty-four years old.

George S. West was educated in the public schools of Camden. He subsequently learned the machinist's trade; but, having no taste for labor of that kind, he sought and obtained the position of salesman in a wholesale clothing and notion house of Philadelphia. Afterward he opened a large auction house in Camden, which he successfully conducted until 1887. In the meantime he had taken an active part in politics as a Republican, and his character and energy had made him popular with both parties. Beginning in 1885, he was elected a member of the city council for three successive years, representing Ward 4. In 1887 he was elected county surrogate on the Republican ticket, receiving, it is stated, the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office in this section. On that occasion he gave up his auction business, and thereafter devoted his whole attention to the duties of his office. Having completed his term of five years with credit, he was re-elected for another term in 1892, and also in 1897.

In 1876 Mr. West was married to Miss Mary J. Charles, of Camden, and now has one son, Hayden A., who graduated at the University of Pennsylvania and also at the University of Tennessee. He is a practicing physician in Nashville, Tennessee, a professor in the University of Tennessee and the University of the South. He is a member of the Camden Republican Club. Taking much interest in military affairs, he was the commander of Company D, Sixth Regiment of the National Guards, and now the regimental adjutant of the Third Regiment and chairman of the committee on the new armory. It was largely through his instrumentality that the state was induced to appropriate one hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars for the erection of that handsome structure. He is a Knight Templar Mason, has taken the thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Lulu Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Philadelphia. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Brotherhood of United



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American Mechanics, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is popular with all classes of men and a leading spirit in social events. Mrs. West is a deaconess of the Linden Baptist church, but Mr. West is not a church member.

W. J. BROWNING.

The business capacity of Mr. Browning is of high order and through many years the history of his career has formed an important chapter in the annals of the commercial interests of Camden. He was born in this city, April 11, 1850, and is a son of William H. Browning, who was born in Merchantville, this county, his father being John Browning. William H. Browning was a carriage trimmer and died on the 18th of February, 1861. His wife passed away in 1881, and like her husband was a faithful member of the Society of Friends. They became the parents of three children: William J., of this review; B. F., a resident of Camden; and Mary A., widow of Ed A. Henry.

W. J. Browning pursued his education in the public schools of his native city and later attended the Friends' Central High School, of Philadelphia. At the age of fifteen he entered upon his business career, becoming connected with a wholesale dry-goods house of that city. There he remained for thirty years, connected with the same line of business. In 1881 he became a member of the firm of W. B. Kempton & Company. In 1883 he became a member of the firm of Crap, Vandevere & Company. In 1887 that firm retired from business and Mr. Browning became the controller of the New Jersey trade for Howett, Warner & Company, with whom he remained for five years. While with the latter firm he was made the postmaster of Camden, in 1889, occupying that position for five years. In 1894 he was appointed adjuster of the Camden Suburban Railroad Company, and is a director and the secretary of the West Jersey Traction Company, a director of the Camden Building & Loan Company and the Homestead Building & Loan Association. He is a man of marked capacity in business affairs, capable of controlling extensive and varied interests.

Official positions have also been accorded Mr. Browning, and aside from his service as postmaster he has been a member of the board of education and of the city council. He was made the chief clerk of the house of representatives in the fifty-fourth congress and still holds that position. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and is well informed on all the issues and questions of the

day. He discharges his duties with businesslike dispatch and his fidelity has won him high commendation.

On the 31st of January, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Browning and Miss Lillie A. Taylor, a daughter of Rev. Thomas R. Taylor, of Camden. Their union has been blest with a son, W. K., who is now a practicing physician of Plainfield, New Jersey. Mr. Browning is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the American Order of United Workmen. He also belongs to the First Baptist church. Close application to his business interests, combined with keen discernment and a judgment that is rarely at fault, has enabled him to win and maintain a foremost position in commercial circles, while his social qualities have gained him the warm regard of many friends.

BENJAMIN L. DENSTEN.

Benjamin L. Densten has passed his entire life in Gloucester county, identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state, and no one in his community is more highly respected. His father, Leven Densten, was a native of Virginia and spent his youth and early manhood in that state, subsequently removing to a farm in West Deptford township, Gloucester county. His later years were passed here and at his death he had reached the extreme age of one hundred years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Stetcher, was summoned to the better land about 1873.

The subject of this sketch was born on the old homestead in this township, January 21, 1847. His elementary education was acquired in the common schools of the neighborhood and in those of Thorofare and Red Bank. From his early years he has been familiar with agriculture in its various branches, and by the time that he had arrived at his majority he was fully competent to manage a farm on his own account. He is now considered one of the most progressive, practical farmers of his home neighborhood, and merits the high respect in which he is held by all. In political affairs he takes a patriotic interest, his ballot and influence being given to the Republican party.

At Woodbury, on the 1st of July, 1878, Mr. Densten married Miss Anna M. Bendler, daughter of William and Mary Bendler. Three children bless their union, namely: Mary E., Samuel E. and Everett Glenwood. The family attend the Baptist church and take an active part in furthering all worthy enterprises. They have a pleasant home and enjoy the respect and well earned regard of all with whom they have been associated, whether in business or social circles.

J. FRANK SHULL.

It is always a pleasure to the biographer to trace the history of a man whose career has been strictly honorable and above reproach, as is the case with J. Frank Shull, of Wenonah. Since 1875 he has resided here with his family in a beautiful modern house which he built that year, and no one in this locality is more highly esteemed, or more worthy of representation in the annals of the county.

The Shulls are of English origin, and both the father and grandfather of our subject were natives of this state. Abijah Shull, the last mentioned, was born at Franklinville, and, like his father, he followed agriculture. For a period, however, he drove the old stage from Philadelphia to Port Elizabeth, and thus became well known, far and wide. He married Margaret Cake, of his native place, the daughter in a family of pioneer hotel-keepers. He continued exceptionally strong and active, mentally and physically, until his death in 1866. His widow lived for a number of years afterward, her death occurring in November, 1891. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character, and to her gentle, loving influence her children might safely attribute much of the noble element in their natures. She was a devoted wife and mother, faithful and true in all her relations with her fellow men and actively interested in church work. She was in her eighty-eighth year when the summons came to her to lay aside her earthly cares and to "enter into the rest which remaineth for the people of God." She was the mother of seven children, three of whom are deceased. Joseph is a resident of Deerfield, Cumberland county, New Jersey; Caroline W. is the wife of Preston Lippincott and resides near Deerfield; and Robert T. lives at Woodbury.

J. Frank Shull was born in Deerfield, Cumberland county, in 1843, and in his boyhood acquired an elementary education in the district schools. Later he was a student at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, thus laying the foundations of his subsequent successful commercial career. In 1862 he became a traveling salesman for a tobacco firm of Philadelphia and for ten years he continued to be employed along this line. Then he turned his attention to the selling of groceries for the wholesale firm of Jacoby, Wireback & Company, of Delaware avenue, Philadelphia, and traveled for twelve years more in this enterprise, finally being admitted to the firm. In 1873 Mr. Jacoby died and soon afterward the new firm of Shull, Wireback & Company was organized. This connection remained in existence until 1892, when Mr. Shull purchased the entire business, which he is conducting on a broader plan than ever before. The store is situated at No. 14 Front Street, Philadelphia, and six traveling salesmen are em-

ployed, the territory which they cover including portions of the south, besides Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Shull is a man of fine business sagacity and enterprise, and by well directed efforts he has amassed a comfortable fortune.

Ever since the First National Bank of Glassboro was organized Mr. Shull has been the vice president of the now flourishing financial concern. He has been one of the trustees of the South Jersey Institute, of Bridgeton, New Jersey,—a Baptist institution. Fraternally he is a member of Ionic Lodge, Siloam Chapter, and Cyrene Commandery, all of Camden, New Jersey. When a young man he identified himself with the Baptist church, and for some years he has been an influential deacon in the Woodbury congregation.

On the 8th of November, 1867, the marriage of Mr. Shull and Miss Amelia Burdsall, a daughter of Ira Burdsall, was solemnized. She is a native of Kentucky, and by her marriage became the mother of two children: Laura B., the wife of H. G. Peddle, of Woodbury; and Rena C., the wife of W. J. McCahann, Jr., the secretary of the McCahann Sugar Refining Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

AARON SCHELLINGER.

One of the venerable and highly respected citizens of Cape May, New Jersey, is he of whom the following lines are penned. He is a descendant of Cornelius Schellinger, and his paternal grandfather was William Schellinger, who was a pilot and farmer. He owned large tracts of land on Cape May Point and resided near the steamboat landing in Lower township. Both he and his wife, Sophia (Stevens) Schellinger, lived to attain the advanced age of four-score years, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. Their son William became one of the millionaire merchants of Cincinnati, Ohio, and their other children were John, Aaron and Sarah. The daughter became the wife of Joshua Townsend, who was an influential citizen of Seaville, New Jersey, and at one time was a member of the legislature.

The father of our subject, Aaron Schellinger, was born in Lower township. He learned the trade of ship carpenter in Philadelphia, and later constructed a great many sloops and pilot boats at what is now known as Schellinger's Landing. For years he dwelt in a small, old-fashioned house, with a great fireplace extending across one end of the building. For a period he and his thrifty wife kept a boarding-house and in time they became well-to-do, owning a fine farm of one hundred acres, on which he erected a substan-

tial residence. He served in the war of 1812, was a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party, officiated as tax collector of his district, and for a period was the wreck-master at Cape May. Of the Presbyterian church he was an earnest and active member, leading the singing and giving liberally of his means toward the spread of the gospel. To himself and wife, Sophia (Bennett) Schellinger, the following children were born: Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Smith, a plasterer, and is the mother of Napoleon, Lorinda, Captain William (a seafaring man who lives at Cape May), and Mary, the wife of Isaac Dickinson, a carpenter of Cape May; William, a carpenter and builder at Cape May, who wedded Mary J. McCray and had a son, Clarence; George, a farmer of this county, living at Cape May, who married Anna Maria Hand and has two sons,—Alexander and William; Jeremiah, a plasterer by trade, who married Louise Merritt and whose sons Merritt and Joseph are wealthy manufacturers of glass at Royersford, Pennsylvania; Joseph, deceased, who was a machinist and coal dealer, and married Augusta Styles, by whom he had a son; and Aaron, the subject of this sketch. The father departed this life when he was eighty-eight years of age, and the mother when she was in her eighty-seventh year.

The birth of Aaron Schellinger took place March 6, 1816, at his parents' home on Lafayette street, Cape May, New Jersey. He attended school in this town in his youth, and here mastered the plasterer's trade, which he followed successfully for a quarter of a century. He then embarked in the coal business and owns the schooner which conveys his coal. At an early age he became interested financially in the shipping business, and at various times has been the proprietor of boats, schooners, yachts and small vessels engaged in the coast trade. At this writing he owns a number of boats and boat-houses. He owns a fine little farm of four acres here, and one of one hundred acres at Cold Spring. Diligence, economy and enterprise marked all of his business transactions, and integrity and justice characterized his entire commercial career.

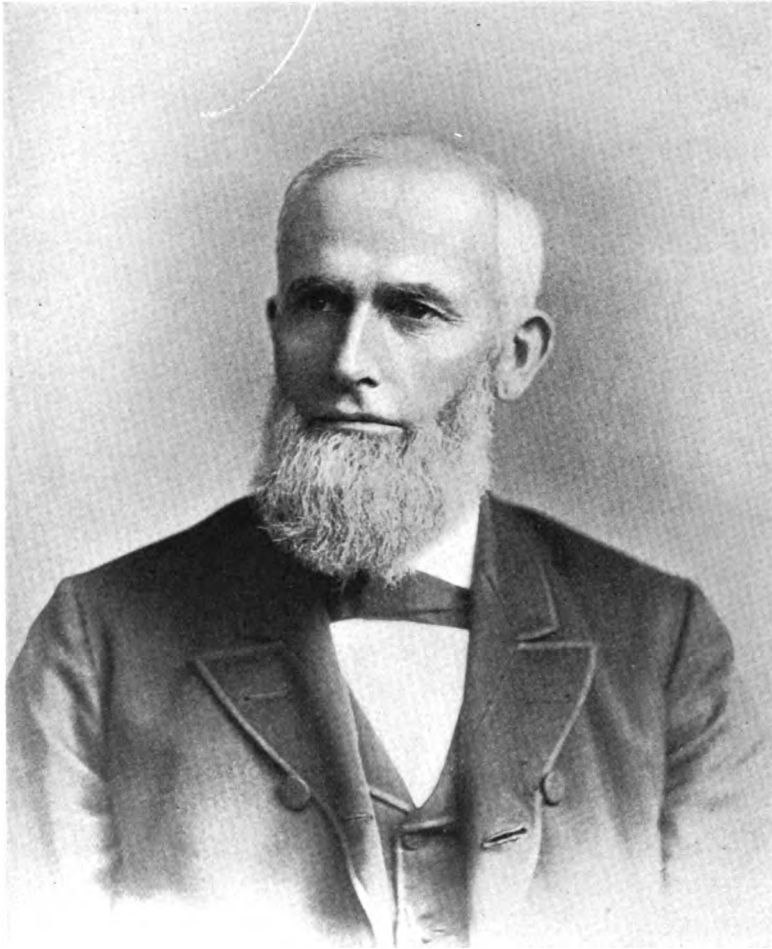
Since becoming a voter Mr. Schellinger has been a staunch Democrat, and from time to time he has occupied local offices, such as that of road overseer, member of the town council and wreck-master. The Baptist church has received his earnest support since he was a young man, and no sacrifice was too great for him when its interests demanded his aid. Beside contributing liberally to the regular maintenance of the church and its work, he gave three thousand dollars to it at one time. For two-score years he has officiated as a deacon in the congregation, for fourteen years served in another official capacity, and for a quarter of a century was superintendent of the Sunday-school and leader of the choir.

The first wife of Mr. Schellinger was Miss Mary M. ———, prior to their marriage in 1842, and their children were named Rebecca and Alexis. The daughter became the wife of Willis Stiles, who is engaged in the oyster business at Tuckerton, New Jersey. They are the parents of four children: the Hon. Herbert Stiles, Alexis, Helen and Sophia. Alexis Schellinger married Maggie Elwell, and their only child is the Hon. William Schellinger. Alexis Schellinger is a plasterer by trade, and is a yachtsman and financially interested in the fisheries. The second wife of our subject bore the maiden name of Ann Merritt, and his third wife was formerly Elizabeth (Brooks) Merritt. In 1876 he was united in wedlock with Deborah Price, a daughter of the Rev. John Price, a minister of the Baptist church at Cold Spring.

BENJAMIN HERITAGE.

When settlements were first being made in New Jersey and the land was being reclaimed from the red men for purposes of civilization, there came to the New World emigrants who bore the name of Heritage, and in Burlington county, this state, in 1684, planted the family on American soil. Since that time their descendants have been identified with the honorable business and professional pursuits which conduce to a state's prosperity and progress.

Benjamin Heritage, whose name heads this sketch, is of the sixth generation of Heritages in America, as will be seen from the following account: Richard Heritage, from whom those now bearing the name of Heritage in south New Jersey and many other localities have descended, came from Brazlies, Warwickshire, England, in 1684. He had purchased rights of Edward Byllings, and upon his arrival here made a location of land on the north side of the south branch of Pensauken creek in Burlington county, New Jersey, calling his new home Hatten New Garden. He died 6th mo., 16th, 1702. His children were John, Joseph, Sarah and Mary. Joseph married Hannah Allen 11th mo., 26th, 1697, and died 11th mo., 13th, 1756. His children were Richard, Joseph, Benjamin, John, Mary and Hannah. Joseph, of the latter family, married Sarah Whitall in 1730 and had several children, one being a son named Benjamin, who was born in 1735 and died in 1810. He married Priscilla ——— and had the following children: Josiah, who became a Methodist minister; Benjamin, born in Gloucester county, who became a minister of the Society of Friends; Ephraim, who loyally served in the colonial army in the Revolutionary war; and Priscilla. Benjamin, last mentioned, was born 12th mo., 23rd, 1766, married Hannah



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White 3rd mo., 15th, 1792, and died 9th mo., 6th, 1831. His children were Jonathan, William, Sarah, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, Benjamin W., Ann M., Emma, Priscilla and Joseph O. Jonathan, born 3rd mo., 21st, 1793, married Esther Atkinson, a daughter of John Atkinson, 2nd mo., 3rd, 1830, and died 11th mo., 20th, 1869. He devoted his life to farming, and his capable management of affairs brought him a desirable success. He was of a retiring disposition, a man of sterling worth and a consistent member of the Society of Friends. His children are Charles; Benjamin, the subject proper of this sketch, who was born 8th mo., 18th, 1833; John, George, and Elizabeth A., all of whom are living at or near Mickleton. The mother of these children passed away in 1871.

Benjamin Heritage spent his boyhood days at his parental home and acquired his education in the common schools. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the labors of the farm, and thus his practical knowledge of the business well fitted him for his business career when he began farming on his own account. He was accounted one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community and successfully managed his farm until 1881, when, having acquired a comfortable competence, he retired to private life. He owns one hundred and twelve acres, which he rents.

Mr. Heritage has held a number of township offices. He was a freeholder for five years, commissioner for a similar period, chairman of the Township Committee six years, surveyor for three years, and has been president of the township board of education ever since the old school districts of the township have been consolidated,—six years. He never asked for an office, nor for a vote, and has ever discharged his duties in a prompt and faithful manner, never betraying even in the slightest degree the trust reposed in him. He is a member of the Society of Friends and a progressive, public-spirited citizen who gives an earnest support to all measures which he believes will prove of public benefit.

ISAAC C. STEVENSON.

Isaac C. Stevenson is a retired farmer of Gloucester county, having for many years been identified with agricultural interests, but now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born near Blackwood, New Jersey, January 26, 1822. His father was Isaac Stevenson, a native of Burlington county, and the grandfather was the founder of the family in America, having emigrated from Great Britain and settled in Kensington,

Philadelphia. Isaac Stevenson was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit until his life's labors were ended in death in 1827. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and was a man of the highest respectability and worth. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Collins, was a daughter of Amos Collins, of Cross Keys, New Jersey, and her death occurred in 1847. By the marriage of this worthy couple eight children were born, but only two are now living: Richard, of Blackwood; and Isaac C.

In the country schools Isaac Stevenson acquired his education, and upon the home farm he was trained to the labor of the fields. He early began farming on his own account, and in 1837 located upon what is known as the Stevenson homestead, about a mile from the town of Wenonah. He owned the land upon which the town is now built, and in 1871 sold the property to the Mancha Land & Improvement Company, composed of the following named gentlemen: William F. Allen, Horatio J. Mulford, Samuel A. Whitney, George Wood, John M. Moor, William J. Sewell, B. F. Lee and Samuel Hopkins. He is still the owner of considerable property, however, his landed possessions aggregating four hundred and seventy-four acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner a good income. While actively identified with the farming interests of the community, he followed very practical and progressive methods, and neatness characterizes everything upon the old homestead. Its buildings are commodious and substantial, its fields well tilled, and its excellent condition is an indication of the enterprise and diligence of the owner. Mr. Stevenson has also been a director of the First National Bank at Glassboro, is the agent of the Mancha Land & Improvement Company, and superintendent of the Wenonah water works. During the war of the Rebellion he was a member of the Deptford township committee and its treasurer, and during his service in that capacity he paid for volunteers from his township over a hundred thousand dollars.

In June, 1847, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Coles, a daughter of William Coles, of Salem county. For many years they traveled life's journey together, but in 1890 were separated by death, Mrs. Stevenson being called to her final rest on the 5th of May of that year. They had two children: Sarah, the wife of George L. Dilks, of Wenonah, and Charles C., of Blackwood. For fifty years Mr. Stevenson has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and his life has been in harmony with his religious belief and confessions. He is a man of marked business and executive ability, and has ever borne an unassailable reputation in all trade transactions. Honesty is synonymous with his name, and this, combined with his unflagging energy and perseverance, has brought to him

a handsome success that numbers him among the substantial citizens of Gloucester county.

EDWARD LAWRENCE.

Edward Lawrence, an enterprising farmer of Salem and one of the largest land-owners of the county, may well be classed among its representative men. He is a son of William and Rebecca (Seagraves) Lawrence, and was born December 9, 1839, in Mannington township, where he became noted as a representative and enterprising agriculturist. His grandfather, George Lawrence, married Susannah Browning, a sister of Abraham Browning and an aunt of the prominent lawyer of that name in Camden, this state. Their children were Catherine, Elizabeth, Maria, George, Isaac, Thomas, and Mary Ann, William. He fought in the war of 1812 and was a soldier of valor. A member of the Episcopal church, he was an earnest Christian and lived an honorable and upright life.

William Lawrence was a farmer of Mannington township during his active life, but moved to Salem some eight years before his death and there enjoyed a well earned rest. He was a Democrat and a freeholder and took an active interest in local politics. He was a regular attendant of the Baptist church and possessed of many sterling qualities that made him among the most respected men of the county. He was twice married, his first wife, Rebecca Seagraves, was the mother of six children: William; Joseph; Susan; Mary, who died at the age of twelve years; Edward, our subject; and John, who died at the age of twenty-three years. The father died in May, 1876, at the age of seventy years.

Edward Lawrence was educated in the district schools of his native township and the pay schools of Salem. Reaching manhood, he adopted the calling of his father and became a farmer, first residing for a period of seventeen years upon the paternal homestead of two hundred acres which he still owns. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in Salem county, giving care and attention to the preparation of the soil for his crops and to their cultivation, and he was rewarded by a bountiful harvest. He added to his already large acreage until at the present time he has, in addition to the two hundred acres upon which he began his farming, the well cultivated farm of one hundred and seventy-eight acres upon which he has resided for many years past, and a half interest in another property of four hundred acres in New Castle county, Delaware, making him one of the most extensive land-owners in the county.

Mr. Lawrence has been twice united in the bonds of matrimony, his first

wife being Elizabeth Robinson, who died May 1, 1875, leaving one child, Joseph, who married Helen Rittenhouse and lives in Philadelphia. His second wife, Mary Elizabeth Carpenter, is a daughter of William B. Carpenter, of Salem, New Jersey. They have two children,—Anna and William. He is a Democrat, although his political enthusiasm has never been sufficiently strong to force him into the ring for political honors. As a trustee of the almshouse he has served the county faithfully and well, while as a trustee of the school he has been a valued friend to the cause of education.

JOSEPH PAUL.

Probably no resident of Gloucester county was more widely or more favorably known through the last half of the seventeenth century than Joseph Paul. As the proprietor of the Paul Hotel, of Woodbury, he gained a wide acquaintance and was very popular, his social qualities and sterling worth gaining for him the friendship and high regard of many with whom he came in contact. Viewed from a financial standpoint, his life was also a success, and his prosperity was attributable entirely to his own well directed efforts.

Mr. Paul was a native of Swedesboro, Gloucester county, New Jersey, and was a son of Hiram Paul, who was also a native of that place, where for many years he conducted a hotel. In the public schools of his native town our subject acquired his education, gaining a good knowledge of the English branches that well fitted him for the practical duties of life. In 1859 he came to Woodbury, where he purchased the Hotel Willis, changing its name to Paul's Hotel. From that time until his death, which occurred October 23, 1896, he conducted business and made his place one of the most popular hotels in this section of the country. The hotel was especially noted for the fine dinners which it served to its guests, and Mr. Paul won a high reputation as a terrapin cook. Parties of prominent men often came from Philadelphia and other places to take dinner here, and the Union League Club of Philadelphia often entertained at dinner here, paying ten dollars a plate!

In public affairs Mr. Paul was also very prominent and was a recognized leader in the circles of the Republican party. His hotel was the rallying point of the supporters of the organization and many a slate was made and broken within its hospitable walls. For seventeen years he held the office of county collector, and his long service well indicated his fidelity and the trust reposed in him.

On the 24th of October, 1878, Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Miss

Sarah Swain, a daughter of Nathan Swain, of Kentucky. Her people were extensive slaveholders of that state, but were extremely loyal to the Union cause, so that at the time of the civil war her father and three of her brothers served under the starry banner and fought for the supremacy of the national government at Washington. Since her husband's death Mrs. Paul has conducted the hotel. She is a lady of marked executive ability and keen discernment, and success follows her undertakings. In his social relations Mr. Paul was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and was accounted one of the valued representatives of those ancient and benevolent fraternities. He might well be termed a self-made man, for starting out in life without capital he steadily worked his way upward until he had attained a position of affluence and at the same time gained the warm regard of all whom he met.

Mrs. Paul is the owner of Ogden Heights, a handsome country home near Woodbury, which was purchased shortly before the death of her husband and where he died.

ISAAC H. BACON.

Isaac Hitchner Bacon, of Salem, Salem county, New Jersey, is one of our reputable, substantial business men whose success has depended largely on his own individual efforts. He is a son of Lot and Sarah A. (Hawn) Bacon, and was born in Shiloh, Cumberland county, New Jersey, on April 6, 1854. Lot Bacon was also a native of that county, where he afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he offered his services in behalf of liberty and became a member of the Twenty-fourth New Jersey Volunteer Regiment for a term of nine months. While in the service he was afflicted with jaundice and was obliged to go to the hospital near Washington, D. C., where he died. He was an earnest Christian and a member of the Adventists' church. He was united in marriage with Sarah A. Hawn, who still survives him. Their children were Henry and Margaret, who died unmarried; Jesse, an engineer, who married Jane Hewsted; Isaac H., our subject; John S., who married Hettie Edward and resides in Salem; and Harriet, deceased. After the death of the father the mother married William J. Tayler, an engineer, by whom she had one child, William J., a glass-blower, who married Clara Taylor.

Mr. Bacon attended the Buttonwood school until the death of his father made it no longer possible for him to do so, and he was obliged to quit at the tender age of eight years. He was then put to work on a farm for a short time and then came to Salem, where he began work for the firm of

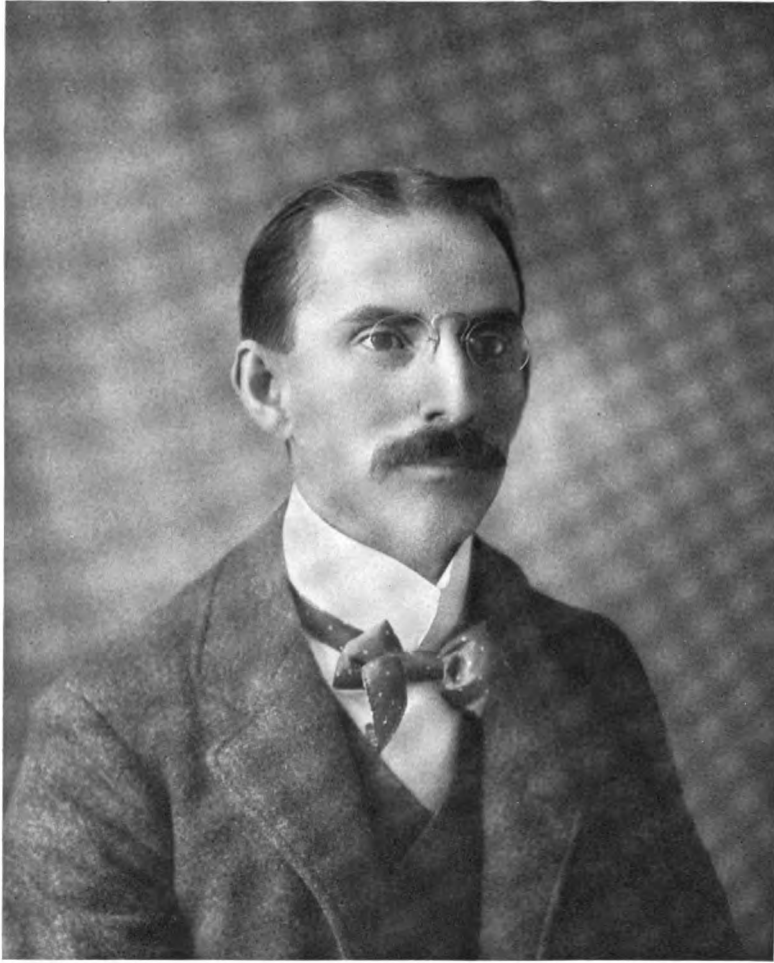
Pancoast & Cravan in their large glass-works as snapper-up boy. He served in all the departments of the work as snapper, blower, foreman and general manager of the manufacturing department, having some four hundred men under him. This plant does an extensive business and ships its goods to all parts of the country. After coming to Salem he felt the need of an education, and in order to achieve it attended a session of night school where his time was profitably spent and the foundation laid for a more comprehensive education from reading and general observation.

He was married February 26, 1874, to Mary E. Wright, a daughter of John Wright, a former school-teacher, who is now a resident of Alloway township. They have two children, Ella, deceased, and Walter. He has been prominent in all public work and has spared no effort to advance the welfare of the municipality. He was formerly a member of the Liberty Hook and Ladder Company, and is now a member of the Firemen's Relief Association and the American Wheelmen. He is also prominent in social circles, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Salem Encampment, No. 10, and the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican and has been an active worker in local politics, while as a member of the city council he has been untiring in working for the best interests of his town.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRIS.

William Henry Harris is the editor of the *South Jerseyman*, and through the columns of his paper as well as by personal influence he has aided largely in promoting the substantial welfare, advancement and improvement of Salem and the surrounding country. He was born in this city February 10, 1870, pursued his preliminary education in the primary and grammar schools and afterward completed the high-school course. He then entered the Times Printing House on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, which was then the largest establishment of the kind in the city. On serving a regular apprenticeship he became well qualified for work in connection with the "art preservative of arts." From early life he manifested a decided taste for this vocation, and in his boyhood spent much time in the village newspaper office. For four years he remained with the Times printing house, and on the expiration of that period established a printing house in Salem, doing job and mercantile printing, in which enterprise he met with gratifying success. In 1893 he purchased *The South Jerseyman*, consolidating that with his job printing establishment. Further particulars are given a little further on.

Mr. Harris was married to Miss Phebe A. Armstrong, of Salem. They



Dr. Williams

have three children: Bessie A., born November 7, 1889; Ralph N., born October 8, 1891; and Clifford W., born October 28, 1895. The parents hold membership in the Broadway Methodist Episcopal and the First Baptist church. Mr. Harris is a very prominent and influential member of the Young Men's Christian Association, was one of the promoters of the organization at the time of its establishment and was a member of its board of directors. The first paper that he ever printed was the organ of the association. He has always taken a very active part in its work, being especially interested in the welfare of young men, to which class he yet belongs. Realizing the importance of training and influence to those who are in the stage of character development, he has done all in his power to aid the youth of Salem in entering upon a path of life that will lead ever onward and upward. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, always attends the conventions of his party and has frequently served as secretary. He is a member of the Garfield Club of this city and belongs to Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5, K. G. E., and the Fenwick Lodge, No. 164, I. O. O. F. His actions have ever been such as distinctively to entitle him to a place in this publication, and, although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography appearing in this work can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty and integrity in securing success.

THE SOUTH JERSEYMAN.

The South Jerseyman, one of the leading newspapers published in this section of the state, was established in Salem on the 14th of June, 1881, by Charles N. Bell and D. Harris Smith, and was published in the interest of the Republican party. The first owners remained in charge until 1890, when the firm was dissolved, Mr. Smith carrying on business alone for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period it was repurchased by Mr. Bell and in 1893 passed into the possession of William H. Harris, the present owner and editor. On the 20th of June he assumed the management of the paper, which he has since published. It was established as a county Republican organ and has always advocated the principles of the grand old party, being an active and influential factor in local and state campaign work. It has the largest circulation of all papers in the state south of Trenton. See sworn statement in the American Newspaper Directory. The circulation is enlarging all the time, and in a year the figures will be erratic. It is a well edited journal, neat in appearance, clean and wholesome, and always to be relied upon to champion all measures for the public good. In addition to the well equipped plant in Salem, a branch office is maintained at Ninth and Arch

streets, Philadelphia, for the convenience of foreign advertisers who wish to secure rates, place business and for the reception of mercantile printing. The office is patronized by some of the best business houses and corporations in Philadelphia. The large steam plant, fully equipped with all the latest improvements, insures first-class workmanship. The South Jerseyman was first established as a four-page folio, and on the 1st of January, 1900, was changed to an eight-page quarto, the latest devices being used for folding and pasting the paper. This paper is well known throughout southern New Jersey and was especially prominent as a factor in the election of General W. J. Sewell to the United States senate in 1897. In the face of strong opposition the South Jerseyman has had a rapid growth. It is the youngest journal of the city and its progressive and improved business methods have won for it a circulation and influence worthy of much older journals. When Mr. Harris took charge he was the youngest editor in the state, but his ability as a journalist was soon manifest, and his excellent work is shown by the continued and ever growing success which has attended the enterprise.

RICHARD T. STARR.

Richard Thompson Starr, the proprietor and operator of one of the largest canning factories in southern New Jersey, is one of the most influential and well known residents of Salem county, who has made his home in the city of Salem since 1873. He was born in Trenton, this state, August 27, 1850, and is a son of Rev. Samuel and Mary Mountain (Thompson) Starr, widely known as a minister of more than average ability. The family sprung from one of three brothers who came to America from England at an early day.

Rev. Samuel Starr was the eldest child of Samuel Starr, a physician, and one of three children: Samuel; Edward, a merchant of Newton, Connecticut, who died there some ten years ago; and Mary, who died young. Samuel was given a good education, finishing at the Trinity College at Hartford. He then entered the ministry of the Episcopalian church and for a period of more than twenty years was stationed at Trenton as the rector of the church there, while at the same time he served as the chaplain of the state's prison at that place. Failing health finally caused him to leave the field where he had labored so long and faithfully, and it was with sincere regret that the many friends he had gathered round him both in the church and out of it saw him take his departure for the west. He was offered the pastorate of Grace church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and took up his residence at that thriving little city in 1854, remaining there the remainder of his life. He died sud-

denly, in Chicago, in 1859, when returning from a visit to his old home in the east. He was then in his fifty-fifth year and had spent over thirty years in the ministry. His was a gentle, forbearing disposition, and his labors were attended with a far-reaching influence for good that was possible only to a man of his strong and dominating personality. Under his charge the little church in the west thrived and grew in strength until a solid foundation was laid for one of the strongest organizations in the middle west, and he is still held in loving remembrance by many of the older members who were then young people in his church. He was a shrewd business man as well as eloquent preacher, and invested largely in the prairie lands of the west, which it was one of his chief pleasures and recreations to manage.

He was twice married, the first ceremony being solemnized by Bishop Deane, of the New Jersey diocese, at Burlington, New Jersey. Two children were born of this union: Edward, deceased, connected with the Chicago Evening Journal for more than thirty years and a graduate of Gambier College, in Ohio. He married Miss Mary McCabe, a sister of Bishop McCabe. He had charge of the advertising department of the Journal and died at the age of fifty-five or -six years, in 1888. The second child was Rev. William C. Starr, who was a natural mechanic and for many years was closely associated with railroad magnates, but turned to the work of Christ and for several years has been stationed in Philadelphia as a supply in the Episcopalian church. The wife and child are dead. The Rev. Samuel Starr took for his second wife Miss Mary Thompson, the mother of our subject. Their children were Richard Thompson; Thomas B., born May 31, 1852, who was educated in the pay schools and is associated with our subject in business. He married Miss Mary Morris, a daughter of Josiah Morris, of Salem. The mother was a daughter of Dr. Hedge Thompson, for many years a prominent physician of Salem and a direct descendant of Lord Fenwick, the founder of the colony. He was a prominent politician of his day and represented his district in congress. The mother died in 1894, at the age of seventy-nine years. She was a woman of rare attainments, a sweet and lovable nature, and well suited to be the helpmeet of a minister of the gospel.

Richard Thompson Starr first attended private school at Salem, and when his parents moved west entered the public schools of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thinking of entering the legal profession, he became a student at Edge Hill, under Professor Cattell, preparatory to entering Princeton, but finally abandoned that intention and decided to try his fortunes in commercial life. In 1870 he accepted a position in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company, where he remained a year, and then went to Chicago to take the position of fire and police reporter on the Chicago

Evening Journal. He was not at all pleased with this work, and two years sufficed to show him that he must turn to some other field for an employment that would be at once congenial and lucrative.

In 1873 he returned east and with George Mecum as a partner laid the foundation of his immense canning business. The firm of Starr and Mecum began canning in a small way, employing only about fifty men, but the goods put upon the market were of excellent quality and found a ready market, while their factory furnished the surrounding farmers with a new source of income and soon became one of the most popular industries in that section. The business continued to increase in volume until their old quarters was found much too small, and the firm of Starr & Brother—Mr. Mecum having been succeeded by Thomas Starr—put up a factory at Hancock's Bridge in 1880, which was operated by them ten years and had a capacity of fifty thousand cans per day, or one ton of tomatoes in three and one-half minutes! The two factories made a record of ninety-seven thousand cans per day. The factory at Hancock's Bridge was sold to Fogg & Hires, who now operate it. At present they have in course of erection, at Port Penn, Delaware, a factory which will have a capacity of one million cans per season and will require many acres of tomatoes to supply the demand. The factory at Salem, the Fenwick Canning Works, is the oldest but one in the county, has an output of two million cans per year, employs five or six hundred people and consumes the product of six or seven hundred acres annually, giving to the farmers a steady market for a very productive crop.

Mr. Starr and Miss Frances E. Titus were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on January 10, 1873, and are the parents of four children: Katherine, Annie Forman, Mary Thompson, and one that died in infancy.

Mr. Starr is a Republican in politics, and has been closely identified with the city interests, acting as the chief of the Salem fire department for sixteen years, represented the West ward in the city council, was director of the board of freeholders, and was also an officer in the senate when the Democrats made one of their attempts at stealing, in 1896. Socially he is a member of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.; Forrest Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Salem Firemen's Relief Association; Fenwick Club, and the Salem Country Club. He is an attendant of the Episcopalian church and a man whose sterling worth and integrity have made him honored and esteemed by everyone.

Mrs. Starr is a daughter of Captain U. B. Titus, of Trenton, New Jersey. He was a valiant soldier in the civil war and is now stationed at Trenton, where he has charge of the coal supply of the Pennsylvania railway. He is the commander of the Aaron Wilkes Post, G. A. R., of Trenton, and takes a

prominent part in all the work of that organization. He is well and favorably known throughout the state. His first wife was Miss Anna Forman, a daughter of John Fisher Forman, of Monmouth county, this state. They had four children: Sarah; Anna, who married Frank S. Emmons, a real-estate dealer of Jersey City and a man of official prominence; Francis E., the wife of our subject; and Joseph B., who is the treasurer of the Illinois Central Railway at Chicago. The next marriage was to Miss Anna Demarest, who also bore him four children: Calvin B., who is connected with the Illinois Central Railway at Chicago; Mary, Helen, and Lyman, who is at home.

THOMAS W. HURFF.

Thomas W. Hurff, deceased, who forms the chief subject of this memoir, was a native of Washington township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, April 27, 1811. He was of German descent. Conrad Hurff, the grandfather, emigrated to America and purchased from the proprietors of South Jersey, a tract of land, in what is now Washington township, and became a prosperous farmer. Our subject was educated at Turnerville, and when seventeen years old went to learn the carpenter's trade and worked at it until 1841. His father was George Hurff. Soon the place became quite a prosperous village, and was known as Hurffville. He also lumbered and carried on farming. Politically he was a Democrat and was a member of the legislature in 1851-52, when the section was known as Camden county. He was also a freeholder the same period. For several years he was one of the directors of the First National Bank of Woodbury. He was an Odd Fellow. In school matters he took a lively interest and was director several years. He was a good business man, and left a fine estate. He had a "hard fight on his hands" to get good roads in his township, but finally succeeded. Through his efforts a postoffice was established at this point, and for years he was the postmaster. He was twice married,—the first time, January 1, 1834, to Martha, a daughter of John Turner, of Washington township. She died December 22, 1834. For his second wife he married Hannah, a daughter of Randall Jaygard. Their living children are: Clark J., Camden; Mary H., the wife of Augustin Biles, of Pennsylvania; Randall J., at home; Martha T., single, at home; John M., of Camden; Thomas W., of Woodbury; George B., of Sewell; and Elizabeth P., of Philadelphia. The father died March 21, 1888, but the good mother still survives.

Concerning his son Thomas W. it may be said that he was born at Hurffville, New Jersey, July 1, 1855, and received a good education, at the

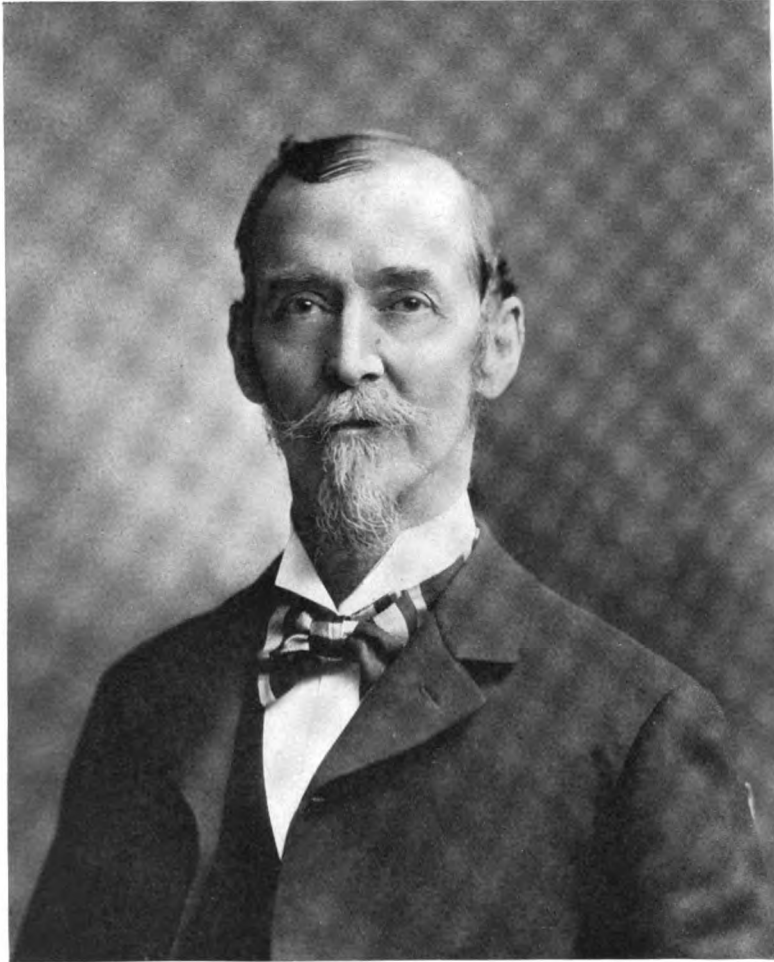
common schools; also attended the South Jersey Institute, at Bridgeton. After leaving the school-room, he taught one year, and then went into the store with his father. In 1885 he formed a partnership with his brother, the firm name then being styled "Hurff Brothers." In 1889 he took his brother's share and ran the store alone for three years. He was assistant journal clerk in the New Jersey legislature for two years. In 1894 he was appointed as weigher's clerk to the "coiner," at the Philadelphia mint. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Glassboro. December 18, 1894, he was united in marriage to Nellie Thatcher Jones.

Mr. Hurff, both by nature and training, is an excellent man for business, and the place he held at the mint proves him to be a correct accountant and trustworthy. In reviewing the sons and grandsons of the pioneers of this section of New Jersey, one is naturally impressed with the fact that so many of the present generation are by far better off than they would have been had their parents not been compelled to struggle to make a living and build up for themselves a home. The push and business tact necessary in their ancestors has come to them as a natural result,—a blessing in disguise.

JOHN C. RULON.

If those who claim that fortune has favored certain individuals above others will but investigate the causes of success and failure, it will be found that the former is largely due to the improvement of opportunity, the latter to the neglect of it. Fortunate environments encompass nearly every man at some stage in his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes that the proper moment has come, that the present and not the future holds his opportunity. The man who makes use of the Now and waits not for the To Be is the one who passes on the highway of life others who started out ahead of him and reaches the goal of prosperity far in advance of them. It is this quality in Mr. Rulon that has made him a leader in the business world and won him a name in connection with banking interests that is known throughout the state. To the efforts of Mr. Rulon Swedesboro owes much of its progress and improvement, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual prosperity, also advance the general success.

The ancestry of the family to which Mr. Rulon belongs may be traced back through many generations. It is known from tradition that one Rulon came to this country from France during the persecution of the Huguenots, some time between the years 1684 and 1704. His brothers were Catholics



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and he a Protestant, and in order to secure his escape from persecution his brothers placed him in a hogshead which they headed up and sent aboard a vessel bound for the United States. After the harbor was cleared he was released from his place of concealment and ultimately arrived in safety in this country. The first authentic record of the Rulon family concerns David and Exercise Rulon. The former died March 15, 1778, when about seventy-four years of age. His wife was a daughter of Henry and Hannah Allen and was born August 13, 1705. They had thirteen children, the fourth child being Henry Rulon, who was born June 5, 1732. He married Theodosa Robbins, who was born December 15, 1742, and they had ten children, including Nathaniel Rulon, who was the fourth in order of birth. His natal day was December 30, 1764. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Hannah Dennis. He was a farmer of Cumberland county, New Jersey, living near Bridgeton, and was a man well known in that locality. Of his ten children Martin W. was the youngest. He was born on the 16th of September, 1811, and throughout his business career was a cabinet-maker and undertaker.

From his native county of Cumberland he removed to Mullica Hill, in Gloucester county, New Jersey, and about 1834 took up his residence in La Porte, Indiana, where the birth of our subject occurred. About 1837 the family returned to the east, locating at Chester, Pennsylvania, and in 1843 came to Swedesboro where the father established a cabinet and undertaking business. He married Jane Kerlin, and they became the parents of five children, namely: William H., who was born October 23, 1834, and died October 8, 1839; John Charles; Edwin, born December 7, 1839; George, born December 1, 1841; and Mary E., who was born May 21, 1844, and died June 1, 1859. After the death of the mother of these children the father wedded Elizabeth Lewis, a widow. Their children are: Fannie P., who was born April 20, 1852; and Henry, who was born July 16, 1854, and died May 3, 1855. The father's death occurred October 20, 1857.

John Charles Rulon, whose name introduces this review, was born in La Porte, Indiana, August 23, 1836, and was about a year old when the parents returned to New Jersey. He pursued his education in the public schools and under the direction of his father learned the cabinet-maker's trade. In 1862 he began business on his own account, carrying on undertaking in Philadelphia until 1883, during which time he made his home in that city. With the assistance of his uncle, Benjamin Rulon, he established the bank at Swedesboro, purchased the property where he now lives and began the development of the city by laying off building lots. He was made the cashier of the bank, and at the first meeting of the board of directors he

was chosen president of the board. A short time previous to the opening of the place for business he resigned as president and was elected cashier. Since that time the greater part of the management of the affairs of the bank has devolved upon him, and the high reputation which the institution enjoys is largely the result of his well directed efforts. The bank was opened May 1, 1883, having a capital stock of fifty-three thousand dollars. The officers were: I. H. Vanneman, president; John S. Batten, vice president; and John C. Rulon, cashier. All have continued to occupy their respective positions up to the present time, and a number of the original board of directors are still serving. On being elected cashier Mr. Rulon disposed of his business interests in Philadelphia and soon afterward moved to Swedesboro, where he has since made his home.

During this time he has taken a very active and commendable interest in the affairs which tend to improve and benefit the city. He was one of the promoters and incorporators of the Swedesboro Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, in which he has since served as a director, and is also a member of the directorate of the water-works company. He established the telephone system of the village and opened up and improved the Lake Park cemetery, of which he is still one of the owners and a member of the board of trustees. He is also the treasurer of the local board of the State Building & Loan Association. He is a man of sound judgment in business affairs, and his wise counsel has proven an important factor in the successful conduct of many of the leading business concerns of Swedesboro. He has done much to improve property in the town, and the village certainly has reason to be grateful to him for his efforts in its behalf.

His own home here is one of the most attractive residences in the town. Its gracious hospitality is dispensed by the lady who prior to her marriage to Mr. Rulon was Miss Mary Anna Black. She is a daughter of Alexander Black, one of the early and honored citizens of the county, and now has two children: Carrie, the wife of Robert Gwynne, of Salem; and Mary Emma, at home. Socially Mr. Rulon is a Mason, belonging to Swedesboro Lodge, No. 157; Salome Chapter, No. 19, at Camden; and to Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia. He also holds membership relations with Metropolitan Lodge, No. 227, K. of P., of Philadelphia, with Covenant Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment, No. 36, both of Philadelphia. He is the secretary of his Masonic blue lodge, and was largely instrumental in founding the same. His father was a Friend, his mother an Episcopalian, and he and his family attend the Episcopal church. In his political views he is a staunch advocate of the Republican party, deeply interested in all that pertains to its growth and success. In all the active affairs of business life

he has borne an unassailable reputation, and through his capable management, keen discernment and honorable efforts he has gained a position among the wealthy residents of his county. The development of the state is due to such men, whose indomitable energy and progressive spirit have overcome all obstacles and reached the goal of prosperity. He is not so abnormally developed as to be called a genius, but is one of the strongest because one of the best balanced, the most even and self-masterful of men, and he has acted his part so well in both public and private life that New Jersey has been enriched by his example, his character and his labor.

REUBEN TOWNSEND.

One of the venerable citizens of Cape May Court House is Reuben Townsend, who has now passed the eighty-second mile-stone on life's journey. His has been an active and useful career, characterized by fidelity to duty and by honesty in all business affairs,—qualities which have won him a place among the honored residents of his native county and made his example one well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Townsend was born at Ocean View, December 20, 1817, and is a descendant of Sir Charles Townsend, of England. The family was founded in America by two brothers, John and Sylvanus Townsend, who came to this country in the early part of the seventeenth century. Throughout the colonial epoch of our country's history, through the Revolutionary period and the age of the latter-day progress and development, therefore, the Townsends have been connected with the events which mark the annals of this republic. John Townsend became the founder of the branch of the family whose representatives are now found in New Jersey, Philadelphia and other adjoining sections. He first located on Long Island, whence he removed to Ocean View, where he built and operated a mill. Subsequently he went to Townsend's Inlet, Cape May county, where he purchased six hundred and forty acres of land. His children were Richard, Robert, Sylvanus and Sarah.

Of these, Richard Townsend was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He went to Philadelphia, but later purchased land and settled in Delaware. He married Millicent Somers, of Somers' Point, New Jersey, June 16, 1704, and their children were Phoebe, John, Hannah, Richard, Sylvanus, Isaac, Millicent, Samuel, Robert, Daniel and Jacob. The great-grandfather of our subject was John Townsend, who died in 1785. He married Sarah Brandreth, and they had four children: Amy, Millicent, David and Rachel.

The mother died, and in 1740 John Townsend married Tabitha Young, by whom he had the following children: Henry Y., Tabitha, John, Sarah, Judith, Hannah, Rachel and Joshua. The eldest of these, Henry Young Townsend, was the grandfather of our subject. He engaged in surveying and in dealing in real estate; but when the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British tyranny he put aside all personal considerations and aided in the struggle for independence until England acknowledged the sovereignty of this republic. He afterward represented his district in the state legislature and was a very influential and honored citizen. He was twice married, his first union being with Priscilla Ludlum, by whom he had two children,—Tabitha and Reuben. His second wife was Miss Edith Swain, and their children were Joshua, Henry and Priscilla.

Joshua Townsend, the father of our subject, was born at Seaville or Ocean View, on the 9th of July, 1786, and while a young man served as first lieutenant in a company from Cape May county that entered the country's service in the war of 1812. He was also very prominent in political affairs, and his strong individuality and mentality well fitted him for a position of leadership. He served as a member of the general assembly in 1819, 1821, 1822 and 1823, was a member of the legislative council from 1827 until 1830, also from 1831 until 1834, and in 1840 was a presidential elector, casting his ballot for Harrison and Tyler. His political support was given the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, for he was a staunch abolitionist and gave his support to the organization which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. He was a faithful and earnest worker in the Baptist church, gave the ground on which Calvary church at South Seaville was erected, and in other ways advanced the cause of Christianity among men. He disliked oppression and was a bitter foe to injustice and deceit. In his character were many noble elements and he enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

Joshua Townsend was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Schillinger, of that place, and they became the parents of these children: Aaron, who was born in September, 1810; Mary, born April 23, 1812, became the wife of Uriah Hewitt; Reuben, who is the third of the family; James, born April 13, 1816; ———— became the wife of Henry Young; William, born November 25, 1818, wedded Mary Leaming; Isabella, born October 30, 1820, became the wife of John Stevens, a Delaware pilot; Caroline, born August 3, 1823, became the wife of John L. Smith; and Elizabeth, born July 17, 1831, became the wife of Daniel H. Wheaton, of Sea Isle. The father of these children died in 1868, at the age of eighty-three years, and the mother's death occurred in her eighty-first year.

Reuben Townsend, whose name introduces this review, is a worthy representative of an honored family whose prominence in public affairs has interwoven the name with the history of the state. He pursued his education in the schools of Ocean View until twenty-one years of age, when he put aside his text-books and learned the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he engaged in the insurance business for thirty years, and during that time wrote policies to the amount of four million dollars, for the Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He has also followed farming, and is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land, but is not now actively connected with business affairs. However, he has for several years been a director in the Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company, but is practically living retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

In 1844 Mr. Townsend married Miss Julia Leaming, and for forty years they traveled life's journey together, sharing the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity, which checker the lives of all. In 1884, however, Mr. Townsend was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at the age of fifty-five years. Their children were Pennington Somers, who died at the age of six years; Augusta, who died at the age of sixteen months; Lucien B., who died aged two years; Florence L., who married Rev. Charles Warwick, now the pastor of the Diamond Street Baptist church, of Philadelphia. In his political views Mr. Townsend is a Republican and has taken an active part in promoting the interests of the party. He is an earnest and faithful member of the Baptist church, in which he served as the chairman of the board of trustees for fifteen years, and to its support he contributed liberally. Over the record of his life there falls no shadow of wrong, for in all the relations of his public and private career he has been true to his God, to himself and his country.

RICHARD J. CLARK.

An enterprising merchant of Wenonah is Richard J. Clark, who is successfully conducting a general store. He was born in Glassboro, Gloucester county, March 31, 1855, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary C. Clark, also natives of the same county, the former born August 11, 1811, the latter August 13, 1813. Our subject spent the first thirteen years of his life in his native town and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ewan, New Jersey, in 1868. He pursued his education in the common schools and remained upon the home farm until 1876, when he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, becoming a salesman in the store of his brother, A. S. Clark, of Ewan. For four years he was there em-

ployed, and in 1880 he went to Winslow, Camden county, New Jersey, where he accepted a clerkship in the store of Hay & Company, with whom he remained two years. In March, 1883, he was employed as a clerk by his brother, R. C. Clark, at Hurffville, continuing in that position until 1885, when he purchased the store, stock, fixtures and business of B. F. Coles, of Wenonah. He has since conducted a general merchandising business here, and now has a well appointed store, stocked with everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. His business methods are those which win the public confidence and therefore the public support. He is diligent and persevering, and is strictly honorable and reliable, never misrepresenting his goods, and striving only by just methods to gain the public patronage.

In 1890 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Martha McCracken, of Hurffville, New Jersey, and they have two children,—Raymond J. and Herbert,—aged respectively five and three years old. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and are widely and favorably known in Wenonah. Mr. Clark's business career has been characterized by unfaltering perseverance, close application, and honorable methods,—qualities which never fail to bring success.

A. W. CAREY, JR.

In past ages the history of a country was a record of wars and conquests: to-day it is the record of commercial activity, and those whose names are foremost in its annals are the leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are those of mind over matter, not man over man, and the victor is he who can successfully establish, control and operate extensive commercial interests. Mr. Carey is one of the strong and influential men occupying a prominent place in industrial circles of Philadelphia. Tireless energy, keen perception, earnestness of purpose, genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, guided by great will power,—these are his chief characteristics. Connected with an important business interest of Philadelphia, the place that he occupies in commercial circles is in the front rank.

Mr. Carey is a native of Delaware, his birth having occurred in Wilmington, in 1832. His father was a cooper, and he was early trained to industrial pursuits. After attending the public schools and acquiring a fair English education, he learned the trade of brick mason and later engaged in contracting in that line. In June, 1859, he entered the employ of Dr.



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1879, he went to Winslow, Camden county, New Jersey, where he accepted a clerkship in the store of Hay & Company, with whom he remained two years. In March, 1883, he was employed as a clerk by his brother, R. C. Clark, at Haverhill, continuing in that position until 1885, when he purchased the store, stock, fixtures and business of B. F. Coles, of Wee-coah. He has since conducted a general merchandising business here, and now has a well appointed store, stocked with everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. His business methods are those which win the public confidence and therefore the public support. He is diligent and persistent, and is strictly honorable and reliable, never misrepresenting his goods, but striving only by just methods to gain the public confidence.

He is married, and is united in marriage to Miss Martha McCracken, of Haverhill, Camden county, and they have two children,—Raymond J. and the youngest child, only two and three years old. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are widely and favorably known in the community. Mr. Clark's business career has been characterized by untiring energy, close application, and honorable methods,—qualities which have brought him success.

A. W. CAREY, JR.

The history of the territory of a country was a record of wars and conquests; the history of the present time is a record of commercial activity, and those whose names are prominent in the latter are the leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are made not of land, but of money, not man over man, and the victor is not the strongest, but the most skillful. It is the ability to establish, control and operate extensive commercial enterprises that has made the name of the strong and influential men occupying a prominent position in the business circles of Philadelphia. Tireless energy, keen judgment, a clear and definite purpose, genius for devising and executing the same, and a common sense, joined to everyday common sense, guided by good business principles, are his chief characteristics. Connected with an immense business, he occupies the place that he occupies in the front rank.

Mr. Carey was born in Delaware, his birth having occurred in Wilmington, Delaware, where his father was a cooper, and he was early trained to the trade of cooper, and was employed in the public schools and acquiring a fair knowledge of the trade, of brick mason and later engaged in the business of a cooper. In June, 1859, he entered the employ of Dr.



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S. S. White, a brother-in-law, and learned the business of making teeth for use in dentistry. He mastered the trade in its various departments and as time passed was given greater responsibility, ultimately being made superintendent, which position he yet holds. His excellent executive ability well fits him for the duties that devolve upon him, and under his able management the business has proved a profitable investment.

Mr. Carey was united in marriage to Miss Esther Rogers Sheppard, a daughter of Josiah Foster Sheppard, of Philadelphia. Her maternal grandfather, Thomas Mendenhall, had the honor of raising the first United States flag ever unfurled to the breeze in Porto Rico after the war for independence. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carey have been born five children, four of whom are living, namely: James W., a resident of Wenonah; A. W., also of Wenonah; Sarah W., the wife of John W. Cox, of Virginia; and S. R., of Wenonah. Since 1872 Mr. Carey has resided in Wenonah, going daily to his business in Philadelphia. He has taken an active interest in the welfare and progress of the former place and at one time was elected and served as its mayor. His political influence is given to the Republican party and he keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day. Of the Presbyterian church he is a valued member and has served as its trustee. His business record is a most creditable one and in social life he commands the regard of many friends.

A. W. Carey, Jr., the son and namesake of him whose sketch appears above, was reared in his parents' home and supplemented his early educational privileges by a course in the University of Pennsylvania. In 1895 he entered the employ of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company and has risen to the position of assistant superintendent. He is a young man of marked business ability, and his ambition, perseverance and industry will undoubtedly gain for him a creditable success and win him a prominent position in commercial circles. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, takes an active part in church and Sunday-school work, and by his sterling character has gained uniform regard.

“PIONEERING IN WENONAH.”

[Prepared for and read at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church at Wenonah, Thursday Evening, September 29, 1898. By Andrew W. Carey.]

A ready talker, and one possessed of good memory, might present at this time many things to interest you with the early history of Wenonah; but I can lay no claim to the first qualification, and the second is in my case much at fault, but can doubtless be atoned for by what my friend, Dr.

Bailey, may be able to recall for your edification, as we both are lined off under the head of "Pioneering in Wenonah."

Pioneering was not an entirely new thing to me when I found myself domiciled in Wenonah, having in the early "fifties" done some pioneer work in California, in the North West Territories and in British Columbia.

In those experiences our greatest vigilance was to guard against a surprise or attack from either the unfriendly Indians or grizzly bears; whilst here in Wenonah were no wild beasts to devour one, nor savages to run away with your scalp; but there was here at that time an enemy to peace and comfort, sometimes hidden in the grass, sometimes confronting one in solid column, that I dreaded more than I ever did a surprise from either an Indian or a grizzly bear, and that enemy to the comfort of our early settlers here was the sand-burr.

Whilst in the early days in San Francisco, I, like hundreds of others, have gone to church on a Sabbath with a six-shooter belted around the waist, here one only needed a good knife blade to shave off the sand-burrs before entering a neighbor's house or our early place of worship. The first year of my residence here, we had no sidewalks laid, and the sand-burrs were so profuse between our fence lines and the present curb line, that one was compelled to take the middle of the road to elude so far as possible our common enemy. However, we braved it, we survived it, and to-day we can with pride claim that Wenonah is as beautiful as her name.

In the limited time allotted, it would be folly to undertake to relate the many things connected with the early history of this church. Ours is somewhat out of the ordinary experience, as in this case, the church is the child of the Sabbath-school, and to our friend, Dr. George W. Bailey, more than any other belongs the credit for having started a Sabbath-school which was the parent of this church. This was twenty-six years ago, our first gathering in that capacity being in September, 1872, in the room now occupied as Sithen's store. Interest in the Sabbath-school being fully established, the same energetic leader secured the services of a local Methodist preacher in our neighborhood to give us a sermon in the same room on a Sunday evening. That Methodist brother is well-known to many of you as William Cattell, and he it was who preached the first sermon in Wenonah, and we all felt grateful to him and nearer to each other. This was followed at irregular intervals, sometimes in the afternoon following the Sunday-school exercises, and sometimes of an evening, just as arrangements could be made; but most of these services were conducted in the waiting-room of the old West Jersey Railroad station, as we had been obliged to vacate our first quarters to permit its occupancy by Dr. Garrison, the owner, who had kindly

given us its use until he was ready to fit it up as a drug store. Before we left the old corner, however, we had several afternoon preaching services. One of these occasions I well remember, as an unusual downpour of rain made it seem very doubtful about securing attendance upon the Sunday-school, and we felt particularly disappointed, because Dr. Bailey had engaged the services of Mr. Brace of Blackwoodtown to preach to us after school, but we were highly gratified to find a good attendance at the school, and after its dismissal we began to rearrange the chairs, etc., in case Mr. Brace should come. The rain ceased falling, but the roads were in bad shape, yet a few of us lingered awhile, taking an occasional look up the road. I finally said: "Well, I think we might as well make our way home, for there'll be no preaching here this day; it has been too stormy for Mr. Brace to get here." "Now don't you settle down to any such idea as that," said Dr. Bailey, "for I believe he'll come yet; it's a hard pull; but I know the man too well to give him up yet;" and, sure enough, in a little while, along came our true and tried friend Mr. Brace. Upon other after school occasions, the late Mr. Harris, then pastor of the Woodbury church, and others favored us with a service. Our first organist in the Sunday-school was a girl in my class, Miss Fanny Clark, now Mrs. Howard Hendrickson, and the lady we had to depend upon to play the organ at our evening preaching services was Mrs. Carey (my wife), who did her level best, just as we all did what we were called upon to perform. She could lead off the tune with her right hand quite well, and tumble in a pretty good home-made harmony with her left, and we all sung with gladness in our hearts.

There were many experiences had then that could not be re-enacted. Sometimes we chipped in with the Presbyterian church of Glassboro, engaged a minister from Philadelphia, who would go down on Saturday night to Glassboro to preach for them in the morning, and one of their members who was a section boss on the railroad would gather up a crew and run the minister up to Wenonah on a hand-car to preach for us in the afternoon or evening. I think our first pastor, Mr. O'Brian, enjoyed that novelty once. I distinctly remember that on one of those occasions, the minister who was the victim for that experience upon a very windy day, made his appearance among us minus a hat, as it had been whipped off by the wind from his head and carried beyond recovery.

There was one whose memory I recall in connection with our early days as a great helper who enjoyed a part in our primitive work when he would come down from the city to visit his children. He was a leader, an earnest Christian, who long since entered upon the heavenly rest. I allude to Mr. Eldridge, Mrs. Synott's father. His earnest exhortations were always stimu-

lating and elevating, because his heart was warm in the work for the Master.

I will add but one little incident that has been recalled to me, that when the excavation for this church building had been sufficiently completed for starting upon the foundation walls, my son James, then a little tot still in frocks, was enjoying himself about the work with his little wheel-barrow, when the idea suggested itself to the mind of one of the men engaged on the work to have the little fellow wheel the first stone into the cellar to be placed in the walls. That man I believe was George Dilks, who placed the stone on the barrow and started the little fellow on his way with the first stone to be laid in this structure. Jim was then just about the age that his son Allen now is, "just about such a lark."

These recollections could be extended to cover many incidents connected with the early days of our efforts to establish a permanent church here; but I fully realize that I have already exceeded the time allotted me, and will be glad with you to hear from our organizer, Dr. Bailey.

REMINISCENCES AND REFLECTIONS.

BY ANDREW W. CAREY, ESQ.

[Prepared For and Read at the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Sunday-School of the First Presbyterian Church, Wenonah, New Jersey, October 8, 1893.]

I well remember with what pleasure we celebrated the first anniversary of this Sabbath-School. It was in this chapel, in September, 1873. Beginning with a few persons, first gathered chiefly, if not entirely, through the instrumentality of Dr. Geo. W. Bailey, in September, 1872, twenty-one years ago, to a meeting held in the store-room of the house now occupied by Mr. Fisler, where with the presence and aid of several of the Wenonah House guests, the first Sabbath-school service in Wenonah was enjoyed, conducted chiefly by Mr. Stephen McHenry, a sojourner at the Wenonah House and subsequently for some time a resident of this place. During the week following this first Sabbath service, a meeting was held at the house of Dr. Bailey to enter upon a permanent organization of the Sunday-school. This meeting was composed of Dr. Bailey, Mr. Synott and myself. Dr. Bailey was called upon to preside. After some informal talk upon the subject it was unanimously decided that our school should be a Presbyterian Sunday-school. That matter having been decided, the next thing in order was to furnish the school with the requisite officers to conduct and maintain it.

Here was a perplexing condition to be met and overcome by three modest gentlemen; but duty was paramount to choice, and so making the best of the

situation, without wasting time in caucus, we nominated and elected each other to fill the necessary offices. The result was as follows: Superintendent, Dr. Geo. W. Bailey; secretary, A. W. Carey; treasurer, Thos. W. Synnott; treasurer of Missionary Fund, A. W. Carey; and librarian, Thos. W. Synnott.

These officers were elected without a dissenting voice, and continued to fill their respective offices for several years; in fact, I believe in the case of the librarian, Mr. Synnott has held that position from the beginning up to the present time. So much for the organization of our school.

Dr. Bailey was not slow in gathering scholars and arranging classes and in pushing into the work any and all who had any capacity to act as teachers. As a result we very soon had an interesting Sunday-school, well attended, and it was a pleasure all the week to look ahead to Sunday. A little later on, when the then owner of that building, Dr. Garrison, was ready to occupy it as a drug store and residence, our school was removed to the W. J. R. R. station, where it was continued until this building was ready for use.

How I love to recall those early days; how when we had secured some one to preach for us in the evening, the announcement was carried out from the Sunday-school and the neighbors gathered for service; and how we used to tramp to the place of meeting, taking the middle of the road, for we had no sidewalks then, and the middle of the road was the only place free from sand-burrs. Dr. Bailey would carry from his house a lamp or two, Mr. Synnott another, myself another, and our large family bible for the use of the preacher.

Now you can not imagine how much we enjoyed those times. And why? Because we were building; we were looking forward hopefully and feeling assured of a brighter future, believing we should some time gain what we now all enjoy, an inviting pleasant place of worship, a regular ministry and a flourishing, happy and useful church and Sabbath-school.

Notwithstanding our efforts were crowned with success from the beginning, it was step by step. Our first improvised pulpit was composed of an empty soap-box which I sawed down at a suitable angle and placed on a small table, hiding the roughness of construction with a small organ cover; and we all thought we had something quite nice, and I know we all richly enjoyed the clear gospel truths which came to us from over the old soap-box. Some of those who are still in the school will doubtless remember how we used to pen off the little folks behind a few home-made screens in this corner.

Now see what a cozy little room they have to themselves. The first preaching service we enjoyed here was before the building was entirely closed in; the roof was on and the floor laid, and my recollection is not quite clear as to whether the building was sided in or not, but I think only

partly so. However, Mr. Brace, of Blackwoodtown, was to preach for us on Sunday afternoon, and there was something to be done in getting ready for it, so we started in on Saturday afternoon to clear out the rubbish, and with rough boards we rigged up seats in regular camp meeting style ready for the following day.

I never enjoyed a service more than that one. However, there have been many I have enjoyed perhaps equally well, and to-day I am glad to meet with you upon this anniversary occasion. We have been highly favored and kindly dealt with, and it is fitting that we give expression to our thanks in these annual services. The older ones of us look back with pleasure as we trace the growth and development of many of the young men and women of to-day who were once numbered among the little folks in this Sabbath-school, but who are to-day in the front rank as workers, some in this, and some in other communities, but all I guarantee looking back with pleasure upon this as their early "Sabbath Home."

I recollect that once in talking to this school I told a story of a little boy who said to his mother: "I see pictures with my eyes closed," and from his saying I drew a picture, the desirable side of which has been since realized in more than one instance from among our scholars.

The saying of the little boy to his mother was after they had been traveling, and as he sat with his eyes closed, thinking over their journeyings, everything seemed to pass in review, so he had in his mind's eye a grand picture of all they had seen. So I often see pictures with my eyes closed. I look upon you now with your bright eyes and cheerful faces full of hope and promise. I will close my eyes and see what the picture is. Now in imagination I behold these boys grown to manhood. Some of them bloated, besotted and profane; one engaged in a drunken brawl; another a burglar; another a murderer on the gallows; another occupying a solitary convict cell. And so with the little girls grown to women engaged in vices of various forms and filling dens of infamy. What a fearful picture! I open my eyes, and how glad I am to see you as you are.

I close my eyes again and another picture passes before me. Now I see these boys become men of sterling worth, filling honorable and responsible positions in society. Some of them laboring for their Master in the Sabbath-school. One has turned his attention to law and is pleading the cause of the downtrodden and oppressed; another is a doctor of medicine and is ministering to the sick; another has become a minister of the gospel, a herald of the cross, proclaiming salvation in the name of Jesus Christ.

I also see these girls, now grown to be lovely women, making their homes the dearest spots on earth, scattering love and joy about them

wherever they go, and making every one better for having been with them, and when I open my eyes and look upon you, how glad I am to know that this last picture may be the true one with you. Which one shall it be? It is for you to choose. These kind officers and teachers to help you, but you are to decide.

Let me tell you how to do it. Did you ever think how an icicle is formed? First, one little drop of water comes trickling down under the snow on the roof until it reaches the edge; it is not quite heavy enough to drop down at once, so it remains hanging there, out of the direct rays of the sun, and so instead of dropping off it freezes. The warm sun above brings down another drop on this frozen one and it also freezes, and so it keeps on, drop by drop, until a beautiful long and large crystal is formed that next morning when the sun shines on it it glistens and glows in beauty, throwing out beautiful colors like the rainbow. You have often seen them hanging down from the eaves of your house or barn. Now did you ever think why these were so beautiful and pure? I will tell you why it is. This icicle was formed on the edge of a clean roof; no soot or dirt had been thrown on the snow, but it was just as pure and white as it came down, from the clouds above.

Now if some one had smeared the roof with mud or thrown dirt and soot among the snow, you don't suppose you would have found this clear, sparkling crystal hanging there, do you? No, of course you do not, but instead there would have been an ugly, dirty, ill-formed thing, so offensive to your eyes that you would want to knock it down and break it to pieces to get it out of sight.

Now you are forming every day, just like the icicle as it were; every impression made is the drop of water trickling down to the eave, received through the ear or the eye, and makes its lodgment on the heart. Every thought, every word spoken, each adds a drop. Every good act makes a pure drop for the crystal. Every time you make some one else happy by doing good, starts a pure drop running down. Every time you ask the Saviour to help you to be good, he will warm the snow and start the drops going down, until growing hour by hour and day by day, you shall enlarge into the full beauty of Christian perfection, reflecting rays from the sun of righteousness to gladden all who look upon you.

Now if you would crystallize into such completeness, you must keep a clean roof over you. Be careful you allow no mud or dirt to remain to be covered in the winter of your life.

In other words, shun evil; go not in the way of bad people; brush away

every evil word spoken, and if you find your little friends allowing their roof to grow dirty, help them clean it.

That will be doing good, and will add a pure drop to your own crystal.

GEORGE B. LANGLEY.

The business interests of Millville have a worthy representative in George B. Langley, who is prominently connected with the industrial and commercial affairs of the city as the proprietor of a large flouring-mill and also of a flour and feed store. The energy and close application which have characterized his business affairs have made him very successful in his chosen calling, and he is to-day the possessor of a very comfortable income which has come to him as the reward of his own efforts. His entire life has been passed in southern New Jersey, for he was born in Salem county, on the 20th of October, 1842. The family is of English descent and of Quaker stock. John Langley, the direct ancestor of the subject of this review, took up his abode in Cumberland county, at what is now known as Langley Fields, on the road between Millville and Bridgeton. He cleared and developed that property and subsequently removed to a farm near Centerton, where he had extensive realty holdings. He was very successful in his business ventures and left to his family a small estate. In the neighborhood he was accounted one of the most prominent and influential citizens, and his name was interwoven with many events of public importance. He had a large family. Richard Langley, the second son of John Langley, became the father of our subject. The grandfather of our subject died at the age of sixty-eight years, and the grandmother passed away in 1849, at the age of seventy-two years.

Richard Langley, the father of our subject, was born at Langley Fields, Cumberland county, in 1815, and acquired a district-school education. In early life he engaged in farming near Centerton, Salem county, upon the old family homestead, and in that neighborhood he continued to make his home until called to his final rest. During the latter part of his business career he engaged in the operation of a flouring-mill at Willow Grove, where his death occurred. He was also the owner of three farms and in his business affairs was very successful, so that he was enabled to retire to private life eight years prior to his demise. His political support was given to the Democracy, and he was a staunch advocate of temperance principles and belonged to the organization known as the Sons of Temperance. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Willow Grove and was

a local preacher of that denomination. He married Keturah Garrison, and his death occurred in 1887, at the age of seventy-two years, but his widow is still living, having now attained the advanced age of eighty-three years. This worthy couple were the parents of seven children: George R., of this sketch; Hannah Jane, the wife of David Hitchner, a farmer of Salem county; Joel, who married Sarah Cramer, by whom he had five children: Albert, Russell, Lena, Achsah and George; Sarah, the wife of Mulford Haines, of Saratoga, Wyoming, the proprietor of large sheep ranches in the west; Mary, the wife of Robert Christy, a miller; Rebecca, the wife of Ephraim Harris, a dairyman; and Jemimah, the wife of John Collins.

George B. Langley obtained his education in the public schools of Millville, where he pursued his studies until sixteen years of age, during which time he became somewhat familiar with the milling business, for his father was carrying on that industry, and after putting aside his text-books he became his father's assistant and at a later date began milling on his own account. When he was twenty-one years of age he succeeded to the ownership of the flour mills at Millville, and when they were destroyed by fire in 1870 he replaced them with a well-equipped plant at the corner of Sharp and Canal streets. His present mill is supplied with all the latest improved machinery and has a capacity of one hundred barrels of flour per day, and two hundred barrels of meal. He does considerable grinding for the local trade and also ships his products extensively throughout the southern portion of the state. In this way he consumes one hundred and fifty thousand bushels of grain annually, doing the largest milling business south of Camden. His shipments are not only made by steam transportation, for five wagons carry his products through the surrounding country, where he has an extensive patronage. He also supplies the local demand through a flour and feed store, which he conducts on Main street in Millville.

In all his business undertakings Mr. Langley has been very successful and his efforts have extended to many lines where his counsels and labors have been very effective in securing profitable returns on investments. He is a member of the board of trade, is the vice-president of the Cumberland Trust Company, of Bridgeton, the president of the Millville Stock Building Association, a director of the Millville National Bank, which is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars, a director of the Ocean City Association, and treasurer of the Niagara Mining and Smelting Company at Salt Lake City, Utah, with offices at Philadelphia. These varied interests indicate his marked business ability and add materially to his income.

During the civil war Mr. Langley manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in the Twenty-fourth New Jersey Infantry, in 1863, for

nine months. The regiment was marched to Maryland and he was taken sick at Fredericksburg, which caused him to be sent home. Soon afterward he married Jane A., daughter of Hiram Studams, a sea captain of Maurice-town, New Jersey, his marriage taking place on the 27th of January, 1864, and they now have two children,—Edgar and Jennie Bertha. Mr. Langley and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he strongly endorses the temperance work and all movements and measures which tend to benefit mankind. In 1874 he represented his district in the legislature, has been a member of the board of freeholders and was the president of the council for sixteen years. In the discharge of his public duties he has manifested the utmost loyalty to principle, and his efforts have been productive of advancement along many lines of reform and progress. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to both lodge and encampment, and his life is consistent with his belief and support of all that is true and right. His reliability is above question, and his success has resulted from honorable dealing as well as from indefatigable energy, and he is worthy of the unqualified regard of his fellow men.

JOHN PIERSON.

In Swedesboro not to know John Pierson is to argue oneself unknown. He is the oldest living resident of the city and his acquaintance embraces nearly the entire population of the place. Almost a century has passed since he opened his eyes to the light of day, a century fraught with mighty achievements and wonderful results.

He was born November 13, 1805, in what is now South Swedesboro, then called Battontown, a son of John and Margaret (Thompson) Pierson. The father also was a native of the same place and was a son of Zebulon Pierson, of South Swedesboro. The three generations mentioned all followed blacksmithing in the town. The subject of this review has lived in his present home since 1837, a period of more than six decades. There is not a householder in the town that owned property here when he came into possession of his present home, and his property is the only piece that has not changed hands throughout this long period with the exception of the Episcopal church. Mr. Pierson conducted a blacksmithing shop until 1852, when he began building bridges and for some time was thus connected with the industrial interests of this section of the state. For many years he figured conspicuously in connection with public affairs and held a number of public offices. In 1844 he was elected a freeholder for a five years' term,

and in 1854 was again elected to that office for a similar period. In 1860 he was chosen to represent his district in the state senate, and in 1872 was once more elected freeholder, in which capacity he served for thirty-five years, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. In politics he has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and has labored earnestly and effectively in the interests of the party.

In 1828 Mr. Pierson was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca H. Leap, a daughter of Thomas Leap. Three daughters were born to them,—Francis, Sarah and Margaret. The last named became the wife of John Taggart and had three children, of whom but one is living,—Ella,—who acts as the housekeeper for her grandfather. Mrs. Pierson died in 1834 and Mr. Pierson has never married again. He has always resided in Swedesboro and by an upright life has commanded the respect and confidence of all. He became a charter member of Osceola Lodge, I. O. O. F., also belongs to Siloam Lodge, No. 67, K. P., and is a consistent member of the Episcopal church. His has been a long, useful and honorable career, and the respect and veneration accorded him are justly merited.

D. HARRIS SMITH.

Mr. Smith is a representative of two of the old and prominent families of eastern New Jersey. His father, Simon B. Smith, was born July 31, 1828, and was a son of Henry Ogden Smith. The latter was a son of James Smith, who was of English descent and married Deborah Ogden on the 30th of April, 1799. They both resided in Cumberland county, New Jersey, prior to their marriage. The lady was a direct descendant of John Ogden, the founder of the Ogden family in America. James Smith died February 1, 1810. By his marriage to Deborah Ogden he had four children: Sally Stratton, who was born March 22, 1800, and died on the 11th of August of the same year; Henry O., who was born September 20, 1802, and died in 1843; Josiah, who was born April 6, 1807, and died on the 6th of October of the same year; and Sally Stratton, who was the second of the name was born September 23, 1808, her death occurring April 8, 1813. The mother of these children, after the death of her first husband, became the wife of Reuben Cheesman, on the 8th of May, 1811. They had one daughter, Deborah Ogden, who was born January 31, 1812, and died on the 17th of October following.

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More enduring than any monument of brass or stone is a beautiful city that through many centuries may extend its influence over the social, commercial, and moral life of a community, and the man who founds such a city may well be termed one of the benefactors of the place. Along the entire Atlantic coast there is perhaps no more beautiful spot than Wildwood by the Sea, of which the subject of this review was one of the founders. Nature has here offered every attraction, and, improved by the artistic taste of Mr. Baker, its beauties far exceed those of many of the older summer resorts. Towering trees, little inland lakes, flowers of every hue and variety, magnificent beach and the grand old ocean add to the charm and attractiveness of the scene.

In developing Wildwood, Mr. Baker has performed in a very short time what seems almost an incredible task, but his great energy, resolute purpose and undaunted perseverance have enabled him there to build a town that is indeed a monument to him. He is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Pontius) Baker, and was educated in the New Berlin Seminary, of Union county, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he engaged in teaching and subsequently carried on mercantile business, and with his brother Phillip established a store in Vineland, New Jersey, where he remained for fifteen years as a



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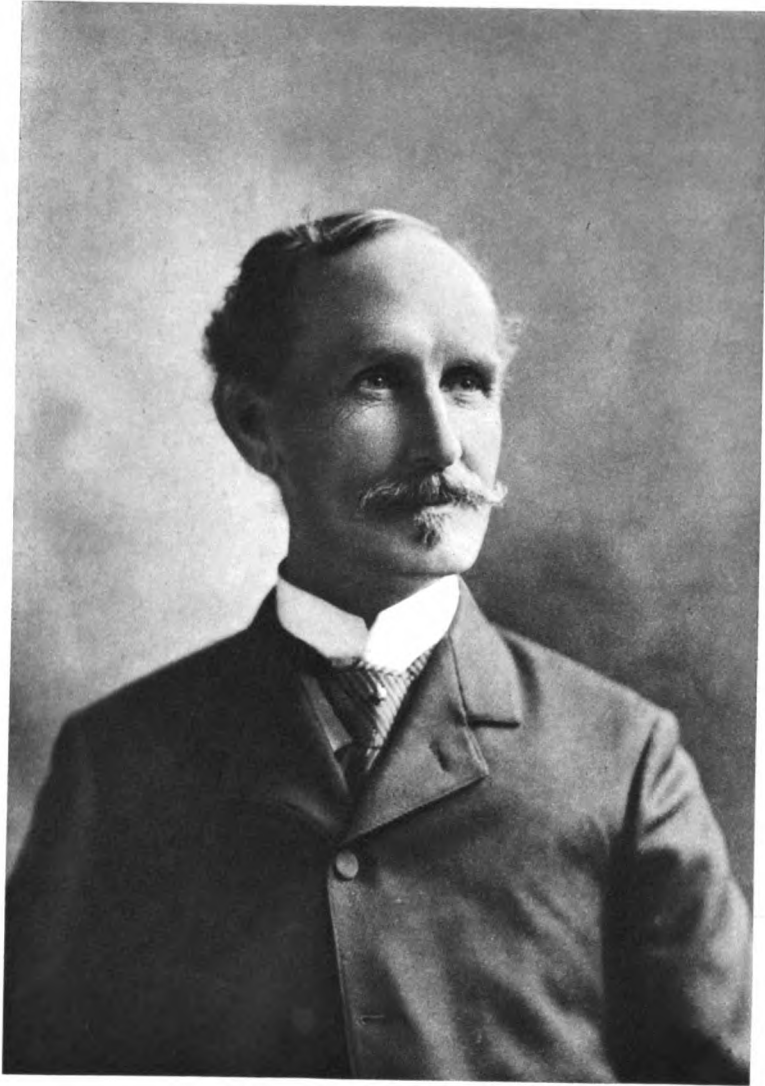
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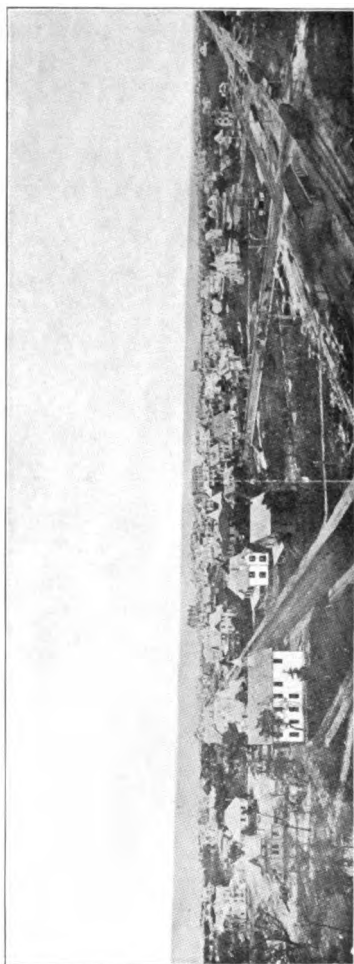
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Bird's-Eye View of Wildwood, New Jersey.

member of the firm of Baker Brothers, a connection that continued until 1884, when they purchased an interest in a tract of land,—the present site of Holly Beach. Until 1888 he devoted his energies to the development of that place, and then withdrew and associated himself with the Wildwood Beach Company, of which he was elected the treasurer. Two hundred acres of land were purchased, then a tract of woods and sand hills. Beautiful homes of all styles of architecture have been erected in various parts of this resort, and the landscape gardener has supplemented nature in its efforts to make this one of the most delightful resorts on the Atlantic. The woods present many remarkable curiosities in the shape of the trees, many of which have taken upon themselves extremely unique and weird forms, as though their growth was guided by some fanciful and grotesque mind. Flowers grow here in the greatest profusion, and it is claimed by many of the visitors that their variety and fragrance excel those to be found in any other place in this country. Many botanists come here to study plant life, and artists transfer the beautiful tints to canvas. A splendid beach furnishes every attraction to the lover of surf bathing, the long stretch of hard sand gradually sloping outward, thus providing a place of absolute safety for those who enjoy aquatic sports. There are also beautiful inland lakes and wooded drives and the place is indeed ideal. The attractions and amusements which are the inventions of man are not wanting, there being a fine pier, merry-go-rounds, dancing halls, shuffle-boards, shooting galleries and a fine casino hall. An auditorium is also provided for the accommodation of religious bodies who visit Wildwood by the Sea. There is a perfect system of water-works erected at a cost of forty thousand dollars, the water being supplied by two artesian wells. There is also a perfect sewerage system, a well equipped fire department, and electric-light system, and since 1894 there has been a complete and smoothly conducted borough organized.

To Mr. Baker is largely due the growth and development of this place, as he has served as the mayor for the past five years and recently has been re-elected, he has put forth every effort to promote the interests and add to the attractiveness of the town. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and religiously he is connected with the Swedenborgian church. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Eloise Johnson, of Brooklyn, New York, and to them was born a son, Lester Everett, who is now deceased. Mr. Baker is a man of marked enterprise and executive ability, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Wildwood by the Sea has already become a beautiful town of several hundred homes, and under his guidance it is destined to take rank with the best known and most popular sea-side resorts.

WILBER H. WASHBURN.

The town of Wildwood largely stands as a monument to the skill and enterprise of this gentleman, a leading contractor who in the active affairs of life has steadily worked his way upward until he occupies a position of affluence,—the result of his own well directed efforts. Of one of the old and honored New England families he is a representative, his ancestors having come to the shores of the New World on the Mayflower. Joseph Washburn, the grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Minot, Maine, where he learned the carpenter's trade and followed contracting and building. He was very successful in that line of work and also in farming, which he followed to some extent. During the war of 1812 he served his country by building fortifications and block-houses. His political support was given the Democratic party. He married Miss Mary N. Noyes, and to them were born three children, Daniel, Mary and James. Both he and his wife died when eighty-four years of age.

Daniel Washburn, the father of our subject, was born in Minot, Maine, in 1815, learned the carpenter's trade, and took many contracts for the erection of buildings. He also engaged in merchandising in Vineland, New Jersey, where he resided for thirty years. He held a number of local offices, including that of township committeeman, and gave his political support to the Democracy. He married Miss Louisa Francis, and they became the parents of two sons and three daughters: Joseph Henry, who served in the civil war and died of disease contracted in the army. Mary Frances, the wife of Hon. F. Burgoyne, a druggist, by whom she has three children,—Ella, Eva L. and Genie; Helen, who died at the age of sixteen years; Imogene, who married a man named Osgood, a salesman; and the youngest is Wilber H. After the death of his first wife the father married Jane Harris, and when she, too, had passed away, he wedded Hannah Beam.

Wilber H. Washburn is a native of Maine, his birth having occurred in Bradford, in the Pine Tree state, November 15, 1858. During his early boyhood he accompanied his parents on their removal to Vineland, New Jersey, where he pursued the studies embraced in a common English course. He then learned the carpenter's trade of his father, and worked with him until twenty-two years of age, when he entered a shoe factory, where he remained four years. He was afterward engaged in contracting on his own account at Vineland, where he remained until his removal to Wildwood in 1889. The growth of this beautiful place has been very rapid, and to Mr. Washburn has been apportioned a large part of the building business. He took the contract for the erection of Marine Hall, for many of the cottages

and hotels and for the Baptist church. He furnishes employment to thirty men, and receives a very liberal patronage, for he faithfully fulfills his part of a contract, is prompt and reliable, and in all his dealings is strictly honorable.

On the 23d of March, 1878, Wilber H. Washburn was united in marriage to Miss Rosanna Mole, a daughter of Thomas Mole, who was born in Aspen, Berkshire, England. Coming to the United States, he is now a resident of Vineland, New Jersey, where he follows carpentering. Mrs. Washburn is one of a family of four children, and by her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Elizabeth Frances, Anna, Eva Louise, Lena May and Rosalie.

Mr. Washburn votes for the measures of the Democracy, has served as assessor of Wildwood, and has been a member of the common council for two years. He was also a member of the New Jersey state militia for five years and at all times is a loyal and public-spirited citizen who does all in his power to promote the interest of the community along the lines of progress and substantial advancement.

CHARLES P. ELDREDGE.

Charles P. Eldredge, who for many years has been a pilot on the Delaware river, was born in Cape May, on the 24th of May, 1857, and is a son of William C. and Abigail (Schillinger) Eldredge. His paternal grandfather, Enoch Eldredge, served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and for many years resided in what is now West Cape May, where his death occurred. The maternal grandfather, Charles Schillinger, was born September 24, 1792, was reared on Cape Island, became a pilot on the Delaware river and resided in the city of Cape May, where he died of yellow fever, his death occurring July 9, 1823. He had three children,—Elizabeth, the wife of Albert Hughes; Enos, and Abigail, the mother of our subject.

William C. Eldredge, the father, was born in Cape May August 16, 1820, obtained his education in the common schools and resided in the place of his nativity until 1897, when he went to Philadelphia, where he is now living retired. His wife, who was born September 5, 1820, passed away on the 26th of March, 1872. They were the parents of five children, among them Henry H., Enoch and Charles. The father was a pilot on the Delaware river for many years and belonged to the Pilots' Society. He also held a membership in the Presbyterian church, and in his political faith was a Democrat.

To the public schools of his native town Charles P. Eldredge is indebted

for the educational privileges which he received. At the age of sixteen, however, he put aside his text-books and became an apprentice on a pilot boat, his term of service covering a period of six years. It requires great care, closer application and longer time to master the duties of the pilot than to learn any of the mechanical trades to which men devote their energies, for not only must the pilot know how to manage the vessels but also must be so familiar with the river that he can tell the exact situation by the objects along the shore and by the river bed, whose winding course he can easily follow, knowing its depths and its shallows, its treacherous places and its course of safety. Such a knowledge has Mr. Bennett. He received the second-class license, together with eighteen men who passed the examination for full pilots, and since that time he has been guiding the mighty vessels engaged in the traffic of this section of the country.

On the 17th of May, 1881, Mr. Eldredge was married to Miss Julia Cresse, a daughter of Joseph L. and Elizabeth (Gregory) Cresse. They now have three children: Lorena C., Winfield Scott and Elizabeth C. David Cresse, the grandfather of Mrs. Eldredge, was born at Cape May, December 19, 1799, and died October 18, 1849, at the age of fifty years. He was a farmer and miller and resided at Cold Spring. In his business dealings he was quite successful, acquiring a valuable property. In his political affiliations he was a Republican, and in his religious belief was a Methodist. He was married to Miss Maria Leaming, who was born August 4, 1806, and died February 28, 1875, at the age of fifty-nine years. Their children were Joseph L., the father of Mrs. Eldredge; William, who was three times married; Jane, the wife of James Crowell; Hannah, the widow of Clement Reeves; Anthony, a farmer who served for nine months in a New Jersey regiment in the civil war and married Elizabeth M. Reeves; Ella, the wife of Clinton Hand; and Julia, deceased. Joseph L. Cresse was born June 18, 1831, was educated in the district schools and became a farmer of Cold Spring. He carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life and also was connected with the fishing interests of this section of the state. By his ballot he advocated the principles of the Republican party. He married Elizabeth Gregory, a daughter of William Gregory, who was born in New York city, January 17, 1803. He removed to Cape May, where he died April 20, 1883, at the advanced age of eighty years. He was a tailor by trade, but conducted a hotel at Cold Spring and also engaged in farming, owning a rich tract of land near that place. His political support was given the Democracy, and in his social relations he was an Odd Fellow. He married Miss Van Kirk, who was born July 24, 1804, and died July 28, 1884, at the age of eighty years. His children were William, Silas, Elizabeth, Douglas, Sallie,

Josephine, Mary Jane and Kate. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cresse are Milton and Julia. The daughter is the estimable wife of our subject, and the son, who was born November 10, 1853, is a farmer of Cold Spring, Cape May county. He married Hannah Leaming.

Mr. Eldredge is a valued representative of several civic societies. He holds membership in Cape Island Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., the Order of Red Men, the Pilots' Society, the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also belongs to the Presbyterian church, and his has been an active, useful and honorable life, marked by devotion to every duty.

WILLIAM A. CARPENTER.

William A. Carpenter, of Pennsville, Salem county, New Jersey, is a son of William J. and Amanda (Zane) Carpenter and was born in this village May 8, 1857. His grandfather was William Carpenter, of Finn's Point, now Fort Mott, where he was one of the most prominent residents and where he died. He had three children, John, William F. and Mary, who married a Mr. Davis.

William F. Carpenter, the father of our subject, was born about the year 1826 at Finn's Point, this county, and was a fisherman at Pennsville, where he resided at the time of his death. He was a Democrat but took little active part in politics. He was married to Miss Amanda Zane, who died in 1869, after presenting him with four children,—William A., Eliza, Emma and Furman L.

William A. Carpenter attended the public schools and then entered the stores of Samuel Lecroy and Jones W. Powers as a clerk. In 1887 he embarked in the general mercantile business on his own account and has built up a nice patronage of most desirable customers. He is also engaged in the fish business and manages his affairs in such a business-like manner that it brings him a neat income and places him on a sound financial basis. He is a stanch Democrat and served as collector of Lower Penn's Neck township several terms, leaving the books and accounts in a shape that reflected credit to him and to the township. He is interested in the State Mutual Building and Loan Association, and is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was married December 8, 1879, to Miss Sarah Newcomb, a daughter of Daniel Newcomb, a carpenter of Church Landing. The name is an old and honored one in the state, and none who bore it occupied a more exalted place in the estimation of their fellow men than does the gentleman whose sketch appears above.

HON. DAVID O. WATKINS.

While the disposition to do honor to those who have served well their race or their nation is prevalent among all enlightened people and is of great value everywhere and under all forms of government, it is particularly appropriate to, and to be fostered in, this country, where no man is born to public office or to public honor, or comes to either by inheritance, but where all men are equal before the law, where the race for distinction is over the road of public usefulness and is open to every one who chooses to enter, however humble and obscure he may be, and where the advantageous circumstances of family and wealth count, in the vast majority of cases, for but little or nothing. According to the true democratic doctrine they should never count for anything at all. Under our system, whose very existence depends upon the virtue of the people themselves, who are not only the source of all political power but on whom also depends the very existence of our free institutions, those who have distinguished themselves in the public service, whether in statesmanship or in arms or in whatever sphere of usefulness, should not fail of recognition; and this is not only in justice to the people, who should not seem unmindful of great sacrifices or of great efforts in their behalf or of notable exhibitions of public spirit, but also in the interests of our institutions themselves. In honoring those who have deserved well of the republic the people do credit to themselves and also thus supply a powerful stimulus to honorable ambition to incite to like services or achievements or sacrifices for the public good.

Hon. David Ogden Watkins is one of the most prominent and distinguished members of the New Jersey bar, and is now serving as United States district attorney of this state. While political honors have been conferred upon him in recognition of his marked ability, he is recognized by all parties as a leader whose prominence has been worthily won. He was born at Woodbury, June 8, 1862, and is of English lineage. He attended the public schools of his native town, and after mastering the common English branches of learning devoted his attention to farm work during the summer months. Wishing to enter the legal profession, he studied law at night when the day's labor was ended, and in this way prepared for the bar, to which he was admitted in November, 1893, by the supreme court. He was licensed as a counselor in February, 1897, and his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence has enabled him to handle with comparative ease the intricate problems of law which are brought up for settlement in the courts of the state.

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public office. He has served for four terms of one year each as mayor of Woodbury, filling the office from 1886 until 1891. After this he served as a councilman from the third ward of Woodbury from 1892 until 1895, and being re-elected filled that position until 1898. In March, 1895, he was chosen the president of the city council, and was elected to that position through two succeeding years. In 1899 and 1900 he has filled the office of city solicitor and has been counselor to the board of freeholders of Gloucester county. In 1896 he was elected to the general assembly by a plurality of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, the largest ever given a candidate in the county. In 1897 he was re-elected by a plurality of one thousand four hundred and eight, and in 1898 he was again chosen for the important office, running ahead of the other candidates by a plurality vote of eleven hundred and eighty-four. During the session of 1898 he was elected the speaker of the house, the first person from Gloucester county ever honored with that position. In 1899 he was again chosen the speaker, presiding with marked ability over the deliberations in the lower branch of the assembly. His excellent knowledge of parliamentary law made him very competent, and his fair and impartial rulings awakened the respect of his political opponents, as well as the admiration of his political friends. He became the acting governor of the state of New Jersey on the 18th of October, 1899, that office having been held by the president of the senate, Mr. Voorhees, from the 31st of January until the date upon which Mr. Watkins assumed the charge, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Mr. Voorhees. In accordance with the regulations made by the state constitution Mr. Watkins became the acting governor, and in the position he has ably met every requirement, making for himself a most commendable record. He was appointed the United States attorney for the state of New Jersey by President McKinley, in February, 1900, and the appointment was immediately confirmed, which office Mr. Watkins now fills.

A valued member of social organizations, Mr. Watkins now belongs to Woodbury Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F.; Mariala Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., in which he has filled all of the chairs; Florence Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is also a member of the Camden Republican Club and the Young Men's Republican Club of Woodbury. By his irreproachable record he has been an honor to the state which has honored him. While undoubtedly he has not been without the laudable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs, he has subordinated personal ambition to public good and has sought rather the benefit of his state and his fellow men than aggrandizement of self.

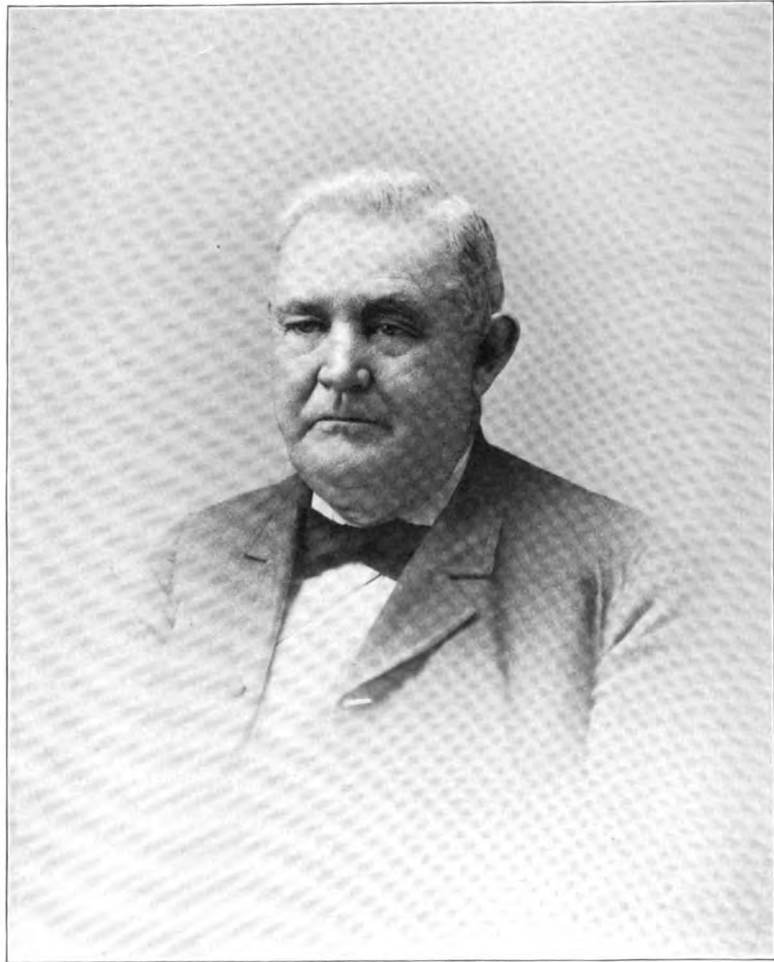
HENRY ALLEN.

For more than thirty-five years Henry Allen was numbered among the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of Gloucester county, and by the exercise of his business ability, by unflagging industry and careful management, he secured a handsome competence which classed him among the wealthy citizens of this community. His many excellencies of character also gained for him the high regard of his friends and all who knew him mourned his death.

Henry Allen was born in Salem county, New Jersey, on the 11th of August, 1820, and was a son of Henry and Ann (Rogers) Allen. The former was born July 19, 1789, and died December 27, 1870, while the latter was born August 24, 1790, and died February 21, 1868. They were married on the 21st of January, 1813, and became the parents of six children: Michael, the eldest, was born November 12, 1813, and resided in Lexington, Missouri, but February 6, 1873, died while on a business trip in the east; Margaret, born February 25, 1816, became the wife of Charles Engle, of Camden, New Jersey, and died December 5, 1868; Maria, born May 27, 1818, became the wife of James Thompson, their home being between Auburn and Sharptown, and her death occurred March 14, 1884; Henry was the next of the family; Joseph R., born October 29, 1822, died near Woodstown, New Jersey; and Jehu, born April 18, 1825, died in Woodstown.

Henry Allen, whose name introduces this record, remained in Salem county until about 1840, when he removed to Gibbstown, Gloucester county. He was married on the 24th of February, 1842, to Miss Catherine Fish, a daughter of Isaac Fish, of Repaupo, New Jersey. Her death occurred February 8, 1869, when she had arrived at the age of forty-four years. Eight children were born of their union, namely: Ann, the deceased wife of Edward G. Green, of Gibbstown, New Jersey; Maria F., the wife of Samuel Salisbury, of Swedesboro; Isaac, a farmer of Paulsboro; Joseph, who died at the age of three years; Eli, who died in Gibbstown, at the age of forty-five years; Margaret, the wife of Amos G. Hurf, of Swedesboro; Veronica, wife of Benjamin Weatherby, of Millville, New Jersey; and Kate, the wife of William H. Cozens, of Swedesboro.

Throughout his residence in Gloucester county Mr. Allen followed the occupation of farming and a glance indicated to the passers by the careful supervision which he bestowed upon his place. He followed practical and progressive methods, understood the rotation of crops, knew what kind of soil was needed for the different cereals and so conducted his farming interests that he secured therefrom a handsome financial return that made him one of



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the wealthy men of Gloucester county. He was at all times honorable and upright in his dealings and just in his relations with his fellow men, very loyal to his friends, and such qualities gained for him the warm regard of all who knew him, and in his death the community mourned the loss of one of its most valued citizens.

WILLIAM PLUMMER.

William Plummer, ex-surrogate and ex-judge of the court of common pleas of Salem county and a prominent business man of the city of Salem, is a son of William and Elizabeth (Keasbey) Plummer, his birth having occurred in Lower Alloway's Creek township, Salem county, on the 17th of January, 1818. He is remarkably well preserved, and the ability displayed by him in managing his varied business interests shows him to be the peer of any of the younger generation, although he has passed the eightieth milestone of life's journey.

His father, William Plummer, Sr., was a farmer in Lower Alloway's Creek township and also conducted a general country store in Canton. In his political views he was a Democrat and held various local offices. He was the captain of a military company and served in the war of 1812. His services as an auctioneer were also in considerable demand, for he was regarded as one of the best auctioneers of his time in this section of the state. Twice married, his first union was with Elizabeth Keasbey, by whom he had the following children: William, whose name introduces this review; Edward, who followed farming in Salem county and who married Sarah Fogg and is now deceased; Jeanette, who died at the age of twelve years; Elizabeth, the widow of Isaac Allen, who followed farming near Salem, and by whom she had four children, two sons and two daughters—David, a farmer who married Mary Robinson; Thompson, who resides in Quinton; Sarah, who lives with her mother in Salem; and Charlesanna, the wife of Samuel Hancock, of Dover, Delaware; Craig, who died in childhood; Charles, who married Ann Eliza Miller and is now deceased; and Sarah, who died in childhood. After the death of his first wife the father of these children married Mrs. Rachel McWilliams. They had three children: Emily, who died in childhood; Jeanetta, who married Belford Elwell; and Amy, who also died in childhood.

William Plummer, of this review, acquired his education in the district schools of his native township, and during the periods of vacation engaged in clerking in his father's store in Canton. On arriving at man's estate he was married, and about the same time entered into partnership with Joseph

A. Hancock in the conduct of a mercantile establishment in Canton. After two years spent at that place Mr. Plummer removed to Hancock's Bridge, where he engaged in merchandising for four years in connection with Josiah Thompson and afterward with William Morrison. Later he returned to Canton, where he carried on a general store for about seven or eight years, and during the same period devoted a portion of his time to farming.

In the year 1857 he was elected the surrogate on the Democratic ticket and the following year removed to Salem, where he has since resided. He served for five years in the office of surrogate, and on his retirement from that position purchased the property along the wharf, and, in connection with William A. Casper and Charles S. Lawson, conducted an extensive business in buying and selling hay, grain and seeds. After three years Mr. Lawson withdrew from the firm, but the firm of Plummer & Casper continued operations for a short time thereafter. Another change then occurred, Mr. Casper retiring, while John S. Newell and Richard Grier became members of the firm. That connection was maintained for several years, since which time Mr. Plummer has been alone. He has carried on a profitable business and is widely known for his reliability and straightforward methods, his diligence and energy.

In 1839 Mr. Plummer was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Carll, the eldest daughter of ex-Judge Ephraim Carll. Five children were born to them, namely: Elizabeth K., the deceased wife of George Hires; Sarah, the wife of George R. Morrison, who was the surrogate of the county for more than twenty years; Rebecca, the wife of Benjamin Patterson, the editor of the Woodstown Monitor-Register; William and Loren Pease. For several years William has been a member of the firm of Hires & Company, glass manufacturers at Quinton, while Loren is the present surrogate of the county, having been elected to that office in 1897 by a large popular majority. Mrs. Plummer died in December, 1881, at the age of sixty-three years, and was mourned by a large circle of warm friends who esteemed her highly on account of her many excellencies of character.

Mr. Plummer has been identified with a number of local enterprises which have been of substantial benefit to the city and is one of Salem's most popular residents. He is the president of the Salem County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he has also long been a director, and was a member of the school board of Salem, acting as its treasurer for many years. He also held different township offices and was a freeholder when the present clerk's and surrogate's offices were erected. He was also the judge on the common-pleas bench of the county court for eighteen years. A loyal adherent of Masonry, he is a member of Excelsior Lodge, of Salem. He is probably

best known, however, in connection with the politics of Salem county, where he has long been regarded as one of the active workers and most astute leaders of the Democracy of the county. His opinions have long carried great weight in the councils of his party and led to its success in many a doubtful campaign. Still active in business, his record should put to shame many a man of much younger years who, grown weary of the toils and struggles of life, would relegate to others the burdens which he should bear.

WILLIAM PLUMMER, JR.

William Plummer, Jr., is a native of Canton, Salem county, and a son of William and Rebecca (Carll) Plummer. He has been a resident of Quinton for the past quarter of a century and by his industry and good common sense has risen to an enviable place in the business world, while his future career is bright with promise. His father, whose sketch appears above, was a man of more than ordinary business ability and has been closely identified with the various business and political interests of Salem and Salem county, so that the name is a familiar one to the citizens who hold it in high esteem.

William Plummer, Jr., was educated in the common schools of Salem and at the age of eighteen went to Quinton as a clerk in the office of Hires & Brother, glass-manufacturers of that place. He was industrious and faithful to the interests of his employers and soon worked his way up to the position of shipping clerk and later as a member of the firm, taking an active part in the management of the business. The glass factory of Hires & Company is among the largest in the state of New Jersey and employs a large number of people, making a specialty of window glass and in connection conducting a store which employs about ten clerks, in which they sell coal, grain, fertilizers, etc. Mr. Plummer is also a member of the firm of the Hires-Turner Glass Company, located at 626 Arch street, Philadelphia, opened in 1877. The factory was established in 1863 and does a large business. Mr. Plummer is a director and assistant secretary and treasurer of the Philadelphia branch, and the firm is composed of good business men, consisting as it does of our subject and George and Charles Hires and John Turner. The record is one of which any man might well be proud, and Mr. Plummer is to be congratulated on achieving such a marked success.

He was married in 1881, to Miss Rebecca Robinson, a daughter of Benjamin O. Robinson, a farmer of Quinton township. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children: Jerome H.; Loren P.; Hannah R., and William, Jr.,—all attending school. Mr. Plummer is a Republican and is the

present postmaster of Quinton, having served since 1896 and before that from 1880 to 1884. He is a member of the Fenwick Club, of Salem, and the president of the Quinton Building & Loan Association; and any movement that has only the good of the community as its object is sure of his ready sympathy and assistance.

SAMUEL W. DUNN.

Samuel W. Dunn, a son of John C. and Sarah J. Dunn, has for many years been known as one of the leading and prominent business men of Salem, having throughout a long period been closely identified with the commercial and manufacturing interests of the city and the surrounding country. He is a native son of Salem county, his birth having occurred on the 23d of July, 1845, in the city which is still his home. His boyhood days were passed in this locality and his education was completed by graduation in Pennington Seminary in 1862. Immediately afterward he entered upon his business career as a dry goods merchant. In 1868 he became associated with the firm of Hall, Dunn & Hunt, in the manufacture of floor oil-cloth in Salem. From the beginning their enterprise proved successful, their trade constantly and steadily increasing until they were in command of a very large and profitable business. The product of their factory was of a superior grade, both in quality and patterns, and therefore found a ready sale on the market. For twenty-seven years Mr. Dunn was one of the largest manufacturers of the county, but at the end of that period practically retired to private life, in September, 1895. He has, however, extensive real-estate interests, and to his investments he gives his personal supervision.

On the 10th of November, 1870, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hill Pennell, a daughter of William H. Pennell, a prominent dry-goods merchant of Philadelphia. Their union has been blessed with four bright and interesting children whose future seems to be very promising. Nellie Pennell, the eldest, was born in 1871 and is a graduate of Brook Hall, in Media, Pennsylvania; Samuel Herbert was called home to the higher life at the age of eight years, on the 5th of January, 1884; William Pennell, born October 6, 1877, is a graduate of the West Jersey Academy at Bridgeton, completing the course there in June, 1896; Norman Cattell, born May 5, 1879, is a graduate of the Fort Wayne Military Institute of the class of 1899. During the summer season the family occupy a beautiful summer home in Salem, at northwest corner of Fourth and Broadway, but in the winter they spend their time at their Philadelphia residence. They are among



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On the 14th of November, 1870, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kate Pennell, a daughter of William H. Pennell, a prominent business man of Philadelphia. Their union has been blessed with four bright and promising children whose future seems to be very promising. Nelic Pennell, the eldest, was born in 1871 and is a graduate of Brook Hall, in Medford, New Jersey; Samuel Herbert was called home to the higher life at the age of eight years, on the 5th of January, 1884; William Pennell, born February 27, 1877 is a graduate of the West Jersey Academy at Bridgeport, New Jersey, of the course there in June, 1896; Norman Cattell, born May 5, 1881, is a graduate of the Fort Wayne Military Institute of the class of 1899. During the summer season the family occupy a beautiful summer home in Salem at the lowest corner of Fourth and Broadway, but in the winter they spend their time at their Philadelphia residence. They are among



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the most prominent and highly cultured people of the community and enjoy the warm regard and high esteem of a very large circle of friends.

Mr. Dunn is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 54, F. & A. M., of Salem, and was one of the charter members of Fenwick Lodge, No. 164, I. O. O. F., which was instituted in 1871. He is also a member of the Manufacturers' Club, of Philadelphia, and for several years was a trustee of the Salem school board, as also a trustee of the First Presbyterian church of this city. His success has been the result of honest, just and persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing.

His reputation for integrity and able achievements is the best evidence of the high regard in which he is held by his associates and fellow citizens. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His life has marked a steady growth, and now he is in the possession of an ample competence, and more than all has that contentment that comes from the consciousness of having done his part toward improving the conditions and advancing the prosperity and welfare of his native city.

JOHN C. DUNN.

Through many generations John C. Dunn can trace the ancestry of his family in America. They were an old family of Penn's Neck township. Soon after the revocation of the edict of Nantes by order of Louis XIV in 1664, many Huguenots emigrated to this country to avoid persecution. Among them were two brothers, Zaccheus and Thomas Dunn. They were probably natives of Alsace or Lorraine, and the former located at Piles Grove, while the latter took up his abode at Penn's Neck, where he had numerous descendants. In 1689 Thomas purchased a farm from William Penn, the same being surveyed by Richard Tindall. It joined lands owned by Hans Cornelius and the widow Hendricks near Finn's Point. Thomas Dunn was a Calvinist and some of his descendants, with other settlers of the neighborhood, organized the old Presbyterian church at Pennsville. In the old family Bible is given the following record: Ebenezer Dunn, a son of John and Catherine Dunn, was born on Wednesday, April 24, 1753. He married Abigail Copner, on the 11th of June, 1772, and after her death, which occurred March 5, 1780, he was married, on the 26th of July, 1781, to Mary Pedrick. His death occurred July 12, 1812. Thomas Dunn, the second son of John and Catherine Dunn, was born on Friday, January 12, 1755. The other members of the family were: Jean, who was born on

Monday, December 20, 1756; Sarah, who was born March 2, 1759: and John, who was born January 12, 1761, and died June 15, 1777.

Samuel Dunn, a son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Copner) Dunn, was born May 4, 1775, and died July 5, 1782. He was the eldest of their children, the others being: Catherine, who was born October 8, 1777, and died April 6, 1780; and Thomas, born December 14, 1779, and died November 27, 1780. By his second marriage, to Mary Pedrick, Ebenezer Dunn had five children: Thackery, who was born April 23, 1782, and died December 16, 1792; Sarah, who was born June 23, 1784; Samuel, who was born December 17, 1786; Elijah, who was born July 3, 1789, and died February 20, 1829; and Mary, who was born February 23, 1792, and died November 15, 1814.

Of this family Samuel Dunn was the father of our subject. He was married December 26, 1807, to Gulielme Jeffries, who died April 18, 1823. Their children were: Sarah, who was born March 21, 1809, became the wife of Alpheus Bilderbeck in March, 1833; Eliza, born December 30, 1810, was married March 4, 1830, to George Snitcher; Mary, born January 29, 1813, died on the 2d of March of the same year; Rebekah, born March 27, 1815, was married February 7, 1833, to Michael Powers; Ebenezer, born February 26, 1817, married Lydia Ann Tindall; Mary, born August 7, 1818, was married March 28, 1838, to Samuel C. Gilmore; John C., the next of the family, was born October 17, 1819; Elijah W., born September 14, 1821, married Sarah Eliza Newell, a daughter of Judge James Newell; Ann, born February 16, 1822, married Charles S. Gibbon. The mother of these children died April 18, 1823, and on the 18th of January, 1826, Samuel Dunn wedded Sarah Casperson. His death occurred February 6, 1837. The children by his second marriage were as follows: Nehemiah, born November 4, 1827, died in January, 1872. He was married December 31, 1849, to Abigail G. Thompson, who died October 13, 1896. They had a son, Albert Rodger, who was born October 21, 1850, and was married March 26, 1873, to Emily Miller, of Easton, Pennsylvania. Thomas, born October 13, 1829, was married May 31, 1870, to Mary Amelia Chew, and they have two children, Sara Maria and William Bruna. The former was born March 7, 1871, and was married November 1, 1898, to First Lieutenant Frank B. Watson, of the Nineteenth Infantry, United States Army. William B. was born August 16, 1875. Caroline, the third child of Samuel and Sarah (Casperson) Dunn, was born August 27, 1834, and died December 8, 1836. Thackery, the youngest, was born April 28, 1836, and married Anna Scattergood.

John C. Dunn, whose name introduces this record, was born at Finn's Point, now Fort Mott, October 17, 1819. He came to Salem in early life to engage in the dry-goods business as a member of the firm of J. C. & E. W.

Dunn. Later he became interested in the oilcloth business and opened a wholesale store in Philadelphia where he carried on operations until his death, doing a large and very profitable business. His marked energy, unflagging industry and strong resolution enabled him to work his way steadily upward and to acquire, through well directed efforts, a handsome competence. In business circles he enjoyed an unassailable reputation, and wherever he was known his word was as good as his bond.

Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Bilderback, a daughter of Captain Charles Bilderback, who was born January 23, 1823. Six children were born of their union. Samuel W., who was born July 23, 1845, wedded Mary Hill Pennell, November 10, 1870. Lydia Bilderback, who was born September 23, 1847, became the wife of Alexander G. Cattell on the 10th of November, 1873. Charles Gilmore, who was born June 23, 1851, married Ourilla Cressy for his first wife, while for his second wife he chose Miss Abbie Sheppard, whom he wedded February 4, 1897, and by whom he has one son. He was formerly engaged in the oilcloth business, but is now living retired. John C., born March 17, 1854, was married May 15, 1880, to Ella D. Duncan. He resides in Philadelphia and is the proprietor of the Camden Floor Oilcloth Works. Lizzie was born October 18, 1855. Ella, the youngest of the family, was born February 6, 1860, and died August 30, 1876.

In his political views in early life Mr. Dunn was a Whig but transferred his support to the Republican party when it was organized and continued one of its stalwart advocates until his death. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church of Salem and contributed to its support with a lavish hand, giving freely of his time and means when workers were most needed. He was an officer of the church during the greater part of his life, and the beautiful memorial window which was placed in the building in which he so loved to worship is a fitting tribute to the memory of a grand, good man. He lived to the age of three-score years and ten, and in the evening of life had no occasion to look over the past with regret or forward to the future with fear. His career was ever an honorable and upright one, worthy of the confidence and respect so freely given him, and his memory remains as a grateful benediction to all who knew him.

JOHN C. DUNN, JR.

In political and military life the opportunities for advancement are limited. There is but one chief political ruler, one chief commanding officer in any army, but in the field of commerce the possibilities are almost limit-

less, owing to the great variety of enterprises to which man may turn his energies. It is the person of resolute purpose, keen sagacity and unfaltering determination that steadily advances, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few. This Mr. Dunn has accomplished and as a leading manufacturer of southern New Jersey he is well known in business circles.

He was born on Broadway, in Salem, on the 17th of March, 1854, and attended the schools of his native town until about eighteen years of age, when he entered a school in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He early entered upon his business career as a clerk in the retail dry-goods store of Pennell & Brother, of Philadelphia, and later went upon the road as a salesman for John B. Ellison & Sons, with whom he was connected for five years. He was afterward with L. D. Farr for six years as bookkeeper and confidential clerk, but later embarked in business on his own account, establishing an oil-cloth manufactory, in 1882, at the corner of Seventh and Jefferson avenues in Camden. There he is still doing business. The enterprise was put in active operation under the firm name of J. C. Dunn, Jr., & Company. On the death of his father in 1892 our subject assumed full charge and the firm title of the J. C. Dunn Manufacturing Company was assumed. Fine floor oilcloth is manufactured and the entire product is sold by W. & J. Sloane, of New York city, and by them is sent to all the markets of the country. The plant has a capacity of one million yards annually, and in the manufacture of the oilcloth about one hundred men are continually employed. This is one of the leading industries of Camden, and the business is constantly increasing. Mr. Dunn is the sole owner of the plant, which is an extensive one, well equipped with all the latest improved machinery. The buildings stand on a large tract of land and there is about fifty thousand square feet of floor space. The site adjoins the West Jersey Railroad and thus excellent shipping facilities are secured. The machinery is operated by steam power, and everything is most complete in its appointments for turning out high-grade work.

Mr. Dunn married Miss Ella D. Duncan, a daughter of David Duncan, and their union has been blessed with four children: Bessie Mabel; Walter Duncan, who is now associated with his father in business; Helen Cattell and Elsie Dewees. In his political affiliations Mr. Dunn is a stalwart Republican. He belongs to the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia and is well known in social and business circles, enjoying an enviable reputation by reason of his straightforward methods and his many agreeable social qualities.

C. GILMORE DUNN.

The name of Dunn has long figured conspicuously in connection with the manufacturing interests of southern New Jersey, and the business ability of its representatives has brought to them rich and well merited success. He whose name introduces this review is one whose carefully directed efforts have enabled him to put aside the more arduous cares of commercial life and live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labor. His home is in Philadelphia, but he has a beautiful summer residence at Cape May, and on the Atlantic shore spends the hot months of summer.

Mr. Dunn is numbered among New Jersey's native sons, his birth having occurred in Salem, on the 23d of June, 1851, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dunn. He acquired his education in Salem Academy and became interested in the floor oilcloth business in Philadelphia. His father was one of the pioneers of the country in the manufacture of oilcloth, and when twenty years of age Gilmore Dunn became actively identified with the enterprise, the management of which he made his life work during his active business career. The industry carefully directed brought to the owners a handsome competence and the business steadily increased in volume and importance until the sales were very extensive and their goods were found in all the leading markets of the country. Mr. Dunn continued his association with the business until 1896, when he retired to private life.

He has been twice married. He first wedded Orilla Creese, and after her death married Miss Abbie Sheppard, a daughter of Dr. Sheppard, an old resident of Cape May county. They have one child, Marin Sheppard. Mr. Dunn is a member of Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, F. & A. M., of Philadelphia, and in his political views is a Republican. He is a man well known in business, political and social circles, and his opinions carry weight in all. His life has been quiet and uneventful, devoted to the duties of business and private life, yet showing forth the intrinsic weight of character that everywhere commands respect and stands as an example well worthy of emulation.

JAMES A. PORCH.

James A. Porch, who died April 15, 1900, lived to be the oldest resident of Gloucester county. He was born in Hurffville, this county, September 16, 1810, a son of Samuel Porch and Edith, a daughter of James Abbott. His great grandfather, Samuel Porch, was born in the same county and passed there his entire life, as a tiller of the soil. He was a soldier of the

Revolution and fought in defence of his country under General George Washington. He died in Deptford township and was buried in the old family burial ground at Bethel, New Jersey. He was twice married and had three children: John; Polly, who married Nathan Wetherbee; and Samuel Porch second, the father of James A. Porch, who was born at Hurffville, where he became a prominent farmer, but was prematurely killed by lightning while working in the harvest field. His children were: Mary, who married John Barker, both now deceased; James A., and Samuel third. Mrs. Porch died at Williamstown, New Jersey.

James A. Porch was brought up on a farm and followed that honorable vocation throughout a long and active life. He was but four years old when his father was so suddenly taken from him, and in consequence was adopted into the family of his grandfather, with whom he resided until the death of the latter. He then succeeded to his present farm, upon which he has resided for over seventy years.

He was twice married. By his first wife, Massey Williams, were born two children: Joseph, who married Matilda Heritage and now resides at Dudley, Burlington county, New Jersey; and Mary, the widow of Cooper Orange. By his second wife, Sarah, daughter of James and Annie Springer, his children were: Hannah A., Samuel and James, all now deceased; Martha, the widow of Robert Morgan; and E. Miline, the wife of Augustus Stewart. His second wife died in 1878.

Lewis Warwick, born on the homestead farm October 31, 1847, was adopted into the Porch family, with whom he has lived during his entire life, and now superintends the homestead farm. He married Miss Kate Jones and has one son, James P., who married Annie Cox.

Mr. Porch, the subject of this sketch, served as a freeholder, as an overseer of roads, was a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for over forty years.

WALTER HERITAGE.

Walter Heritage has for a number of years been prominently connected with the progress of many lines in Gloucester county, and his name is found on the roll of the leading farmers of East Greenwich township. He was born March 21, 1855, on the farm about a mile from his present home, and is a son of Charles Heritage, of Wolferth Station. His preliminary education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by study in the Friends' school at Mickleton and by one year's study in Kennett Square. On

putting aside his text-books he assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age, after which he came to his present home, which is the birth-place of his father and is now owned by his uncle, Benjamin Heritage, of Mickleton. He is a very successful raiser of garden produce and is a stockholder in the Mickleton Hall. He has made a close study of the methods of cultivating the vegetables which find a prompt sale on the market, and the excellence of the products enables him to dispose of them very readily. His business efforts are now attended with a creditable and satisfactory degree of success.

Mr. Heritage was married on the 5th of March, 1878, to Miss Susan R. Haines, a daughter of John Haines, of Mickleton, and they have two children,—Howard J. and Charles T. He and his family are members of the Society of Friends, and in social relations he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Swedesboro, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Clarksboro, and the Patrons of Husbandry of Mickleton. In politics he is a Republican, and since 1897 has been the assessor of his township. He was a member of the township committee for six years, clerk of the board of registrars for several years, and is at present the secretary of the township board of health. He is also a member of the executive committee of the state board of agriculture, and was for many years a trustee of the Mickleton Friends' school. It will thus be seen how closely he has been identified with progress along various lines—social, political, intellectual and material; and at all times he gives his support and co-operation to the movements and measures which are intended to promote the general good.

LUKE F. SMITH.

Luke F. Smith, now one of the prosperous business men of Elmer, Salem county, within the past few years has laid the foundations of a fortune, at the same time affording employment to many of his fellow-citizens, thus becoming, in a measure, a public benefactor.

Patriotism, integrity and industry, three essentials in a good citizen, were instilled into the mind of our subject from his earliest recollection. He is a descendant of Peter Smith, who established the family in this country at a very early date. His descendants now form one of the most numerous as well as one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Salem county. We have an account of but one of his children, Captain William Smith, who was an officer of militia in the war for independence, and distinguished him-

self by crossing a creek in the face of the enemy at Quinton Bridge, Salem county, riding his horse over a single plank. He was born December 10, 1742, but the place of his birth cannot be determined. His wife, Sarah Smith, was born October 24, 1744, and their children were: Lydia, who was born February 11, 1764, and became the wife of John Harris, who served in the regular army throughout the Revolutionary war; Oliver, born April 8, 1765; Phineas, born October 17, 1768; Hannah, who was born September 14, 1770, and became Mrs. Sims; Millicent, who was born December 25, 1772, and died in childhood; Sarah, who was born October 19, 1775, and became the wife of John Blackwood; Mary, who was born March 18, 1778, and became Mrs. Simpkins; Washington; and Elizabeth, who was born April 27, 1783, and died in childhood. Of this family Washington Smith was the great-grandfather of our subject. He was born June 22, 1780, and married Mary Patrick, who was born July 13, 1784. Their children were Mary Ann, who was born January 3, 1801, and became the wife of Judge Ephraim Carll; Peter; Elizabeth, who was born October 20, 1806, and married Oliver Smith; John Patrick; Abner; Martha, wife of Abner Patrick; Phineas; Lucetta, wife of Richard Mulford; Samuel, who died in childhood; Lydia, wife of John Mills; and Washington. Peter Smith, the grandfather of our subject was born June 17, 1805. He married Elizabeth Ann Elliot, who was born February 28, 1808. His death occurred February 18, 1879, and his wife passed away December 16, 1880. Their children were: James W., who was born May 16, 1829, and died September 27, 1849; Jesse P., who was born February 3, 1832, and died July 8, 1833; Samuel P., who was born July 24, 1835; Ephraim Carll, who was born November 24, 1835, and died October 15, 1898; Thomas Jefferson, who was born April 21, 1841, and is a physician in Bridgeton, Cumberland county, New Jersey; and Peter Elmer, who was born September 23, 1842, and is a farmer of Mannington township, Salem county.

Luke S. Fogg, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born February 12, 1813, and died September 25, 1886. He married Ann Harris, December 8, 1836, who was born June 17, 1813, a daughter of Stretch and Rebecca Harris. She died December 17, 1841. They had two children—Hannah H. and John H.; the latter was born December 27, 1840, and died February 2, 1884. For his second wife Luke S. Fogg, March 29, 1854, married Phebe B. Mulford, who was born February 3, 1832, and died February 11, 1884. Both of the wives of Mr. Fogg were great-granddaughters of Captain William Smith.

Ephraim Carll Smith, the father of our subject, was born in Lower Penns Neck township, Salem county, and acquired his education in the schools of

his native town, in the Friends' school and in the Academy of Salem. During his active business career he was engaged in farming, but in 1885 removed to Salem, where he lived retired. He was a prominent man, a Republican in politics, and a trustee of the Baptist church.

He was very successful in his undertakings, becoming possessed of a considerable amount of the rich farming land for which southern New Jersey is noted. He was married January 16, 1856, to Miss Hannah H. Fogg, who was born September 7, 1838, a daughter of Luke S. Fogg, and the children born of their union are: Luke F.; Anna Rebecca, who was born February 17, 1859, and is the wife of Joseph S. Buzby, a farmer of Mannington township, by whom she has two children—Luke S. and Hannah S.; Jefferson Warren, a farmer of Lower Alloway Creek township, who was born April 5, 1862, and was married November 17, 1888, to Miss Margaret W. Austin, a daughter of William Austin, of Piles Grove, by whom he has two children—John Frank and Ephraim Carll; Frank Peter, who was born March 19, 1868, and died March 13, 1870; Phebe Fogg, who was born January 14, 1871, and died October 29, of the same year; and John Fogg, who was born December 4, 1873, and is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. The family are members of the Baptist church and are people of the highest respectability and worth. The sons give their political support to the Republican party.

Luke F. Smith, who was born in Mannington township, September 19, 1856, received a common-school education, and early learned the details of farming. He worked three years faithfully at his calling after leaving the schoolroom, but at the end of that period decided to undertake a commercial career. In 1883 he went to Sharpstown, where he engaged in the canning business, and three years later he sold his factory there at a good profit. In 1888 he came to Elmer and purchased his present factory, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to the canning of tomatoes, for which product this region is especially noted. The factory has a capacity of from seven to nine hundred thousand cans during the season, and usually the demand of the trade is fully equal to the output. In addition to this flourishing business, which he handles with great system, Mr. Smith owns another factory at Alloway, where from five to seven hundred thousand cans of tomatoes are prepared for the public consumption annually. The brand which finds special favor and truly wonderful sale in all parts of the country is known as the "Jersey Red," and, as its flavor is uniformly excellent, it is always demanded by the housekeeper and purveyor to the public, wherever obtainable.

From a humble beginning Mr. Smith has built up a large and constantly

growing business, and thoroughly merits the high regard in which he is held by all with whom he has had dealings. He is a trustee in both the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges, and is much interested in the welfare of those fraternities. Politically, he uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican party. Socially he is very popular, having a host of friends in various parts of Salem county.

WALTER S. BASSETT.

Walter S. Bassett, one of the leading farmers of Gloucester county and the postmaster of the Bassett post-office, was born in Salem county, New Jersey, in 1845. His father was the late David Bassett, an extensive stock dealer and farmer of Salem county. The Bassett family is of English lineage and was founded in America at an early day, representatives of the name locating in Mannington township, Salem county, at an early period in the development of that section. Joseph, Benjamin and Elisha Bassett were brothers and the last named is the grandfather of our subject. He resided on the old Bassett homestead in Mannington township and there followed farming throughout his active business career. His last days, however, were spent in Salem, where he died about thirty years ago, at the age of eighty years. His children were David, Edward, John, Elisha, Albert and Elizabeth. The last named became the wife of Biddle Haines. The family were members of the Society of Friends and the grandfather was a prominent man in his church, being regarded as one of the leaders there.

David Bassett, the father of our subject, also resided in Mannington township, Salem county, for many years. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and on entering upon his business career, began farming on his own account. Later he removed to Salem, where he engaged in the stock business, handling stock on an extensive scale. He died in that city in 1880, at the age of seventy-five years. In his political views he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He married Mary T. Smith, a daughter of Evi Smith, a Philadelphia merchant, who removed to Salem and made his home there until he was called to his final rest. His daughter, Mrs. Bassett, survived her husband for about two years. She was the mother of four children: C. Edwin, of Pennsville, New Jersey, who died in 1895; Howard, who has also passed away; Mary E., the wife of Henry Hancock; and Walter S.

The last named was born on the old family homestead in Salem county, began his education in the common schools and afterward attended the

Friends' school in Salem and the Friends' school in Race street, Philadelphia. At the age of twenty-two years he started out in business on his own account, and as a companion and helpmeet in life's journey he chose Miss Emma S. Black, the marriage being celebrated in Salem county, and the lady is a daughter of Alexander and Hannah (Rulon) Black, who resided near Swedesboro. The marriage was celebrated January 9, 1872, and has been blessed with six children, namely: C. Rulon, who was formerly connected with the bank of Philadelphia, but is now in Trenton; Alexander B., who is with the Cambria Iron Company of Philadelphia; Lucretia M., at home; David B., an architect of Philadelphia; Ralph E. and Hannah B., who also are with their parents.

In 1873 Mr. Bassett removed to Gloucester county and located on a farm of two hundred acres, carrying on agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He now has one of the best improved farms in his section of the state, the place being supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences, while the well tilled fields indicate to the passer by the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner. He has also for some time been a director in the Piles Grove Creamery Company, and in all branches of his business he is meeting with success.

Mr. Bassett has served as the postmaster of the Bassett post-office since 1891, discharging his duties in a capable manner. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, doing all in his power to promote the growth and secure the success of his party. He attends the county and state conventions and is deeply interested in political questions. He is a past master of the Masonic lodge of Swedesboro, and his brethren of the fraternity presented him with a handsome jewel in 1899. He also belongs to the American Order of United Workmen of Swedesboro and is a member of the Grange. He and his family attend the Friends' church and enjoy the high regard of all who know them by reason of their sterling worth.

JOSEPH K. WADDINGTON.

The name of Waddington is one which is ineffaceably traced on the history of Salem county and figures conspicuously on the pages of the records that perpetuate the principal events from early colonial days down to the present time. Through several generations the lineage can be traced, and in each the representatives of the name have been men and women of sterling worth of character and strong intellectual force, typifying in their lives that unassuming industry, loyalty and integrity which have ever con-

served the progress and material prosperity of the nation. From an early colonial epoch the name has been identified with the great basic industry of agriculture, and through well directed and extensive enterprise in this line the various generations have lent new dignity to the time-honored art of industry. It is to be acknowledged unmistakably that no history purporting to touch this section of the great state of New Jersey would be complete were there failure to revert in detail to the record of the Waddington family.

The original American ancestor was William Waddington, a French Huguenot, who emigrated to the New World about the year 1690, leaving home and native land, as did many others of his countrymen, in order to escape the persecution waged with such implacable animosity and cruelty upon a devoted people after the revocation of the edict of Nantes. In New Jersey he found a home and was permitted to enjoy that freedom to exercise his convictions which had been denied him in France. From Edward Wade he purchased one thousand acres of land, the same being the southern portion of the Wade allotment. There he settled and maintained his home until his death, and it is interesting to revert to the fact that this property remained in the possession of the family until within a very few years ago. William Waddington was born January 13, 1779, and died January 30, 1823. He had one son, Jonathan, who married and became the father of the following named children: Jonathan (2d) married a great-granddaughter of John and Mary (Chambless) Hancock, and he died in 1760, leaving one son, Jonathan (3d). This was at the time of his father's death, the only one left to perpetuate the family name in this country. He married Sarah B. Bradway, the daughter of Aaron Bradway, of Elsinboro township, Salem county, and their children were: William; W. Robert, who married, but died in early manhood, leaving three sons,—Aaron, Samuel and James. Aaron, another son of the foregoing Jonathan 3d, married Sarah, the daughter of Edward Keasby, who was born October 5, 1760, and died November 26, 1805. His children were Joseph, born March 26, 1784; Bradway, born April 26, 1786; Prudence, born May 11, 1788; Sarah, born June 17, 1789; Mary, who was born October 11, 1791, and died October 7, 1803; Grace, born November 10, 1793; Elizabeth, January 15, 1798; and Edward, June 17, 1801. Aaron and Sarah (Keasby) Waddington became the parents of three daughters and two sons: Sarah Ann, Lydia, Joshua, Bradway and Jane. Thomas, the third son of Jonathan 3d, was twice married, the children by his first wife, Hannah Potts, being Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Jonathan and Thomas, while his second wife, Hannah Davis, bore him two daughters,—Beulah and Jane. Edward W., the

youngest child of Jonathan, 3d, and Sarah (Bradway) Waddington, was the grandfather of the immediate subject of this review.

Edward W. Waddington passed his entire life in Salem county, having been a prominent and influential farmer of Lower Alloway Creek township, where he carried on agricultural operations on an extensive scale, owning a farm of two hundred and fifty acres. He was a man of sterling character, was a Democrat in his political adherency and was highly honored in the community. He was married February 2, 1809, to Prudence Keasby, who was born May 11, 1788, and was a daughter of Edward and Lydia Keasby. She was a woman of gentle and noble character, and died January 5, 1867, at the age of seventy-nine years, while Edward Waddington, her husband, died March 2, 1844, at the age of fifty-five years. They became the parents of eight children, of whom we offer record as follows: Richard, born October 23, 1811, was a farmer of Elsinboro township and was twice married; Sarah, born October 23, 1813, married James Smith, a farmer of the same township; Edward, born November 12, 1815, died November 3, 1834, at the age of nineteen years; Prudence, born May 5, 1818, married Ebenezer Barratt; Elizabeth, born March 5, 1820, married John Welch, a farmer of Kansas; Joseph, born May 15, 1821, was the father of the immediate subject of this sketch; Lydia Ann, born January 27, 1823, became the wife of Jonathan Bradway, a farmer of Cumberland county, but now of Salem county; and Rebecca, who was born October 13, 1825, became the wife of Samuel Borden, a farmer of Mannington township, Salem county.

The original American ancestor, William Waddington, had but the one son, to whom reference has been made, but in his family were four daughters, concerning whom the following data are extant: Hannah married Maurice Beesley and became the mother of five children: Walker, who was killed at the massacre of Hancock's Bridge, in Salem county, during the war of the Revolution; Hannah married John Beesley, and her two sons, Walker and David, died unmarried, in early manhood; Mary married Peter Townsend, of Cape May, and of this union there was no issue; Benjamin died in early manhood; and Abner married Mary, daughter of John and Susanna Mason, of Elsinboro township, and their children were Mary, William, Benjamin and Thomas. Ann Waddington, daughter of William Waddington, was married in 1750 to John Baracliff. Elizabeth, third daughter of William Waddington, married Edward, a son of Jonathan Bradway, in 1760, and their children were: David; and Hannah, who married Job Stretch and had issue. Jane, the fourth daughter of William Waddington, married Bradway Keasby, she being his second wife, and they had one daughter, Sarah Keasby, who married John, a son of Edward and Hannah

Pancoast, and became the mother of six children,—Hannah, John, Israel, Jane, David and Aaron.

Joseph Waddington, the father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was born May 15, 1821, in Lower Alloway Creek township, Salem county, and became a successful and influential farmer of Elsinboro township, where he took up his residence when sixteen years of age. He spent the last fourteen years of his life in retirement, making his home in Salem, and entered into eternal rest September 1, 1895, at the age of seventy-four years, and the community mourned the loss of one of its leading and most honored representatives. He married Ruth Wright Appleton, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Hewes) Appleton, who was born April 18, 1824, and was one of four children, the others being Sarah, George and Lewis. The father and mother both died many years ago, and Mrs. Waddington is now the only living representative of the family and almost the only one of the name in New Jersey. She is now seventy-five years of age. Unto Joseph and Ruth (Appleton) Waddington were born the following children: Emma, who was born August 22, 1845, and is the wife of Gideon Peasley, of Gloucester county, New Jersey, by whom she has three children,—Ruth, Hannah and Amos; Jane, who was born May 22, 1847, and died at the age of sixteen years; Elmer, who died in infancy; Tacie, born January 20, 1852; Joseph K., born June 4, 1854; and Lydia K., the wife of William Morris, of Salem; and Georgianna, born in May, 1860.

Joseph K. Waddington, whose name heads this article, and who is now a prominent merchant and representative business man of Salem, was reared on the old homestead farm in Elsinboro township, and in his early youth attended the district schools, but supplemented his preliminary educational privileges by a course of study in the Friends' school in Salem. In 1878 he began the management of the old family homestead, and for four years continued its cultivation, after which he removed to a farm in Mannington township, which he conducted until 1888. He then came to Salem and has since been a very active figure in the commercial circles of this place. He purchased the Clement property and store at Salem, and has since carried on mercantile pursuits, enjoying a liberal patronage along that line. He is also engaged in handling coal, grain and seeds, and is conducting an extensive business, his sales amounting to one hundred thousand dollars annually. His efforts, however, are not limited to this undertaking alone. He is a man of resourceful business ability and his energies have enabled him to carry on successfully other undertakings. He is a director in the Salem & Philadelphia Transportation Company, owning a steamer on the Delaware river; is a director of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Com-

pany, of Salem county; and of the State Building & Loan Association, and in all these undertakings his wise counsel and sound judgment have proven important factors in their success.

In 1884 Mr. Waddington was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie, a daughter of John R. and Lydia (Bassett) Zerne, of Salem, and they have three children: William, who was born in October, 1886; J. Elmer, who was born in 1888; Helen, born in 1893, and Joseph K., Jr., born in May, 1900. Mrs. Waddington is a member of the Society of Friends and is a lady of culture to whom is extended the hospitality of the best homes in Salem. Mr. Waddington, likewise, has a large circle of friends and is very popular in social and business circles. He is a valued member of the Country Club, of Salem, and of the Lodge of Heptasophs. In politics he is an earnest Democrat, has served as a member of the board of chosen freeholders, and is now the city recorder of Salem. He has for nearly two decades been an active factor in advancing the city of Salem, and during that entire time has so conducted all of his affairs as to command the esteem, confidence and respect of all classes. His actions have during his life been such as to distinctively entitle him to a place in this publication, and although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography published in this work can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty and integrity in insuring success.

THOMAS WILLIAM MILLET.

Thomas William Millet was born in Philadelphia, October 3, 1852, and is a representative of an old English family. His father was born in Liverpool, England, and during his early boyhood Edward G. Millet, the father of our subject, came to America, being the founder of the family in the New World. The family took up their abode in Philadelphia, where Edward, with two brothers, George and John, in 1835, established the Central spice mills. Subsequently he removed to Perkasio, Pennsylvania, where his last days were passed. Of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he was a valued member, and in his political affiliations he was a stalwart Republican, giving to the party his earnest support. He married Miss Anna C. Zendt, and they became the parents of seven children: George W.; Thomas W., of this review; Edward G.; Harry F.; Alfred; Abraham Lincoln; and Elizabeth, the wife of Irvin Dill, a real-estate dealer of Perkasio. The father of these children died at the age of seventy-six

years, but the mother is still living and has attained the age of seventy-three years.

In the public schools of Philadelphia Thomas W. Millet acquired his education, but just before the time of graduation he left the school-room and entered his father's spice mill and remained there for several years. In severing that business connection he entered the employ of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, of Philadelphia, and subsequently was sent by them to Cape May to take charge of their business there in the capacity of superintendent. This responsible and important position he has since ably filled and now has twenty-four men in his immediate employ, while nine wagons are used in the delivery of ice and coal sold by this company. Mr. Millet is an enterprising business man and his executive force and capable management have not only brought prosperity to the company which he represents but have also secured to him a very excellent salary that places him among the substantial men of Cape May. He is also a director in the Cape May Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Millet was united in marriage to Miss Ida Virginia Simpson, daughter of Edward Simpson, a shipbuilder of Philadelphia. They now have four children: Jennie, the wife of Harry F. Ettinger, the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Delaware & Atlantic Telephone Company at Cape May; Ida V.; Sara E.; and Thomas W. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Millet is a prominent and active worker, serving at the present time as a member and treasurer of the board of trustees. He belongs to Cape May Lodge, No. 31, F. & A. M., the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Hep-tasophs. A stalwart Republican in his political affiliations, he has been called to serve in various positions of trust and responsibility. For several years he was a member of the board of education of Cape May, and during that time many improvements were made in the schools and the new public-school building was erected.

Mr. Millet always has given his support to the measures which he believes would prove beneficial to the cause of education. He was elected the mayor of Cape May city on the 14th of March, 1898, defeating J. Henry Edmonds, and is therefore the chief executive of the city. His administration is characterized by law and order, by progress and reform. His success in business life has come to him through energy, labor, and perseverance, directed by an equally balanced mind and by honorable business principles. In manner he is quiet and straightforward, saying exactly what he means without the employment of useless compliments, yet his social qualities

render him a favorite with all classes of citizens, and his career commands the respect of all.

JOHN WOOD HANNOLD.

Among the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of Gloucester county and one well worthy of the esteem which is so freely and justly accorded him by his fellow townsmen, is J. Wood Hannold, who is identified with the farming interests of Deptford township. He was born in Paulsboro, New Jersey, April 20, 1842, and is a son of Frederick and Jane A. (Hendrickson) Hannold. His father was a leading citizen, who throughout his entire life followed the river, sailing as captain on the Delaware. He died in Philadelphia in 1882, at the age of sixty-six years. His father, Captain Frederick Hannold, was also commander of a boat on the Delaware river for many years. The maternal parents of our subject were Job and Permelia (Lock) Hendrickson; the former was a farmer of Greenwich township, Gloucester county, where he died about 1858. He reared six children, all of whom are yet living, their ages ranging from sixty to eighty-three years. At a birthday celebration of the eldest daughter in July, 1900, there were present twenty-nine grandchildren, eighty-one great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren, four generations being represented and all hale and hearty. The Hendricksons were among the first settlers of Swedesboro and were of Swedish lineage. The Hannold family settled at Paulsboro many years ago. The parents of our subject had seven children, of whom six are now living, namely: J. Wood, Samuel, William, Mary Ella, Evaline and Spencer M.

John Wood Hannold was reared in the county of his nativity, and pursued his education in the schools of Paulsboro. At the age of twenty years he began farming on his own account, residing first in the neighborhood of Paulsboro, after which he spent six years in Cumberland county, moving back to Woodbury in 1878, since which time he has been a resident of that place. He now owns a farm about three miles from Woodbury, where he has one hundred acres of fine land under a high state of cultivation. His business methods are practical and progressive, and the well-tilled fields yield to him a golden tribute for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

At the time of the civil war, however, Mr. Hannold put aside all personal considerations to engage in the service of his country, enlisting in 1861 as a member of the Twenty-fourth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He served for nine months in the army of the Potomac, participating in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He now belongs to General Howell Post, G. A. R., of Woodbury, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias

fraternity, the Heptasophs, the Knights of the Mystic Chain, and formerly affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, unswerving in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He served for six years on the board of freeholders of Gloucester county and for two years in Cumberland county during his residence there. He attends all the conventions of the party and does everything in his power to promote the growth and secure the success of the political organization to which he gives his support.

Mr. Hannold was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Curts, a daughter of Lewis and Henrietta (Catell) Curts. She was born in Deptford township, Gloucester county, May 2, 1842, and was one of a family of five daughters and one son, namely: Sarah A., Mary E., Anna M., Harriet F., Chockley C. and Henrietta. All are living with the exception of the last named. Their parents resided in Gloucester county until 1860, when they removed to a farm on the Potomac river in Virginia, twenty-eight miles below Washington. There they resided through the period of the civil war, their home being in the center of the war district. Both the father and mother are now deceased. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hannold has been blessed with ten children: Harvey H., Cleretta C., Lizzie P., Permelia H., Oscar, Chockley C., Woody J., John W., Lewis C. and Ada T. Of these, Permelia H., Oscar and Woody are now deceased. John W. married Mary A. Sagers and they have one child, Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Hannold are enterprising and prominent people of Gloucester county. His life has been an honorable, useful and industrious one, and in all relations of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

SAMUEL H. GREY.

Samuel H. Grey, attorney general, residing at Camden, New Jersey, was born in this city April 6, 1836, and is a son of Philip James Grey, for many years a leading man in this section of the state, and Sarah Woolston Stephens, his wife, a member of an orthodox Quaker family. He spent his entire life in Camden, where he was educated at private schools kept by Hon. Fayette Grover, afterward the governor of Oregon and a senator from that state, and his brother Talleyrand. He studied law with Hon. Abraham Browning as his preceptor, the first attorney general appointed under the new constitution, and was admitted as an attorney at the November term, 1857, and as a counselor at the February term, 1861.

The attorney general long since achieved for himself a high reputation



Samuel H. Grey

as a lawyer, a pleader and an orator. He has figured in many prominent legal battles, in nearly all of which he has come out crowned with victory. His masterly conduct of the impeachment proceedings in the case of Prison-keeper Patrick H. Lavery, in 1886, when he acted as counsel for the house of assembly, brought about conviction by the state senate sitting as a high court of impeachment, and which was presided over by John W. Griggs, since governor of New Jersey. His argument before the supreme court in 1888, in support of the constitutionality of the local-option law, won for him a favorable decision, and the statute was not disturbed. With other eminent lawyers as his associates, he distinguished himself in the famous controversy over the organization of the state senate in 1894, when a full bench of the supreme court sustained his interpretation of the constitutional law bearing on the case. Chief Justice Beasley delivered the opinion of the court, which declared that Maurice A. Rogers, Republican, was the duly elected president of the senate.

Twice has the attorney general been a presidential elector for New Jersey,—in 1872, when the vote of the state was cast for Grant and Wilson, and in 1896, when it was recorded for McKinley and Hobart. He served as a member of the constitutional commission of 1873, and was president of the constitutional commission of 1894.

In 1866 Mr. Grey was appointed prosecutor of the pleas for the county of Cape May, and served seven years. He served as a member of the Republican state executive committee from 1868 to 1871. Several times he has refused judicial and political honors. He could have gone to congress in 1874, when he declined a nomination in the first congressional district. Governor Griggs offered him the office of chief justice of the supreme court in 1897, which he declined. On March 1 of the same year he was nominated for attorney general, to succeed John P. Stockton, and he was unanimously confirmed by the senate on the 8th of that month. His term will expire on April 5, 1902, and his salary is seven thousand dollars a year.

The attorney general has been a director of the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company since its organization, in 1873, and he is the president of the West Jersey Title and Guaranty Company, a position he has occupied since its formation.

JARVIS WANSER.

The well known commandant of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Vineland is Colonel Jarvis Wanser, who during the civil war "donned the blue" and aided in suppressing the rebellion in the south. His pleasant manner,

genial disposition and executive ability well qualified him for his present office, and its duties he is now ably discharging.

The Colonel is a native of New Brunswick, New Jersey, his birth having occurred on the 30th of March, 1838. The name is of Holland Dutch origin, and the family was established on Long Island at an early day. The parents of our subject were Jarvis and Phoebe (Pearsall) Wanser, and the former was born at Hempstead, Long Island, where he spent the early part of his life. For a time he engaged in business as the proprietor of the old Fulton market in New York city, and subsequently he came to New Brunswick, New Jersey, purchasing a large farm in the suburbs. Subsequently he owned and managed two farms, but afterward took up his abode in the village, where he conducted the Raritan Hotel until his death. He was a prominent supporter of the Republican party and did all in his power to advance its interests. Both he and his wife attained the ripe old age of eighty years. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children. William H., now deceased, was for some years engaged in the fruit business in New York city. The other members of the family now living are: Mary, Rachel, John, Eliza and Jarvis.

Colonel Wanser, of this review, obtained his education in the public schools of his native town, and after entering upon his business career dealt quite extensively in fruit, using five wagons in the sale of this commodity. He was twenty-three years of age when he enlisted, on the 26th of August, 1862, for three years' service, in the war of the Rebellion, being assigned to Company H, Fourteenth New Jersey Infantry. He joined the army as a private, but meritorious conduct soon won him promotion to the rank of orderly sergeant of Company F, and later he was promoted first sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and then commissioned captain of Company B, Fourteenth New Jersey Infantry. On the 1st of June, 1864, at Cold Harbor, he was wounded by a minie ball in the knee and confined in the hospital in Alexandria, Virginia, for three months. Later he rejoined his regiment and assumed command of his company, continuing in that position until the close of hostilities. He participated in twenty important engagements, including the battles of South Mountain, Monocacy, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Spottsylvania. After his return from the war he connected himself with Company K, of the Third Regiment, New Jersey Militia, was made its captain, major and colonel, and served with that command for eight years.

When the Confederacy had been overthrown Colonel Wanser returned to New Brunswick, but soon afterward was appointed steward of the state prison in Trenton, and held that position for five years. Later he engaged

in the confectionery business at Easton, Pennsylvania, and thence came to Vineland, where he has engaged in the real-estate and insurance business for twenty-two years. In 1899, upon the founding of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Vineland, he was appointed commandant and is now capably filling that position.

In 1857 was celebrated the marriage of Colonel Wanser and Miss Sarah E. Britton, a daughter of John Britton, of New Brunswick. They now have two children,—Albert and Frank. The former, who is the proprietor of a clothing and men's furnishing goods store in Vineland, married Sarah Stewart, and has two children,—Maria and Alvin. The younger son was formerly in the folding department in Washington, D. C., but is now associated with his brother in business. He married Miss Walman and has a daughter, Ruth.

Colonel Wanser casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and is one of the prominent advocates of the organization, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success, for he believes most firmly in its principles. He is also a member of Lyon Post, No. 10, G. A. R., of Vineland, of which he has served as past commander, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. His business affairs have been capably conducted, and in all transactions he is thoroughly reliable and upright. Upon the field of battle he displayed marked loyalty, and in the days of peace has been as faithful to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the stars and stripes. His social qualities render him a favorite among all classes, and he well deserves mention among the representative citizens of southern New Jersey.

HENRY F. SICKLER.

Henry Freas Sickler is one of the most influential and well known business men of Salem, Salem county, New Jersey, where he has been engaged as a brick mason for many years and has built up an enviable reputation as a workman of skill. Several generations of the family have made their home in this county until the name has come to be associated with its growth and prosperity. Three brothers left Germany to seek a home in the broad prairies of America, one of whom located at Camden, one at Friesburg, and one at Gloucester. The brother who settled at Friesburg is the one to whom our subject owes his name and indirectly his existence.

John Sickler was the grandfather of our subject and was born at Friesburg, where he afterward followed farming. He had a large farm of five hundred acres in Piles Grove township and was one of the most successful

husbandmen in the community. He was a Democrat and the family were members of the Baptist church. He was married to Hannah Freas and had seven children, viz: William, a farmer, who married Catherine Van Meter and died in Alloway, leaving four children,—Isaac, John, Elizabeth, and Mary Ann; Samuel, who died young; Henry, the father of our subject; John, who married Martha Redrow and has eight children,—Nathan, William, Charles, John, Hannah, Harriet, Sarah and Mary; Elizabeth, the fifth child, married John McEwen, a wheelwright of Salem, by whom she has five children,—John, Elizabeth, Ellen, Rebecca and Mary; Hannah, who married Enos Reeves, a farmer, and has four children,—Enos, William, Anna and Hannah; Sarah was the youngest and married Richard Ballanger, a bricklayer and a prominent politician of Salem who at one time served as the sheriff of the county. Their children are Richard, Fenwick, Clement, John and Mary. The grandfather died at the age of sixty years and was survived several years by his wife who reached the age of eighty years.

Henry Sickler was born in 1810 in the same county as his father and his son. He was a blacksmith and wheelwright and carried on his trade for several years in a most successful manner. He acquired a considerable property and was considered a most successful man of business. He purchased a farm which he operated and lived on a number of years at Woodstown. He was public-spirited and took great interest in all local affairs, a prominent worker in local politics and contributed in no small way to the success of the Republican ticket. He married Miss Hannah Dickison, by whom he had three children, two sons and a daughter, namely: Smith, who was born in March, 1833, and is a brick manufacturer in Salem: he married Mary Freas and has two children; Mary, who was born in 1837 and married Josiah Medeira, a horse dealer of Woodstown: they have two children,—John and George; the second son is our subject, Henry. The father died while yet a young man, in 1838, and was survived almost a half century by his widow, who was called to her reward April 12, 1882, at the age of seventy-three years. The maternal grandfather was William Dickison, who also was a native of Piles Grove township and for the greater part of his life a farmer near Woodstown. He married Mary Hall and reared two sons and two daughters, namely: Charles, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years and is a farmer at Shiloh: he married Harriet Bacon and has three children,—Charles, William, and Mary: William was in the war of the Rebellion; Edward, who married and has children, and is a farmer in McKean county, Pennsylvania; Hannah; and Achsah, who married Allen Wallace and has four sons and four daughters,—Edward, Allen, John,

Frank, Achsah, Rachel, Sarah Hannah and Mary. The grandfather died at the age of sixty-six years.

Henry Freas Sickler, the second child of his parents, was born in Woodstown, this county, November 10, 1835. He remained on the farm with his mother for several years and then went to Salem, where he attended the public schools. After leaving school he took charge of his mother's farm and afterward followed the same occupation for a year or more in the state of Ohio. Returning to New Jersey he learned the trade of brickmason and has worked at that business continually since. He learned the trade of the firm of French & Sickler, and he afterward became a partner, with James E. Dunham and Westly Parker, and from that time the firm was known as Dunham, Parker & Sickler. Mr. Parker afterward withdrew from the firm and they continued as Dunham & Sickler for twenty years, until 1887, when the partnership was dissolved. He did work all through this state, in Delaware and other places, and has erected many of our finest public buildings. He employed some twenty men and did the greater part of the work in this vicinity, giving to it his personal supervision. One of the most prominent buildings erected by him is the Friends' Hotel. He still does a large business and possesses considerable property.

January 1, 1861, Mr. Sickler was united in matrimony to Miss Anna Ward, a daughter of David and Sarah Ward, farmers of Kirkwood, Delaware. They have four children: Hannah, born May 29, 1864, is a cashier; Margaret, born December 23, 1866, was married in 1894 to John Radcliff, who is a clerk in the Pennsylvania Railway office at Camden, but whose residence is Salem. They have one child, Henry Ratcliffe; Dora, born April 29, 1872, is a teacher in the public schools of Salem and resides at home; and Elsie, born August 8, 1878, is a Western Line operator at Salem and resides at home. Mrs. Sickler died at the age of forty-three years, in 1881, and was deeply mourned by the many friends who had been drawn to her by her charming personality and gracious manner. Mr. Sickler is a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist church, is a Knight of Pythias and served as councilman for the first ward.

JOSEPH MULFORD BACON.

Among the men who are prominently connected with the business interests of Salem, Salem county, New Jersey, is the genial agent of the West Jersey Express Company whose name appears above, and whose kindly disposition and obliging manners have made him a universal favorite. He is

well known throughout the county, this city having been his birth place September 18, 1848. His parents are Smith and Elizabeth (Freas) Bacon, and he traces his ancestry back to Uriah Bacon, who was born probably in Long Island and was the great-grandfather of our subject. Uriah Bacon was a cooper by trade and settled in Salem county, where he plied his craft. He married a lady whose maiden name was Sarah Dare, and had four children: Joseph; Hannah, wife of Edward Davis; Elizabeth, wife of Jeremiah Davis; and Phoebe, who married Sylvanus Sheppard. Uriah Bacon died at Rhoadestown, Cumberland county, this state, at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. He had a brother, Joseph, who fought in the Revolutionary war and lost his life in the Hancock Bridge massacre.

Joseph Bacon, the eldest child of Uriah, was the grandfather of our subject and was born in Rhoadestown, Cumberland county. He was a cooper, having learned the trade of his father, and followed it in his native town. He married Jane Mulford and reared six children: John; Sarah, wife of Charles Peterson; Jane, wife of Jacob Diver, a farmer; Uriah, Joseph, and Smith, the father of our subject. He was sixty-five years old at his death.

Smith Bacon was also a native of Rhoadestown, where he attended the district schools. Leaving school he determined to become a sailor, and for many years sailed on the merchant vessels, later taking charge of a brig that plied between Philadelphia and the West Indies and owned by the Miner Harvey Company, of Salem. He afterward gave up the sea and spent his last days in this city, where he died when about seventy years old. He was a Democrat in his politics. His wife, Elizabeth Freas, was sixty years of age at her death, and was the mother of the following children: Jane, who died when a child of five or six years; Hannah, who also died in infancy; Joseph M., our subject; Sarah, who died young; Henry, a sash and door manufacturer of Philadelphia. He married Hannah Dowling, by whom he had three children: Bertha, William and Mortimer; Smith, who married Elizabeth Pedrick and is engaged in the dairy business at Salem; James, unmarried and captain of a tug-boat; Lizzie, who died in childhood; and Charles, civil engineer with the Shiffler Bridge Company: he married Miss Sarah Stretch and resides at Toledo, Ohio; and Lizzie F., who is unmarried.

Joseph Mulford Bacon was educated in the public school and in that kept by the Society of Friends in Salem. After his school days were ended he was with his father for twelve years in the merchant service and visited many southern and New England ports. This was an advantage not afforded many young men and he enjoyed it to the full, but was not so well pleased with the life that he cared to make it his permanent employment, and accordingly he turned his attention to other lines. For nine years

he was engaged in the dairy business in Salem and was then appointed agent for the West Jersey Express Company, in 1887, and has continued in that capacity ever since making many friends for the company by his uniformly courteous and obliging attentions.

October 15, 1872, Mr. Bacon was united in matrimony with Miss Mary S. Colley, a daughter of Henry D. Colley, a carpenter of Salem, New Jersey. She was one of four children, namely: Sewell H.; Mary S.; Georgianna, wife of Thomas Whitelock; and Maggie S., wife of William Bloemer. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon are the parents of five children: Frank, a compositor in the Mail & Express office of New York City: he is a member of the Sons of the Revolution; Maggie, deceased; George, a student; Jennie, who died at the age of three years; and Elsie, at school. Mr. Bacon was at one time city recorder of Salem. He is a member of the Baptist church and an honorable, upright, Christian gentleman. He is an active member of the Liberty Hook & Ladder Company, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

WILLIAM D. DUFFIELD.

William D. Duffield, the popular superintendent of John Wyeth & Brothers' Malt Works, of Woodbury, Gloucester county, New Jersey, is a son of Henry F. and Adaline B. (Lee) Duffield, and was born in Hurffville township, this county, June 30, 1866. Both parents were of English descent, the first member of the Duffield family, Nathan, coming from that country at an early day to Cumberland county, New Jersey, where he purchased a large tract of land and engaged in its improvement and cultivation. His children were Aralonase: Nathan; Henry F.; Elizabeth, who married W. H. Smith, of Cedarville, Cumberland county; Hannah, who married Henry M. Conover, of the same locality; and Lydia, the wife of Martin Corson of Bridgeton, this state.

Henry F. Duffield was born in Cumberland county, on his father's estate, where he grew up and became a prosperous tiller of the soil. He was inured to the hardships of pioneer farm life in his youthful days and received only a limited education, the facilities for learning being of the most meager and primitive description. He died August 27, 1879, after a useful and well spent life, and is survived by his widow, who makes her home in this city. Her maiden name was Adaline B. Lee and the children born of their union were James Lee, who married Jenette Dorff; William D., our subject; and Herbert R., married to Bertha C. Stewart. The Lee family came from Derby-

shire, England, in 1818 and settled in Burlington county, New Jersey, whence the oldest son, Samuel, about the year 1820 moved to Michigan, where he remained. His sisters, five in number, moved to Atlantic City and conducted a boarding-house, which was afterward converted into a hotel, popularly known as the "Mansion House," which remained in the possession of the family until the past year (1899), when it was sold. The only surviving member of this family is Julia, who resides at Haddonfield, this state.

William D. Duffield acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, and after completing his studies engaged with the Wyeth Brothers Company as the foreman of their Malt Extract Works. On the resignation of the superintendent, in 1895, he was promoted to that position, and still performs the duties of that important office in an efficient and satisfactory manner. By his gentlemanly and courteous manner he made many friends for the establishment, while his judicious management of the plant displays a keen business mind. He was married at Bridgeton, this state, November 27, 1889, to Martha J. White, a daughter of William H. and Ellen T. White, of that city. Three children have been sent to brighten their hearthstone: Grace D., born April 1, 1891; Lee W., born March 17, 1893; and Mabel J., born June 17, 1894.

They are attendants of the Kembal Memorial Methodist Episcopal church and liberal contributors to that organization. Mr. Duffield is a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 190, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Philadelphia; Woodbury Council, No. 31, Senior Order United American Mechanics, of which he is an ex-councilor and three times a representative to the state organization; a member of Minnetonka Tribe, No. 199, Improved Order of Red Men, of Woodbury, of which he is a past sachem, and has represented that order in the great council two terms. He is a man of genial good nature and very popular among his acquaintances.

L. M. HALSEY, M. D.

Dr. L. M. Halsey, a practicing physician and a prominent political worker of Williamstown, New Jersey, is a native of Swedesboro, this state, his birth having occurred there September 17, 1858. His father, Luther F. Halsey, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and a son of Abram Halsey, who was a native of Orange county, New York, and a son of Luther Halsey. The Halsey family originally came to America from Wales, and the Doctor now has in his possession the certificate of membership in the

society of the Cincinnati, given to Luther Halsey, his great-grandfather. It is signed by George Washington as president and General Knox as secretary, and bears date May 24, 1774. Luther Halsey was a captain on the staff of General George Washington and loyally aided in achieving independence for the American colonies. Four of his sons were clergymen. Abraham Halsey, one of the number, was the founder of the First Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at Eighteenth and Arch streets, and from that city he removed to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he labored for forty years in the Reformed Presbyterian church. He died in 1867. His brother Job was a professor in the Allegheny Theological Seminary, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was the pastor of a church at Norristown, Pennsylvania, for forty years. Luther, another brother, was for many years a member of the faculty of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Luther F. Halsey, the Doctor's father, was born October 28, 1833, was graduated in Rutgers College, and later in the Jefferson College, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After leaving college he spent one year in Europe, where for a time he was a student in a university. He also served as assistant surgeon in the British fleet, at the bombardment of Sevastopol, Russia. He finally located in Swedesboro, New Jersey, in 1857, and at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, in 1861, he was made assistant surgeon in the Second New Jersey Volunteers. He held various positions in the army and at the close of the strife he was the chief of the doctor's staff in the Army of the Potomac. After the close of the war he returned and practiced medicine in Swedesboro. He enjoyed a large patronage and was one of the founders of the present school in antiseptics. It was he who organized the Masonic lodge at Swedesboro, and he also belonged to the chapter and commandery of the fraternity. For years he was a vestryman in the Swedesboro Episcopal church, and took an active part in its work. For many years he was either president or secretary of the Gloucester County Medical Society, in which he took great interest. He died in 1895. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Murphy, still survives him, at the age of sixty-nine years. Of their three children two are living—L. M. and Joseph G., the latter of Swedesboro.

Dr. Halsey received excellent educational privileges, including a college course at Lehigh University, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and in that institution was graduated in 1877. He is also a graduate of Jefferson College, of the class of 1880. He spent one year in a hospital in Philadelphia and passed an examination to enter the army, but finally came to Williamstown and began the practice of his chosen profession, in 1880. He has been thoroughly successful in his calling and keeps up with the times in all medical

ideas, theories and discoveries. He is the president of the Medical Society of New Jersey and has twice been the leading officer of the Gloucester County Medical Society. For several years he has been making a special study of auto-intoxication and the development of chemical poison in the human economy. Two years ago he read an exhaustive paper before the State Medical Society on this subject and it attracted wide attention. His private practice is large and he attends to all the requirements in the line of surgical work of the branch of the Reading Railroad upon which he lives.

In political matters the Doctor is a Republican and has been prominent in the ranks of the party. He has been mentioned as a candidate for both branches of the legislature, but has no great political aspirations. He was one of the promoters of the Masonic lodge of Williamstown, is now past master and is a member of the chapter at Vineland and the commandery at Camden. On the 1st of May, 1884, he married Alice L., a daughter of Judge J. F. Bodine, and their home is a very pleasant and hospitable one.

But few men within the state have enjoyed as successful a career as Dr. Halsey, save perhaps his father. Both obtained thorough educational training for the special line of work which they expected to follow through life, hence when they began practice they were well equipped for their professional duties. Success in all lines comes only through hard work and study, and especially is this true in the medical profession. To be a successful physician and surgeon at the present time one must be well educated at the beginning of his career and must keep thoroughly abreast with modern progress by reading and study; and this Dr. Halsey has done.

NATHAN W. LIPPINCOTT.

Washington said that agriculture is not only one of the most useful but also one of the most honorable callings to which man can devote his energies; and the same is as true to-day as when uttered by the greatest of American heroes. Nathan Wright Lippincott is numbered among the representative farmers of Woolwich township, Gloucester county, and is successfully cultivating a large tract of land, his labors bringing to him a desirable income.

He was born in Piles Grove township, Salem county, New Jersey, November 17, 1861, and is a son of Nathan Y. and Priscilla (Wright) Lippincott. His grandparents were Samuel and Hannah Lippincott, natives of Salem county, the former born January 12, 1785, and the latter on the 5th of October, 1780. In their family were four children: Anna F., who was born

March 27, 1812, and became the wife of a Mr. Robbins, of Woodstown, New Jersey; Nathan Y., who was born September 2, 1814, and died November 2, 1881; Samuel M., who was born September 8, 1816, and resides in Woodstown, New Jersey; and George, born September 4, 1819.

Nathan Y. Lippincott spent the days of his youth in the county of his nativity, and having arrived at years of maturity was married, on the 14th of April, 1842, to Mary C. Borton, by whom he had the following children: Ellen, the wife of Edwin Taylor, of Auburn, New Jersey; George, a resident of Swedesboro; Henry R., who is living in Atlantic City; Amanda F., who died at the age of five months; Edwin W., a resident of Woodstown, New Jersey; Franklin, who died at the age of two years; and Emma, deceased wife of William Haines. The mother of this family having passed away, the father was again married, Miss Priscilla M. Wright becoming his wife on the 6th of February, 1861. Their children are: Nathan W.; Mary C., the wife of Nathan Watson, a farmer living near Auburn, New Jersey; Walter, Louisa and one other son, who died in childhood; and Priscilla and Phoebe Ann, twins, the former the wife of James Harker, of Auburn, New Jersey, and the latter the wife of John Sithens, of Swedesboro, New Jersey.

Nathan W. Lippincott pursued his education in the various schools at Laurel, Illinois, Piles Grove, Auburn, Swedestown and Mickletown. Throughout his business career he has carried on agricultural pursuits. In 1892 he purchased his present farm and since 1893 has made his home thereon, devoting his attention to the raising of garden produce and to dairy farming. He is very successful, finding ready sale for his products, which, being of excellent quality, command the highest market price.

On the 27th of February, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lippincott and Miss Fannie M. Sithens, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah A. (Shimp) Sithens, of Woolwich township, Gloucester county. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Laura S.; Emiline, who died at the age of nineteen months; Leona, Hannah E., Alice P., Frances and Alvan G. Mr. Lippincott and his family are members of the Society of Friends and socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has served as a member of the school board since 1895. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend. His labors have been successfully directed along well defined lines, and thus has he worked his way upward until he has left the ranks of the many and stands among the successful few, being accounted one of the leading and substantial farmers of his section of the state.

D. C. WOOD.

A worthy representative of the agricultural interests is D. C. Wood, of Glenloch, who owns and cultivates a farm of eighty-five acres. This land he has placed under a high state of cultivation, its fields being well tilled, its buildings kept in good repair, and everything about the place being neat and thrifty in appearance. In his farming methods Mr. Wood is progressive and practical and is therefore justly numbered among the leading agriculturists of the community.

He was born in this locality, January 28, 1824, and is a son of Gerard Wood, whose birth occurred here and who was a son of Samuel Wood, a native of Woodbury, New Jersey. The original American ancestors came from England and took up their abode in Woodbury Creek, where the town of Woodbury now stands. Samuel Wood served in the war of the Revolution and had some strange experiences during that epoch of our country's history. Gerard Wood was a member of the home guard of 1812. By occupation he was a farmer and by his industry and perseverance he won a very creditable success. His political support was given to the Democracy and he served as a member of the board of freeholders and as a member of the state legislature. A leading citizen, he exerted a marked influence in public affairs and commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact. In his religious belief he was connected with the Society of Friends and in that faith died in 1884. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Wills, was a daughter of Nathaniel Wills, of Woodbury, and died in 1831. They became the parents of six children, of whom three are living: D. C., of this review; Daniel W., of Philadelphia; and Emeline, the wife of Rich Marshall, of Camden, New Jersey.

During his youth D. C. Wood received but limited educational privileges, attending the public schools of the neighborhood for only a short time. His training at farm labors, however, was not meager, for at an early age he began to follow the plow and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. In addition to his home farm he cultivates sixty acres of land that belongs to his son-in-law, and not only raises the grains adapted to this climate but is also engaged in making butter. He was married to Hannah Hudson, a daughter of William Hudson, of Glenloch, and they became the parents of three children: Henry B., who is living near his father; Charles H., at home; and Sarah W., the wife of S. Ed. Bateman, an agriculturist.

Mr. Wood exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party and keeps well informed on the issues of

the day. He has held all the township offices and in 1879 was elected a freeholder for a three-years term. He belongs to the Grange and is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. No movement calculated to advance the educational, social, moral or material welfare of the community seeks his aid in vain, and he is accounted one of the leading and valued citizens of the community.

ADRIAN PAUL LOCKE.

Adrian Paul Locke, of Swedesboro, New Jersey, was born on the farm now occupied by George M. Hall, in Woolwich township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, January 21, 1855, and is a son of Lawrence and Anna Marie (Paul) Locke.

He passed his boyhood days on the farm, attending the public schools in winter and in summer assisting in the farm work, and until his marriage remained a member of the home circle, associated with his father in the farming operations. After his marriage he settled on a farm near Hansonville Station, which he at first rented and afterward purchased, and where he resided until 1897, when he removed to Swedesboro. The following year, 1898, he sold his farm and since then has carried on agricultural operations on one of Elijah Bowers' farms. He is a director of the Lakeside Land Company, of Swedesboro, and is stockholder in the Heat, Light and Power Company, of this place and in various ways has shown himself to be a public-spirited man, interested in the progressive moves made in his town.

Mr. Locke was married January 20, 1881, to Miss Anna H. Gaskell, a daughter of Samuel B. Gaskell, of Swedesboro; and they are the parents of two children: Constance Blanche and Estella Gaskell.

For a number of years Mr. Locke has been a member of the school board of Woolwich township, and as such has done much to promote the educational interests of the community in which he has lived. In politics he is a Republican and his religious creed is indicated by the fact that he is a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal church.

HARRY C. SUTTON.

Harry C. Sutton was born in Red Lyon, Lancaster county, Delaware, August 22, 1849, and was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Daws (Massey) Sutton. The name is of English origin. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Sutton, passed his early life in Philadelphia, whence he came

to Cape May county, here devoting his energies to farming. His political views were in harmony with the principles of the Whig party. In religious belief he was a Methodist, taking an active part in the work of the church and holding many offices therein. His children were Samuel, a wealthy man, who married and reared a family in the west; Henrietta, the wife of William Chislon, a teacher who died in Frankfort, Philadelphia; Eliza, the wife of Reuben Tomlin, a sea captain; Sabilla, the wife of Thomas Hoffman, a farmer at West Creek, Cape May county; Charles, who resided in Cape May city; and Joseph. The father of these children died at the age of eighty-two years and the mother when eighty years of age.

Joseph Sutton was a native of Philadelphia and died in August, 1896, at the age of eighty-two years. In addition to farming he engaged in the operation of the stage line, making his home at Tuckahoe. Of the Methodist Episcopal church he was a consistent member. He married Miss Elizabeth D. Massey and they became the parents of several children; Emma T., the wife of Thomas R. Brooks; S. W. Golt, the wife of Mathew Golt; Mary; Joseph, who married Sophia Gandy, by whom he has six children: Bessie; Della; Susie; Katie; Emeline; Daws, who is the overseer of a gravel business; and Kate H., the wife of Clark P. Smith, a paper-hanger of Atlantic City, by whom she has two children,—Clarence and Leroy. The sisters in this family are excellent business women. Two of them, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Golt, are now successfully conducting popular hotels of Cape May, the former the Carrollville House, and the latter the Ebbitt House, while Mrs. Kate H. Smith is the proprietor of a dry-goods store in Atlantic City.

Harry C. Sutton, whose name heads this review, attended the public schools of his native town and further continued his studies in Smyrna, Delaware. Later he worked on a farm and afterward entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, of Philadelphia. On severing his connection with that corporation he entered the employ of the West Jersey Railway Company, serving as a brakeman, baggage-master and conductor for eighteen years. He afterward engaged in the operation of the hack line and was thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred December 14, 1899. He became the owner of considerable property, which he acquired entirely through his own efforts.

Mr. Sutton was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Powell, a daughter of Colonel C. R. Powell, and they had three children,—Cornia B., Edward M. and Bertha D. The son is engaged in house and sign painting, as the head of the Ocean City House & Sign Painting Company, and is doing a large and profitable business. He entered upon his industrial career before attaining his majority and has become the leader in his line in his com-

munity. In his political views, Mr. Sutton was a stalwart Republican from the time he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and for two years he served as a member of the council of Ocean City. In his religious connections he was a Methodist. Indolence and idleness were utterly foreign to his character, and the industry which has ever been the salient feature of his business career brought to him a well merited success.

CHARLES WILSON.

Charles Wilson, who is a leading farmer of Woolwich township, Gloucester county, was born January 15, 1854, in a log cabin, the only habitation at that time on the present site of Vineland, Cumberland county, New Jersey. He is a son of Thomas and Ellen J. (Lawrence) Wilson, natives of Ireland. The father, who was a farmer and a lumberman, carried on the latter business on a large scale, and his death occurred March 25, 1896. The mother is still living, in Franklinville, New Jersey. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom the following record is given: Robert J. is a lumberman, residing in Franklinville, New Jersey; Mary married the Reverend George S. Campbell; Mattie L. is the wife of the Rev. Wilson Arsdale and resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Charles; Ellen J. married Franklin B. Haines, of Medford, New Jersey; Rachel A. is deceased; Thomas K. died at the age of six years; Margaret C. died when two years old; Victoria C. married Henry B. Shields, a draughtsman in Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia; Thomas C. is a farmer in Franklinville, New Jersey; and James M. is a member of the Brooklyn Bridge Squad of New York police.

Charles Wilson passed his boyhood on the farm, attending school during the winter months, and in summer performing the numerous duties which fall to the lot of a country lad. In 1874, when only twenty years of age, he began farming on his own account on the place which he now owns, and which he purchased in 1896. It contains one hundred and seventy-six acres, sixteen acres of which are in good timber, and is located near Russell's mills. Mr. Wilson employs the most improved methods of agriculture, and his farm, outbuildings, etc., show evidence of untiring industry and skillful management.

On March 10, 1874, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Annie A., a daughter of Ephraim Dunham, of Monroeville, New Jersey, and four children have been born to them, namely: Thomas L., who assists his father on the farm; Mabel C., who married Edward Black, and has two children,—Harry L. and Mabel C.; C. Howard and Ethel Ray. Mr. Wilson is a member

of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, is an adherent of the Republican party, was elected freeholder in 1897, and has also been overseer of roads for several years, and many good roads in the vicinity of Swedesboro are largely due to his care and knowledge of road construction.

CHARLES H. RUTHERFORD.

No soldier on the field of battle is called upon to perform more heroic service than are the brave men connected with the life-saving stations, nor do the inspiring strains of martial music encourage them in their efforts. Battling with the wind and waves, their lot is one demanding at times the greatest exertion as well as bravery, and he who wears the uniform of a soldier is no more entitled to the praise and gratitude of his fellow men than he whose service is with a life-saving crew. Such a position is occupied by Charles Henry Rutherford, who has been connected with the Cape May station as surfman No. 2 for twenty-two years.

His entire life has been passed in Cape May county, his birth having occurred in Lower township, June 12, 1846, his parents being William and Jane W. (Foster) Rutherford. His paternal grandfather, John Rutherford, was a native of Ireland, whence he came to America in 1812, locating at Cold Spring, Cape May county. He was a butcher by trade, but afterward engaged in general merchandising at Cold Spring, where he carried on a business amounting to one hundred thousand dollars annually. He also speculated in real estate to some extent and built and sold a number of cottages in Cape May. He was likewise interested in the lumber business, in the manufacture of lime and was the owner of three vessels,—two sloops and a schooner, the Jane McQuinn. He possessed indefatigable energy and perseverance, and although he entered upon his business career in a humble capacity, receiving but fifty cents per day, he steadily worked his way upward to a position of affluence. He was three times married, his first union being with Mary Rutherford, a lady of English descent, and their children were Jane, Ann, Francis, William and John. For his second wife he married Sarah McKean, and he at length had a third wife. In his political views John Rutherford was a Democrat, and in religious relations belonged to the Presbyterian church at Cold Spring, in which he served as an elder for many years. Charitable and benevolent, he was very generous to the poor and needy in his county, and was very popular among all classes. His death occurred in 1871, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years, and the community thereby lost one of its most valued and honored citizens.

William Rutherford, the father of our subject, was born at Cold Spring

in 1827 and engaged in farming in Lower township, Cape May county, where he owned and cultivated one hundred acres of land. He also took contracts for building roads and sea walls and was an enterprising, energetic man. Like his father, he gave his political support to the Democracy, and in religious faith was a Presbyterian, his membership being in the church of that denomination at Cold Spring. During the war of the Rebellion he manifested his patriotism by serving for nine months in Company H, New Jersey Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Williamsburg. He entered the service as a private but was mustered out as a commissary. Always fond of horses, and knowing much about their diseases, he acted as a veterinary surgeon during his connection with the army. When only twelve years of age he rode running races at Tuckahoe and was always the possessor of some fine specimens of the noble steed. William Rutherford married Jane W. Foster, and they became the parents of eleven children. Charles is the eldest; George, a farmer, wedded Mary Teel, and their children are Elmer, Ida and Eli; William, an agriculturist living at Cold Spring, and now serving as the assessor of Cape May county, married Mary Russell and has two daughters,—Clara and Emma; Clara, the fourth child of the father's family, is the wife of Joseph P. Henry, the leading painter of Cape May, and their children are Charles, Jane and Bessie; Elizabeth is the widow of Daniel Godfrey, a seafaring man, who died leaving a son, Ralph. Rhoda is the wife of Charles Horam, an upholsterer and paper-hanger of Atlantic City; Jane was twice married, her present husband being Alfred Driver, a retired cigar manufacturer, of Philadelphia; Frank, a farmer of Lower township, married Kate Finos, by whom he had three children,—Ethel, Eva and Emma,—and after her death he wedded Amelia Springer, by whom he has two children; Sarah died at the age of twenty-six years; Anna is the wife of William Allen, a butcher; and Joseph married Anna Nolan, and they have a son, named Charles. William Rutherford, the father of these children, died in 1871, at the age of forty-four years, but the mother is still living, now in her seventy-fourth year.

Mr. Rutherford, of this review, pursued his studies in the public schools of Cape May county until eighteen years of age and then began business on his own account, following farming and fishing. When twenty-two years of age he purchased a farm of fifty acres, and has since carried on agricultural pursuits. His land is now under a high state of cultivation and is improved with all the modern accessories and conveniences found upon a model farm of this period. Interspersed with his labors in the fields is his duty as a member of the life-saving crew. For twenty-two years he has performed this service both bravely and well. He participated in the rescue in the ever

memorable blizzard on the 12th of March, 1888, and has taken part in many other rescues with the crew, which now consists of one keeper of the station, James W. Eldredge, and seven surfmen.

On the 20th of December, 1869, Mr. Rutherford was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bennett, a daughter of Stephen Bennett, and to them have been born eight children: Ocie, the wife of James Cail, proprietor of a boarding-house in Philadelphia; Lida, who is now the wife of Thomas Van Winkle, a surfman of the life-saving crew; Loretta, the wife of Lafayette Miller, a merchant by whom she has a son, Lafayette, Jr.; Cora, Edith, Lida and Albert and Susie, twins,—all at home. Mr. Rutherford and his family attend the Presbyterian church at Cold Spring, of which he is a member. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, but has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business interests.

FREDERIC A. REX.

Frederic A. Rex, Esq., one of the brightest and keenest lawyers of Camden, was born in Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1850. He was the son of John and Sarah (Lentz) Rex, who was a farmer in moderate circumstances, had eight children, Frederic A. being the youngest.

Frederic A. Rex spent his early boyhood on the home farm. When about thirteen years of age he entered the Central high school of Philadelphia, at which he graduated, at the age of seventeen. Immediately upon leaving school he obtained the position of clerk in the National State Bank of Camden, where he remained five or six years, and then established a mercantile business of his own in the same city. While building up a prosperous trade, Mr. Rex gave his free time to the study of law, for which he was remarkably qualified by nature. On being admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1888, he sold out his store, opened an office at 25 Market street, and thereafter devoted himself to the legal profession. He was admitted as a counsellor in the June term of 1891. At this time he moved to the office which he now occupies, at 106 Market street, where he attends to a very large practice.

Mr. Rex has been retained in some of the most famous cases of the day. He was associated with the counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the land condemnation proceedings arising from the construction of the Delaware river bridge. In addition to his natural quickness, his experi-

ence as a bank clerk and merchant gives him an advantage over his fellows who have followed the ruts of professional study.

Actively interested in politics, he is a member of the Republican Club of Camden. He was a member of the city council for nine years, city comptroller for three years, and clerk of the district court for a like period. At present he is the treasurer of the board of education, which office he filled for ten years.

In 1877 Mr. Rex was married to Louisa, a daughter of William Few-Smith, of Philadelphia, and has two children,—William F. and Elizabeth R. William F., who has recently graduated at the Penn Charter school of Philadelphia, read law under his father's instructions, was admitted to the bar and is now engaged in the practice with his father. Mr. Rex belongs to Camden Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 293, both of Camden. Though not a church member, he contributes liberally to the support of various religious enterprises. Mrs. Rex is an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church.

GEORGE W. JESSUP.

George W. Jessup, one of the foremost citizens of Camden, New Jersey, where he does a large business as a conveyancer and real-estate dealer, was born at Jessup's Mills, Gloucester county, this state, December 18, 1849, a son of George W. and Beulah (Hilliman) Jessup. Both his father, George W., Sr., and his paternal grandfather, James Jessup, were natives of Gloucester county. The last named, who was a farmer by occupation, resided in that section all his life. His wife, Abigail Fisher, lived to the age of eighty-five.

Their son, George W. Jessup, Sr., was brought up to farming, and in due time came into possession of the old homestead. Most of his life was devoted to agricultural work, but for a short time he was the landlord of the Woodbury Hotel. He died at the early age of thirty-six years. His wife, Beulah, was a daughter of Theophilus Hilliman, an old settler in Gloucester county, whose family numbered six children. She is still living, being now seventy-two years old, and resides with her grandson, Charles G. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church at Clarksburg, as also was her husband.

George W. Jessup, the direct subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood at home, and later, for the usual elementary studies, took a two-years' course at Bridgeton Academy. He began his business career as a clerk in

a dry-goods store in Philadelphia, where he remained two years. His next employment was in the service of Smedley Brothers, hatters, of the same city, with whom he stayed for a like period. About this time he married; and shortly afterward he went to York, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a year and a half, following the same occupation. In 1877 he returned to Philadelphia and accepted a position as a traveling agent for C. H. Gardner & Company, large hat dealers there. He was "on the road" eleven years, during which time he visited every state in the Union, besides making two trips to Europe. He then resigned, and in 1890 went into the real-estate business in this city, in company with George H. Fairfield. Subsequently purchasing Mr. Fairfield's interest, he took his son, Charles G., into partnership, December 1, 1895; and the firm has since been known under the name of G. W. Jessup & Son.

Mr. Jessup has been interested in some of the largest real-estate transactions in Camden in recent years. He was one of the incorporators of the Masonic Temple on Market street, in which he has an office and of which he was secretary three years. Among the many large and important sales made by him were the land for the site of the Sixth Regiment Armory and that for the new First Methodist church, the E. N. Cohn and the Markley property, the George H. Munger property, and the property for the Camden Electric Light & Heating Company. Mr. Jessup has been the secretary of the Board of Trade since 1892, and he is also a director and the vice-president of the Provident Building & Loan Association. In politics a Republican, he has taken an active part in public affairs; and with a watchful eye for the interests of the people he was among those who were instrumental in effecting a reduction of the city tax assessments from thirty-three million dollars to twenty-five million dollars, which latter figure has obtained for the last three years.

Mr. Jessup was first married in 1873 to Abigail M. Bishop, by whom he had one son, Charles G., who is now in business with him. His first wife dying in January, 1874, at the early age of twenty-four, he married for his second wife Lizzie M. Hogan, of Mount Holly, who died in 1883, aged twenty-seven years. On June 11, 1895, Mr. Jessup married his present wife, who was before marriage Miss Esther A. Carr. She is a native of Trenton, and daughter of the late Charles Carr. Her father was a prominent citizen of Trenton, where at the time of his death he was the proprietor of the Phoenix Iron Works.

Mr. Jessup is a Mason in good standing, being a member of Camden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 15, of Camden; and he also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In religion he is an Episcopalian, being a communicant of St. Paul's church of Camden.

HENRY W. MITCHELL.

Henry William Mitchell, one of the leading citizens of Swedesboro, New Jersey, was born in Woolwich township, the township in which he now lives, March 30, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Zern) Mitchell. Henry Mitchell was born in this same township in 1811, and died here under a surgical operation in 1876. His father, William Mitchell, came from England and was one of the early settlers of Woolwich township. William Mitchell's children were Samuel, Charles, Henry, William, Edith and another daughter, who removed to Illinois in early life. John Zern, who was a major of militia for many years after the Revolutionary war and kept a hotel in Bridgeport, New Jersey, was our subject's maternal grandfather. The children of Henry and Elizabeth (Zern) Mitchell were George Zern, of Swedesboro; Henry William, whose name introduces this article; Susan, who married Joseph B. Green of Salem county; John B., a farmer in Atlantic county, New Jersey; Charles F., a painter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Edith, who married Robert Moore of Swedesboro, New Jersey.

Henry W. Mitchell, the direct subject of this review, was educated in the public schools of his native town, and has followed farming all his life. He came to Swedesboro about twenty years ago and occupies the substantial home built by his father. He still continues farming by tenant, and is a stockholder in the Swedesboro Heat, Light & Power Company.

Mr. Mitchell was married December 10, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Black Hurf, a daughter of the late Henry Hurf, of Woolwich township. Fraternally, Mr. Mitchell is identified with the A. O. U. W. and the Grange, and politically is a Republican.

THOMAS S. GOSLIN.

This is distinctively an era in which the young man is active and prominent. This is true of the young man in every field of endeavor or enterprise. Gray hairs are honorable, but they no longer imply a monopoly of all worthy knowledge and ability. The history of building in the last decade emphasizes this fact. A majority of the successful architects and builders are of the younger generation of active men. Their ideas are fresh and virile and they push forward work in hand with a dash and celerity that are a wonder to the old school builders. One of the most prominent young

contractors and builders in New Jersey is Thomas S. Goslin, of Woodstown, who has erected at Woodstown, Salem and other near-by places, structures that are fitting monuments to his enterprise and ability.

Thomas S. Goslin was born at Richmondtown, Piles Grove township, Salem county, New Jersey, August 5, 1869, a son of Richard and Susan C. (Stratton) Goslin, who married in 1847. The American family of Goslin is of English extraction and the name was formerly spelled Gostling. Richard Goslin began in 1839 to learn the carpenter's trade at Woodstown. Later, when he had acquired some little experience at his trade, he located at Richmondtown, where he became prominent as a citizen and is still living, quite advanced in years. An industrious man of mature judgment, he has taken a leading part in the business and public affairs of the village and won an enviable reputation for every quality that makes for uprightness and good citizenship. His wife is a daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Stratton, of Mullica Hill, Gloucester county, New Jersey. Thomas Stratton was a prominent farmer and lived until his eightieth year. His widow survived him but a short time. The Strattons have constituted one of the representative families of Salem county for more than a hundred years. Following are some items of interest concerning those children of Richard and Susan C. (Stratton) Goslin who are living: Samuel lives at Glassboro, Gloucester county, New Jersey; Mary is the wife of Henry Foster of Richmondtown; George lives at Woodbury, Gloucester county; Laura is Mrs. Henry Champion; Priscilla married Frank Renter of Daretown, Salem county; and Charles C. lives at Richmondtown. Five of their children are dead: Joseph, Emma, Rebecca, Sally and Minnie.

Thomas S. Goslin gained his education in the public schools of Yorktown, Salem county, and from the early age of twelve years applied himself in the intervals between school terms to acquiring a practical knowledge of the carpenter's trade under his father's able instruction. In 1876, at the age of seventeen years, he went to Ashmore, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and was for a time in the employ of R. J. Dobbins, a contractor who erected some of the Centennial exposition buildings in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The experience he obtained in connection with those important contracts was a valuable and a memorable one. Returning to his home in New Jersey he continued his school course during the winter seasons and worked at his trade the remainder of the year, until he had attained the age of nineteen years. He then went back to Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and was employed at carpentering for three years, first by George Goodfellow & Son, contractors and builders, later by Samuel G. Cripps. Severing his relations with Mr. Cripps, he returned to Rich-

mondstown and for a year and a half assisted his father in his building operations.

In 1849 Mr. Goslin took up his residence in Woodstown and soon established himself as a contractor and builder. His first important contract was for the erection of the city building at Woodstown, a model in design and workmanship which has attracted much attention from builders and municipal authorities in all the country round about. Among his numerous other successful enterprises were several modern residences in Woodstown and Salem. The residences of Henry Guest, Smith Hewitt, Charles Horner, L. E. Mack, Thomas Newkirk, Gray Brothers, Joseph Barton and John Wiggins are especially conspicuous as fine examples of Mr. Goslin's work.

Mr. Goslin is a man of much public spirit and takes great interest in the growth of Woodstown and the prosperity of her people. There is no movement for the advancement of the public interests which commends itself to his good judgment as practical and adequate that does not command his active and generous co-operation. He is a well known Odd Fellow and is a member of the Ridgley Association Baptist church.

He was married in 1891 to Hattie E. Loucson, a daughter of Ira B. and Mary Loucson, and has two children,—Claire and H. Foster Goslin. Mrs. Goslin's family were formerly residents of Salem county. Her mother died in 1884, at the age of forty years. Her father is now engaged in business in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Loucson had four children: Millie, the wife of Samuel Gibson; Lizzie, the wife of Thomas U. Clark; Hattie E., wife of Thomas S. Goslin; and Joseph, who married Bertha Bee, of Woodstown.

CAPTAIN JAMES WARE ELDREDGE.

One of the most prominent citizens of Cape May county, and certainly one of the most invaluable to the state and government, as well as to humanity in general, is Captain Eldredge, who is at the head of the Cape May Life Saving Station, which as is well known, is eclipsed by few of our Atlantic stations in importance, on account of the position it occupies on this dangerous coast. Owing to the heroism, coolness and rare good judgment exercised by the captain and his devoted men, scores of lives have been saved during the past decade and a half, and their names, though already written indelibly in the hearts of grateful thousands, deserve to be placed upon the rolls of the good and great of our nation.

His family has been identified with Cape May county for several genera-

tions, his paternal great-grandfather, William Eldredge, coming here from Long Island, New York, in his boyhood. When he arrived at manhood he became a pilot on Delaware Bay, but his home was at Cape May. He served as a justice of the peace and took great interest in local affairs, but death claimed him when he was in his early prime, but thirty-two years of age. He had married ~~Hannah~~ Corson, and their children were Enoch, who died at the age of sixty-two; William, who died during the cholera epidemic of 1832; John and Thomas, pilots; Mary, who became the wife of Richard Hughs; Mrs. Hannah McCray; Judith, who was the second wife of Richard Hughs; and Mrs. Samuel Richardson. The parents were Presbyterians, and were thoroughly conscientious, worthy people.

Thomas Eldredge, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared at Cape May, learned the trade of shoemaker, and for a period was employed on the East End Light ship. He was a staunch Whig, at one time was a member of the militia, with the rank of colonel, and served in the war of 1812. His home was at Cold Spring, where he held membership in the Presbyterian church. He was called to his reward when in his fifty-third year, but his wife lived to be sixty-two. She was a Miss Deborah Ware in her girlhood. Their daughter Harriet became the wife of a carpenter. Colonel H. W. Sawyer, who won his title in the Civil war, and was famed on account of his terrible experiences in Libby prison, where he was held a captive for over a year, finally being condemned to death, and reprieved only at the last moment before the time set for his execution. Louisa, the second daughter, married Francis K. Duke, a carpenter, who enlisted in the war of the rebellion and was the captain of a company of Delaware men for three years. Joseph, Judith and Thomas, the next of the family, died when young. Thomas, the second of the name, is a pilot on the Delaware, at present located at West Cape May. Deborah married Reuben Hoffman, a carpenter of the place last named; and Judith is the widow of Captain William Hoffman, of Cold Spring.

Daniel C. Eldredge, the father of our subject, was born in Lower township, this county, March 3, 1829, and was educated in its schools. For more than forty years he was actively engaged in building and contracting, also conducting an undertaking business, and, though now well along in years, he continues in the last named occupation, and is extensively interested in real estate at Cape May. For years he was the leading builder and contractor of this region, affording employment to as many as thirty hands during the busy season. Numerous specimens of his handiwork are to be seen throughout this locality, and among others he built the Cape May Point light-house, the Baptist church and Cape May House, and the wing

of the Cold Spring light-house, also many fine cottages. Formerly, he commanded all of the local business of gravel roofing, also, and other enterprises have received his attention, with profit to himself.

As a citizen he is justly popular, frequently being urged to accept public offices. He is serving as the coroner at present, having been elected for a second term, his time to expire in 1900. Besides having been a member of the township committee and freeholder, he has occupied other minor offices with credit, and has been a lifelong Whig and Republican. For a quarter of a century he took an active part in educational affairs, serving during that long period as a member of the Cape May school board, and aiding materially in placing the school system upon a sound basis. During the Civil war he was drafted for the army twice, but was not able to leave his home on account of pressing business matters, and proved his patriotism in other ways as commendable. For a quarter of a century he has been a Mason, associated with Cape Island Lodge, No. 30, and for fifteen years he has been identified with Evening Star Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F. For a long period he acted in the capacity of a trustee of the Presbyterian church, with which he holds membership. He married Miss Mary A. Hoffman, a daughter of James Hoffman, a ship-builder. Their eldest child is the subject of this article, and the others are: Anna, who married Joseph Springer, of Cold Spring, and has three children—Mary, Alice and Elsie; Daniel F., a carpenter, who married Elizabeth Stevens, and their children are named Marion, Charles, Bessie, Mary and Linda; Clementine is unmarried and at home.

Captain James W. Eldredge was born November 24, 1853, at Cape May. After completing his education, he learned the carpenter's trade and worked with his father for three years. He then entered the government life-saving service, being located at the Cold Spring station until 1885, when he became connected with the old Cape May station, which was built in 1877. A new one, with every modern appliance and convenience used in the saving of lives in peril from the angry sea, was erected at this point in 1896. The captain has held the extremely responsible position of keeper of the station since 1885, and now has seven men under his direction. His entire service in this branch of governmental philanthropy covers a period of twenty-three years, during which time he has had many remarkable experiences and terrible battles with wind and wave. Never in the history of this station, though there have been seventy-four casualties between September 25, 1883, and September, 1899, has there been the loss of a life. A few examples may be cited of the heroic work performed by the captain and his sturdy men: On September 5, 1883, a vessel bound from New York to Virginia was totally

wrecked near here, but her crew was saved; the Sallie C. Martin, a schooner, bound from Millville to New York, sunk off Cape May, a total loss, but the entire crew of twenty-five men were rescued; a vessel was observed to be in great danger March 12, 1888, some six miles away in the bay, and, after a whole night of desperate struggle in reaching it, and a day's hard work in saving it, the feat was accomplished; the Susie H. Davis with her crew was saved during the storm of March —, 1896; the English steamer Rector, bound for Philadelphia, loaded with iron ore, was wrecked January 19, 1893, but the crew was saved; the two-masted schooner, Jacob Duryea, going from Norfolk, Virginia, to Atlantic City, was drifted ashore January 7, 1892, becoming a total wreck, though the crew were rescued by means of the breeches buoy; and upon the 20th of March, 1899, the Sarah Ellen, a three-masted schooner, was wrecked, and after a vigorous effort the crew were brought safely to land. These are only a few of the numerous cases in which the efficiency of this station and the devotion of its force have been severely tried and not found wanting, and too much cannot be said in praise of Captain Eldredge, whose fortitude, sagacity and faithfulness have been the means of the saving of so many precious lives and a great many thousands of dollars' worth of marine property.

In the multiplicity of his regular duties, the captain always finds time to do a great deal for his fellow men on land, as well as by those upon the sea. He is a staunch Republican, casting his ballot at all elections. Reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church he inclines towards the tenets of that denomination, and attends the services of that church when his duties permit.

The marriage of Captain Eldredge and Miss Mary Foster was solemnized August 24, 1872. They have two sons: Samuel, a lawyer, and G. B., both of Belford, this state. The younger son is a student at Princeton College, and is preparing himself for a legal career. Mrs. Eldredge is a daughter of Downs E. Foster, who has been in charge of the light-house at Cape May for the past twenty-two years

JOSEPH L. RICHMAN.

The venerable gentleman, now deceased, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, was born in Whig Lane, New Jersey, August 5, 1817, and belonged to a family long identified with this section of the country. He was a son of Henry Richman and a grandson of John Richman, and one of his ancestors, Nehemiah Richman, was a participant in the Revolutionary

war. Henry Richman was a farmer, having large land holdings, and was a man who stood high in the esteem of his neighbors and friends. He died in 1824, in the prime of life; and his wife, who had borne the maiden name of Sarah Mulford, and was a native of Cumberland county, New Jersey, died in 1852. She was twice married and for some time resided in Philadelphia. Of her nine children, Joseph L. Richman is the only one now living.

With his mother and her family Mr. Richman of this review went to Philadelphia and acquired his education in the schools of that city. Later, returning to Salem county, he resided with his brother on a farm in Upper Pittsgrove township, and in early life learned the trade of tanner. In 1858 he engaged in farming in Pittsgrove, about a mile from his final home, and in 1866 located upon the farm which was the place of his residence until his death, and which comprises one hundred and six acres of fine land. Here he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Richman was long identified with the Presbyterian church. For years he was an elder in the church at Woodstown, and for forty-two years he was a member of the church at Daretown, while for thirty-one years of the time he served as one of its elders. While he was never active in politics, he always took a commendable interest in public affairs, and in 1864 and 1865 served as the township assessor.

In his married life Mr. Richman was favored beyond the average man. He was married February 14, 1841, to Miss Jane Van Meter, a daughter of James Van Meter, of Pittsgrove, and for nearly three-score years (until death) their lives were happily blended together. To them were given three children, namely: James P., a farmer of this county; Anna L., the wife of D. L. B. Peterson, of East Orange, New Jersey; and Joseph, who resided near his father. He was killed October 18, 1899, by being struck by a locomotive on the Seashore Railroad at Woodbury, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Richman celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding February 14, 1891, at Newkirk Station, entertaining a large number of their friends and making the event a happy and memorable one. Mrs. Richman died in February, 1899. She was a most amiable woman, known far and near for her many deeds of kindness. She had a local reputation as a nurse, and in every neighboring home where there was sickness she was always welcome, her bright face and cheerful words bringing sunshine and leaving the light of hope behind long after her departure. Of Mr. Richman it may be said that he "grew old gracefully." In his old age he was surrounded with all the comforts of life, and, while lately bereaved by the loss of his devoted wife, was happy in the companionship of his many friends. He died December 3, 1899, after a short illness.

A. WALTER ROSEMAN.

One of the most popular and esteemed residents and enterprising young business men of Cape May is A. Walter Roseman, who is engaged in the drug business, in real estate speculation, and is the captain of the Hand Battery. He was born in the city which is still his home, January 6, 1864, his parents being Ellwood F. and Harriet W. (Garrison) Roseman. The family is of English origin and was probably transplanted in America at an early period in the history of this county, although we have no authentic account of its establishment on the soil of the New World. The grandfather, George Roseman, engaged in the butchering business for many years in Cape May, and was a leading citizen, frequently called to public office.

In the public schools of Cape May Captain Walter Roseman acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by a course in Pennington Seminary. He then began the study of pharmacy through the practical methods of service in a drug store. He was first employed by S. T. Ware and later secured a clerkship in the service of the firm of Marshall & Mecray. For fifteen years he has been associated with Dr. James Mecray in this business, and manages one of the most popular establishments in the drug trade in the county. Other interests have also claimed the attention of Mr. Roseman, who some years ago began operations in that safest of all investments—real estate. He erected fourteen cottages, stores and lodge buildings on Washington street, and is still the owner of three cottages, including one of the finest residences in Cape May. His real estate dealings have brought to him good financial returns, and as a result he is the possessor of a comfortable competence.

On the 21st of February, 1889, Mr. Roseman was united in marriage to Miss Alfareta Haynes, a daughter of A. L. Haynes, of Cape May, and they now have two interesting children—Albert W. and Harry E. The parents have a large circle of friends in Cape May, and their home is celebrated for its gracious hospitality.

Mr. Roseman is a member of the board of education, to which position he was elected on the Republican ticket, after a vigorous contest, by a vote of one hundred and eighty-seven, the total number of votes cast being two hundred and sixty-seven. As a member of the board he endeavors to uphold the issues and principles upon which he was elected, and to advance in every possible way the usefulness of the schools. Such men have done much for the cause of education in this community, and the schools of Cape May take rank with the best in the state. Mr. Roseman is also connected with several civic societies, being a member of the Ancient Order of United

Workmen, the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the Improved Order of Red Men.

He was one of the organizers and is now the captain of the Henry W. Hand Battery, consisting of thirty-seven men from among the best young men of Cape May. The company was formed with the expectation of entering the United States service in the late war with Spain, and their services were offered to the state to be admitted to the regular state guard; but as there was no provision for light artillery, it was determined to equip at their own expense. This was done, and when the war with Spain ended they decided to continue the organization, which is one that is a source of pride to Cape May. Their purpose is now philanthropic in its character, and many organizations and societies have received from them substantial aid. In order to render this they give entertainments, whereby they secure the funds to assist the needy ones. Captain Hand is the favorite commander of the company, and in all circles, military, civic and social, he is well liked, being of a very genial disposition and social nature. Obliging and courteous in his commercial business, he has won many friends through the avenue of his business life, and wherever he is known he is held in high regard.

WILLIAM ISZARD.

It is doubtful whether in any country other than ours the conditions exist which render possible such achievements as America has witnessed, and the lives of such men as Mr. Iszard should serve as a stimulus to the youth of the land, as illustrating what may be accomplished under even the most adverse conditions. He had no especial advantages in boyhood, but he marked out a line of conduct in life and lived up to it. From the first his ambition was an honorable one, and his history proves conclusively that where there is a will a way may be found. He is now possessed of a beautiful home in Woodbury, a good income, surrounded by a happy family, and what he has accomplished in the business world has been done solely and entirely by honest, unyielding endeavor. What he has done can be done by others, and therefore his example is a valuable one.

Mr. Iszard was born in Glassboro, where he now makes his home, his natal day being November 22, 1835, and is of Swedish lineage. His grandfather, Gabriel Iszard, came to this country from Sweden accompanied by his brothers, John and Ralph. The former settled in Cape May, New Jersey; and the latter loyally served his adopted country as a general in the war of 1812 in which he was killed. Gabriel Iszard took up his abode in Clayton

and became one of the leading and influential citizens of that community. He was called "honest Iszard," so scrupulously exact was he in all dealings. His integrity was above question and his reputation unassailable. He served as assessor when his township embraced several counties, extending from the ocean to the Delaware river. He married Abigail Ledden, a lady of English descent and a very devout woman who took an active part in church work. In their family were twelve children, eleven of whom were reared to maturity and the youngest being sixty-four years of age at the time of the mother's death in her eighty-fifth year.

Joseph Iszard, the father of our subject, was born in Clayton, New Jersey, and by occupation was a farmer. He served as justice of the peace and was judge of the court for a number of years. In matters of public moment he took a deep interest and supported all measures for the general good. He opposed the granting of licenses for selling liquor in hotels and for forty years he was a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, doing all in his power to advance its growth and upbuilding. His death occurred in 1865, and the community thereby lost one of its most valued citizens. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Swope and was a daughter of Joseph Swope, of Williamstown, who was of German descent. Her death occurred in 1893. In the family were four children, but Dolly is now deceased. Those still living are Jacob, a physician of Glassboro; Ira, who is living in Glassboro; and William. The father was a very enterprising man, and his splendid business and executive ability enabled him to acquire a large estate. Like his father, he was a stalwart advocate of the temperance cause and his name headed the subscription lists for the building of many churches. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years and her many admirable qualities won her the regard of all.

Mr. Iszard of this review acquired his preliminary education in the country schools and afterward pursued his education in a school near Albany, New York. In 1844, at the age of nineteen years, he began teaching near Bridgewater, and for a time followed the same profession in Alloway and in Cape May Court House. He was then numbered among the most able educators of Clayton for nineteen years and was county examiner for twenty years. He was never absent from his duties but two half days throughout the long period of his connection with the Clayton schools, and under his direction the educational interests of the town were greatly improved and advanced. The records show that thirty thousand pupils have been under his instruction, and who can measure the influence which he has had upon them, for the impressions of youth are ever the strongest, and those made by a conscientious as well as talented teacher are very marked indeed.

Since his retirement from educational circles, Mr. Iszard has devoted his energies to the management of his property interests and investments. He has erected a number of residences in Clayton and Glassboro, and in 1894 removed to the latter place. He owns seventeen houses here, and has altogether thirty-six residences, variously located in Camden, Clayton, Glassboro and Philadelphia. In addition he owns six hundred acres of valuable farming lands, and from his property interests he derives a good income. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank in Glassboro, and from the beginning has been a member of its board of directors. His earnings have been very judiciously invested, so that his capital is constantly increasing, and thus has he risen to a position of affluence.

On the 4th of August, 1875, Mr. Iszard was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Cooke, a lady of culture and refinement, and unto them have been born three children: Harriet, at home; and Ralph and Walter, who are studying medicine. Mr. Iszard was a member of the Presbyterian church of Clayton and secretary of the Sunday-school Association of that place, and of his township. He was also a trustee of the church in Clayton, and he is now the secretary of the Sunday-school Association in Glassboro. He takes a deep interest in the work of the church in its various departments, and is a public-spirited citizen who withholds his support from no movement that is calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN NEWCOMB.

With one exception John Newcomb is the oldest resident of Wildwood, Cape May county, and is certainly one of the best known men of this section of the state. He was reared in Burlington county, New Jersey, near Medford, and at a very early age started out in life for himself, since which time he has depended entirely upon his own efforts. His success has come to him as the result of untiring application, ambition, industry and enterprise. He became a road contractor and built eighteen miles of road from Newfield to Atlantic City, employing over two hundred men in its construction.

He lived for some years in Vineland and in Millville, then coming to Wildwood, and on the 14th of November, 1882, he arrived on the site of the town which has since been his home. There was but one man in the future village at that time. Here he engaged in teaming, grading, etc. His industry and honesty soon won him a good name and gained him a very liberal patronage. The well-constructed streets of Wildwood and most of the beautiful lawns and parks are his handiwork, for he possesses much skill as a land-

scape gardener and has done much to improve and beautify the town. When he first came to Wildwood he had the management of the West Jersey Express, and later was the proprietor of the Aldine Hotel, which he sold in 1898. As the years have passed he has made judicious investments in real estate and now owns a number of houses and other valuable property in Wildwood. Aside from the work which he has done here, he opened all of the streets in Holly Beach and was also one of the builders of that town. He has taken an active part in all public matters and for sixteen years he has had charge of all street work in Wildwood and has held the office of street commissioner. He also engages in the management of a fine livery stable, the only one on the island on which Wildwood is located, and does all the teaming and hauling in this section.

Mr. Newcomb was united in marriage to a daughter of Andrew Bradley, and they have one daughter, Minnie. Theirs is one of the beautiful homes for which Wildwood is noted and for its hospitality it is justly celebrated. Mr. Newcomb is a member of Cape Island Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., at Cape May, and is also a member of the United Workmen. Politically he is connected with the Democracy, and religiously with the Baptist Church of Wildwood in which he is now serving as a trustee. His life demonstrates the fact that success is not a matter of genius, but is the outcome of resolute will, sound judgment and unflagging industry.

J. M. TAGGART.

J. M. Taggart, of Williamstown, was born in Deer Creek, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1841, and is of Scotch lineage; but his ancestors were driven from Scotland during the persecution of the Protestants of that land, and James Taggart, the father of our subject, was born in county Antrim, Ireland. The branch of the family now in the Emerald Isle has in its possession a Bible that was once baked in a loaf of bread in order to save it from being destroyed by the Catholics! In 1836 James Taggart left the land of his nativity and crossed the broad Atlantic to America, taking up his residence in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. By occupation he was a farmer and in his business dealings was very successful. In 1842 he removed to the homestead farm at Williamstown, upon which our subject now resides, there making his home until his death, which occurred in 1873. He married Catharine Murphy, who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, and who is now living at the very

advanced age of ninety-two years. There were two children in the family, but one has passed away.

J. M. Taggart attended the common schools of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and throughout his life has been connected with farming interests. He early learned to handle the plow and to harvest the crops, and upon his father's death he assumed the management and became the owner of the homestead farm of sixty-two acres. This he has placed under a high state of cultivation and its well-tilled fields yield to him a golden tribute in return for the labor bestowed upon them.

In 1875 Mr. Taggart was united in marriage to Miss Jane, a daughter of Robert Tweed, a native of Ireland, and they have four children, of whom three are living,—James, Robert and Kate,—all at their paternal home. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Taggart is a faithful member. He has served as one of its elders for fifteen years and is zealous in promoting the growth and upbuilding of the organization with which he is identified. He was sent as a commissioner to the general assembly of his church at Winona Lake, Indiana, in May, 1898. He takes quite an active part in political affairs, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. He has served on the election board and has been a member of the township committee.

PETER L. VOORHEES, A. M., LL. B.

Peter L. Voorhees was for many years one of the most prominent and successful attorneys of Camden. Admitted to the bar, he at once entered upon practice, and from the beginning was unusually prosperous in every respect. The success which he attained was due to his own efforts and merit. The possession of advantage is no guaranty whatever of professional success. This comes not of itself, nor can it be secured without integrity, ability and industry. Those qualities he possessed to an eminent degree, and he was faithful to every interest committed to his charge. Throughout his life, whatsoever his hand found to do, whether in his professional or private duties, or in any other sphere, he did with all his might and with a deep sense of conscientious obligation.

Mr. Voorhees was a native of New Jersey, born in Blawenburg, Somerset county, July 12, 1825, and was the second son of Peter and Jane (Schenck) Voorhees. He comes of illustrious ancestry, being a lineal descendant of Count Albert Van Voor Hees, who lived, prior to 1600, in "front of" (voor) the village of Hess, near Ruinen, Drenthe, Holland. His son,

Stephen Coerte, emigrated from Holland to America in April, 1660, and located at Flatlands, Long Island, where he purchased a large amount of property, paying for the same three thousand guilders, which was a fortune in those days. His great-grandson, Peter Gerritse Van Voorhees, left Long Island in 1720 to escape the payment of tithes to the English church, enforced by the colonial government, and settled in Blawenburg, New Jersey. One of his descendants, Peter Van Voorhees, gave his land to his grandson Peter, at the same time ordering his slaves to be emancipated. The latter's father, Martin, dropped the prefix Van from the surname. He was the grandfather of our subject. The father, Peter Voorhees, was born May 27, 1787, and was married March 2, 1809, to Jane Schenck. It is related of her father, Captain John Schenck, one of the patriots of the Revolution, that in December 1778 with a few of his neighbors and a very scant supply of ammunition, he ambuscaded the British advance guard at Ringoes and drove it back to the main column.

The early life of our subject was spent on the old homestead in Blawenburg, and he attended the common schools of that place. On attaining his majority he chose the law as a profession, and entered the office of Richard S. Field at Princeton as a student. Subsequently he attended the law school then connected with the College of New Jersey, where he was granted the degree of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. In November, 1851, he was admitted to the bar, and the following year located in Camden, where he continued to successfully engage in practice throughout life. He became one of the most distinguished attorneys in his section of the state and was considered unimpeachable authority upon questions of practice. Among his most noted cases was that of Black versus the Delaware & Raritan Canal Company, involving the control of the New Jersey railways now operated by the Pennsylvania Company. Mr. Voorhees was opposed to the last named corporation, and was so successful that the company was compelled to procure special legislation to effect its purpose. He so distinguished himself in that case that he was afterward retained as counsel for the Pennsylvania Company, which controlled the Camden & Amboy, the West Jersey, and the Camden & Atlantic Railroads. The Mickle Will case was another celebrated suit in which Mr. Voorhees won success for his clients.

It has been said of him: "The main characteristic of his professional eminence was his thorough knowledge of the law. Profoundly versed in its principles and practice, his mind was a storehouse of information upon its most complicated and abstruse questions. The diligence with which he mastered every point in a litigated case was assisted to success by a

wonderfully retentive memory and a remarkable power of application. He was an authority upon the difficult and doubtful intricacies of land titles, and some of his most creditable victories before the courts were won in such cases."

In addition to his law business Mr. Voorhees served as the president of the Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Company, a director of the West Jersey Ferry Company and manager of the Cooper Hospital.

Mr. Voorhees was married October 16, 1855, to Miss Anna Finley Dayton, a sister of the Hon. William L. Dayton, who was a United States senator, United States minister to France, and the nominee for vice president on the national Republican ticket in 1856. Mrs. Voorhees died in 1880, leaving one child, Jennie Dayton, and our subject departed this life November 28, 1895.

Politically Mr. Voorhees was a conservative Republican but was never a politician in the sense of office seeking, though he served as city solicitor of Camden one year, being elected by the Republicans and Democrats in opposition to the "Native American" party. In his private life he was distinguished for his Christian piety. He was reared in the Dutch Reformed church, but in 1853 he united with the Presbyterian church, and from that time until his death he took an active and prominent part in the work of the First church of Camden, being especially active as a teacher in the Sunday-school, and untiring in his efforts to interest those under his charge and insure their regular attendance. His life was exemplary in all respects and well worthy of emulation.

WESTLEY R. WALES, M. D.

Westley R. Wales, M. D., is one of the young practicing physicians of Cape May county, but his ability is not limited by his years for he has already gained a prestige that might well be envied by many an older practitioner. He resides in Cape May, which is the city of his birth, his natal day being October 21, 1869. He traces his ancestry back to Timothy Wales, one of the twenty children of Ebenezer Wales. The former was said to be a man of excellent common sense and sound judgment and jovial and genial in disposition. He was born October 9, 1737, and at various times resided in Union, Hebron and Bolton, Connecticut. He married Sarah Loomis and their children were Elizabeth, Timothy, Roger, Sarah and Roxanna. Elizabeth became the wife of Jabez L. White, of Bolton, Connecticut, and to them were born eleven children: Anna L. Bailey;

Elizabeth, the wife of Anderson Cook; Sarah, the wife of Samuel Williams; Roxanna; Clarissa, the wife of Hon. Benjamin Ruggles, United States senator from Clarksville, Ohio; Jabez, an eminent physician who married Emily Hammund; George Clinton White, who was the president of White's Bank at Buffalo, New York; Sophronia, the wife of Chester Strickland; Joel, Royal and Thomas Jefferson.

Eli Bentley Wales was born July 10, 1798, and was a man of great energy who met with creditable success in his business. He served as judge and was a man of prominence in his community. He was married in 1818 to Sarah H. Hughes, a daughter of Thomas Hughes, of Cape May, and they became the parents of nine children: Sallie, who was born in 1819, married Downs Edmunds, and their children were Sarah, the wife of Edgar P. Stiles; Tryphonia B., the wife of Samuel W. Reeves, a lawyer of Philadelphia; Eli, who is holding a governmental position; and N., who married Lydia Crowell, of Norfolk, Virginia, and they had two daughters, Lillie and Emma. Belinda J., the second of the family, was born in 1822; Harriet B., born in 1825, became the wife of Joseph Young and had six children,—Sallie B., Edmund W., Joseph, Brisley, Mary E. and Howard; Eleanor B., born in 1827, became the third wife of Downs Edmunds; Thomas R., born in 1830, married Martha C., and their children are Sallie, Edward W., James, C. Wesley, of this review, and Allan; Lydia H., born in 1832, became the wife of Alvin P. Hildreth, and their children are Frank H. and Jane M. E.; Edward, born in 1834, and died in 1835; Mary H., born in 1836, married Walter A. Barrows, a lawyer and at one time the county superintendent of the public schools at Mount Holly, New Jersey, and their children were Walter A., Jr., and Helen W., and Eli B., the youngest, is a practicing physician. Judge Eli B. Wales, the father of the children just named, after the death of his first wife, married Harriet Edmonds, a widow of James Edmonds. Her maiden name was Whittimore and her native state was Connecticut. By her marriage they had one son, George H., who was born in 1841 and died in 1871. For his third wife Judge Wales married Mrs. James Schellinger, of Cape May.

Under the paternal roof Dr. Wales spent the days of his boyhood, acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools. He was graduated in the high school in the class of 1886 and then entered Blairstown Academy, where he was graduated in 1888. Determining to devote his time and energies to the practice of medicine, he then matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College, completing the course in 1891. Thus well equipped for his chosen calling, he opened an office at May's Landing, New Jersey, where he remained for eight years, enjoying a good business. Dur-

ing that time he served as the physician of Atlantic county for three years.

Finally Dr. Wales came to Cape May and purchased his present place of business at the corner of Washington and Decatur streets, from the Dr. Kennedy estate, succeeding Dr. Kennedy in the drug business and in the practice of medicine. He conducts a well equipped store and enjoys a liberal patronage in the drug trade. His offices in the rear are tastefully furnished and supplied with all the appliances that aid the physician in his practice. He is widely known as one of the most successful and able young physicians of southern New Jersey. He is a diligent student and his knowledge of medicine and its uses is comprehensive and accurate. The excellent results which have attended his efforts demonstrate his skill and ability and make him a leading member of the profession. He belongs to the county medical societies of both Atlantic and Cape May counties.

The Doctor is a valued representative of several civic societies and is the past master of Unity Lodge, F. & A. M., at May's Landing. He has also served as junior and senior deacon and junior and senior warden of his lodge. For six years he was a member of Company H, Sixth Regiment of New Jersey National Guards, and in his political affiliations he has been a Republican since attaining his majority. His marriage to Miss Orilla Edmunds was celebrated April 14, 1891, and their union has been blest with one daughter, Martha T. They have a pleasant home in Cape May and enjoy the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

ISAAC B. LAWRENCE.

Isaac Biddle Lawrence is a hustling, wide-awake business man of Salem, where he has been engaged for more than a quarter of a century, in his present quarters, in the mercantile trade. He was born August 8, 1848, in Mannington township, this county, and was a son of George and Hannah (Jenkins) Lawrence. George was one of five children: William, a farmer who married a Miss Seagraves and died in Salem; Thomas, who married Ann Barnes and was a farmer near Bridgeport, where he died; George; Catherine, who married Adam Stanger and lived in Philadelphia; she had two daughters and lived to be seventy years of age; and Mary Ann, who married Anthony Elton, a farmer. George Lawrence was born in Salem county and became an extensive farmer in Mannington township. He took an intelligent interest in local politics and was an adherent of the Democratic party. He chose as his bride Miss Hannah Jenkins, who bore him ten children, viz.: George, a farmer in Salem county but a resident

of Woodstown at the time of his death; James, a farmer in this county; Thomas; Abraham; Isaac B.; Rebecca Whitsell, deceased; Mary Harris, deceased; Ellen, unmarried; Catherine Smith; and Elizabeth (Mrs. George Winfield), deceased. His death occurred when he had arrived at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife departed this life at the age of seventy.

Isaac B. Lawrence attended the district schools of Mannington and Elsinboro townships and then became a clerk in the store of R. P. Hite for four years. He purchased the property of Major Lawson's estate and has conducted a general store there ever since. His sales-rooms are thirty by thirty-five feet and are neatly and tastefully arranged to show the goods to the best advantage. They are fitted with electric lights, and a basement of the same dimensions furnishes a desirable store-room. His stock comprises a large and complete line of dry goods, furnishing goods, staple and fancy groceries, provisions, tin, crockery, and glassware, and a miscellaneous assortment of merchandise from which his customers are sure to find just what they want. He has worked up a large and lucrative patronage and has devoted all his energies to suiting the various tastes of his customers. He has made several judicious investments in real estate and owns sixteen residences, which he keeps in good repair, some of which are among the finest dwellings in the city. He is undoubtedly the largest real-estate owner in Salem and one of the wealthiest citizens.

He was married in 1871 to Miss Mary A. Kirby, a daughter of John Kirby. They have one child, Ida, who is at her parental home. Mr. Lawrence is a Democrat in political faith and was formerly a freeholder. He was the city treasurer two terms—in 1874-5 and in 1884-5. In religion he is a member of the Friends' church. He has been a member of Forest Lodge, Knights of Pythias, since its organization in 1869, and Brown Lodge, No. 249; Fenwick Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Salem Encampment. He has also been a member of the Red Men several years. He is a director of the Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a successor to Judge Albert Slape, deceased. He is one of the substantial, enterprising citizens, whose energy and forethought mean so much to any city or village and bring prosperity in their wake.

WILLIAM H. COZENS.

Among the leading citizens of Swedesboro is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and who, until 1893, was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Deptford township, Gloucester county, September 6, 1852. His parents were Richard and Elizabeth (Hayes)

Cozens, natives of New Jersey. His father was a farmer by occupation. The parents were married on the 18th of January, 1850, and had four children: Mary P., who was born July 19, 1851, married William Titus, of Paulsboro, and has four children; Ellen, born April 14, 1854, is the wife of Samuel Hannold, of Philadelphia, and has three children; William H., is the next of the family; and Charles, who was born May 6, 1856, died August 12, 1858. The father died about 1857, when thirty-five years of age, and the mother passed away in July, 1881, at the age of fifty-one.

After the death of the father the family removed to Greenwich township, and it was in the schools of that locality that the subject of this sketch obtained his education. His entire life has been devoted to farming. In 1880 he purchased a fine farm of fifty-six acres, one mile from Swedesboro, and resided there for thirteen years. It was located on the turnpike between Woodbury and Swedesboro adjoining the Salsbury farm. He still retains the ownership of this, and has another farm in South Harrison township, between Swedesboro and Harrisonville. In 1893, however, he decided to retire from active work and removed to this city, where he has a comfortable home, which was rebuilt and modernized in 1898. He is a stockholder in the Swedesboro Heat, Light & Power Company, and his wife is a stockholder in the Swedesboro National Bank.

Mr. Cozens was married December 13, 1876, to Kate A. Allen, a daughter of Henry Allen, of Gibbstown, New Jersey. They have two daughters,—Marie A. and Lizzie H. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, to the work of which they are always ready to give liberal assistance. Mr. Cozens belongs to the Swedesboro Grange and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

EDWARD L. STRATTON.

This old-time and honored citizen of Mullica Hill, of which place he is a native, is of good old English stock and bears an enviable record both as a business man of integrity and a brave soldier during the civil war. The heroes of that unique and hotly-contested struggle for the maintenance of the Union are yearly falling by the wayside from old age and its accompanying infirmities, and it is fitting that we who reaped the reward of their courageous deeds should gather and preserve in some permanent form everything we can find regarding their histories.

The grandfather of Colonel Stratton, Jacob Stratton, was the son of Samuel, one of three brothers, the sons of William Stratton, of Stratford,

England. Nathan T., the son of Jacob and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Piles Grove, Salem county, New Jersey, and in 1827 went to Philadelphia, where he spent one year in a store. On January 9, 1829, he removed to Mullica Hill where he engaged in the mercantile business with Jonathan Colson. In 1833 he returned to Philadelphia, but the following year again began business in Mullica Hill, forming a partnership in 1835 with a son of his former employer, the firm being known as Colson & Stratton. This connection lasted until 1841, when Mr. Stratton went into business for himself. He was a member of the state legislature in 1844, and in 1850 was elected on the Democratic ticket as a representative of his district to the United States congress, his opponent in the campaign being Thomas H. Whiting. He was re-elected in 1852, and, with the exception of Hon. Thomas M. Ferrell, no Democrat has since been elected to congress from that district.

Nathan T. Stratton married Sarah M., a daughter of Isaac Sherwin. Mrs. Stratton was a woman of fine character, quiet and retiring in her disposition, devoted to her home and family, a mother whose children "rise up and call her blessed." She died September 30, 1860, leaving behind her the memory of a well spent life. The father passed away March 9, 1887, at the ripe age of seventy-four years. He was a man of strong personality, active in many lines, and held a prominent place in his community. He settled up many estates and paid out the large amount of seventeen thousand dollars as security money. Four of the children of this worthy couple are living: Isaac S., a justice of the peace at Swedesboro, New Jersey; Edward L.; Mary L., now Mrs. Moore; and Jacob J., residing in Mullica Hill. James Stratton enlisted when a school boy of sixteen in his brother Edward's company, in the Twelfth New Jersey Volunteers, was killed in battle August 25, 1864, and his remains were brought home and buried.

Colonel Edward L. Stratton was born at Mullica Hill, March 14, 1839. As a boy he studied in the schools at home, and later at Wilmington, Delaware, and for one term in West Jersey College, at Bridgeton. He began his business career as a partner with his father in the firm of N. T. Stratton & Son, they owning a large store in Mullica Hill and also one in Swedesboro. After the war the firm became Stratton & Brother. The call for volunteers which resounded through the land when war was commenced between the north and the south, met with a ready response from thousands of the loyal young men who without hesitation left their schools, their stores, their farms and their homes to serve their country. Among these was Edward L. Stratton, who in June, 1862, enlisted as a recruiting

officer for Company F, Twelfth New Jersey Volunteers. His company was the first in the regiment to make up its complement of men, and he was appointed captain on August 15, 1862, being mustered in September 4. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and in the battle of Chancellorsville it lost two hundred and fifty men. Captain Stratton was in the front rank at this bloody engagement and was severely wounded, losing his right leg in consequence. He was brevetted lieutenant-colonel for gallant conduct in battle, and was made colonel for similar reasons. At length he resigned his commission and was appointed captain in the Invalid Corps. He held various positions in the hospitals at Philadelphia and Fortress Monroe, and in the barracks at Washington, and was assistant inspector general under General Wilcox in the Department of the Ohio. He was mustered out of the service July 20, 1866.

Colonel Stratton continued in the mercantile business until 1886, and for ten years—from 1885 to 1895—was a lay member of the Gloucester court. He was the postmaster at Mullica Hill during both of Cleveland's administrations and has since been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He has for many years been a member and trustee of the Baptist church and has been the secretary of the Building & Loan Association of Mullica Hill ever since its organization in 1886. He is also the financier of the conclave of the order of Heptasophs. He is a Democrat in politics, and in 1883 ran for the office of surrogate, but was beaten by a small majority. At another time he ran for the legislature on the same ticket with Governor Parker, and in 1898 was again a candidate, his opponent being Governor Walters.

Colonel Stratton was married December 25, 1886, to Emma, a daughter of Joseph Harker, of Swedesboro, and four children have been born to them: Sarah, Emma H., Deborah and Edward L., Jr. The latter was in the employ of the United States at Fort Delaware.

ANDERSON BOURGEOIS.

Anderson Bourgeois is a well-known capitalist who controls extensive real-estate interests in Cape May county, maintaining his residence in Estelville. He was born in Morristown, New Jersey, November 15, 1859, and is a son of George and Mary (Broadwater) Bourgeois. The family name is of French origin, and the grandfather, Edward A. Bourgeois, was the first of the name to seek a home in America, crossing the Atlantic about 1823. He located in Philadelphia, where he followed the trade of dyeing, which he had learned in his native land. There he resided until

his marriage to Miss Sallie Scattergood, after which he removed to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he remained for ten years, when he returned to Philadelphia. During the succeeding two decades he was connected with the business interests of the latter city, after which he spent his remaining days in traveling, visiting France and other European countries. He also went to Panama and Central America, his death occurring on the isthmus. He was a representative of one of the distinguished families of our sister Republic, being a relative of Minister M. Bourgeois. His children were Edward, a bricklayer now residing in St. Louis; George; and Sallie, who died in Philadelphia.

George Bourgeois was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 14, 1833, and became a contractor and builder. He resided in Philadelphia until eighteen years of age, when he removed to Morristown, where he made his home until 1889, since which time he has been a resident of Ocean City, Cape May county. His ability in the line of his chosen vocation is indicated by the extensive patronage which he receives. He has erected here the Atlantic Hotel and the merry-go-rounds, and took the contract for building a board walk fifty-eight hundred feet long with twenty-nine hundred feet of approaches. This work he completed in 1897-8. His political support is given the Democracy, and socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his family are six children: Edward, a contractor and builder, who married Anna Stites; Anderson; Helen, the wife of James Morts, a contractor, by whom she has two sons, Bertie and John; George Edward, an attorney-at-law in Atlantic City, who married Emma Boggs, and has one daughter, Ellen; Sallie; and Anna, wife of Harry G. Steadman.

In the public schools of Morristown Mr. Bourgeois, of this review, pursued his education, and was graduated in the class of 1877. He subsequently attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed the law course, being graduated in 1888 and the same year he was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia. He then married Miss Anna Estell, and located in Estelville, to look after the Estell estate which comprises twenty thousand acres of land, six farms, two thousand acres of meadow land and some timber tracts, a gristmill and a sawmill. He is also interested in real estate in Ocean City, having there some valuable property. He owns the Hotel Ætna, together with fourteen residences, three stores and office buildings at No. 9 Asbury avenue, and about one hundred building lots. The control of these extensive property interests demands great care and business ability. It requires marked executive force and keen discernment to make real estate investments profitable so that they yield a good in-

terest upon the capital. This Mr. Bourgeois is doing, however, and is accounted one of the most enterprising and reliable business men in his adopted county.

On the 15th of June, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bourgeois and Miss Anna Estell, and they now have an interesting little daughter, Rebecca. Their beautiful home is celebrated for its charming and gracious hospitality, and they enjoy the friendship of many of the best people throughout this section of the state. In his political views Mr. Bourgeois is a Democrat, and has held the office of freeholder, but has never sought or desired political preferment, as his time and attention is fully occupied with his business interests, in which he is meeting with signal success.

JOSEPH F. HAND.

The volume of business and the importance of the work entrusted to Joseph Fifield Hand is an indication that he is classed among the leading contractors and builders at Ocean City; nor have his efforts been confined to this place, as he has erected in other sections of the country substantial structures, whose architectural beauty and fine workmanship have elicited wide praise. As the history of a community is best told by the lives of its representative men, we take great pleasure in presenting to our readers the record of this well-known resident of Ocean City.

Mr. Hand was born in Tuckerton, New Jersey, May 7, 1852, his parents being Jeremiah Leaming and Susan (Downs) Hand. His paternal grandfather, Aaron Hand, resided at Townsend's Inlet, Cape May county, where he owned and managed a large farm. He exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. His son, Jeremiah Leaming Hand, was born at Townsend's Inlet, and was educated in the medical profession. For many years he practiced at Tuckerton. In early life he was a sea captain, but his vessel was lost in a storm and he afterward engaged in the practice of medicine; but he is now living retired and enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. In politics he votes the Republican ticket, and his religious belief is in harmony with the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has held various offices in the organizations in which he holds membership. He married Miss Susan Downs, who died in 1879, and in their family were two sons and two daughters. Mr. Hand, of this review, is the only surviving child. The Doctor, however, is still living and has reached the Psalmist's span of three-score years and ten. His wife was a daughter of

Isaac Downs, an oyster-planter who resided in Tuckerton, New Jersey. His wife was Mrs. Ann Downs, and their children were Samuel, Charles, Mary, Susan, Hulda and Jackson.

Mr. Hand, of this sketch, obtained his education in Pennington Seminary, but his mother died before the time of his graduation arrived and accordingly he returned home, where he remained for three years. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade and for a short time worked as a journeyman; after which he began contracting and building on his own account. He built the life-saving stations at Long Beach and at Anglesea, and the first work he undertook in Ocean City was the erection of the artistic little cottage Holiday. Since that time, under his supervision, have been put up many of the best cottages and hotels here, including the handsome residence of Rev. B. H. Sanderlin and the Methodist Episcopal church. He furnishes employment for fourteen men. Mr. Hand is also interested in real estate and owns two excellent buildings, including stores and living rooms.

On the 15th of October, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of our subject to Mary A., a daughter of Gershon Fielder, of Port Republic, New Jersey. Her paternal grandfather, Robert Fielder, resided at Manahawkin, Ocean county, and was both a farmer and seaman. He married Hannah Brown, and they became the parents of five children: Gershon, Lydia, Mary, Benjamin and Dan,—the last named now deceased. Gershon Fielder was born at Manahawkin and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is deceased: his wife passed away at the age of seventy-nine. In their family were four sons and a daughter: Daniel, Robert, Mary, Joseph and Gershon. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hand have been born six children: Cora A., Bertha, Bella, Harold, Gussie Edward and Hazel.

Mr. Hand is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His life exemplifies the fraternal spirit and benevolent principles of these organizations. He serves his city as a member of the fire department and contributes to the cause of Christianity by his labors in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been an active, busy and useful one, and his fidelity to duty is well worthy of emulation.

LORENZO A. DOWNS.

Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble and lowly beginnings to places of leadership in the commerce, the great productive industries, and the management of the veins and

arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. Difficulties and obstacles in their path seem but to serve as an impetus for renewed and more persistent effort, and thus they have steadily worked their way upward. Of such a class Mr. Downs is a representative, and to-day he occupies a prominent position in the financial circles of Atlantic City, being the cashier of the Second National Bank, and secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Safety Deposit and Trust Company.

A native of New Jersey, he was born in Downsville, Gloucester county, October 9, 1839, and is a representative of an old family of German origin. His grandfather, Aquilla Downs, was a man of prominence who served as a local preacher and exerted a strong influence for good in the community in which he lived. He was an extensive land-owner and the town of Downsville was named in his honor. Jesse Downs, the father of our subject, was born at that place and became a farmer and lumber merchant, conducting a profitable business. He held a number of township offices and was a leading worker and officer in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member until his death in 1882. He married Miss Katherine Kandle, a daughter of John Kandle, of Salem county, and her death occurred in 1884. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living, namely: Lorenzo A.; Christian S., a merchant of Newfield, Gloucester county; and Precilla B., the widow of Charles H. Chew, of Downsville.

Lorenzo A. Downs attended the local schools, but at an early age put aside his text-books and entered a store at Forest Grove near his home, where he was employed for five years. On the expiration of that period he established a store and sawmill at Downsville, and after that was elected to a number of local offices, which claimed the greater part of his time and attention for some years. In 1870 he was chosen as the town clerk of Buena Vista township, Atlantic county, for one year's service, and on his retirement from that office he was elected and served for four years as a collector. He was next elected the clerk of Atlantic county, receiving every vote in his township with the exception of three,—a fact which well indicates his popularity in the community in which he is best known. He continued to hold that office by successive re-elections for five years, a longer term than has been accorded any other incumbent.

In 1877 Mr. Downs went to Atlantic City and accepted the position as the bookkeeper in the Second National Bank, serving in that capacity for six months. When the Atlantic City Deposit & Trust Company was organized he was at once made its secretary and treasurer, and has ever since filled those positions. On the 1st of May, 1889, he was elected the

cashier of the Second National Bank, and is now discharging the duties of both offices. He is also a director in the State Building & Loan Association, of Camden, and in the Atlantic Coast Building & Loan Association.

In 1861 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Downs and Miss Fanny Henny, a daughter of Samuel Henny, of Salem county. They have two children,—Laura and Mary,—the latter now the wife of Harry Woodruff. In his political views Mr. Downs is a Republican, and exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. Socially he is a Mason and belongs to the Central Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is holding the office of trustee. He is a public-spirited citizen and takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the social, intellectual and moral improvement of the community. He possesses marked executive ability and keen discernment, qualities which have brought him very enviable success, while his commendable methods have secured him the confidence and regard of all. Although he started out in life empty-handed he now occupies a leading position in financial circles in Atlantic City and is well deserving of representation in this volume.

DANIEL KLOS.

Daniel Klos, one of the most progressive farmers of southern New Jersey, furnishes an excellent illustration of what can be accomplished by a young man of pluck and energy coming to this country without means and without even a knowledge of the English language. The record of his life, in brief, is as follows:

Daniel Klos was born in Zweibrücken, Rhinefels, Bavaria, Germany. May 21, 1860, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Schmitt) Klos, and is the eldest of five children, namely: Daniel; Eva, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lena, of Swedesboro, New Jersey; and Lewis and Ernest, who are on the farm with their brother Daniel. Mr. Klos passed his boyhood days on a farm in his native land, receiving a public-school education, and in 1880 said good-by to home and friends and came to America, believing that the opportunities for advancement were better here than in the old country. In the spring of 1883 he sent for his brothers and sisters, and the following year for his parents. His father died here September 25, 1898, at the age of eighty-one years; and his mother, aged seventy-three at this writing, is living with him.

On his arrival in this country, Mr. Klos came direct to Swedesboro and his first three years here were spent as a farm hand, working by the month.

Then he rented the farm he now owns, and cultivated it on shares for ten years, until 1893, when he purchased it. This farm comprises one hundred and forty-one acres of excellent land, well improved, ranking with the finest farm properties in Gloucester county. Its slightly and substantial buildings, excepting the residence, were erected by him. Strong and willing to work and with an indomitable ambition to get on in the world, Mr. Klos was unceasing in his efforts to get a start, and when he engaged in farming on his own responsibility he knew by experience how to conduct the same successfully; and, unlike many men of fortune, Mr. Klos has not accumulated his means through practices of penury or penny-grasping. He is rather of a generous, open-handed nature and has made his money by good management and doing things on a large scale. He is to-day ranked with the substantial and highly respected citizens of his community.

Mr. Klos is an active member of the Swedesboro Grange, and takes a lively interest in everything that will promote the welfare of the agriculturist.

P. J. JORDAN.

It is not an unusual thing to find that the men who are now leaders in business circles have arisen to their present positions of prominence through their own unaided efforts. Of this class Mr. Jordan is a representative, and though he started out in life hampered by poverty and fettered by the lack of educational privileges, he is to-day one of the most successful dry-goods merchants of Camden.

A native of the Emerald Isle, he was born in county Mayo, in April, 1856. His father, Michael Jordan, was a native of the same locality and a farmer by occupation, but he died when his son was only three years of age, and leaving the family in limited circumstances, Mr. Jordan was forced to earn his own living during his early youth. He worked as a farm laborer, but in 1871 he determined to try his fortune in America, believing that better opportunities were furnished young men in this land than in the older countries of Europe. Crossing the Atlantic to New York, he made his way to New Jersey and for four years worked on a farm near New Brunswick, during which time he sent all of his wages to his widowed mother. He then went to Philadelphia, where he was employed in an installment house as salesman and collector until 1882.

That year witnessed the arrival of Mr. Jordan in Camden, since which time he has been identified with the mercantile interests of this city. He opened a very small store at No. 546 Federal street and equipped it with

a stock of dry goods. His capital consisted of about one thousand dollars, which he had saved from his wages in former years. He remained at his first location for two years, when, finding his quarters too small, he removed to a building on the site of his present store and there he carried on trade for two years, at the end of which time he tore down the building and erected his present large business block, which is one hundred feet deep, of twenty-two feet front and four stories high. He carries a large and complete line of dry goods, clothing for men, women and children, and furniture. Employment is furnished to fifteen people, and the sales have now reached large proportions, bringing to him an excellent income. Year by year his business has increased till he is now one of the leading merchants of this section of the state. His own well-directed efforts have brought to him a handsome capital, which numbers him among the wealthy men of Camden. He has made judicious investments in other lines, and his keen discernment has enabled him to put his money where it has brought a good rate of interest.

Mr. Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Enright, of Philadelphia, who died February 4, 1897, leaving two sons,—Joseph and Philip. Frequently Mr. Jordan has been solicited to accept office, but has always refused. He is a Catholic in his religious belief and contributes liberally to the support of his church. His example illustrates most forcibly the opportunities which America affords to young men of intelligence, industry and ambition. His hope of meeting with success in the New World has been more than realized, and he has not only gained a handsome competence, but has won many warm friends in the city of his adoption.

JOHN GREEN.

John Green is a resident of Clarksboro, his native town, his birth having occurred July 13, 1832, and he is of German lineage. His paternal grandfather, David Green, was born in Germany and became the founder of the family in America, where he acquired extensive landed interests, owning one thousand acres near Swedesboro. Joseph D. Green, the father of our subject, was born near Swedesboro in 1793 and died in 1887. In early life he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for many years, and later he engaged in farming. He wedded Miss Mary Morris, a daughter of Gilbert Morris, and they became the parents of eight children, six of whom are yet living. The mother, however, has passed away.

Mr. Green, of this review, attended the common schools and in early

manhood engaged in teaching for four years, following that profession in Mantua and other places. In 1857 he purchased the old family homestead and has since carried on farming. He was also the proprietor of a store in Clarksboro for five years, but now devotes his energies exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He owns one hundred and forty acres in the home place and has other land elsewhere. His farming methods are practical and progressive, and by the careful cultivation of his fields he secures good crops, which bring him a desirable income.

Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Hughes, who died in 1888. Of their eight children seven are yet living, namely: Samuel; William; Scott, the proprietor of a hotel in Clarksboro; Rebecca, the wife of Dan Sweaton, who is living near Clarksboro; Isabella, Harry and Mary V. In 1891 Mr. Green was again married, his second union being with Miss Catharine Kealey, a school-teacher.

ELLIS C. ELDREDGE.

This gentleman is a representative of one of the oldest families of New Jersey, and on the pages of the history of the state the family name figures conspicuously. Jeremy Eldredge was sent by the king of England to America to adjust the land titles in southern New Jersey. His son, Aaron, was born June 13, 1771, married Hannah Langdon on the 17th of June, 1792. He was the surrogate of Cape May county in 1801, and the following year served as the coroner. His death occurred August 21, 1819, and his wife, who was born in 1774, died in 1836. She was a lady of many graces and of great kindness. She was graduated in the Moravian schools at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the oldest school for young ladies in America, and was said to have been the first lady to own a carriage in Lower township, Cape May county. Her children were Jeremiah L., Aaron, Eliza, Joseph, William, Stillwell, George and Ephraim.

Jeremiah Leaming Eldredge, the grandfather of our subject, was born July 14, 1793, and married Harriet Tomlin on the 16th of August, 1821, in Goshen, Cape May county. He died of Asiatic cholera at Cold Spring, July 10, 1849. His wife, who was a daughter of William and Sarah Tomlin, was born in Cumberland county, New Jersey, December 3, 1805, and died October 23, 1863. They were the parents of twelve children, the eldest being William Tomlin, the father of our subject. Samuel, born March 30, 1824, died April 26, 1824. Eliza Ellen was born June 25, 1825. Eliza, the second of the name, was born August 7, 1826, and became the wife of

Humphrey Hughes, a Delaware pilot, by whom she had two children,—Adrian and Harriet Eldredge. Charles was born February 18, 1830, and became a farmer and carpenter at Shiloh, New Jersey. He married Elizabeth Tomlin, and their children were Mrs. Jennie Craig, Judith T., Mrs. Abbie Harris, Harriet and Paul. Jeremiah L., born November 2, 1831, became a pilot. He wedded Mary Marshall, and their children were Alonzo, who was born in 1856, and is now deceased; Ida May, born in 1858; John M., born in 1860; Frank H., who was born in 1862, and is also deceased; and George H., born in 1872. Nelson T., born October 13, 1833, died June 16, 1886. He was a farmer, and for three years served as the sheriff of Cape May county. His wife bore the maiden name of Deborah V. B. Hand, and their children were Marietta, now deceased; Southard, Eliza, Jacob S. and Woodruff G. Francis S., born April 22, 1836, became a pilot, and married Elizabeth Edwards Johnson, by whom he had three children,—Loring B., Joseph J. and Francis G. James S., born September 28, 1839, was a mail agent and farmer in early life, but afterward became a coal dealer at Cape May. He served in Company F of the Twenty-fifth New Jersey Infantry for nine months during the war of the rebellion, enlisting in September, 1862. He now resides in Springfield, Illinois. He married Charlotte P. Stimpson, and their children are Charles S., Augustus and Clara. Harriet, born December 20, 1841, became the wife of John Parsons, and they have five children,—Mrs. Elizabeth Ritter, Mrs. Maggie Taylor, Emma, Robert P. and Augustus S. George E., born September 23, 1845, is a farmer by occupation. He married a daughter of William C. Town and their children are Mrs. Harriet Cresse, Lizzie C., Charles and Ada.

William Tomlin Eldredge, the father of our subject, was born at Cape May, October 19, 1822, and died December 4, 1888. Throughout his life he was a Delaware pilot, and during his service he encountered a severe storm which prevented him from effecting a landing, and he was carried across the ocean to Europe. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief was a Presbyterian. He married Isabelle Corson, of Petersburg, New Jersey, and they had six children, as follows: Stillwell, who is in the government employ at the life-saving station at Cape May Point, married Anna Hand; Ellis Corson is the next younger; Walter, who married Mrs. Kate (Worth) Cresse and has one child, is engaged in the grocery and fruit business at Haddonfield, New Jersey; Lewis, who is an assistant at the Cape May light-house, wedded Mary Harris, by whom he had two children,—Harold and Ida May,—and after the death of his first wife married Miss Weeks; Livingston, a carpenter, married Judith Hoffman, and with their daughter, Florence, they reside at Cape May; and Elizabeth, the youngest

of the family, is the wife of William Hensley, a millwright and painter, their children being May, Raleigh, Joseph, Harriet and William H.

Ellis C. Eldredge, whose name introduces the initial paragraph of this review, was born at Cold Spring, May 6, 1851, and attended the public schools in his native town until fifteen years of age, when he became apprenticed as a pilot, serving a six-year term. His life has been devoted to the work of safely conducting vessels through the channel of the bay and river into a safe harbor. It is often an arduous task, and one requiring great courage, and on many occasions he has displayed great bravery as well as marked skill and ability. He is a member of the Pennsylvania & Delaware Pilots' Association and of the Pilots' Society. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of Red Men, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and the Cape May Relief Association. For three years he was a member of Company H, Sixth Regiment New Jersey National Guards, during its existence at Cape May. His political support is given the Democracy, and he is a member of the Cape May Building & Loan Association.

On the 20th of August, 1876, Mr. Eldredge was united in marriage to Emma Robison, a daughter of John Robison, who was killed during the civil war. Two children grace their union,—Flora and Elsie D., both at home. Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge have many friends in this community and are both widely and favorably known.

ELLWOOD K. FORTINER.

The veil was lifted to gain the new glory of a true and beautiful life when death set the seal upon the mortal lips of Ellwood K. Fortiner. Noble principles actuated his entire career, and any monument erected to his memory to commemorate his virtues would have become dim and tarnished by time ere the example of his upright life shall cease to exercise an influence upon the community in which he lived and labored to such goodly intent. He passed away August 23, 1899, at which time he was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Camden.

Mr. Fortiner was born in Haddonfield, New Jersey, August 12, 1820. No event of special importance occurred to vary the common interest of boyhood, and after attaining his majority he engaged in the business of the general wood-worker, at the corner of Berkley and Williams streets, in Camden. On his retirement from that industry he opened a general hardware store at No. 122 Federal street and successfully carried on business there until his death. He had already established a reputation for reliability,

and from the beginning of his connection with the hardware trade his patronage constantly and steadily increased. Till within a few days of his death he was found at his store actively managing its affairs. Mr. Fortiner possessed social principles of a practical order; he did not believe in the theory of dividing capital, but possessed a benevolent spirit which caused him to desire to aid those who were willing to help themselves. Knowing that the home is the foundation upon which rests our social life and from which emanates those principles that produce stability in business and fidelity in governmental affairs, he took a deep interest in the work of the Building & Loan Association and was the father of this form of savings institution. At the time of his death he was the treasurer of the People's Building & Loan Association and secretary of the City and Franklin Associations, holding those positions almost from the time of the organization of the enterprises, his long connection therewith making him a valued member of the board of directors.

In 1841 Mr. Fortiner married Elizabeth G. Roseman, who still survives him, and to them were born two children,—George a physician, now deceased, and Harry. Mr. Fortiner and his family attended the Baptist church, of which he was one of the oldest and most zealous members. For nearly sixty years he served as a deacon in the First church of Camden, and for more than a half century he was the superintendent of the Sunday-school, holding the latter office at the time of his demise. The fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the Sunday-school was made the occasion of a beautiful and impressive public celebration, which was held in the church and which was participated in by a large gathering. He was a man of broad sympathies and genial disposition and earnestly co-operated with all movements tending to benefit his fellow men. His name was synonymous with all that was honorable in both public and private life, and his example was well worthy of emulation. Though he is no more seen in the circle of his acquaintance, his memory remains as an unalloyed benediction to all who knew him, and the story of his life deserves a place upon the pages of the history of his adopted city.

W. SCOTT SMITH, M. D.

Dr. W. Scott Smith, of Salem, Salem county, New Jersey, is one of the most widely known physicians in this community, where he has an extended practice among the most desirable people, many of whom have known him since childhood. He was born August 5, 1852, at Hancock's Bridge, his parents being John and Ann (Turner) Smith.

Edward Smith, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a wealthy subject of the English crown and very prominent in his native country. He came to America with Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland. One of his sons, Edward Smith, settled in Delaware and reared five children,—John, Charles William, Edward, George and Lydia Ann. He was the captain of a vessel and most of his time was spent at sea. Later he moved to Hancock's Bridge, this county, where he died in 1875, in his seventy-third year. His wife was in her eighty-fifth year at the time of her death. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Smith was born in November, 1826, and had his home at Hancock's Bridge, although his business, which was that of a sailor, called him away from his family the greater part of the time. He was a merchant seaman and carried on his trade along the Atlantic coast and the West Indies for many years. He was the coroner of Sale county at one time. He was an honored member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his death occurred April 19, 1899, when he had arrived at the age of seventy-three years. His marriage to Ann Turner was honored in the birth of one child, our subject. The mother entered her last sleep on May 27, 1893, when in her sixty-third year.

Dr. Smith attended the district schools of Hancock's Bridge in his earlier years and there received the foundation of an education which places him among the best physicians of the county. He then entered a private establishment presided over by Professor John Bechtel. Still later he pursued his studies under the instruction of Dr. Braden, D. D., who taught a private school at Salem and was formerly one of the professors of Princeton. He was a student in Bellevue College in 1872—the Long Island College Hospital—and was graduated in Cincinnati, in 1873. He began the practice of medicine in Brooklyn, where he remained until 1884, and in the meantime he resumed his studies in the Long Island Hospital, in which he was graduated in 1878. In 1884 he came to this county and purchased the old Hancock homestead, but Salem is now his place of residence. He has been a most successful practitioner and deserves the high eulogy which is heartily given him.

On May 19, 1891, he was united in marriage with Dr. Ellen Bradway Harris, a daughter of Quinton P. Harris, of this city. She is a woman of superior accomplishments, charming personality and equaled by few of either sex in her chosen profession. She has made a specialty of obstetrics and the diseases of women and devotes considerable time to that practice in Brooklyn. Dr. W. Scott Smith is a member of the medical societies of both Kings and Salem counties, and in social relations is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

GEORGE W. PITHER.

Out of the depths of his mature wisdom Bacon wrote, "The pen is mightier than the sword;" and the truth of this is verified with the passing years, as books and newspapers make their way into all parts of the world, molding public opinion, formulating public sentiment and influencing public action. There is no more active factor in the progress and improvement of a town or locality than its newspapers, and the public-spirited, enterprising editor can do more for the general good than any other one agency. In connection with his journalistic interests Mr. Pither has had marked influence upon the public life of Swedesboro, and at all times is found active in support of those measures which have for their object the substantial progress and upbuilding of this section of the state.

A native of Chester, South Carolina, he was born on the 4th of July, 1855, and is a son of George M. and Elizabeth J. (Murray) Pither. The father was a native of London, England, and on coming to the United States located in Chester, where he remained until 1866, when he removed to Lakewood, New Jersey, establishing the first paper published there. It was called the Brickburt Times. In the latter part of 1870 Mr. Pither removed to Swedesboro and established the Swedesboro Times, which he published from January 14, 1871, until 1877. His death occurred in Swedesboro the following year.

George W. Pither, whose name introduces this review, began his education in the schools of his native city, and afterward continued his studies in New Jersey. His business training was received in his father's printing-office, and here he became familiar with the work in its various departments. In 1877, upon his father's retirement, he assumed charge of the Times and continued its publication until 1883, when he sold the paper to Mr. Taylor and established his present plant, in connection with George Hamilton, on the 9th of January, 1886. Their partnership was continued until the death of Mr. Hamilton, in 1889, when Mr. Pither formed a partnership with Harry H. Batton, the relation being maintained until 1891, since which time our subject has been alone in business. The paper is an independent journal, well edited and having a large circulation. In mechanical workmanship and interesting news items it is equal to any published in this section of the state, and the enterprise has been attended with gratifying financial success. Throughout his life Mr. Pither has been connected with journalistic interests, and his long experience in the newspaper field well qualifies him for the work to which he is now devoting his energies.

Mr. Pither was united in marriage to Miss Georgianna Zane, a daughter

of Benjamin L. Zane, of Swedesboro, and unto them have been born three children: Florence G., George M. and Clifford L. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and are widely known in the community, enjoying the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city.

GENERAL WILLIAM J. SEWELL.

General William J. Sewell was born in the town of Castlebar, county Mayo, Ireland, in 1835, and came to this country at an early age. He engaged in mercantile pursuits, and at the outbreak of the civil war was commissioned as captain of the Fifth New Jersey Volunteers. He served during the war and was brevetted brigadier general for distinguished services at Chancellorsville, where he made the celebrated charge in command of the Second New Jersey Brigade, captured nine stands of colors, and recaptured the regimental standard of a New York regiment. He was also brevetted major general for gallant services during the war and awarded a medal of honor by Congress for distinguished gallantry on the field at Chancellorsville. He participated in almost all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, and was wounded at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. On May 25, 1900, General Sewell received the distinguished honor of the election to the presidency of the Society of the Army of the Potomac. This was peculiarly gratifying to him, as the appointment was conferred at Fredericksburg, where the meeting of the society was held, in which vicinity those gallant deeds that gave him so high a place on the rolls of that army occurred.

After the war he became connected with the railroads of New Jersey that are branches of the Pennsylvania system, of several of which he is an executive officer, and president of the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Company.

He was elected state senator for Camden county in 1872, re-elected in 1875, and again in 1878, and was president of the senate when his party was in power. General Sewell's service in the state senate covered the period of the amendments to the New Jersey state constitution, the resolution which created the commission to suggest the same having been introduced by him. He took a leading part in the construction and passage of all the general laws, including the railroad law, his vote being the casting one on the passage of the first railroad municipal tax bill; and the present taxation clause, which brings the state such a large revenue, in the municipal corporation act, was his suggestion. While yet a member of the legislature he was elected to the United States Senate, in 1881, as the successor of Theodore F. Randolph, and served until the close of his term, in 1887. He was again elected in 1895

to the United States senate to succeed Hon. J. R. McPherson. His course as a Senator has indicated how close he has been in touch with the interests of the state he represents, and how faithfully the sentiments of his constituents have been voiced by him in congress, where his action, based upon long public experience and a peculiar adaptability and genius for legislation, has given him a national reputation in which every Jerseyman feels a personal pride. Matters of the greatest moment have been entrusted to his decision, and his work is manifest in some of the most vital and far-reaching measures of that body.

He was elected as a delegate to the Republican Conventions of 1876, 1880, 1888, 1892, 1896 and 1900, on each occasion being made chairman of his delegation. He was also appointed one of the national commissioners for New Jersey of the World's Fair at Chicago. He was elected by congress, upon the death of General McClellan, a member of the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers as a recognition of his services and valor during the war, and served as the vice president of this body until the first of January, 1900, when, owing to the retirement of General W. B. Franklin, he was elected the president of the same, serving in this capacity for a few months, until increasing public duties and lack of time to thoroughly canvass the details incident to the position compelled him reluctantly to relinquish the same. He was then re-elected vice president, which office he now fills.

Nothing gives the General more pleasure than to serve the interests of the "boys in blue" and to care for their comfort at the National Home, which has been established by the government for those who cannot maintain themselves. He is in command of the National Guard of the state, and connected with the management of various banks, trust companies and philanthropic societies.

General Sewell has been a Republican all his life, and has devoted a large part of his time to the success of his party, both in the state and nation. He has always had the courage of his convictions, and has never swerved in performing his duty as a citizen, soldier or statesman, never faltering when everything seemed dark, keeping continuously in the front, receiving hard knocks but never driven from the field, always striving for success and to grasp victory from defeat. Few people are aware of the struggles by which he has mounted, step by step, to his present position, and his career shows what may be accomplished by a strong, resolute man, whose course has always been guided by the principles of honesty and justice, who has the true altruistic desire to serve the people and the doing of that which is right and for the best interests of all. His life has been marked by loyalty to truth and principle.

the upholding of the interest and welfare of the public even to the detriment of personal advantage; by social usefulness, and works of charity and kindness. Such men make the state; they are its safeguard in danger, and its trusted counselors, shaping its course and policy to their true and legitimate end.

GEORGE W. FRAZIER.

The Frazier family is of Scotch origin. Three generations back of the subject of this sketch there landed in this country from Scotland two brothers by the name of Frazier, who separated shortly after their arrival here, one of them settling in Burlington county, New Jersey, where he reared his family, his son James being the grandfather of George W. James Frazier and his son Daniel were both born at Medford, Burlington county. Daniel Frazier was a blacksmith by trade, at which he worked for years in Medford. In 1851 he moved to a place near Pole Tavern, Salem county, where he was engaged in farming a few years and where he died in 1865. For many years he was a justice of the peace. He was an active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as a class-leader and filled other offices; and in his every-day life he practiced the principles of the religion which he professed. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Phillips, was a daughter of James Phillips and was of German descent. She died in 1859. They were the parents of eight children, and of that number six are now living, viz.: William, of Lambertville, New Jersey; Isaac, who resides near Elmer, Salem county; George W., whose name forms the heading of this sketch; Townsend, who lives near Elmer; Sarah, wife of Charles Smith, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Margaret, wife of Jesse Smith, near Elmer.

George W. Frazier was born at Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, February 14, 1832, and in his youth had no other educational advantages than those afforded by the common schools. He learned the trade of carpenter, and worked at that trade in Gloucester county for a few years. After his father's death George W. took charge of the home farm and conducted its operations for a number of years. Since 1884 he has been a resident of Elmer, where he has a pleasant home and where for some years he has lived retired. He owns sixty acres of land in Salem county and fifteen acres in Gloucester county.

Mr. Frazier has always been interested to some extent in public affairs, and for two years, from 1894, was one of the city councilmen of Elmer. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church of Elmer for a number of

years, and in his church has been honored with official position, such as trustee, etc.

October 5, 1863, Mr. Frazier married Miss Sarah Nixon, a daughter of Martin Nixon; and to them have been born two children, the elder of whom, Daniel N., married Miss Gertrude Shigner.

SAMUEL H. LADD.

In his administration of municipal affairs Samuel Hopkins Ladd has manifested marked loyalty to the interests of Woodbury, and has shown forth excellent executive ability, his service as mayor being characterized by capability, practical management and commendable progressiveness. He was appointed to the position in 1898, elected in 1899 and re-elected in 1900, so that he is now serving for the third term. As a business man he is reliable, energetic and trustworthy, and the same qualities are manifest in his political career, which extends over a period of a quarter of a century of close connection with the political interests of the city in which he makes his home.

Mr. Ladd is a representative of one of the oldest families of the state, the settlement of his ancestry having been made in the New World in 1678. John Ladd, the founder of the New Jersey branch of the family, purchased land in Gloucester county, New Jersey, in 1688, becoming the owner of what is now known as Washington Park, but was formerly known as Ladd Cove. His descendants have since been found in the county and have borne an important part in promoting public progress along many substantial lines. Their religious faith was that of the Society of Friends. Jonathan Ladd was the great-grandfather of Samuel H. Ladd, and Samuel Ladd was his grandfather. In the early days John Ladd followed surveying, and during the intervening years most of the representatives of the name have held large landed estates and have been people of considerable means.

Samuel H. Ladd, Sr., the father of Woodbury's mayor, was for many years a leading and influential citizen of Woodbury, and died in this city on the 6th of March, 1866. He married Sarah B. Johnson, a daughter of Shelby Johnson, of Virginia, and unto them were born three children. William, the eldest, died in the army at the early age of sixteen years. Cora, the youngest, died at the age of one year. Samuel Hopkins Ladd, the second member of the family, was born in Woodbury, December 15, 1849, and in the public schools of his native town pursued his preliminary education. He was afterward a student of civil engineering in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and followed that profession for some time, but has long been engaged in the to-

tobacco business in Philadelphia, being located at No. 3380 Front street, where the firm of Johnson & Ladd is now doing a large and profitable business, their trade steadily increasing and yielding to them a handsome income. Their business methods are thoroughly reliable and their keen discrimination and unfaltering energy have secured to them very creditable and gratifying success.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Ladd has been a stalwart supporter of Republican principles and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party in Woodbury and Gloucester county. For twenty-five years he has served as a justice of the peace, and his marked impartiality and thorough understanding of the law applicable to the cases coming under his jurisdiction have made him an officer well deserving of the public confidence. He was also city surveyor for a number of years, was a member of the city council for thirteen years, and now as mayor of Woodbury he exercises his official prerogatives in support of every measure which he believes will promote the public good along material, social, intellectual and moral lines.

In 1879 Mr. Ladd was united in marriage to Miss Kate B. Johnson, a daughter of Thomas L. and Cora V. Johnson, of Virginia. Three children have blessed this union: Cora V., Sarah and Mary C., all at home. The family reside in a pleasant home at No. 176 South Broad street, in Woodbury, and the Ladd household is celebrated for its gracious hospitality. Mr. Ladd has long been an active factor in affairs of moment in the city, and his close identification with its interests makes his history an integral part of the records of the city. For twenty-three years he has been an active member of the Fire Company. Socially he is connected with Florence Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., and with the Odd Fellows Lodge of Woodbury, and is a member of the Episcopal church. Honor and integrity are synonymous with his name, and he enjoys the respect, confidence and high regard of the community.

GEORGE BARRETT.

Prominent in Grand Army circles in New Jersey, George Barrett is now serving as department commander of the state and has the highest respect of his old army comrades. During the civil war he "donned the blue" and followed the old flag to southern battle-fields. He was one of the soldier "boys," for the war had closed before he had attained his majority, but the valor and bravery which he displayed was equal to that of the veteran whose years were twice his own. In all the relations of life he has been faithful to duty, and he ranks among the representative men of Camden.

Mr. Barrett was born in England, November 23, 1845, and is a representative of a family that for generations was connected with the manufacturing interests of the "merrie isle." His father, George Barrett, was a native of England and in 1850 came with his family to the United States, locating in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where he is still living, a hale and hearty old gentleman of eighty-five years. He has engaged in the manufacture of shoes both in his native country and in his adopted land. In his religious belief he is a Baptist and is very zealous in behalf of the church. He married Miss Frances Bexon, who died in 1892, leaving three children: Elizabeth, the widow of W. Patchin, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania; Jennie, who is living in the same county; and George, of this review.

George Barrett was only four years of age when he came with his parents to the New World. He attended school through the winter months, but in the summer season worked at various occupations which would enable him to provide for his own maintenance. He early engaged in the lumbering and rafting business and was in the employ of his brother-in-law, A. W. Patchin, of Patchinville, Pennsylvania. In 1861, at the age of fifteen years, he attempted to enlist, but was not received on account of his extreme youth. Later, however, he joined the Two Hundred and Sixth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was the first to enter Richmond. He remained at the front until after the stars and stripes were unfurled in the southern Confederacy and then returning home entered school again. After a year spent in study he became the bookkeeper for his brother-in-law and largely had charge of his business until 1877, when he came to Camden and purchased an interest in a sawmill owned by S. B. Garrison, his father-in-law. When the senior partner died, the business was sold, but Mr. Barrett has recently purchased fifteen acres of land on the river front with the intention of resuming operations as a lumber manufacturer. He is now a director of the New Jersey Deposit and Trust Company, and in financial circles he sustains an unassailable reputation. Through his capable management of his business affairs he has acquired wealth.

On the 18th of February, 1871, he married Miss Sarah Mahaffey, whose people were long connected with the lumber interests of Pennsylvania. They now have three children: Mary, the wife of H. N. Martin, of Camden; Floyd, and Frank J., who are also living in Camden. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging both to the chapter and commandery. He has long been a prominent factor in Grand Army circles, and in 1893 was the assistant adjutant general of the state. In June, 1899, was elected the department commander of New Jersey. He has also been actively connected with political interests and is a staunch supporter of Republican principles. He

served as postmaster and justice of the peace in Patchinville, Pennsylvania, and from 1884 until 1888 was a member of the city council of Camden. In 1893 he was elected sheriff on a reform movement, although he had great opposition. In 1897 he was a candidate for mayor. For four years he was chairman of the Republican county committee, and his efficient management was an active factor in producing very desirable results for his party. His social qualities render him popular, and no man in Camden is more generally liked than George Barrett.

LEWIS W. FOWLER.

Lewis West Fowler is a son of William M. and Harriet T. (Laner) Fowler, and was born in Lewiston, Delaware, August 25, 1848. His father, a native of Milton, Delaware, was born April 13, 1805, and spent his entire life in the vicinity of his birthplace. He was connected with the fisheries and afterward was a boatman in the custom-house at Lewiston, in which city his death occurred. He was married twice, his first union being with Hattie M. Shanklin, whom he married October 6, 1832. They became the parents of four children: George, born September 22, 1833; Richard L., February 15, 1837; Hettie Ann, July 13, 1839; and Mary Ann, October 3, 1840. The mother died February 18, 1843, and on the 15th of November of the same year Mr. Fowler married Harriet T. Laner. Their children were: William, who was born June 1, 1844, and is now deceased; Irving, who was born October 31, 1845, and died in childhood; and Lewis West. The mother's death occurred July 4, 1886, when she had reached the age of eighty-two years, and the father died January 6, 1893, at about ninety years of age.

Lewis W. Fowler obtained his education in the district schools of Delaware, and at the age of eighteen began sailing on the Delaware river, serving an apprenticeship as a pilot. His term of service continued five years, during which time he completely mastered the responsible duties which fall to the lot of the river pilots. He learned every bend and turn in the stream, its shoals and depths, and throughout his life he has remained in this service, being well known to those who are connected with marine transportation. In February, 1898, owing to the severity of the weather, he was carried from Delaware cape to Marseilles. He is a member of the Delaware Pilots' Association and enjoys a high reputation for his skill and great care in taking the boats through the channel to their safe destination.

On the 5th of June, 1875, Mr. Fowler married Emma M. Keeny, a daughter of William Spotzwood. Her father was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, learned the tailor's trade and for many years followed that pursuit in

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. He married Harriet Homer and they became the parents of ten children,—Robert, Jane, Julia, Edward, James, Emily, William, Ida, and two who died in infancy. Of these children James Spotzwood has been in the government printing-office since President Buchanan's administration! The father was a Whig in his political associations in early life, but afterward he became a Democrat. He was an intimate friend of James Buchanan and also of Horace Greeley.

After his marriage Mr. Fowler took up his residence in Philadelphia, where he continued to make his home until 1888, since which time he has resided in Cape May. He exercises his right of franchise in the support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. Socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in religious belief is a Methodist. His life occupation is one of great responsibility, and the fidelity with which he performs his duties has won the highest commendation. As a citizen he is loyal and true, and at no time has any trust reposed in him been betrayed.

FOGG FAMILY.

The pioneer of the Fogg family in New Jersey, and when and where he located, cannot be definitely determined; but it is known that he was among the earlier settlers. The first record is that of Joseph Fogg, who married Mary Street, by whom he had a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Sarah, who married Luke Stretch. Joseph married Hannah Hoover, by whom he had ten children, viz.: Mary, born August 19, 1809, died September 30, 1809; Lydia, born March 20, 1810, died December 22, 1868; she married Joseph Ashton and latterly Abner Patrick; Luke S., born February 12, 1813, died September 25, 1886; Joseph, born April 4, 1815, died July 21, 1878; Aaron, born April 14, 1817, died July 13, 1887; Sarah, born June 24, 1818, died June 27, 1842; she married Edward Clummor; Elijah, born February 26, 1822, died September 14, 1822; Ebenezer, born July 27, 1823, died January 6, 1824; Susan S., born January 5, 1825, died October 3, 1838; and Caleb S., born December 18, 1827, died August 3, 1872.

Luke S. Fogg was one of the most successful farmers of his time; he was also engaged in merchandising, dealing in granite, and amassed a handsome fortune. He married Ann Harris, who was born June 17, 1813, and died December 17, 1841. They had two children: Hannah H., born September 7, 1838, married Ephraim C. Smith; and John S., born December 27, 1840, and died February 2, 1884. Mr. Fogg married for his second wife Phebe B. Mulford, who was born February 2, 1832, and died February 11, 1884.

BENJAMIN A. HEADLEY.

Benjamin Allen Headley, one of the largest wholesale fruit and produce dealers in Gloucester county, New Jersey, and the proprietor of the large store-house in Swedesboro, is in the fourth generation from the ancestor Richard Headley, a weaver by trade, who came from Germany and located at an early day in southern New Jersey, where he became a farmer. He married Lydia Dindlebeck, by whom were born John, Bateman, Lawrence, Richard, Thomas, Charles and Abigail. His grandfather, John Headley, the eldest son of Richard, the ancestor, was born in Gloucester county, followed farming, and married Sarah Elkington, by whom he had seven children: Jacob, William, Isaiah, Joseph E., Mary E., Lydia A. and Anna M. His father Joseph E. Headley, the fourth son of the preceding, was born in Gloucester county, December 20, 1827, where he was educated in the public schools and worked as a farm hand until 1860, when he rented a farm. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-eighth New Jersey Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. Returning from the war he rented farms until 1882, when he was made the superintendent of a large farm in Cumberland county. In 1886 he retired from business and removed to Swedesboro. He is a Republican and a prominent member of the G. A. R. In January, 1850, he was married to Caroline D., a daughter of Benjamin Carter, of Gloucester county, who bore him seven children; Martha A., George C., Allen C., Benjamin A., Sarah, who died in infancy; Amanda B., wife of Charles Cranes, of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and Mary E., the wife of Alonzo Vanneman, of Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Benjamin Allen Headley, the son of Joseph E. Headley and Caroline B., nee Carter, was born in Harrison township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, May 7, 1857. Attending the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, he for a brief period thereafter worked on a farm, and subsequently embarking in business for himself laid the foundation and developed his present business. Starting from small beginnings, very reticent, depending alone upon his own energy and independent resources, he is a typical example of the self-made man. In connection with his other business he is the general agent for the New York Horse Manure Company; he is one of the largest manufacturers of vegetable crates in the county; owns and operates seventeen miles of telephone line; and owns and runs a freight boat, doing the largest general business in the county.

Mr. Headley is a Republican in politics and from his large business connections commands a wide influence in the affairs of the county.

In November, 1885, he was married to Israella T., a daughter of Israel

Silvers and Emma, nee Talmain, of Swedesboro; and they have five children: Ralph S., Harold B., Helen M., Willard T. and Robert L.

MARY APGAR.

Mrs. Geo. C. Apgar, nee Mary Tomson, was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, December 31, 1828, the daughter of John D. Tomson, and Jemima, nee Cooley. Her husband, George C. Apgar, to whom she was married at Milford, in her native county, November 5, 1859, was also born in that county, June 15, 1821. He was the son of John P. and Charity Apgar and spent his early life in his native county. In 1883 he removed to Deptford township, Gloucester county, where he spent the remainder of his life, a highly respected citizen, dying February 3, 1899. Their children were: Mary Emily, the wife of John S. Hagerman, of Camden, to whom two children—Grace C. and Leslie T.—have been born; Peter Elmer, who married Mary E. Fetrow and now resides in Deptford township and has one child, Anna E.; and John M., who married Letitia J. Tyson, by whom he has one son, George R.

Mrs. Apgar's father, John D. Tomson, was born November 14, 1793, in Hunterdon county, where he spent his entire life as a prosperous farmer and miller. By his marriage to Jemima Cooley his children were: Peter C., born September 30, 1819, now deceased; Margaret, born September 30, 1822 now the wife of Howard Barker; Nathan, born May 21, 1824, now deceased; Rebekah, born May 4, 1826, deceased, married Lorenz Edmonds; Mary, Mrs. Apgar; Ann, born March 12, 1831, deceased, who married William Woodward; Catharine, born December 18, 1833, now Mrs. Henry Wyker; and Abigail, born April 30, 1837, now the wife of Reuben McPherson.

ORVILLE E. HOYT.

The task of writing the biographies of the living representatives of any community is an exceedingly difficult one, because of the prevailing modesty of the successful business man, who almost invariably manifests a certain repugnance to anything that smacks of personal notoriety or prominence and thus discourages even friendly attempts to uncover the secret of his success. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with long sustained effort. Ours is a utilitarian age, and the life of every successful man bears a lesson

which, as told in our contemporary narration, perhaps is productive of the greatest good. Thus there is a due measure of satisfaction in presenting even the briefest outline of the life and accomplishments of such a man.

Orville Emmons Hoyt is the editor and proprietor of the South Jersey Republican at Hammonton, Atlantic county. He was born at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of February, 1846, a son of Lewis and Martha (Emmons) Hoyt, the former born in Greene, New York, and the latter in Adams county, Maine. The father was a wheelwright by trade. Orville E. Hoyt received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and after putting aside his text-books he learned the printer's trade. In 1864 he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in December of that year enlisted in Company A, Two Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service in the civil war, in which he served as a private until August 7, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. After returning from the war he resided in Philadelphia until 1870, when he removed to Ypsilanti, Michigan, and a few years later, in 1876, took up his residence in Dexter, that state. From the latter year until 1880 he was engaged in the publication of the Leader, and then came to Hammonton, New Jersey, where he has since made his home. July 1, 1880, he purchased the South Jersey Republican, and under his able management this paper, now in its thirty-eighth year, has become one of the leading journals in the county.

In his political relations our subject is identified with the Republican party, and from 1885 until 1890 he served his city as collector and treasurer. Socially he is a member of the Sons of Temperance, which organization he joined in 1865, and in 1872 was made a member of the Good Templars' society. In 1867 he became a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities, and is now a past grand of the former. Religiously he holds membership in the Baptist church. Mr. Hoyt has been a leading factor in the progress of Hammonton, and educational, church, and social interests owe their promotion in a considerable degree to his efforts.

Mr. Hoyt was married in Hammonton, September 22, 1867, to Miss Laura Adella Potter, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Lewis Arthur, June 18, 1870; Annie Laura, September 7, 1872; William Orville, August 24, 1874; and John Ezra, March 8, 1879.

CLAYTON WISTAR.

Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of southwestern New Jersey is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued ef-

fort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with the commercial interests of Salem has been of decided advantage to this section of the state, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner. He is now connected with the most extensive lumber business of Salem, and his diligence, keen discrimination and strict conformity to the ethics of commercial life have gained him a most gratifying prosperity.

His ancestral history is one of close association with the development and progress of the state along material lines, for since colonial days the Wistars have figured prominently in the upbuilding and advancement of the commonwealth. In the year 1717 Caspar and John Wistar crossed the Atlantic from Hilchbach in the electorate of Heidelberg, Germany, and later their sister also came to America. Caspar Wistar, the direct ancestor of the family to which our subject belongs, was born at Hilchbach in 1696 and on the 16th of September, 1717, took up his residence in Philadelphia. He subsequently purchased a large tract of land in Salem county, New Jersey, and near the town of Alloway, in 1738, established the first successful glass factory in this country, having secured the services of four skilled glass-blowers of Germany, who were placed in charge of the enterprise. The deed of the ground for the factory site is dated 1739, and the business was probably begun the following year. The factory with its accompanying building and the little settlement that grew up around there were known as Wistarburg. While he owned an extensive tract of land near Alloway, Caspar Wistar did not reside upon it, but made his home in Philadelphia. He was married March 26, 1726, to Catherine, a daughter of Catherine and Derrick Johnson, and to them were born seven children: Richard, Margaret, Catherine, Joshua, Rebecca, Sarah and Casper.

Of this family Richard Wistar was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He was born in Philadelphia, July 5, 1727, and for many years was prominently engaged in merchandising there. His place of business was on the north side of Market street, between Second and Third streets, and his residence was on Chestnut street, above Third street, while he also had a country residence on North Broad street. He was one of the leading business men of the city and in connection with his mercantile interests he continued the conduct of the glass factory established by his father and which was afterward conducted for one year by his son John, the great-grandfather of our subject, who inherited all of his father's interests, including the glass works, six hundred acres of land and other real and personal property. Richard Wistar was a member of the Society of Friends and a man of very decided character and of unassailable reputation. He

occupied a leading position in the business and social life of Philadelphia and commanded uniform respect.

He was married November 27, 1751, to Miss Sarah Wyatt, of Salem, and their children were as follows: Bartholomew, born August 26, 1754, died in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1756. Richard was born in Philadelphia, July 20, 1756, and died in 1821. John was the great-grandfather of our subject. Casper was born in Philadelphia, September 13, 1760, was a celebrated physician of his day, was the founder of the Wistar Club, was an intimate friend of Dr. Benjamin Rush, and died November 25, 1851. Elizabeth Wyatt, born December 22, 1766, died in Salem, New Jersey, in August, 1855. Catherine, born January 29, 1770, died in Philadelphia in November, 1820.

John Wistar, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, May 7, 1859, and died in Salem, New Jersey, March 16, 1815. He owned a large tract of land in Salem county, three miles from the town of Salem, and for many years was a leader in the public life of his locality. He was the founder of the Salem county almshouse and was an active promoter of all worthy movements and measures for the public good. His religious belief was in accord with the teachings of the orthodox branch of the Society of Friends. He was married October 17, 1781, to Miss Charlotte Newbold, a daughter of Clayton and Mary Newbold, of Burlington county. She was born in Mansfield, Burlington county, January 29, 1762, and died October 26, 1819. Nine children were born to John and Charlotte Wistar. Sarah, born November 11, 1782, died in Philadelphia, in 1794; Mary born April 8, 1786, became the wife of Isaac Davis, of Philadelphia, and died July 12, 1852. Elizabeth, born October 15, 1788, died in April, 1799. Bartholomew, born November 25, 1790, died in Philadelphia, August 5, 1847. Clayton, who was the grandfather of our subject, was born February 23, 1793, resided on a farm near Salem, and died October 10, 1840. Caspar, born February 4, 1799, died in Salem, January 31, 1872. Charlotte, born July 18, 1797, was the wife of Jonathan Freeland, and died July 5, 1850. Harriet, born March 12, 1800, died April 9, 1854. Catherine, born November 27, 1802, became the wife of Thomas Evans, and died December 5, 1875.

Clayton Wistar, the grandfather of our subject, was born on a farm in Warrington township, Salem county, February 23, 1793, and became the owner of a large tract of land, on which he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years. He was a Whig in his political associations and was a member of the Society of Friends, attending the orthodox meetings in Salem.

He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Steiner, a daughter of John and Amelia (Benton) Steiner. They were married in 1814, and to them were born two children: John, born November 25, 1815, was a lumber merchant of Salem, and died in this city in December, 1852, at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Letitia N. Acton, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Acton, and they had one son, John, who married Anna B. Harlan. He is a resident of Salem, but is employed as a traveling salesman by the firm of P. D. Wood & Company, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Mary Wistar died in December, 1825, and the grandfather of our subject afterward married the widow of Reeve J. Medford, of Burlington county, New Jersey, in 1827. They had one son, Josiah, who was formerly a farmer, but is now living a retired life. He is a director in the West Jersey Railroad Company, has settled many estates and is a very prominent and honored citizen, whose sterling worth has gained him the high regard of many friends. He now resides in Salem, and has one child, Clayton Newbold.

Richard Wistar, the father of our subject, pursued his education in the Westtown boarding school, which is conducted under the auspices of the Society of Friends, and in Haverford College, entering the senior class. He left school at the age of seventeen years, and for many years was associated with his father in business. In 1868 he removed to Salem, although he retained the ownership of his farm of one hundred and eighty acres. He purchased a lumber-yard in Salem, and conducted the business, which is now being carried on by our subject. In connection with the sale of lumber he operated a planing-mill, employing as many as fifteen men, and manufacturing boxes for canning factories on quite an extensive scale. In 1877 he put aside all business cares and retired to private life. In politics he is a Republican and served as a freeholder. He has also been a member of the city council and has served on the township committee. He adheres to the religious faith of his forefathers, being a member of the Society of Friends.

On the 7th of September, 1842, he was united in marriage to Charlotte Acton, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah N. Acton, of Salem. They have three children: Clayton, whose name introduces this review, is the eldest. Richard, born February 6, 1848, married Cornelia Bassett, a daughter of John and Susan Bassett. He was for many years a successful farmer, but is now living a retired life in Salem. Elizabeth Wyatt is the wife of Richard Thompson, a farmer of Mornington township, and they have five children—Charlotte W., David Allen, Mary Tyler, Cornelia B. and Caroline McNaughton.

Clayton Wistar, the present representative in the business world of a most prominent and honored family of New Jersey, was born on the home-stead farm in Mornington township, September 12, 1845. His early education was acquired in the Westtown boarding school, of Pennsylvania, and in the Friends' boarding school in Providence, Rhode Island. He remained with his father upon the home farm for several years after completing his literary education, and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until 1877. In that year he came to Salem and entered the firm of Woodnut, Wistar & Company. They conducted an extensive and prosperous lumber business under that style until 1886, when, on a change in the partnership, the name of Wistar & Woodnut was assumed. This firm is now at the head of the leading lumber business of Salem. They have extensive and well equipped yards, and carry everything found in a first-class concern in their line. Their reasonable prices, honorable and just dealing and courteous treatment of their patrons have secured to them an extensive and constantly increasing trade, from which they derive an excellent income. Mr. Wistar is also a director in the Franklin Building & Loan Association, and in business circles is accorded a foremost place in recognition of his marked executive ability, his genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, his keen discrimination and integrity of purpose.

In his political views he is a Republican, whose close study of the issues of the day enables him to give an intelligent support to his party, yet he has never been an aspirant for office. In religious belief he is a Friend, and is identified with the orthodox branch of the society. His pleasant home life is shared by his wife and two sons. He was married February 18, 1869, to Miss Rebecca Thompson, a daughter of Andrew Thompson, and their children are Richard Wyatt and Arthur. The life of Clayton Wistar has been a busy and useful one. Endowed by nature with strong mentality, educated in excellent schools, he has always viewed life from a practical and broad standpoint, bringing to bear upon all questions a well balanced judgment. His sterling qualities of mind and heart have won him the respect, yea the friendship of all with whom he has come in contact.

FRANK L. CASSADAY.

Frank L. Cassaday, contractor and builder of Westville, New Jersey, was born in Upper Pittsgrove, Salem county, February 4, 1865, the son of John E. Cassaday and Christine, nee Lacey. His grandfather, Job Cassaday, was a native of Pennsylvania, was for many years a resident of

Philadelphia and later a resident of New Jersey. He was at one time the owner of a stage line and in later life was a farmer. He married Mary Stevens, and their children were: Mary, the wife of Robert Brock; Mucagey [Micajah?], Rebecca, Deborah and John E.

John E. Cassaday, the father of Frank L., was born in Philadelphia, in 1845. Coming to New Jersey when very young, he became engaged in and has since followed agricultural pursuits, in Salem county. The four children born to him were: Frank L.; Mary, now the wife of Charles Camp; John; and Phœbe, the wife of Lemuel Stewart.

His maternal great-grandfather, Joshua Lacey, was a native of Salem county, followed the occupation of farmer and basketmaker and lived to an advanced old age. John C. Lacey, the son of Joshua, was also born in Salem county, and there spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He was married to Phoebe Schaffer, who still survives him. Their children were Henry, John C., Jr., Angeline and Emiline, twins, Sally, Charles and Joshua.

Frank L. Cassaday was educated in the public schools of Elmer, New Jersey, later learned the building trade at that place, and began business there in 1887. In 1889 he established a plant in Westville, which was destroyed by fire in 1895. Immediately afterward he erected his present building there. In connection with building Mr. Cassaday operates an extensive planing-mill. He has erected many public and private buildings at Elmer, Woodly and Westville.

He was twice married. For his first wife he married Elizabeth P. Kandle, who died childless February 17, 1895. In May, 1897, he was married, at Sea Isle City, to Rebecca B. Dallas, the widow of William Young. They have one child, named Paul.

Mr. Cassaday is a member of the Shield of Honor, is a Democrat in politics and an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM.

William Cunningham, who takes high rank as a successful and progressive market gardener of Deptford township, Gloucester county, was born in this township, January 19, 1867, the son of Hugh Cunningham and Margaret, nee Jamieson. He was educated in the public schools of Woodbury, trained to farm life on his father's farm, and there by his close attention to farming as a science laid the foundation of his present success as a market gardener. He takes strong ground in his political views as

a Republican and is a factor in both town and county affairs. In 1896 he was the overseer of the poor, and in March, 1899, was elected constable of the county of Gloucester.

In July, 1889, he was married to Mary, a daughter of David and Mary Dove, of Haddonfield, Camden county. They have four children,—Joseph, John, Mary and Annie. He attends with his family the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM C. ALLEN.

William C. Allen, one of the young, progressive and highly esteemed farmers of Deptford township, was born in Vincent-town, Burlington county, New Jersey, May 4, 1866, the son of John Allen and Edith, nee Dudley. He was educated in the public schools of Center township, Camden county, and reared to farm life. Remaining on his father's farm after leaving school, his industry and close attention to farming soon gave him a substantial foothold and a well-earned rank among the progressive farmers of his section. In the spring of 1899 he left his father's farm and removed to his present farm, which he is rapidly bringing to a high state of cultivation. The farm is situated in a belt of land well adapted to the raising of all kinds of cereals, and of this feature of farming Mr. Allen is making a specialty.

Mr. Allen is a member of Woodbury Lodge, Senior American Mechanics, and in politics is affiliated with the Democratic party. He is unmarried.

E. FRANK PINE.

E. Frank Pine, a prominent dealer in lumber, coal, etc., in Blackwood, New Jersey, was born in Chew's Landing, Camden county, New Jersey, December 14, 1865, the son of James T. Pine and Hannah R., nee Clifton. He comes of a family long established in Camden county, of which his grandfather, Jonathan T. Pine, was a native, spending his entire life here, a prosperous and progressive farmer. His paternal grandmother was Dora Tomlin. Of this family the children were: Benjamin D.; James T.; the father of E. Frank Pine; George W., a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church; Jonathan T.; Miles S.; and Ellen, the wife of Edward Redfield.

Mr. Pine was educated in the schools of Blackwood. Reared on his father's farm, he followed the vocation of farmer until twenty-eight years

of age, remaining during this period at the old homestead. In 1893 he abandoned farming for his present line of business.

Mr. Pine in politics is a Republican and is influentially and actively interested in the success of his party. He has served his township for three years as constable; in 1894 he was elected justice of the peace and re-elected to the office in 1899; and in 1900 he was elected tax collector of Gloucester township, Camden county.

He is a member of Tonawanda Tribe, No. 104, and of the Improved Order of Red Men of Blackwood, and attends the Methodist Episcopal church. He is unmarried.

GRANT SPARKS, M. D.

Among the young professional men of Gloucester county, New Jersey, who give great promise of a brilliant future, none occupy a higher place in the consideration and esteem of the general public than the gentleman whose biography it is our pleasure to present. Alert and ambitious for a successful career, he applies himself with ardor to the profession he has chosen, giving to it his undivided attention and constant study, and has thus far met with a most flattering success. He is a native of the town in which he now resides, having been born in Mantua, Gloucester county, New Jersey, on May 31, 1872, his parents being Thomas Taylor and Rebecca Jane (Powell) Sparks, prominent and influential citizens of the village. When a lad he attended the public schools of his native village and later entered a private school at Woodbury, kept by the Quakers. Having developed a greed for books and a special liking for the study of the human anatomy and its ills, he decided to enter the medical profession and to that end matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, in 1891, leaving it in 1893 and entering the Medico-Chirurgical College, of the same city, at which he graduated in 1895. The years in college were years of industry, and he brought to his practice a well stored mind and clear perception of the requirements of his profession.

After his graduation he returned at once to his home village and opened an office, in which he has since been located and where he exercised such skill and care in the first cases that came under his treatment that others recognized his ability and his practice rapidly increased, until to-day it is of desirable extent. Nor is it confined to his immediate locality, as he receives calls from points throughout the surrounding country and his friends bespeak for him future splendid achievements. He is the exam-

ining physician for the Shield of Honor and also for the Presidential Life Insurance Company. He is a Republican in his political views and keeps intelligently posted on all questions of political import. He is now (1900) a candidate for coroner of Gloucester county, on the Republican ticket. He is an attendant of the Protestant Episcopal church, a young man whose character is above the breath of reproach, and whose friends are legion.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM.

Thomas Cunningham, a prominent and progressive farmer of Deptford township, Gloucester county, a son of Hugh Cunningham and Margaret Jamieson, was born near Chew's Landing, Camden county, this state, June 14, 1868. When but two years old he was taken by his parents to Deptford township, where he has ever since resided. He acquired his education in the public schools of Woodbury and since boyhood has been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits. The farm of forty-five acres now conducted by him is among the finest in the county. He was married, in Woodbury, February 25, 1891, to Annie M., a daughter of George Mills and Hannah, nee Adams. They have two sons: Louis M., born September 17, 1892; and Frank W., born July 25, 1896.

Mr. Cunningham is a member of Westville Lodge, No. 8, Shield of Honor. In political views he is a Republican, and in respect to religion he attends Christ Protestant Episcopal church, of Woodbury.

C. C. SOUDER.

C. C. Souder, of Richwood, is a retired farmer and local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was born at the ancestral home of the family, in Lake, Franklin township, Gloucester county, June 18, 1827. Of German lineage, the family was one of the first established in this locality, and since that time its representatives have been connected with the affairs which go to shape the history of the county. The great-grandfather of our subject was Charles Souder, and the grandfather, who also bore the name of Charles, was born in Lake, where also occurred the birth of Lawrence Souder, the father of him whose name heads this review. He devoted his entire life to farming and at his death the community lost one of its most respected and worthy citizens. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Chew, was also a native of the locality in

which her husband was born, and by their marriage they became the parents of six children, five of whom are still living: C. C., of this review; Richard C., a merchant of Philadelphia; Thomas, a resident of Millville; Jane Abbot; and Brazilla, of Glassboro.

In the common schools C. C. Souder acquired his literary education, and on putting aside his text-books went into the root business, shipping his goods to the West Indies for twenty years. In 1884 he purchased a farm in Harrison township and retired from commercial pursuits. In addition to the management of his property he directs his energies to the advancement of the Methodist church, in which he has served as a local preacher for fifty-five years. He is the only one living of thirty-seven who joined the West Jersey Local Preachers' Association, and was president of that association for twenty years, his efforts largely advancing its interests and work. He has held all the offices in the church and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. His life, consecrated to noble living, has exerted a strong influence for good throughout the community in which he makes his home, and when his earthly pilgrimage shall have ended his memory will remain as an unalloyed benediction to all who knew him.

In 1851 Mr. Souder was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Sarah Skinner, of Gloucester county, and to them were born five children, of whom four are living: Frank M., a resident of Millville; Martha, the wife of Benjamin Black, of Swedesboro; Richard D., at home; and Dr. Charles F., a physician of Philadelphia.

CHARLES PEARSON.

Charles Pearson, of Blackwood, Gloucester township, Camden county, was born near Cleveland, Ohio, February 1, 1833, the son of Sampson Pearson and Judith, nee Engermost. For three generations from his great-grandfather in Lincolnshire, England, the given name of Sampson continued in the family. His grandfather, Sampson Pearson (2d) emigrated from Lincolnshire, England, at an early date to America, located in Ohio, and there engaged in farming. He later removed to Philadelphia, subsequently to New Jersey, settling in Creasville, at that time included in Camden county, where he died about the year 1847. His father, Samuel Pearson (3d), the only child of his parents, was born in Lincolnshire, England, came to America with his father, locating with him first in Ohio, then in Philadelphia and afterward in Creasville. Here he engaged in mercantile pursuits; was also a dealer in horses and engaged in the hotel business.

For several years he was the proprietor of the well known hostelry called the "Green Tree." By his marriage just previous to his removal to New Jersey he had nine children: Mary Ann; Isaac; Emma; Charles; Harriet, who married Mr. John Evans and is now deceased; Jeremiah; Eliza, now the wife of Isaac Peacock; Evan D.; and Rhode, the wife of Matlock Turner.

Charles Pearson was but a year old when his parents removed to New Jersey and has ever since continued a resident of the state. He was educated in the common schools, and, seeking an independent vocation, learned the trade of a blacksmith at Hurffville. Having mastered his trade, in 1856, he engaged in business for himself in Fairview, Gloucester county. He later sold out his business and purchased a stage line, which he conducted for several years. He afterward built a hotel and continued as its proprietor for two years. In 1862 he removed to Mantua, New Jersey, and resumed his former trade. He has been a resident of Blackwood since 1870.

In 1843 Mr. Pearson was married, in Blackwood, to Rosanna, a daughter of Samuel Park and Ann Turner. Mrs. Pearson died in 1879, since which Mr. Pearson has remained unmarried. They had five children: Kate, now Mrs. Smith; Mary, deceased, who married William Redfield; Ida, the wife of William Pearson; Nellie, the wife of Edgar Nevinger; and Maud, a teacher in the public schools of Wenonah.

Mr. Pearson is a Republican and an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ROBERT E. McFARLAND.

Robert Eugene McFarland, a farmer of Deptford township, Gloucester county, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1856, the son of Benjamin McFarland and Hannah, nee McCombs, both of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His grandfather Robert McFarland, a native of Maryland, was a carpenter by trade and spent his entire life in his native state. By marriage to Zepora [or Zipporah] Hudson he had children: Richard, James, Benjamin, and a fourth child whose name is not recorded. Benjamin, the only surviving member of this family, and father of Robert Eugene McFarland, was born in Bohemia Manor on the eastern shore of Maryland, in 1830.

Educated in the public schools of Elkton, Maryland, he spent his early life in his native state, subsequently removing to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaging in mercantile pursuits at Bethesda in that county, and for

a considerable period taught school. From Pennsylvania he removed to the west, residing for short periods in Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. He subsequently returned to Philadelphia, where he still resides and where he has been engaged in the post-office department for a number of years. Of his two children,—Robert E. and James E.,—the latter died at the age of twenty-six years. Mrs. McFarland, the mother of our subject, died in 1863.

Robert Eugene McFarland was educated in the public schools of Maryland and Philadelphia. Completing a good primary education, he removed to the west and for two years resided in Kansas. Returning then to Philadelphia, he was engaged there in a shoe factory until 1896, when he removed to New Jersey, locating in Westville, and in March, 1898, purchased the farm on which he now resides.

In August, 1885, Mr. McFarland was married to Annie, a daughter of Martin Brown and Sarah Murphy. They have three children: Harry H., born in 1886; Hannah, in 1889; and Sarah, in 1896.

Mr. McFarland's political views are Republican. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

ABEL B. CLEMENT.

Abel B. Clement, a prosperous farmer of Deptford township, Gloucester county, New Jersey, was born upon the homestead where he now resides, December 17, 1849, and is the son of Aaron Clement and Jane P., nee Bacon. The paternal homestead is a part of an original tract of seven hundred acres, subsequently divided into farms. The Clement family were original settlers of this tract, and the homestead which has been in possession of the family since 1682 has been handed down from father to son to this date. The ancestors of the family came originally from England and settled in Rhode Island. His great-grandfather, Abel Clement, was born and spent his entire life on the homestead, and in his day was a member of the state legislature. He was twice married and among his children were Abel, Benjamin, James and Joseph. His grandfather, Abel Clement, was born and spent his early life on the homestead as a farmer and conducted also the Gloucester fishery. Later in life he retired and resided in Haddonfield, Camden county, where he died March 17, 1861. By marriage to Kezia Mickle he had as children: Mickle; Rebecca, who married Joseph Brick; Mary, who married Samuel Albertson; Ellis, who was twice married; Elizabeth, who married David Burr; Aaron;

Sarah, who married Aaron Burr; and Anna, who died in childhood: all are now deceased. His father, Aaron Clement, was born at Mount Ephraim, Camden county, June 24, 1816, was educated at common school, was engaged in farming his entire life in Gloucester county, and died January 22, 1894, leaving as issue Maria M.; William B., who resides in West Philadelphia; and Abel B. The remains of himself and his wife, who died July 6, 1899, are interred in the Baptist burying-ground at Roadstown, Cumberland county, New Jersey.

Abel B. Clement was educated at district and select schools and has since devoted himself exclusively to farming life. In 1875 he removed to his present farm, then owned by his father and which he has since inherited. This farm contains one hundred and fifty-five acres of arable land admirably adapted to market gardening, a feature of farming which Mr. Clement has brought to a high degree of perfection.

In February, 1875, Mr. Clement was married, at the residence of his wife's father in Deptford township, to Mary, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca Ann Brewer. They have had twelve children: Gertrude M.; Herbert I.; A. Clinton; Jennie B.; Samuel Water; Robert B., who died in childhood; Mary Frances; Emma M.; Florence; Helen, who died in infancy; Elizabeth Montgomery and William B.

Mr. Clement in his political views is independent. He attends the Episcopalian church, of which several of his family are members.

JERE H. NIXON.

Jere H. Nixon, the cashier of the Mechanics' National Bank of Millville, was born near Cedarville, Cumberland county, New Jersey, May 28, 1864. The family has long been one of prominence and wealth in New Jersey. The first representative of the name in this state purchased large tracts of land, including the greater portion of Cumberland, Salem and Cape May counties. They were of English lineage and were among the earliest settlers of southern New Jersey. The great-grandfather of our subject was born in Cedarville, where three generations of the family had previously lived. That was also the birthplace of George W. Nixon, the grandfather, and probably in the same house William B. Nixon, the father, was born. George W. Nixon married Miss Martha Harris, a relative of the president of the Bridgeton National Bank. By their marriage they became the parents of six children, five of whom are still living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nixon held membership in the Presbyterian church and the former was one of its active workers, thus

following in the footsteps of his ancestors. His last years were spent in Cedarville, where he died at the age of eighty-four. His wife also attained the age of four-score years.

William B. Nixon, the father of him whose name introduces this record, resided upon the home farm until he was nineteen years of age, after which he went to sea. At the time he attained his majority he was in charge of a vessel and was employed in the oyster trade in Delaware Bay. A very brave and courageous nature was shown by his rescuing several vessels and a number of sailors who otherwise would have lost their lives at sea. Mr. Nixon is now the owner of a number of vessels and is extensively interested in shipping along the shores of the Delaware. He married Miss Ella Louise Bateman, a native of Cedarville and a daughter of James Bateman, a contractor, builder, undertaker and furniture dealer in that place. Her father, a man of sterling worth and universally respected in his locality, died at the age of forty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Powell, belonged to a prominent family living in the vicinity of Cedarville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nixon hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in which the former served as secretary. He is also in charge of several estates connected with the church. At the age of sixty-one years he is still actively connected with the oyster trade, being in charge of a boat used in the shipping interests of this section of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon became the parents of six children, four of whom are living, namely: James B.; Alice R., wife of E. L. Bateman; Jere H. and Luella.

The common schools afforded Jere H. Nixon his educational privileges and early in life he familiarized himself with every detail of the oyster-shipping business. Most of his vacations were spent on his father's vessels and he soon acquired a practical education of nautical life. When not with the shippers he was engaged in clerking in a country store. His youth was therefore one of unusual activity, but he thereby gained experience with business methods that well fitted him for more responsible duties in later life. At the age of eighteen he accepted a clerkship in the Merchants' Bank of Atlantic City and applied himself diligently to the mastery of the intricacies of the banking business. Two and a half years later he resigned his position there and became one of the organizers of the Egg Harbor Bank.

While residing in Atlantic City he had improved his leisure time by pursuing a special course in bookkeeping, and by close and earnest study had acquired a very thorough knowledge of the various banking methods then in vogue. His advancement was continuous and rapid, his ability winning him promotion from time to time. He served successively as bookkeeper, general bookkeeper, assistant paying teller and teller in the Merchants'

Bank, resigning the last named in order to become one of the organizers of the Egg Harbor Bank. His connection with the last named institution covers a considerable period, and he then severed his connection with that to enter the Second National Bank of Atlantic City, in which he remained until 1891, when he went to Haddonfield and accepted the position of cashier in the Haddonfield National Bank. At that time the institution was in rather a precarious condition, but his business methods and energy infused new vitality into the organization and within six months after the date of his arrival the foundations for a new bank building were being laid. As a result of his energetic efforts Haddonfield now possesses the finest bank structure for a town of its size in the state. The heavy three-ton door which closes the vault would prove very formidable to the assaults of cannon or battering-ram, while the solid steel of its panels is fastened in the ponderous wall by one of the newest and most cunningly devised complex locks invented in recent years. A second steel door, fitted with combination locks, renders this vault entirely burglar-proof, while the whole building is impervious to fire. These improved conditions, together with Mr. Nixon's ready business tact and courteous manner, had the effect of establishing the institution on a firm financial basis. An absolutely honest standard of dealing with the patrons of the bank, and at the same time a sagacious and careful adjustment of monetary obligations, secured the confidence of the public, brought a large increase of deposits and put the bank stock at a premium.

Mr. Nixon severed his connection with the Haddonfield Bank and was one of the leading organizers of the Mechanics' National Bank of Millville. The organization was effected on the 1st of April, 1899, and the bank was opened for business on the 1st of August. The volume of business done during the first six months of its existence exceeded that which the stockholders thought would be transacted in a year. Mr. Nixon is not only one of the leading organizers, but was also a member of the building committee and is the popular cashier of the institution, and its success is largely due to his efforts. The stock of the bank now sells at a dollar and ten cents. Its vault is one of the finest in the state and its equipments would prove creditable to any state bank. Mr. Nixon has been a leading spirit in conducting the enterprise, and his broad knowledge of banking methods, combined with his marked executive ability, has brought to the institution very gratifying success.

In 1887 was celebrated the marriage of Jere H. Nixon and Miss Aurelia Parsels, one of the eight children of Charles Parsels, a prominent grocer of Atlantic City. They have two children,—Mervella P. and Alice B. Mr.

and Mrs. Nixon are members of the Methodist church. He is a Republican in politics, and is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Haddonfield Lodge, No. 130, of Haddonfield, and to Millville Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, No. 580, of which he is the exalted ruler. In the various official positions he holds he has fulfilled his obligations honorably and well, and is a living illustration of the fact that it is possible to be a highly successful business man and at the same time a Christian gentleman.

HARRY B. PAUL.

Harry B. Paul, ex-postmaster of Camden, New Jersey, who has been successful in business, in politics, and in the establishment of a strong newspaper, and who is, withal, the center of a large circle of friends, was born June 11, 1855, in the part of Philadelphia then known as the district of Southwark. His parents, David S. and Rebecca (Hillman) Paul, natives of the old south Jersey county of Gloucester, were descendants of fighting Quakers, who took part in the war of independence. After residing for a number of years in Philadelphia, where the father served the district of Southwark several times as commissioner, they came to Camden, in 1869.

Harry B. Paul received the greater part of his early education in the Beck School on Catherine street, above Sixth street, in his native city. He left school at the age of fourteen, to take a position in the office of General Louis Wagner, now the president of the board of directors of City Trusts of Philadelphia. Subsequently in Camden he became an apprentice of Charles S. Caffrey, the celebrated builder of light carriages. The young man quickly mastered all the intricacies of the business; and in 1879, when the style of the firm was changed to that of the Charles S. Caffrey Company, he was made the secretary of the corporation. The responsible duties of this position he performed efficiently until 1892, when he entered on a different field of labor, being appointed by Governor Leon Abbett police justice.

A local sheet gives the following authentic sketch of his political career: "Mr. Paul has always taken an active part in public affairs, and made himself an essential member of the party of his choice. His enthusiasm is of that kind that communicates itself to others, and which is always prepared for every emergency. When anything was to be done that was proper and honorable, no matter what it was, how difficult, or how forlorn the hope of success, Mr. Paul could always be depended upon. In counsel he was clear-headed, wise, and accustomed from his long business training to be

eminently practical. Living in a county that gives a majority to the opposing party all the way from two to four thousand, in a brilliantly conducted canvass for the shrievalty he reduced the opposition to a plurality of two hundred and eighty. All this was remembered by his grateful political confreres; and in 1892, when a police justice was wanted, he was appointed. As the representative of the first congressional district on the state committee, Mr. Paul was convinced that, to secure a fair showing for the efforts and labor expended in the presidential campaign of 1892, it was absolutely necessary to the party to have an organ in Camden. With a faith that evinced itself in its results, he established the *Review* and enlisted the services of a competent staff. The paper now has a large circulation, and is moving onward toward more commanding influence and the goal of pecuniary profit for its projectors."

On July 1, 1894, when Mr. Paul, under appointment of President Cleveland, entered upon the duties of postmaster of Camden, which office came to him unsought, he was greeted with the general approval of the business men of the city; and he has since justified their good opinion. When he took charge, the office opened at 7 A. M. and closed at 8 P. M. It now opens at 6:30 A. M. and closes at 9 P. M.; and, the corridor being open all night, box-holders can get their mail at any time. Mr. Paul also extended the time of collection, introducing, after the last general collection at 4:30, an additional one at 6 P. M. extending to Kaighn's avenue, the six o'clock collection having previously included a part of the city only, on Federal and Market streets from Seventh street to the river. He has also introduced another collection,—on Kaighn's avenue, Broadway, Federal and Market streets from Fifth street to the river, the letters for Philadelphia embraced in this collection being delivered in that city in the last street delivery the same day; another, later, on Kaighn's avenue from Broadway to the river, Broadway, north of Kaighn's avenue, and on Market and Federal streets from Tenth street to the river; and another and last collection at 11 P. M., the letters in which leave the post-office at 2 A. M. and are delivered in all cities within one hundred miles in the early morning delivery, and, in cities beyond that limit and within three hundred miles, before noon. Mr. Paul has also introduced a Sunday collection at 5 P. M., a welcome innovation over previous usage, considering the large number of letters written on Sunday, which thus reached their respective destinations earlier than before. To the business portion of the community he has given a noon delivery, embracing Kaighn's avenue from Broadway to the river, and also Federal and Market streets.

Mr. Paul has brought the service of his office up to a high degree of

efficiency. He has retained the most capable employees, regardless of their political opinions, making the accommodation of the public his first consideration. Each department is filled with men of long experience, whose services under his direction have produced such happy results that a well founded complaint in connection with any branch of the service is never heard. The practical wisdom of his administration is shown by the fact that the receipts of the office during the past two years, ending March 13, 1897, exceeded by several thousand dollars the receipts of any previous two years in its history.

On December 19, 1889, Mr. Paul was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Riegel, of Philadelphia. One daughter, Marguerite, has blessed the union. Mr. Paul is a member of all the Masonic bodies of Camden, the Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree), and Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

HON. ROBERT MORE.

Hon. Robert More, the first member of the Republican party sent from Cumberland county, New Jersey, to the state legislature, was born May 17, 1819, on a farm in Hopewell, this state, a son of Azariah and Lydia (Dare) More. He comes of an ancient family, the name More, it is said, having originated as a surname among the Scottish Highland clans eight centuries ago, and having lived through the days of the Covenanters. In the time of James II representatives of the family were found in the north of Ireland.

Mr. More's great-grandfather, Jacob More, who was a New Jersey man, was born August 17, 1710. His wife, Abigail Peck, an English lady of rare beauty of character and highly educated, was born February 7, 1711. She exercised a wonderful influence over her children, whom she trained by example as well as by precept. After the death of her husband, having no way of conveyance, she walked from above Shiloh to Greenwich to all church services, both week days and Sabbaths. She died July 23, 1794. The children of Jacob and Abigail (Peck) More were: John, the grandfather of our subject, born March 3, 1738; A. Azariah, born July 23, 1739; Joseph, April 12, 1742; Ruth, July 1, 1744; Mary, March 2, 1746; Martha, December 13, 1747; and Bashaba, March 1, 1750.

John More, the eldest son of Jacob More, was a native of Hopewell, New Jersey, and by occupation a farmer and weaver. In the Revolutionary war he and Azariah had some trying experiences. The officer of the day

having called for three volunteers to go as spies among the enemy, encamped on the Delaware, the Mores, with a Mr. Mulford and a Mr. Fisher, undertook the hazardous venture and captured the guns and other arms of a small band of men who came out to cut wood. The men escaped through the proximity of the army to which they were attached; but Mr. More retained the captured arms, and one gun was in the possession of the family up to 1860. While on this expedition the three spies were so pressed for food that Mulford killed and skinned a black snake, which he concealed and ate little by little, fearing that his companions would take it from him! More and Mulford got to their boat, and reached camp safely; but Fisher did not return to New Jersey. After his term of military service was complete, Mr. More returned to his farm and spent the rest of his days in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture. He married Rachel Moore, of another family, born August 25, 1745, and they reared a large number of children, namely: Eunice, born February 24, 1766; Azariah, February 13, 1768; Abigail, March 28, 1770; Lois, June 8, 1772; Ruth, November 22, 1773; Hannah, April 14, 1776; Lewis, February 13, 1779; John, February 8, 1781; Sarah, May 23, 1783; and Jacob and Rachel, twins, in June, 1784. (For other interesting facts concerning the family see Shroud's "History of the Fenwick Colony; Bridgeton, 1876.") Azariah More also was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Azariah More, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on a farm in Upper Hopewell, New Jersey, and spent his life near the place of his birth. A successful farmer and weaver, he was a prominent citizen of the town, widely known and respected. He was a staunch supporter of the Presbyterian church, and was a member of the building committee of the church in Deerfield, New Jersey. He died on October 1, 1845, in the house which he had built and where his children were born. December 1, 1794, Azariah More was married to Lydia More, who died April 4, 1830. She was a member of one of the oldest families in this part of the country. Mrs. Lydia D. More became the mother of twelve children, nine of whom attained maturity, growing up in Hopewell township and learning to take a part in the weaving industry and the work of the farm. They were: Daniel, David, three who died at birth, Abigail, Enoch, Josiah, Henrietta, Elizabeth, George Washington and Robert. But two are living to-day: Joseph, a resident of Red Willow county, Nebraska; and Robert, of Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Enoch More followed the sea for over forty years as the master of a vessel, and had charge of some of the largest boats afloat in his day. He was the captain of the steamer "Clyde," which transported Jefferson Davis

and other captured Confederates to Fortress Monroe. Enoch More was also assistant surveyor with John C. Fremont, accompanying him on his expeditions through the great west. David More, another brother, was a sea captain for a number of years. He died on board his ship at New Orleans, and his body was tenderly cared for by his Masonic brethren, who buried it in a leaden casket, that it might be moved if desired. Henrietta More, one of the sisters, lost her life on the ill-fated steamer "Henry Clay," which was burned on the North river.

Robert More was engaged in his youth in farming and weaving on the family homestead. After his father's death he took charge of the farm; and in 1875 he purchased the Davis mill property, making his home there and operating the mill and also managing a store. In 1883 he removed to Bridgeton and engaged in the manufacture of glass as a member of the firm of More, Jonas & More, pooling his capital in that industry and employing a large number of men. He still owns three farms in Hopewell, and as a business man and real-estate owner occupies a prominent position in the community.

Mr. More has been twice married. His first wife, nee Emily Bivin, of Shiloh, left one child, Caroline, who is now the wife of William E. Riley, a clothing merchant of Bridgeton. His second wife, who before marriage was Miss Elizabeth Cake, of Deerfield, died July 30, 1892, leaving five children: Robert, Jr., a member of the firm of More, Jonas & More; Richard, a member of the same firm; Azariah, who is in the glass business in Fairton; John T., who is connected with his brother-in-law in business in Bridgeton; and Elizabeth C., who is at home with her father. Robert More, Jr., and his brother Richard have increased their business so that they now have one of the largest glass plants in the state of New Jersey. They have run the works to their full capacity ten months in the year ever since they began business.

While residing on his father's farm in Hopewell, Mr. More held different local offices, ably serving as collector and clerk of the board of trustees of the almshouse, and a member of the board of Chosen Freeholders,—in fact filling all offices within the gift of the town except that of assessor. He helped to organize the Republican party in 1855, and in 1856 was nominated for the assembly. Elected in 1857-58 by a big majority, on the Republican ticket, representative to the legislature, he had the honor to be the first man sent to that body by his party in this county. He was again in the legislature in 1866-68, and, being nominated for state senator in 1860, at the time of the John Brown excitement, was beaten by only seventeen votes. In 1867 he introduced in the legislature a resolu-

tion authorizing the placing of a portrait of Lincoln in the assembly chamber beside that of Washington, and was appointed chairman of the house committee to procure the same; and on the fifty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Lincoln he delivered an eloquent speech in honor of the occasion. In 1867 Mr. More was made the chairman of the house committee to draft rules for the government of that body. On February 9, 1865, he was engaged in the debate in the house concerning the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, and supported the amendment by a powerful speech, which was largely published and quoted from. He was instrumental, too, in obtaining the passage of "an act to prohibit the sale of liquor on election day." Mr. More is still a member of the Presbyterian church of Deerfield, on whose building committee his father served, and was fourteen years an officer of the church and many years superintendent of the West Branch Sunday-school. His family likewise are all members of the Presbyterian church.

VOLNEY G. BENNETT.

Volney G. Bennett, wholesale and retail dealer, and one of the prominent financiers of Camden, was born on April 9, 1837, in Pike county, Pennsylvania, a son of Jared and Esther (Killam) Bennett. His grandfather, Stephen Bennett, a native of Connecticut, was one of the first settlers in Pike county, and was engaged for years in farming and lumbering, at that time the leading industries of this part of Pennsylvania. Stephen's wife, Mary (Gates) Bennett, lived in the beautiful valley of Wyoming at the time of the famous massacre by the Tories and Indians under Colonel John Butler, and was instrumental in saving many lives by apprising the defenceless ones of the slaughter of the garrison in time for them to make their escape to the woods.

Jared Bennett was born on the farm in Pike county, which was also the birthplace of his son, the subject of this sketch, and there spent his entire life, engaged principally in lumbering. He was very successful in financial matters, and was one of the most prosperous citizens in that section. His wife, who also was a native of Pike county, is now deceased. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were: Gipson G., who died in 1899, about four-score years of age, a retired blacksmith, owning a farm at Mendon, Michigan, where he was one of the first settlers; Nancy Jane, now seventy-eight years of age, the wife of Marcus M. N. B. Killam, a wealthy resident of Pike county, who has

won fame as a bear and deer hunter; Frederick, who died in childhood; Isaac K., who died in 1898, on the family homestead in Pike county; Harvey K., a retired business man living in Camden; and Volney G., who is the youngest of the family.

Volney G. Bennett remained on the homestead until twenty-two years of age, literally "growing up" a lumberman and learning all the details of the business from the beginning. In his twenty-third year he obtained employment of a lumber firm in Camden, and in June, 1876, he established a business of his own, locating at the corner of Second and Cherry streets, Camden, his present stand. The firm is known as the Volney G. Bennett Lumber Company. In addition to his experience in the various departments of the lumber industry, Mr. Bennett is gifted with much natural business ability, and has been very successful. He is the president of the Camden Board of Trade and of the Excelsior Building & Loan Association; was the treasurer of two other building and loan associations for eighteen years; and he was one of the originators, and is now a director, of the Real-Estate and Investment Company of Camden.

Mr. Bennett was married in 1864 to Emmeline, a daughter of Captain Thomas Davis, a seafaring man. Five children have come of the union, namely: Killam E., now a wholesale lumber dealer residing in Camden; Emily J., the wife of D. L. Moore, formerly of Camden; Volney, the vice-president of the Volney G. Bennett Lumber Company; Alfred K., the secretary and treasurer of the same company; and Olive Edna, who is still in the home nest. Mr. Bennett votes the Democratic ticket, but takes no active part in politics and has no desire for public office. He is a life member of the First Baptist church.

ROBERT L. BARBER.

Robert L. Barber, a prominent citizen of Camden, New Jersey, now serving his second term as the clerk of Camden county, was born in the city of Bridgeton, this state, March 31, 1849, the son of Robert and Emily (James) Barber, both parents natives of Bridgeton. He springs from two old New Jersey families. Robert Barber was engaged for a number of years in manufacturing in his native city, and died at the age of sixty-six. His wife makes her home with her son, the subject of this sketch. She is a member of the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Barber has but one other child, viz., Harriet, the wife of Judge Frank H. Burdsall, of Camden.

Robert L. Barber received a public-school education in Bridgeton and in Camden. He has lived in this city since 1857, nearly forty years, and

for a long time has been closely identified with municipal affairs, giving much of his time and attention thereto. Actively interested in politics, he is one of the influential Republicans of the place, and has worthily filled a number of offices of public trust. He had been three times elected to the city council, representing Ward 3, and was a city councilman at the time of his first election to the office of county clerk, in 1890. He discharged his duties in so satisfactory a manner that he was honored with a re-election in 1895.

Mr. Barber takes a prominent part and has held important offices in various fraternal organizations. He is a member of Camden Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, No. 7; Senior Commander of Van Hook Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Lulu Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

DAVID BAIRD.

David Baird, who conducts an extensive lumber business at the corner of Pearl and Front streets, Camden, was born April 7, 1839, in county Derry, Ireland, a son of James and Ann (Robinson) Baird. James Baird, Sr., who was a native of the same place, had five children. Of these, James Baird, Jr., the father of David, carried on the business of a road contractor, and died in 1858, aged forty-five years. His wife, a daughter of David Robinson, of county Derry, had eight children of whom six are living. She died aged forty years. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church.

David Baird, the eldest child, spent his boyhood in his native land. On coming to America he worked for a time on a farm; then, in 1859, he entered the employ of Gillingham & Garrison, lumber dealers of Philadelphia, with whom he remained until 1872; and on leaving them he started in business for himself, and has since been very successful. He is largely engaged in buying and selling lumber, making extensive purchases in Pennsylvania and the south, also in the north and west. At the present time he is occupied in clearing a large tract of timber land in Alabama, using twenty miles of railroad to bring the lumber to the sawmill in Mobile, and employing about two hundred and fifty men. He makes a trip to Alabama once a month. His yard in Camden, with a frontage of two hundred feet and a depth of twelve hundred feet, and designed for the storage of large timber, spars, etc., was established in 1872. Some of the timber brought from the Pacific coast in large vessels is one hundred and ten feet in length and three feet in diameter. More of it comes from Nova Scotia,

pine and oak from Michigan and the states bordering on the Great Lakes and Canada, and hackmatack from Bangor, Maine. Mr. Baird has conducted some of the largest lumber camps in the western states, western Virginia, northwest Pennsylvania, and Lewis county, New York. He has been a director of the First National Bank since 1888, is the treasurer of the Camden Lighting & Heating Company and the Atlantic Electric Light Company, and he is a director in the Gloucester & Woodbury Railroad Company.

On January 23, 1868, Mr. Baird married Miss Christiana Beatty, a daughter of William Beatty, of Philadelphia. They have had six children, of whom four are living, namely: Mary, the widow of William F. Peacock; Irving C.; Christiana; and David Baird, Jr.

Mr. Baird's political principles are Republican and he is very prominent in public affairs. He is a member of the Republican state committee, and he served as a delegate to the national convention that nominated President Harrison. He was on the board of chosen freeholders for four years. In 1887 he was elected sheriff to serve three years, and was again elected in 1896 to serve until 1899. In 1895 he was appointed a member of the state board of assessors for four years.

EDWARD A. ARMSTRONG.

Edward A. Armstrong, the judge of the county courts of Camden county and a former speaker of the house of assembly for two terms, was born December 28, 1858, in Woodstown, Salem county, a son of Francis W. and Rebecca B. (Jess) Armstrong.

Edward A. Armstrong acquired his early education in the common schools of Woodstown. He pursued the study of law under Benjamin D. Shreve, Esq., of Camden, and was admitted to the bar in the February term of 1880. In due time he opened an office in Camden, at 100 Market street, moving to his present quarters in the New Jersey Trust Building, on Third and Market streets, as soon as the erection of that handsome building was finished. In 1888 Mr. Armstrong was appointed the judge of the district court of the city of Camden, succeeding Judge R. T. Miller, and was on the bench until 1891, when he in turn was succeeded by Judge Carrow. He was recently appointed the president judge of the court of common pleas for the term of five years, beginning April 1, 1897. In politics he favors the Republican party. He was the president of the board of public works from 1891 to 1893; he served as a delegate to the different

county conventions; and he was in the state legislature from 1884 to 1887 inclusive, presiding as the speaker of the house in the year 1885-86. Judge Armstrong attends religious worship at the Baptist church.

MAHLON F. IVINS.

No country in the world offers greater encouragement to the poor boy who is ambitious for fame and fortune than our United States; and though it is claimed that we are degenerating—that we have a moneyed aristocracy—the men who have established that aristocracy, men like the old Vanderbilts and Astors, won, by their indomitable courage, their perseverance in the face of all difficulties, and their powers of accomplishment, the admiration of the world. The self-made man always commands respect, and his prosperity is the just reward of assiduous effort.

Mahlon F. Ivins, the collector of Camden county, New Jersey, is a striking example of a self-made man. He was born in Haddonfield, this county, January 16, 1843, a son of Benjamin W. and Sarah Ann (Fowler) Ivins. Benjamin W. Ivins, who was a native of Camden county, was a miller by trade. He lived to be seventy-four years of age. His wife, a native of the same county, died at the age of twenty-six, leaving four young children—Mahlon F., the subject of this sketch; Lydia, now the wife of William C. King, of Camden; Mary Emma, the widow of Job R. King, of the same city; and James F., a house-painter of Camden.

Mahlon F. Ivins was eight years of age when deprived of a mother's fostering care, and was bound out as a farmer's boy by his father. It has been remarked that a woman deprived of her husband seems to be given supernatural strength to care for her children and keep them together, but nothing is more helpless than a man left with motherless young children to provide for. As a farmer's boy the child was sure of food and shelter, and the care, often kindly, of the farmer's wife. He worked for different farmers, receiving his board and clothing as a remuneration until sixteen years of age; and when the weather was too inclement to work in the field he attended school, the whole time of his schooling not exceeding one year. But he was naturally of a studious turn of mind; and when, later in life, he had the time to spare, he read and learned a great deal. When he was sixteen years of age he went to Philadelphia to learn the trade of house-painting, remaining three years.

At the early age of nineteen he enlisted in Company D, Sixth New Jersey Volunteers, under Captain George E. Wilson of Camden. His

regiment camped for some time on the lower Potomac, and he was then commissioned to enter the signal service at Washington. After drilling some three months he passed the requisite examination, and within a month was promoted to the rank of sergeant. His first assignment as a member of the signal corps was in McClellan's command, and the first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Williamsburg. He was afterwards with Burnside at Fredericksburg, and he advanced with the re-enforcements for Grant to Vicksburg. At the battle of Resaca, while he was riding across the battefield, his horse was shot under him, and he broke his ankle. This was the most serious injury he received, although his term of service extended over three years, and he participated in some of the hottest battles fought. The fracture necessitated a short stay in the hospital. Sergeant Ivins was in Knoxville, Tennessee, when General Burnside's command, in imminent danger of starvation, was besieged by General Longstreet, and took part in the desperate charge that broke the Confederate ranks.

He was honorably discharged from the service after some three years of campaigning, and engaged in the grocery business in Philadelphia for about a year. But he was not satisfied with the results; and, selling his business, he went to work at his trade, which he followed in Philadelphia some seven years. He then opened an establishment at 329 Federal street, Camden; and, having won a reputation for tasteful and reliable work, he commands an immense business in house and sign painting. He does a great deal of work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. As a financier he had evinced such foresight and good judgment that his name alone is sufficient guarantee of the success of an enterprise. He is at present a director of the Central Trust Bank and in six building and loan associations of Camden.

His first wife, formerly Miss Anna M. L. Williams, of Camden, died January 13, 1891, leaving three children—Mary Emma, the wife of George W. Mathis, of Camden; Lillie May, the wife of Christopher S. Hand, of the same city; and Mahlon F., a student in the military academy at Bordentown, New Jersey. One child died in infancy. On January 18, 1892, Mr. Ivins married Miss Cornelia C. W. Lewis, of Camden.

Mr. Ivins has long been active in politics, and is one of the most highly esteemed members of the Republican party in the city. He has been the treasurer of the municipal board of health a great many years; was councilman from Ward 4 two terms, refusing at the end of that time to serve any longer, and presided as the chairman of the water committee, the street committee, and the public property committee. For the past twenty years

his party has been anxious to place him in office as sheriff, but he invariably refuses the nomination, having no desire to serve in that capacity. In October, 1894, he was elected county treasurer by the board of chosen freeholders, to fill the unexpired term of the last incumbent; and at the annual meeting in 1895 he was re-elected for a term of three years.

He is a member of Camden Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., and of New Jersey Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Camden, of which he has been the treasurer for nineteen years, working actively in the interest of the lodge; and he also belongs to Wyoming Tribe, No. 15, Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the First Methodist church and contributes liberally toward its support. With all his achievements, Mr. Ivins has disarmed envy and made many friends, and is now one of the most popular as well as one of the wealthiest men in the city.

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