

RUPERT, VERMONT.

A HISTORY

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PREFACE.

It is expected that a book will have a preface; not that people usually care to read it, but because it is customary. If I consulted my own feelings, simply, none would be written. For years I had contemplated writing a history of my native town, but had carefully concealed the intention. By a curious coincidence, I was approached by one and another of our citizens and urged to do that which I so long had in mind. And thus the work was begun; begun with much more of hope and confidence than I have at the closing. I intended to write a book so perfect and complete that it would be an authority in *all* matters relating to our history, but I have come short of this. Something I have done, and could those who will read this book but know the difficulties under which it was written, the wonder would be that so much had been produced. This is not the time or place to narrate my trials, and they are alluded to only as an explanation as to why I came short of what was intended. The only pleasant feature of the work (aside from the acquisition of knowledge, which is always a pleasure), has been the willingness of our towns-people to aid me by imparting such information as they possessed relating to our history. For this I thank them, one and all. As nearly all have contributed, it would seem best not to mention any by name

Of former residents, I may properly name some who have aided me: Mr. Le Grand Eastman, Rutland; Dr. S. S. Sherman, Chicago; Professor T. K. Wright, Elbridge, N. Y.; Grove M. Harwood, Esq., Rutherford, N. J.; Rev. F. H. Moore, New York; Mrs. Mary Trumbull, Greenwich, N. Y.; Mr. Sherman Weed, Pawlet. My thanks are due Mr. T. L. Wood, Assistant State Librarian. Various works have been consulted in the writing of this history, from some of which quotations were made. As I have invariably given due credit with each quotation, they need not be named here. When I began this work, I doubted if material enough could be found for a readable, fair-sized history; but as I progressed, I found the question was what shall I select from among so much. It has been impossible in so small a work to notice all. Undoubtedly it will be said some were passed by more deserving than some who were noticed. Quite likely this may be true. But the line had to be drawn somewhere, and leaving out such ones was not intentional, but a necessity. I have endeavored to carry an even hand, and be just to all. Let no one take up this work expecting to find it free from errors. No such history has been written. Where information is gathered from so many sources, errors will creep in, however carefully it may be sifted. I shall esteem it a favor that all errors detected be reported to me for correction. Had the difficulties under which I labored been less, errors would certainly have been in proportion. The time for writing a complete history of Rupert has passed. Within a dozen years have died a number who remembered the early settlers—Col. Joseph Parker, Mrs. Ruby Moore, Miss Harriet Harwood, Ira F. Sheldon, Dorson Eastman, Thomas

S. Beebe—and with them perished a vast amount of valuable information. Here, as in other matters, we best appreciate our advantages after we are deprived of them. I have rescued from oblivion much that was being lost; have laid a foundation for a better history than could possibly be written without it; and with a feeling of relief that the work has been accomplished, submit it to the criticism of those who will care to read it.

G. S. H.

PART I.

HISTORICAL.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE HISTORY of our town dates from the time when the governor of the province of New Hampshire, acting under the authority, and in the name, of the British king, called it into existence by an official document known as a grant. That document, in the quaint spelling and diction of the time, follows:

GRANT.

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

GEORGE THE THIRD.

L. S, *By the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c., To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

Know ye that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of Settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq.; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our Said Province of New Hampshire in *New England*, and of our Council of the Said Province; Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns forever, whose Names are entered on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal

Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of *New Hampshire*, containing by admeasurement, Twenty Three Thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey, thereof, made by Our Said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at the North Westerly Corner of Sand Gate from thence due North Six Miles thence due East Six Miles thence due South Six Miles to the North East Corner of Sandgate afore Said thence Due West by Sandgate to the Bounds first mentioned, And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Rupert and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Privileges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy; And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the

annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday of November Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Capt Samuel Robinson who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province, and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of March annually, To Have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, Viz.

i. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

ii. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special License for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

iii. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

iv. Yielding and paying therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of December, 1762.

v. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of December, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *one shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a great or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness Benning Wentworth, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province, the 20th Day of August In the Year of Our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the first Year of Our Reign.

B. WENTWORTH

*By His Excellency-s Command
With Advice of Council,*

THEODORE ATKINSON

Proc New Hamp^r August 20th 1761

Recorded According to the original under the Proc Seal

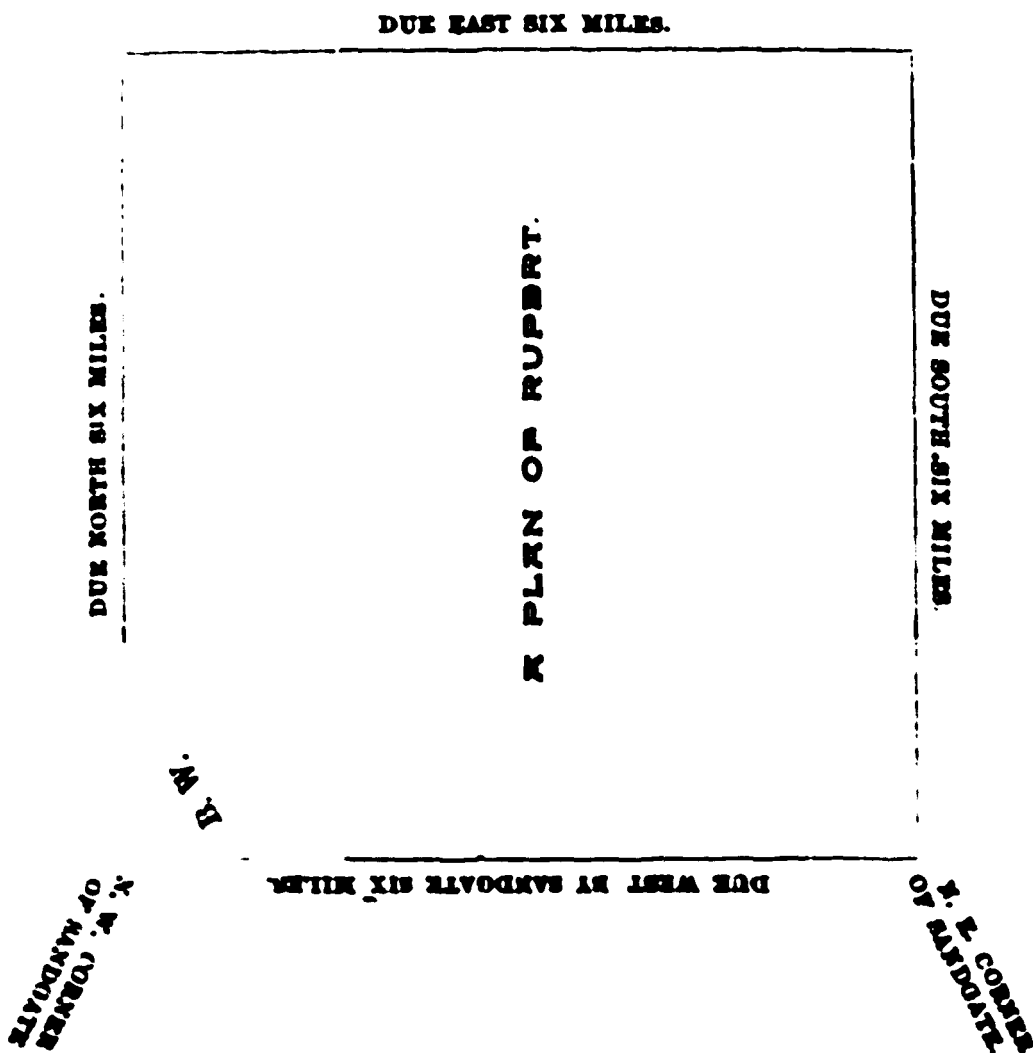
THEODORE ATKINSON *Secry.*

The names of the Grantees of Rupert Viz
Capt Sam^l Robinson, Elisha Billings, Aaron Baker, Ebenez^r Phelps, Gideon Lyman jun^r. David Glazier, Experience Johnson, Naomi Lyman, Jacob Dexter, Nathanel Wright, Ebenez^r Clark, Selah Wright, John Fay, William Johnson, Jon^a Warner of Hardwick, Daniel Warner of Do, William Kenada, John Downing Esq, John Hammond, Ithamur Strong, Sam^l Billings, Nathaniel Phelps, Martin Phelps, Gideon Lyman Esq, Barnabas Fay, Elijah Lyman, Charles Spafford, Joseph Thomas, Jon^a Fasset, John Allen, Jonas Fay, Tim^o Lyman Jun^r. Benj^a Fay jun^r. Thos Johnson, John White, Josiah Willard, William Blunt, James Nevin Esq, Ebenezer Strong, Joseph Hally Esq, Asael Billings, John Baker, Stephen Fay jun^r. Phineas Lyman, Josiah Glazier, John Phelps, Meshech Weare Esq, Phineas Lyman jun^r, Ebenez^r Wright, Daniel Allen, John Wright, Steph^a Fay, Sam^l Hunter, Jacob Knowlton, Judah Weeks, Ezra Leonard, Leonard Robinson, Eleaz Hammond, Capt James Gowen, Ebenez^r Phelps, Sam^l Marshall & Ithamus Strong.

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq, a Tract of Land to contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B. W. in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, one Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, one Share for the first settled Minister in said Town, one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town.

Province of New Hamp^r August 20th 1761

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter for Rupert Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Secry



Province of New Hamp^r August 20th 1761
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter for
 Rupert.

THEODORE ATKINSON, Secy.

NAME.

THE TOWN was probably named for Prince Rupert, of England, grandson of James I., and nephew of the unfortunate Charles I. In the Civil War of 1642-9, Rupert was one of the ablest commanders of the Royal forces. The territory in British America, formerly known as "Rupert's Land," was also named for him, he being first governor of the trading company to which it was granted. He died in 1682, the latter part of his life being

devoted to scientific pursuits. Rupert postoffice is one of six in the United States, and the oldest, with possibly one exception. It is sometimes spelled Ruppert and Ruport, but incorrectly.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

THE GATHERING, sifting and arranging matter for a town history, always difficult, is doubly so in this case, by reason of lack of early records. Josiah Cass, second proprietor's clerk, being a loyalist, fled about the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle, carrying away some of the records. In fact, some assert Cass took *all* the records, and that what we now possess of the early ones were obtained from a record of them kept in Bennington; but this is doubtful. Again, during the most stirring years of the struggle for independence, either no records were kept, or lost, or destroyed; so of that period we have almost nothing. Nor is this all. A period of about eighty years, following the Revolution, is likewise blank, and later on, I shall give what is supposed to be the explanation. The reader can now understand some of the difficulties confronting the author. The record of the first known meeting of the proprietors follows:—

“ Bennington, April, 16th, Anno Domini 1765

Then the proprietors of Rupert met by the appointment of a Warrant as here inserted.

Province of New Hampshire (Seal)	}	Whereas application hath been made to me one of his Majesty's justices of the Peace, by more than one sixteenth part of the Proprietors of Rupert to call a meeting for said Propriety—In consequence thereof these are to warn all the Proprietors of Rupert to meet at the house of Capt. John Fasset Innholder in Bennington, on the six-
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teenth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

First to choose a Moderator,
 Second " " a Proprietors Clerk,
 Thirdly " " a Treasurer,
 Fourthly " " a Collector,
 Fifthly " " a Committee or Committees as shall be thought necessary for said Propriety.

Sixthly, To see if the Propriety will run round the Town & lay out a Division of land to each Proprietor.

Seventhly, See if they will raise money to defray charges arising in said Propriety, & to act anything else thought necessary at said meeting.

Given under my hand and seal at Bennington the second day of February in the fifth year of our reign Anno Domini 1765.

SAMUEL ROBINSON.

This Warrant was in the public Prints three weeks successively.

Attest Saml Robinson jr. Proprietors Clerk."

" At the House of Capt John Fafset, Innholder in Bennington, at time & place as mentioned by Warrant.

First. Made choice of Samuel Robinson Esq, Moderator.

2d. Chose Samuel Robinson jr, Proprietors' Clerk.

3d. " Samuel Robinson Esq, Proprietors' Treasurer.

4th. Chose Capt John Fafset, Samuel Robinson jr. & Moses Robinson asseors for said Propriety.

5th. Chose Thomas Dunton, Proprietors' Collector.

6th. Voted Capt Jehiel Hawley, Thomas Dunton & Samuel Robinson jr. be a Committee to run round the Town and lay out the first Division in said Township.

7th. Voted, the first Division be fifty acres to each Right, to be laid out in such plan & form as the said Committee think best.

8th. Chose Eleazer Wallis & Jonathau Fafsett chainmen for laying out the first Division.

9th. Voted to raise three shillings on each Right of land.

10th. Voted, the method for raising meetings in future, that six Proprietors making application to the Treasurer, or Clerk, & his Notification posted up in Bennington, Shaftsbury & Arlington fourteen days before the

Meeting, shall be a legal warning for calling a meeting for the future.

11th. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the eighteenth day of May next to this House at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Accordingly adjourned.

Attest SAMUEL ROBINSON, Proprietors' Clerk.

At a Proprietors' meeting held at the house of Capt. John Fafsett, in Bennington, June 25, 1766, the committee appointed to lay out the first division, reported as follows: "That they had run the East line of Rupert & understood the other lines were run & had made bounds to upwards of fifty lots on the best body of land in said Town as they supposed, & by reason of York's pretending jurisdiction, desisted doing anything more, but made a plan of the whole where & in the form we liked best."

This first division, being fifty acre lots, was undoubtedly laid out in that part of the town since known as East Rupert, in the valley of the Pawlet or Mettowee river. Here was the first settled community in town, probably in the year 1767. Of these first settlers, the names of Barnabus Barnum, Isaac Blood, Amos Curtis, Jonathan Eastman and Reuben Harmon have been preserved.

At this meeting, June 25, 1766, "Voted to give the first settlers in Rupert fifty acres of land to be laid in the undivided lands as an encouragement to the first families that goes on."

And the result as follows:—"June Sixth 1768.

Survey of a fifty acre lot given to Jonas Powers as encouragement to him, being first settler in Town; situated in the southwesterly part of the Town, in a place called White Creek Meadow." This date is of the survey, not the settlement, of which no record is given; but must have been in 1767, or earlier; probably 1766.

The first proprietors' meeting in town is believed to have been held at the house of Barnabus Barnum, on the "East side," May 18, 1768. Reuben Harmon was chosen moderator, Josiah Cass, clerk, Jonathan Eastman, treasurer. Of the proceedings I note the following:

“ Voted to lay out a second Division of lots to each Proprietor by pitches. Voted three shillings on each Right for making roads and other necessary charges. Voted to draw a lottery to determine the chances of pitching, and Mr. Jacob Fisk to have charge, being disinterested. Voted that all the lots or pitches laid out on what is called white Creek Meadow shall not exceed sixty rods wide.”

This determines, I think, the location of these second division lots, which were to be sixty acres each.

At a meeting at Barnums, 2d Tuesday of September, 1768, voted, “ That in case our adjourned meeting shall die our method for raising meetings for the future shall be by one eighth part of the Proprietors making application to the Clerk & his advertising it in Rupert and Bennington fourteen days before meeting.”

The settlement of the “ White Creek Meadows ” was probably about 1770. This region is now known as West Rupert. Adjoining Salem, N. Y., it was on the frontier during the land trouble period. Among the prominent early settlers were Robert Cochran, Aaron Rising and Oliver Scott. Cochran was a leader in the “ Grants,” and will be noticed later. Scott built the first grist-mill in this region, about 1773. It was situated on White Creek; its location being where the road from West Rupert to Hebron crosses the creek, near the Delaware & Hudson Railroad crossing. Meeting, held at Simeon Graves’, 2d Monday in April, 1769, voted, “ That the road through the East meadow shall be three rods wide.”

Meeting at Reuben Harman’s, 2nd Thursday in Oct, 1769, voted, “ That the road through White Creek meadow & up the Mountain Northeasterly be four rods wide.”

In this vote, we see, I judge, a purpose to unite the two earliest settled sections of the town, the Mettowee and White Creek valleys.

The next part of the town to be settled was the Indian River valley. The names of Smith and Harmon are associated with this settlement. Dr. Sheldon, in his sketch of Rupert, for the Vermont Historical Magazine, says

Martin Smith was the first settler, in 1773. But he also mentions an encounter, in 1772, between New York officers and a party of settlers, "headed by one Harmon, near Indian River." I conclude from this and other evidence, the first settlement in this region was not later than 1772, and may be earlier. The settlement of that part of the town now known as "Rupert Street," or "Up Town," as called by the residents of West Rupert, was probably, by a gradual extension of the settlements from the White Creek meadows, up its main branch. And "Kent Hollow," which holds the head waters of the creek, in a similar way. The early settlers of Rupert were mainly from Connecticut, with sprinklings from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Hampshire.

Dr. Sheldon's estimate of them follows: "The early settlers of this town, like most pioneers, were a hardy, rough, stalwart, uncultivated and illiterate class of men. They came here with bold hearts and strong hands, to fell the forests, subdue the lands and make homes for themselves, but cared little for the refinements of civilized society and were very deficient in mental culture." But the qualities they possessed were in demand at the time; without them they would have failed; for never were pioneers more sorely tried than those who settled Vermont.

Returning to the proprietors' meetings: I find no records after the meeting at Reuben Harmon's, October, 1769, until a meeting at the house of Mr. Daniel Smith, innholder, in Rupert, April 6, 1773. "Voted to lay out a 3rd division of lots to be of 100 acres each. Voted Mr. Jeremiah Ingraham shall draw the lottery for pitching, being disinterested. Voted Mr. Robert Cochran's Right (Asael Billings original Proprietor) shall stand as surveyed sometime last fall, as a reward for services done the Propriety, necessary roads to be deducted." The articles of this meeting relating to laying out the third division, are here given because of the quaint language and odd ways of these early settlers.

“Choose Ensign Nehemiah Harmon to inspect the laying out of the third division.

9th Mr. Robert Cochran for same purpose.

10th Josiah Cass committee for same.

11th Mr. Daniel Smith likewise.

12th Mr. Reuben Harmon in like manner.”

There were six divisions of lots to proprietors, or successors; but I shall note them no further than the fourth. We now come to the last record of a meeting before the Revolution; and, with it Cass, who carried away our records, disappears from our history. It is as follows:

“Rupert, 18th of May, 1773.

Having met agreeable to adjournment the 6th of April last, finding nothing worthy of action, adjourned the meeting to the first Tuesday in October next at one o'clock P. M. at this house.

JOSIAH CASS
Proprietors' Clerk.”

All the meetings on record, held in town, up to this time, were probably on the “East side,” though not known positively so. The places of meeting, however, make *some* known to a certainty. This section appears to have taken the lead in government affairs for the first twenty years. In closing the part of our town history devoted to its early settlements, I append a summary of them: First settler in town, Jonas Powers, in southwesterly part, near Salem; date unknown, but prior to 1767. General settlements: Mettowee valley, not later than 1767; White Creek valley, not later than 1769; Indian River valley, not later than 1771. Though following these valleys in the early settlements, it is believed the settlers did not locate their houses in them, to any great extent, but back from the streams on higher ground. The immediate vicinity of the streams, at this time, was too swampy for the location of homes or roads. Here, as in all parts of the State, the first houses were of logs (Dr. Sheldon calls them log huts), and continued to be the prevailing type for many years. The last were built, probably, be-

fore the beginning of this century, but quite a number continued to be occupied for several decades later. In another part of this work some description of log houses and their owners will be found.

THE LAND CONTROVERSY.

IT IS USUALLY considered that early settlers, who subdue the forests, wild beasts and equally wild men, have a task difficult enough to dismay the boldest. To the usual trials of pioneers were added, in the case of the settlers of Vermont, a costly, violent, vexatious dispute as to the rightful ownership of the lands; continuing more than twenty-five years, and often approaching actual warfare. The territory constituting Vermont was claimed by New Hampshire and New York. The former claimed her boundary line extended from the northwest corner of Massachusetts to the headwaters of Lake Champlain, and thence to Canada. The latter, to extend to the Connecticut river, north of Massachusetts. The governor of New Hampshire had made grants of 138 townships west of the river, when the King of England decided its west bank to be the eastern boundary of New York, as she claimed (July, 1764). This decision, though distasteful to most of the settlers, would have been accepted had their rights been respected. But instead, the governor of New York began to grant the lands of these settlers, giving them the choice of either paying again or vacating. Having purchased in good faith of one royal governor, they declined both propositions, and by their courageous decision laid the foundation for a new State. Rupert, being a frontier town, had her share in this controversy; the settlers entering with zeal into the contest, ardently espousing the cause of New Hampshire. As the contest advanced the adherents of

New Hampshire generally became the advocates of a new State. All the events of this struggle I have been able to gather, which belong to our town, are here presented.

“ Sometimes the New Yorkers would try to get people who thought as they did to settle on the land they had bought. The town of Rupert had been granted by the governor of New Hampshire in 1761. Settlements were made a few years later. In 1771 the governor of New York granted or sold a part of this same land, which was owned by Robert Cochran. The people who obtained the grant tried to have the land settled by their friends, but their men were driven off and their log houses were pulled down and burned.” (Vt. Hist. Reader, p. 36.) In the Vermont Historical Magazine, p. 223, Dr. Sheldon describes what was, undoubtedly, the same affair, as follows: “ In 1771 settlements were commenced on the White Creek meadows by New Yorkers, who had armed themselves in defiance of the New Hampshire grantees. Soon after, these latter well armed, proceeded to drive off the intruders, who fled; and the log houses which they had erected were pulled down, laid in heaps and burned with fire.”

The three following extracts are from the Documentary History of the State of New York, and present in graphic language the Yorkers' side of the contest:

“ Gov. Tryon to Justices Skeene, Monroe, &c. New York 24th August 1771, Gentlemen. The inclosed copy of a petition lately preferred to me will inform you of a Riot and Breach of the Peace committed on the 11th of June near Argyle Town by one Cochran and fourteen armed men, in violently assaulting and dispossessing Donald McIntire and the other complainants of Lands granted to them by the government and then under their actual improvement. The dangerous Tendency of such Disorders calls loudly for the Exertion of the Civil Authority, and it is by the advice of his Majesty's Council that I now recommend this as matter highly deserving your consideration, and that you will, after the fullest Enquiry as to the Facts, and Sufficient Proof of the Force, give the Petitioners the Relief directed by the Statutes of forcible Entry, or such other Redress as the case shall appear to you to Require.

Transmitting to me as soon as may be a particular account of your proceedings in consequence hereof with such examinations as shall be taken before you.

To Philip Skeene, John Monroe, Patrick Smith and John McComb Esq^{rs} Justices of the Peace for the County of Albany or any two or more of them, or any of the other Justices of the County." Vol. iv., p. 439.

“Warrant To Arrest Certain Rioters in Rupert. County of Albany ss: By Alex^r McNaughton Esq^r one of his Majesty's Justices in & for said County. Whereas one Charles Hutchesson late Corporal in Col. Montgomery's highland regmt^t of foot appeared before me & being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith, That upon the 29th day of Oct^r last or one or other of the days of said month the Deponent being at work upon a Lott of 200 acres of land granted him by Patent from under the Seal of this Province of New York said land being vacant lying about 15 miles East of Hudsons river & 4 miles North of New Perth township in County Albany: There assembled Nine men who call themselves New Hampshire Men about the Deponents house which he had built on said Lott and the Deponent observing all having fire arms and attempting to demolish his house he left his work came and earnestly desired them to stop whereupon one Sirnamed Allen, another Baker & one Sevil with Ro^t Cochran & 5 others names unknown to the Deponent said that they would burn it for that morning they had resolved to offer a burnt Sacrifice to the Gods of the world in burning the Logs of that house. That then they kindled 4 fires on the Logs of the house said Allen & Baker holding 2 clubbs over the Deponent's head ready to strike Commanded him to leave that land & not say one word to them. That if he ever returned he should be barbarously used. That the fires being kindled said Allen & Baker Insolently said to the Deponent—Go your way now & complain to that Damned Scoundrel your Governor. God Damn your Governor, Laws, King, Council & Assembly. That said Allen & Baker repeated said horrible Curses. That when the Deponent reproved them for it the said Allen said G—d Damn your Soul, are you going to preach to us—and further said That if ever any Constable attempted to arrest them they would kill them. That if ever any of them were put in Albany Gaol they would break it down and rescue him. That then the Deponent fled to New Perth where he now resides with his family. That the Depo-

nent is credibly informed they often boast they can on short warning raise many 100^s New Hampshire men to prevent any soldiers or others Settling on these lands & curse the regular troops. That said Rioters have also burnt down the house of one John Reid that same day. That 8 or 9 more families were driven off their lands in the Deponent's vicinity lately grant'd to them by N. York Government according to His Majestys Instructions. That said Expell'd people were all living in and about New Perth & suffer'd greatly by said Expulsion of said New Hampshire men who now claim said lands, that the Deponent is also credibly informed said Allen Denys the Being of a God & Denys that there is any Infernal Spirit existing and further Saith not. Sic Subscibitur.

CHARLES HUTCHESON.

These are Therefore in His Majestys name Commanding you Johr Reid Constable in said County forthwith to Call a Competent Number of His Majestys good Subjects in your vicinity to Arms and go to the place called Rupert where it is said these Rioters reside & by all due means apprehend the said Baker, Allen, Sevil & Rob^t Cochran with their said Accomplices & them bring forthwith before me or some other of his Majestys Justices of the Peace in and for said County to be Dealt with according as the Law Directs.

Given under my hand & seal at New Perth the 12th day of Nov 1771. Sic Subscibitur

Vol. iv, P. 453.

ALEX: MCNAUGHTON."

" Minutes Of Council Respecting Certain Rioters Ordered To Be Apprehended, In Council March 26th 1772.

His Excellency communicated to the Board a letter of the 2d March Instant from Henry Ten Eck Jun^r Esq Sheriff of Albany, acknowledging the Receipt of the proclamation of the 9th December for apprehending certain Rioters therein named, and acquainting his Excellency that three of them Baker, Allen and Sevil are retired to the Neighboring Government. That he has not been able to apprehend any of the Rest. But that from the Conduct and Behaviour of those who were at Home tho' not particularly mentioned or concerned in the Riot, he finds the greatest appearance of a determined Resolution not to submit to the Government: And this he found particularly verified by the Conduct of Eight or nine who were armed with Guns and Clubs in which manner they came to

the House of one Heermans near the Indian River where he then was, and from their Conduct it appeared what they intended."

Vol. iv, P. 468.

The first of these extracts, relating to Cochran and his associates in Argyle, seem to place them in an unfavorable light. What motive actuated them, whether wanton aggression or the spirit of retaliation, it is impossible to say. The second undoubtedly refers to the events already noted, by quotations from the Historical Reader and the Historical Magazine. The third I find noticed on p. 223 of the latter, which I quote: "In 1772 the Sheriff of Albany County, armed with the Governor's proclamation, came here with a *posse*, for the purpose of arresting the rioters, as they were called, but the inhabitants, having intimation of the Sheriff's intent, turned out *en masse*, headed by 'one Harmon near Indian river,' and with guns and clubs drove them back to New York, and they were glad to escape with their lives." Adding, "The New Hampshire grantees were in the habit of often applying the 'Beech seal' to the naked backs of the intruding Yorkers." Dr. Sheldon declares the invaders were driven back. Sheriff Ten Eyck does not say that, but admits the settlers' appearance and evident intentions were of a vigorous nature, and that his mission was a failure. Heermans and Harmon probably refer to the same person, the latter being the correct name. The Beech seal, alluded to, meant the whipping of the party on the bare back, beech whips being often chosen on account of their toughness. The victims were those who persisted in holding lands under New York grants, so-called "Yorkers." The whips were often called "Twigs of the Wilderness." No doubt, had our records been as complete as they might have been under favorable conditions, much more information concerning this period of the town's history would be available. But enough has been preserved to give a fair idea of the situation. From these scenes, rough and turbulent as they were, we turn to a period many times more trying.

THE REVOLUTION.

DURING this memorable struggle, the people of Vermont were afflicted beyond comparison; for in addition to the claims of New York, there were tories in their midst with British and Indians on their borders. Situated as our town was with respect to the conflict, it is reasonable to believe it had its full share of stirring events; but the want of records makes it impossible to verify this in only a small degree. From May 18, 1773, to April 4, 1780, the records are silent. When Cass, the tory clerk, who stole our records, left is not known. It was probably not earlier than 1775, and might have been a year or more later. The family traditions, aided by the side lights thrown upon us by the histories of adjacent towns, are about all we have to depend on. Dr. Sheldon has this to say of Rupert in the Revolution: "Previous to the Revolutionary War, there were but few settlers in this town, located mostly in log huts, near Pawlet river and White Creek, on its east and west borders. Upon the breaking out of the war, and especially upon the advance of Gen. Burgoyne from the north, in 1777, and upon detachments from his army being sent into western Vermont, they deemed it unsafe to remain on their farms any longer, and packing up whatever of their household effects they could carry with them, and burying or concealing what they could not, removed with their families to Suffield, Ct., the place from which most of them had emigrated. Consequently this place was in the possession of the British and tories during this and two or three following years. They burnt the grist-mill on White Creek and most of the log dwellings, and stole whatever they could find, of value." After narrating an act of the tories, too long to be quoted, which I shall allude to later on, he says: "In 1780 the British and tories having evacuated this part of the country, the settlers began to return, accompanied by many of their friends and neighbors, and com-

menced rebuilding their burned and dilapidated log huts and cultivating their farms." Vermont Historical Magazine, p. 223. Dr. Sheldon's estimate of the population of the town seems to have been too small. In the Vermont Historical Reader, pp. 42-3, is an account of the conflict at Westminster, March, 1775, between Whigs and Royalists. In describing the aid received by the former, this passage occurs: "The next day, Wednesday, more men came, and among them, toward night, came Robert Cochran of Rupert, with forty Green Mountain Boys." It seems improbable so small a settlement as indicated could, on a few hours notice, furnish forty armed men. But my main criticism will be of the statement that this town was abandoned by its inhabitants and occupied by British and Tories for three years. That there are traditions showing quite an exodus is admitted. But I think Dr. Sheldon has accepted this too freely, and taken the departure of certain classes, or the most exposed families, as a general flight of the entire population. If it were as he states, it would be a strange event in Vermont history, for nothing like it took place in adjoining towns. If the inhabitants of those towns *had done* as those of Rupert *are said to have done*, there would be no Bennington or Saratoga to celebrate. Shall we believe the settlers of Rupert were so different from those of the adjoining towns? Grant that some, perhaps many, fled and did not return for years; it does not prove *all fled* nor that new settlers did not come in, and continue to, soon after Burgoyne surrendered. I will now show by Dr. Sheldon's own statements the town was not abandoned. He mentions the capture of Daniel Ormsby of Manchester, by a party of Tories from Rupert, with the intention to convey him to the British camp at Saratoga. This was September or October, 1777. Ormsby was rescued, in the north part of this town, by his Manchester friends, aided by Whigs from the east part of Rupert, one of whom, John Nelson, is named. Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 228. Again, in a sketch of Martin Smith, he says: "He was a zealous Whig, and hated the British and

tories with a perfect hatred. He lived and died, at an advanced age, on the farm he first occupied, never having left it except for a few months in 1777, during the approach of Burgoyne from the north. Page 224."

I will now give some quotations bearing upon this period of our history: "When Burgoyne came up from Canada, sweeping all before him, most of the settlers north of us fled to the south, and some of our citizens joined in the stampede. Most of them, however, soon returned, and the presence of such gallant officers as Col. Warner and Col. Herrick soon reassured them." Hollister's *History of Pawlet*, p. 12. "Let not the reader, therefore, conclude that Burgoyne's impressions on this subject were correct, or even that our sturdy Vermont settlers had the first thought of shunning, at such a crisis, the post of danger. While women and children, and the infirm, and some timid ones, fled in large numbers southward for safety, the profound anxiety of the time carried with it this most significant of all its results, the thorough arousing of the sturdy dwellers among the green hills of New England to the duty and necessity of the hour." Jennings' *Memorials of a Century*, pp. 156-7.

Writing of the Battle of Bennington, Hollister says: "Quite a number of our townsmen were in this battle." Similar and stronger testimony can be had from the towns east and south of us; little Sunderland furnishing a company. Shall we continue to believe that while the settlers of other towns were fighting for their homes, those of Rupert fled to the shelter of Connecticut? I think not, for it is an error. The second part of his statement—that this town was in the possession of the British and tories for three or more years—is equally untenable. The Bennington victory was won August 16; the forts on Lake Champlain recovered September 18; Burgoyne's army captured October 17. Regarding the Champlain forts, I make this quotation from the *History of Pawlet*: "In September, 1777, five hundred men under Col. Brown were sent from Pawlet to attack Ticonderoga, Mount De-

fiance and Mount Hope. The work was accomplished by surprise, September 18, not losing a single man." Her-ric's famous regiment of Rangers were organized at Pawlet, this year, and a considerable time after had headquarters there. Strange they allowed the British and Tories to occupy Rupert. The Vermont State government went into operation March, 1778, the governor residing at Arlington; the State was not invaded again, Ira Allen's matchless diplomacy keeping the British in Canada and on the lake quiet; and yet Dr. Sheldon tells us British and Tories occupied Rupert until 1780. He mentions the burning of the grist-mill; but the time and circumstances are decidedly against his position. The time was 1778; the burning was by Tories, in revenge for having been driven from their homes. Reuben Noble owned the mill at this time. It was burned in the night. The women and children fled to the forests, expecting their houses to be burned, while the men, seizing their firearms, pursued the Tories, whom they overtook and severely chastised near what is now West Pawlet. Wm. Hopkins then resided near where the West Rupert railroad station stands. Mrs. Hopkins and children were among those who fled to the hills beyond, her husband being one of the pursuing party.

Thus we find in 1778, the Whigs in possession; the Tories maddened by defeat, retaliating, and being punished for their depredations by the victorious friends of American independence. In the cemetery near the residence of G. H. Richey, I find these inscriptions: "Wm. Hopkins died December 11, 1789, aged 36 years. Mary, wife of Wm. Hopkins, died May 10, 1834, aged 80." These were the grand parents of the late L. D. Hopkins. One other proof of continual occupation is furnished by the "Records of Marks on Cattle, Hogs and Sheep." This record begins with 1774 and ends with 1866. Of the year embraced within the period of the Revolution, all, save 1778, are represented. Wherever I mention "records," simply, I mean of the legal town or proprie-

tors' meetings. Our town was not *abandoned* in the trying years of conflict; much less was it in the continued possession of the British or their allies. In fact, it is doubtful if a British soldier entered the town. And if the facts could be known, I believe they would tell of residents of Rupert serving, with their brethren of other towns, in the patriot armies.

This warrant and the record of two meetings, which follow, as well as those presented earlier in this work, were copied from the original, by Dr. Sheldon, about 1828. In his return to the town, he declares them to have been correctly copied, so far as possible to read them. It seems strange, even for these times, that a warrant should be issued in April for a meeting in December. Dr. Sheldon suggests that Read, the clerk, was probably chosen on account of superior scholarship.

“ Rupert, April the 4th A. D. 1780.

Then the Proprietors of Rupert by the apintment of a Warrant as hear mentioned

Varmont

Whaire as aplycashion has ben mayd to me the subscriber by mour than a sixteenth part of the proprietors of the Tound ship of Rupert in the Countty of Beninton & Stat of Varmont to meat at the dweling house of Jonathan Eastman, inholder in sayd Town on the last Tuesday of December next:

1ly To chuse a Moderator

2ly To chuse a Clark

3ly Then and thaire to act on the following artickels, first to see if thay Will astablish thaire formour vots & proceedings Reletive to laying out land, as sum parts Records aire caryd of by the lat proprietors Clark a noted tory, Secondly to see if they will lay out a forth Devishon & to do any other bisnis Necessary to be dun att sayd meting.

TIMOTHY BROWNSON, a petishoner

This Warant Was in the publick Nuse paypers three Weeks going Attest DANIEL READ proprietors Clark.”

“At House of Jonathan Eastman Inholder Rupert at time and playse menshoned by Warant first mayd Choys of Nemiah Harmon mo^r 2 mayd Choys of Daniel Read Ca— this metting Is a jurnd to the first Tuesday of April next to the House of Jonathan Eastman.”

This meeting, according to the warrant, was held in December, 1780. The following one, it appears, in April, 1781.

“the Proprietors being met on sayd day and playse first have establisht the formour vots to stand good Whitch was those hundred acor loots should stand good.

2ly Chous a Comitty for that purpus Jonathan Eastman Phinehas Sheldon Nemiah Harmon Daniel Smith tahorn Noble Com

3ly and have votted to lay out fifty akors on each Wright in forth Devishon

4ly the proprietors votted that Daniel Read should lay out His fifty akors Round his house.

5ly votted that thay will be gin to lay out thaire land by the first of June next.

6ly this metting has confarmed to phinehas Sheldon that of land Whitch Oliver Scott gave to Jesse Graves being fifty akors

7ly thay votted that a metting shall be cauled by the Clark and five of the proprietors. Test DANIEL READ

Clark sworn.”

pry Clark

The two meetings last noted are the first I have been able to locate with certainty. Jonathan Eastman's Inn stood near the residence of Wm. Root, nearer to the road and a little to the south.

We now come to the close of the Revolutionary history of our town, scant and unsatisfactory as it is. I append a list of soldiers of the Revolution, sometime residents of this town; for if ever men deserved to be remembered, they deserve it. I am aware it is incomplete. The historian of Pawlet gave a list of seventy-three names; but he wrote thirty years ago and it was his fortune to know many of those men personally.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Daniel Warner, Isaac Clapp, Zadok Norton, Enoch Sherman, David Sheldon, Josiah Graves, Joel Taylor, Asa Kinne, Enoch Eastman, Ashbel Sykes, Jacob Sykes, Moses Sheldon, Jonathan Crandall, John Risdon, Oliver Scott, Elisha Lincoln, Josiah Wilson, Luke Noble, Jonathan Farrar, Samuel Gookins, William Gookins, John Weed. Some of these drew pensions and perhaps all. The last survivor, I think, was Enoch Sherman, who died March 30, 1849. He served under LaFayette and witnessed the execution of Maj. Andre. Luke Noble died in 1848; Isaac Clapp, same year; Joel Taylor, 1846; Asa Kinne, 1842; Zadock Norton, 1838; Jacob Sykes was the last survivor on the east side, but I have not the date of his death. A pity that a record of these old soldiers, their services and time and place of death was not preserved at a time when it might have been complete.

ORGANIZATION.

A TOWN HISTORY, without the time or place of the town's organization, is certainly lacking in an essential feature; but I find myself obliged to present just such a work. I am not passing the matter silently, as unworthy of notice; neither have I failed to make diligent search, but thus far unsuccessfully. From the town records not the slightest information is attainable; but from other sources I have gathered a little bearing upon it. In the Vermont Historical Magazine, p. 185, is an account of the convention held in Dorset, September 25, 1776. On this occasion Rupert was represented by Reuben Harmon and Amos Curtis; but whether as a town or "Propriety" is unknown. From Deming's Vermont Officers I obtained the two following items: That Moses Robinson was

the first Representative, March, 1778. This is the date when the State government went into operation. Robinson is not called *Town* Representative; and whether or not the Proprietors of unorganized towns were represented in the early legislatures I cannot say. The other item is that Enos Harmon was town clerk in 1780. This establishes the organization at that date, or earlier. These items from Deming are in harmony with the argument advanced that this town was neither abandoned or occupied by the enemy during three years of the Revolution. Records of the first marriage, birth and death are expected in a town history, but in this case not to be had.

From the Revolution to the War of 1812.

BREAK IN THE RECORDS.—From April, 1781, to March, 1789, our records are lacking; at the latter date they appear, and are henceforth continuous. As this break cannot be charged to the turmoil of war, much less to Cass, some other explanation is needed. One is that they were accidentally burned, but has little support and may be dismissed. Another of intentional burning is better supported and is probably true. The reason given for this act was the desire to prevent the Church of England from obtaining the land granted to it by the king. By destroying the records of location of the glebe the church would be unable to find it, and so much gain to the town. This is as I understand it, if at all. If any reader thinks this explanation unsatisfactory, will add, so do I. Possibly later more light may be thrown on the case.

TOWN MEETINGS.—The reader will understand it is impossible to say *when* the meetings of the proprietors ended or those of the town began. After examining the histories of other towns I think it reasonable to believe the former were continued several years after the latter were held. Not having the date of organization, cannot give that of the first town meeting. The first which the records show, March 9, 1789, follows, in part:

“ NOTIFICATION

This is to warn the votable inhabitants of the town of Rupert to meet at the dwelling House of James Moore on the second Monday in March next at nine o'clock in the morning.

- I To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting,
- II To choose a Town Clerk,
- III To choose all other Town officers,
- IIII To transact any other Business thought proper on that Day.

Rupert, Feb. the 25th
A. D. 1789.

SAMUEL LEAVITT }
MOSES ROBINSON } Selectmen.
ENOS HARMON }

March the 9th 1789.

According to warning the inhabitants of the Town of Rupert met.

- 1ly Made choice of David Sheldon esq Moderator
- 2ly Chose Enoch Eastman Town Clerk
- 3ly Chose Enoch Eastman

ENOS HARMON }
WILLIAM HOPKINS } Selectmen
MOSES ROBINSON }
PHINEAS SHELDON }

- 4ly Chose James Moore Treasurer
- 5ly Chose ASEPH SHELDON }
GROVE MOORE } Constables

- 6ly Chose JOSEPH LEAVITT }
SAMUEL LEAVITT } Listers."
ABEL HODGE }
ENOCH EASTMAN }
JOEL SHELDON }

The entire record of this meeting is too long for these pages, but among other matters I have selected the following:—

“ Chose SETH P. SHELDON	}	Tything men.
JAMES HOPKINS		
DANIEL WEED		
Chose ANDREW CLARK	}	Hog Howards.
WM. NORTON		
OLIVER EASTMAN		
THOMAS TOWSLEY		
JABESH MOORE		

Voted to raise a tax of one penny on the pound to be paid in Wheat at 4-6 per Bushel Rye at 3-6 and Corn at 3. To be paid in the fall next coming to defray Town charges.”

James Moore, at whose house this meeting was held, was the grandfather of the late Calvin Moore; and the premises are those now occupied by Albert Moore. With only a few exceptions, this continued to be the place of meeting until 1859. James Moore died in 1800 and his son, Seth, became proprietor; and so continued until 1852, when *his* son, Calvin, came into possession. From 1859 to 1872 the town meetings were held at various places; the basement room of the Congregational Church. Jenks' tavern, the Baptist Church and Wilder's store. In 1872 the meetings began to be held in the hall of the school house of Dist. No. 4, erected the year previous, and are now permanently located there; all school buildings becoming the property of the town, in 1898.

At the annual meeting, March 8, 1791, “ Voted that the Selectmen purchase a piece of land in the East Society for a Burying place and that they Draw an Order on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the same.”

This burying place I suppose to be what is now called North Rupert cemetery.

In 1794, during the second administration of Washington, a treaty was negotiated with Great Britain, known as the “ Jay treaty,” from our representative, Hon. John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States. While

the treaty was being considered by the Senate, in the summer of 1795, great excitement prevailed throughout the country, the opposition in some places taking the form of mob violence. Regarding this treaty our town is on record as follows: June 16th, 1795, A meeting was warned at the Meeting House in the west Society, "To see if the town will appoint members to sit in county Convention for the purpose of deliberating on the impending Treaty." This Meeting House, I suppose to have been the Congregational Church; and what the result of the meeting was we are not told.

THE WAR OF 1812-15.

I DO NOT FIND in the records proof of great interest in, or anxiety regarding, this contest. In the first months of the war, sufficient interest was manifested to warrant calling a meeting to consider the situation; but it appears to have soon subsided. A copy of this meeting's record, is here given:

"Warning. In consequence of the peculiar situation of public affairs at this time rendering defense necessary. The inhabitants of the town of Rupert are hereby warned to appear at the dwelling house of Seth Moore in said Rupert on the 22d day of September instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to attend to business in the following manner:

1ly To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2ly To see what appropriation the town will make for the purpose of purchasing arms for the use of said town.

3ly To transact any other Business found necessary on said day.

Given under our hand at Rupert this 8th day of September, A. D. 1812.

JOHN PARKER	} Selectmen.
ASEPH SHELDON	
SETH P. SHELDON	
ICHABOD BAKER	

The meeting was held according to warning, but after choosing David Sheldon moderator and Abel Harwood collector, voted to adjourn to the third Wednesday of Nov. next, but I find no further record of it.

The names of soldiers from this town, so far as I have been able to obtain them, are as follows: Richmond Danforth, Elisha Eastman, Samuel Farrar, Joseph Flower, Elisha Hopkins, James Hopkins, Seth Johnson, Alex. McArthur, James York Nelson, Luke Noble, Stephen Reed, James Sheldon, Seth P. Sheldon, Harry Sykes, Ira Weed, James Weed. I do not think this a complete list, and one name is in doubt. Seth P. Sheldon died in 1827; James Weed in 1839; Joseph Flower in 1847; Samuel Farrar in 1856; Ira Weed in 1867; James York Nelson in 1874; James Sheldon in 1876, being, I think, the last of the list. The last survivor of the war in town, was Capt. Hugh McCall, a native of Scotland and a resident of Rupert from about 1857, who died in 1879, aged 96. The date of his birth, as given on his tombstone is too late, by ten years. Capt. McCall received a pension the last two or three years of his life.

The Anti-Masonic Crusade.

THE ABDUCTION of William Morgan of Batavia, N. Y., in 1826, for revealing the secrets of the order, kindled a blaze that swept over the whole country, and our town had its full share of the excitement. There was no lodge in town at the time, but there were Freemasons who belonged to lodges in neighboring towns. An incident, adding greatly to the interest here, was as follows: Shedrick Harmon, of Corfu, near Batavia, was a Mason of high degree, an acquaintance of Morgan and believed to be cognizant of his disappearance. Mr. Harmon was a

native of this town, where he had many relatives. It will be readily understood how this would increase the local interest in the case. Judge Josiah Rising was a leading Anti-Mason in the town and country. In 1832, the Anti-Masonic forces of the county met in convention at Baltimore, and nominated William Wirt for President of the U. S. Judge Rising was a delegate to that convention. As to facts, Mr. Wirt had no possible chance for election, and the excitement gradually subsided throughout the country. Some thirty years after these events, a Masonic lodge was organized in town, which was removed to Pawlet about twelve years ago. The feeling born of the Morgan tragedy, is alive and aggressive, in town, to-day.

THE MEXICAN WAR.

THIS WAR, waged in the interest of slavery, at the command of the Southern oligarchy, received but little support here. One man started for the scene of conflict and went as far as New York.

The Anti-Slavery Cause.

THOUGH inclined to conservatism, the people of Rupert early advocated the cause of the oppressed, and as the years passed the friends of Abolition became more numerous. For a short time, that mania, called Know-Nothingism, distracted attention; but from its disappearance to the end, few communities were as largely Anti-slavery. The poor hunted fugitive, fleeing to Canada, that he might enjoy under a monarchy the liberty denied him under a republic, found shelter, food and sympathy

here, the infamous fugitive slave law, to the contrary, notwithstanding. Several of our citizens were familiar with the workings of the "Underground Railway."

THE CIVIL WAR.

FROM what has been written, it will readily be believed that this town supported heartily the war for the preservation of the Union, and the nobler, though less understood, purpose of freeing an enslaved race. I think less than a dozen voters were hostile to the policy of the administration, in its main features, though, naturally, there were sharp and angry criticisms as to management. The first public meeting to consider the state of the country, was held in the "Basement," I think in the month of February, 1861. It was largely attended. Rev. E. T. Wood was chairman. Remarks were made by Thos. S. Beebe, LaRoy G. Hay, Hiram S. Smith and Dea. Titus Sheldon. When the call for troops came, and often repeated, came town meetings, to comply with the demands of the government. These meetings, which were held very often, especially in 1862 and '63, sometimes two and three a week, were called "war meetings," and will be so remembered by the people of that period. The grove war meeting of July 31, 1862, deserves special notice. T. L. Sheldon was moderator; Henry Clark of Poultney, A. L. Miner of Manchester, and C. C. Dewey of Rutland addressed the meeting; remarks were made by Jonas Wilder and others. John V. Hall, of Bennington, afterward county clerk, was present as recruiting officer. The meeting voted a bounty of \$100.00 to each soldier. After the meeting, six men enlisted at T. S. Beebe's; were examined and accepted by Dr. J. H. Guild, as examining surgeon. These men were members of the 10th Vt. Infantry. Three died in the service and three are living.

The policy of our town was to secure enlistment by offering large bounties, rather than stand the draft; also to pay at the time, rather than to incur a debt.

The following named entered the service of the United States during this conflict, all residents of Rupert. The 4th Infantry—Byron Danforth, Marion Chaffee. The 5th Infantry—George W. King, John R. Wilkins. The 7th Infantry—George Brown, Chauncey Sheldon. The 10th Infantry—Daniel Barber, Chillian Lackey, George Lackey, John G. Wright, T. S. Bailey, Hugh Carr, B. C. Guildler, Jas. W. Jolly, C. M. Lincoln, W. H. Perkins, Dennis Rafter, Solon Shaw. The 11th Infantry—Clark Wright, James Wright. The 14th Infantry—Frank Jones, George Knights, Joseph Clark, George Derby, Charles Graham, Heman Harwood, Miner Kinne, William Kinne, Convis Parker, David Parker, S. M. Rising, A. P. Sheldon, Seth Sheldon, Horace Sykes, J. M. Moore. The 1st Cavalry—J. A. Sheldon, W. J. Clark, J. E. Hadaway, H. H. Hadaway, Stephen Chellis, Stephen Clapp, Palmer Clapp, Otis Derby, Philip Fitzgerald, Morgan Guildler, John Gookins, Thomas Hard, William Moncrief, Clark Nelson, D. E. Watrous, H. W. Watters, W. H. Woodard. In New York regiments—D. C. Beebe, Isaac Clapp, Byron Flower, George E. Shaw. The following are credited to Rupert, but I am in doubt as to their residence: Josiah Belding, John Tobin, Thomas Reynolds, Edwin Morey, William Richards, George W. Bennett, P. R. Randall, Alonzo Waters, John Belding, Seymour Brooks, Zimri Lathrop, Marquis Smith, William Belding, Thomas Burrows, William Colby, Theron Howe, Henry Lamb, Sam. Snell, John Morey. John G. Wright was killed at Monocacy; Byron Danforth, Chauncey Sheldon, Hugh Carr, Solon Shaw, Miner Kinne, John Gookins, Byron Flower, died of disease; Clark Wright in Andersonville, Palmer Clapp in Libby. On three occasions troops passed through here by rail for the seat of war: May 9, '61, the 1st Infantry; Dec. 14, '61, six companies of the cavalry; March 10, 1862, the 7th Infantry. On these occasions the people

gathered at the R. R. station to greet, cheer and God speed the departing troops. In the last months of the war, three events occurred to be remembered. The surrender of Lee and capture of Davis, were celebrated by bell and bonfire; the assassination of Lincoln caused a sorrow so deep and bitter, as only to be understood by those who experienced it. The following veterans of this war reside in town: J. E. Hadaway, H. H. Hadaway, Sam. Hurd, W. L. Crandall, of the 1st Cavalry; B. P. Wheeler, 2nd Infantry; Charles Roberts, 7th Infantry; C. M. Lincoln, Dennis Rafter, 10th Infantry; William Kinne, A. P. Sheldon, J. M. Moore, 14th Infantry; Henry Towsley, 1st Light Battery; Albert Hopkins, 123d N. Y. Infantry; Newton Clark, 4th U. S. Cav. All, I understand, are pensioners and members of Fuller Post, G. A. R., of Dorset.

SINCE THE WAR.

THE LAST THIRTY YEARS has been a period of growth through gradual changes. Societies, both fraternal and literary, have been prominent features. General education has advanced; the average of attainments is far above that time. *Then* the daily paper was little known; *now* it is indispensable. We shared in the fair fever which prevailed in this region, 1875-85. A fair was organized in 1877, holding yearly at West Rupert, until 1881, when it was abandoned, the contributing territory being too limited to sustain it. All means of communication have greatly improved during these years. We now have the telegraph and telephone; and our roads, owing to a new and better system of management, are better, year by year. At the present time, we are supporting the Spanish-American war, as a righteous use of the armed forces of the Republic, in abolishing the American Armenia, too long tolerated.

POLITICAL PARTIES.

WHILE the constitution of the United States was in formation, sharp differences of opinion arose, which were more clearly brought out in the conventions called in the States to consider its adoption. The advocates of the constitution, believing in a strong central government, were called Federalists. Adams and Hamilton were the recognized leaders of this party. Washington was above partizanship, but his tendencies were Federal. The opposition, called Republicans, Democrats and States' Rights men, believed in a limited central government, much power being reserved by the States. Jefferson was the recognized leader of the Democrat or Republican party, which at this time were one and the same. Our State government was administered by one party and then the other. During the war of 1812, the Federalists, who opposed the war, were mainly in control. It is difficult to ascertain, but from what I gather, it appears our town was usually Democratic-Republican, as against the Federal party. This party, as such, passed away before 1830, and for the next twenty-five years the contest was between Democrats and Whigs mainly. As between these parties Rupert was almost invariably Whig.

When the Republican party was formed, about 1855, this town took its place in that column, and so continues. I append a list of the votes cast at five memorable presidential elections: 1856, Fremont, 143; Buchanan, 7; 1860, Lincoln, 140; Breckinridge, 4; 1864, Lincoln, 156; McClellan, 8; 1868, Grant, 172; Seymour, 11; 1872, Grant, 138; Greeley, 24. Neither Greenbackism, Populism, Prohibitionism or Silverism have made any progress here, and to-day the town is as strongly Republican as indicated by the votes given.

EDUCATION.

IN COMMON with the settlers of other towns, those of Rupert early gave attention to schools. The lack of records makes it impossible to say at what date the first school was established. In 1796 a committee was chosen to divide the town into districts, lay out the bounds thereof, and report their doings to the town. That committee was as follows: Moses Porter, Grove Moore, Abel Hodge, Stephen Martindale, William Cooley. The report of this committee shows that districts were formed and numbered some years before this date. The committee divided the town into ten districts, numbering them from one up. Those up to and including No. 9, were substantially the same as those abolished when the town system came in. No. 10 was Clark Hollow. The school house stood on the right hand side, going up, near the line between Ozro Smith and Edward Young. About 1800 the 11th district was formed. The school house stood between the residence of the late Seymour Harwood and that of Joseph M. Harwood, at the left, going down the mountain. I herewith present a copy of the returns made to the town by the several district clerks, in the year 1803:

Districts.	Children of school age	Clerks.
No. 1,	93,	. Grove Moore.
“ 2,	72,	Stephen Eastman.
“ 3,	85,	. Josiah Rising.
“ 4,	60,	Samuel Hopkins.
“ 5,	66,	Seth P. Sheldon.
“ 6,	49,	. Eli S. Weede.
“ 7,	46,	William Bailey.
“ 8,	45,	. Seth Moore.
“ 9,	59,	. Orange Frary.
“ 10,	70,	. John Weede.
“ 11,	36,	Perez Harwood.
Total,	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 681.	

In 1898 the number was 182. The population of the town in 1800 was 1648. It rapidly decreased after 1810, and in 1826 No. 11 was abolished, being annexed to Nos. 1 and 8, from which it was taken. No. 10 was abolished about 1837, being mainly included in No. 9.

TEACHERS.—The teachers of the early days had little or no special training for their work, nor would their compensation warrant it. But I believe their work was much better than could be reasonably expected. It is fashionable to speak slightingly of the old-time country school, but I do not admire the fashion, remembering that out from it have gone forth men who have built States and guided the course of the nation. Here, as in other towns, a large proportion of the teachers were men, and it was an unusual thing, as late as 1860, for a woman to teach in the winter. Teachers were changed often, in fact, it was the rule rather than the exception, and few taught the same school two consecutive terms. Wages were low, a man receiving double the pay of a woman for no more or better work. School discipline was effective, but rather too much on the muscular plan, and not tending to develop self-control in the pupil.

SUPERVISION.—For many years there was nothing in this line worth mentioning; likewise, the examination of teachers was a mere form, and of no value. The Rev. R. A. Watkins, pastor of the Congregational Church, 1847–55, was the first Superintendent, who brought to this work real fitness and capacity for the position.

TERMS.—In the olden time the summer and winter terms, of from three to four months each, made the school year. The weeks were six days, then five and a half, or every other Saturday; and it was with reluctance that the district fathers saw Saturday finally dropped out. The old two-term a year custom remained too long, some districts retaining it until very recent date. Boarding the teacher around in the district was universal for three-quarters of a century. The village districts were first to

abandon this practice, about 1860. Others retained it until very recently.

SCHOOL HOUSES.—Of the first of these I have little knowledge; undoubtedly they were of logs, like the dwellings. In the general advance toward better dwellings the school house did not share, and is still far in the rear. At least three school houses of brick have been built in town, two at West Rupert and one at the "Street." The present building at West Rupert is designed for two departments, and was so used, the last occasion being the winter of 1888-9. Except the one at Rupert village, all school buildings are of one story only.

THE TOWN SYSTEM.—All schools and school property passed into the control of the town, April 1, 1893, when the districts ceased to exist. Two unsuccessful attempts to secure its adoption by the town had been made. From the beginning to the present time there has been a strong opposition to the new system; but I think a full vote would show a small majority in its favor. The town system went into operation with the following officers in charge: E. F. Haye, J. F. Sheldon, O. P. Black, Directors; Mrs. M. C. Beebe, Superintendent. Schools have been maintained in each school house, regularly, under the new system, with the exception of the fall of 1896, when No. 6 was consolidated with No. 5, and No. 8 with No. 4. The trial was unsatisfactory in several ways. The prevailing sentiment here is to maintain a school where pupils are found, whether in the village homes of West Rupert, or the farm homes of Kent Hollow. The school year is thirty-two weeks; spring and fall terms, ten weeks each; winter term, twelve weeks. Of the teachers employed, nearly one-half are residents of Rupert, and nearly all of this State. Under the present management school houses and outbuildings are being improved as fast as financial considerations will permit. The school officers are as follows: E. H. Beebe, W. C. Mason, Charles Phillips, Directors; Geo. S. Hibbard, Superintendent.

SOME FORMER TEACHERS.—The names are here presented of teachers, residents of this town, who taught in our schools, one year or more, within the last thirty odd years; substantially, since "The War."

Names of others, looked for here, will be found noticed elsewhere.

John W. Beebe of Kansas City; Edward F. Wood, Rutland; Lottie Wheeler (Mrs. Charles Walker), Hampton; Emma Wood (Mrs. N. Clark); Jennie Sherman; Celia Jenkins (Mrs. C. W. Ray, Jamaica), died in 1887; Jennie Flower, died in 1884; W. H. Smith, Vassar, Michigan; Emma Maynard (Mrs. G. H. Richey), died in 1884; Cordie Bibens (Mrs. A. Hilliard, Dickinson, N. D.), died 1891; Nellie Bibens (Mrs. S. Swank), Uniontown, Wash.; Nelia Moore; Lottie Baldrige; Addie Hibbard (Mrs. B. F. Lester, Hartford), died 1897; Kate Scott, Shushan; Laura Scott, Shushan; Libbie Whedon; Henrietta Barden; Charles I. Sheldon; Julia Harwood, died 1874; Jennie Walsh (Mrs. O. H. Danforth); Flora Danforth (Mrs. Horace Edie), Coila; Jennie McCall; Bell McCall; Oscar Tobin, Greenwich; Etta Cornish (Mrs. J. A. Hogle); Ella Clark (Mrs. Harry Ladd), Buffalo; Effie Moore (Mrs. F. H. Hawley), Troy; Maria Moore (Mrs. M. C. Beebe); Mrs. A. F. Smith, Manchester Center; Mrs. Charles Fellows, Mexico, N. Y.; Anna Leach, died 1891; Janie Leach; Libbie Hopkins (Mrs. George Shanon), Fort Edward; Julia Harmon; Mattie Morey (Mrs. G. W. Holmes) and George S. Hibbard.

PRIVATE OR SELECT SCHOOLS.—Before the common schools furnished what they now do, and academic schools being few, the educational want was largely supplied by means of what were popularly called "select schools." The first at the "Street," I have knowledge of, were taught by David S. Sheldon, son of Esq. David, in 1848. It was held first in the old brick school house, and next in the second story of the building known as the "Red Shop," now the tenant house of C. F. Sheldon. Upwards of twenty pupils attended, some from adjoining towns. Mr. Sheldon was

an eminent teacher, and those schools were a landmark in our educational history. About 1851, Rev. R. A. Watkins taught a school in Judge Burton's office building; but I do not know the number of pupils. In the fall of 1861, D. C. Beebe, now of Sparta, Wis., taught in the "basement" of the Congregational Church. The pupils numbered fifty-five, from four towns, and Miss Julia Beebe was an assistant teacher. In the fall of 1863, John N. Wiseman, now of Ohio, taught in the same room, having about forty pupils. In the fall of 1869, Miss Julia Harmon taught in the old brick school house, now the blacksmith shop, having about fifteen pupils. In the fall of 1878, Miss Mary Sheldon, now of Salem, taught in Schoolhouse Hall, having about twenty pupils. A writing school was taught in the old brick school house, in the winter of 1869-70, by Charles Graham, having about twenty pupils. I think the schools were held two evenings a week. At West Rupert, in the winter of 1837-8, S. S. Sherman, now of Chicago, then a student in Middlebury College, taught in a small house, then standing near the well of the present residence of E. Hawley, then of Sterling Sherman. A Mr. Spooner taught in the house now occupied by William Kinne, formerly the Misses Moncrief. The date is uncertain, but probably before 1840. Three terms of school were taught by Enoch Sherman, one in the Bates house, later L. D. Hopkins; and two in the present West Rupert cheese factory building, then Morehouse Sherman's, where a school room was fitted for his use. Mr. Sherman ranked high as a teacher. The time appears to have been between 1840-45. Charles White taught in the Brick Church, in the spring of 1847. Upwards of twenty pupils attended. In the winter of 1848-9, Rev. Alfred Harvey taught in the second story of the Boynton house, having about twenty pupils. A Mr. Porter taught in the Lucien Moncrief house, about 1858, having some ten or twelve pupils. In the fall of 1864, Thomas Tellier, now of Groton, Vt., taught in the main room of the district school house, having about twenty-

five pupils. Between 1875 and '77, Miss Fanny Sherman, now Mrs. Charles Drew, Meridian, N. Y., taught two terms of school, one at the residence of A. P. Sheldon (now Dr. Carpenter's); one, begun in Masonic Hall, and finished at the Spencer Hopkins house. Miss Grace Bradford of Dorset (died about 1892), taught in the small room of the school house, in the spring of 1878. In the fall of 1881, Harry L. Moore (died in 1888), taught in the same room, having about twenty pupils. A Mr. Phillips taught a writing school, sometime within the year 1849. Miss Mary Johnson of West Pawlet, taught a class in elocution, in 1894.

WEST RUPERT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.—Was chartered by the Legislature, Nov., 1865. No action having been taken, in Oct., 1872, the charter was extended two years. A school was opened January, 1873, Miss Lizzie Merrill of Massachusetts, teacher. The school was held, first in the house of Jonas Wilder, and afterward in Masonic Hall. School was maintained two years, with the same teacher, the pupils averaging about twenty.

At East Rupert a select school was taught, about 1858, by Stephen Clemons of Wells. It was held in the store building, now occupied by Brazil Ladd. The following list of the pupils was furnished me by William Kinne: Emory Clemons, George Phelps, Eliza Phelps, John Eastman, Charlotte Eastman, Harlow Underhill, Delia Underhill, George Derby, Otis Derby, Anice Jones, Heman Harwood, Mary Danforth, Miner Kinne, William Kinne.

INSTITUTIONS PATRONIZED.—Previous to 1850, about 25 natives of Rupert had taken the full college course. Of the thirteen known to me by name, all but two were graduates of Middlebury, which was *the* college, for Rupert young men, in those years. College graduates have been few since the date named. I recall only seven, none of whom attended Middlebury. Of academic schools, in the earlier period, Burr Seminary took the lead, with some attendance at the Poultney and Castleton Academies; and

later, Fort Edward Institute and North Granville Female Seminary. Though collegiate pupils have greatly diminished, academics have equally increased. In the later years, Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, has taken the lead, followed closely by Castleton State Normal. Others receiving moderate patronage, are Washington Academy, Salem; Vermont Academy, Saxtons River; and Granville Graded School. A few have attended Normal schools in New York. A Town High School, would meet the requirements of many who leave town to continue their studies. Though perhaps among the possibilities of the near future, it is not probable. A comparison between the school census of 1803 and of 1898, may be interesting. In 1803, the children of school age were 41 per cent of the entire population. In 1898, they were 21 per cent. As to teachers: About 80 per cent are females, and they are not often discriminated against, as to wages, on account of sex. As to the schools: When the indifference and opposition of parents, gives place to interest in and support of, they will become much better.

CHURCH HISTORY.

The early settlers of Vermont were a religious people, and those of Rupert were no exception to the rule. In communities where the people were of one faith, or nearly so, there was a union of Church and State rarely equalled and never exceeded. Churches were built, ministers' salaries were paid, by a town tax, regularly voted like other taxes. There are numerous records of the freemen, in town meeting assembled, electing tithing men and choristers. For lack of records, it is impossible to know what we, as a town, did for the support of worship. Doubtless it was similar to other towns where the people

were mainly of one sect. In this town it was the Congregational, and early, I cannot say how early, the town was divided into two societies, the East and West. It is reasonable to believe this was done in a town or proprietors' meeting. So far as I am aware, no church was ever organized in the East society, but in the West there was, at an early day. The terms East and West society, now long obsolete, were in use so late as 1820. Even to this day the effect of that early custom can be seen in the habit of our townsmen of the "East side" calling all the town *this side* "West Rupert."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THIS was the first, and for seventeen years the only church in town. It was organized in the "West society," June, 6, 1786, with seven members. Rev. Increase Graves, brother of Dr. Graves, was the first pastor, and as such was entitled to come into possession of the lot of land granted to the first settled minister. He remained here till 1793, removed to Bridport, where he died about 1830. From 1793 to '98 the church was without a regular pastor; 1798 to 1813, Rev. John B. Preston. Mr. Preston was a native of New Jersey, a college graduate and occupies a high position in the annals of this church. His pastorate was ended by his death, at the age of forty-two. Rev. Martin Powell, for two years, apparently 1813-15. I find nothing as to his former work, stay here or subsequent career. There appears to have been a vacancy for the next five years 1815-20. Rev. Daniel Marsh, 1820-24; Rev. Mr. Cofrin, 1824-26; Rev. David Wilson, 1826-46. This is the longest term in the history of the church. Mr. Wilson was born in Hebron, N. Y., graduated at Middlebury College; preached some years in his native town before coming to Rupert, and also after leaving here. His twenty years pastorate was closed at his request. Mr. Wilson died in Hebron about 1870. During the year 1846, Rev. Mr. Graves was the preacher, coming here from the northern part of the State, and departing for the

“west.” Rev. R. A. Watkins was the next occupant, remaining about eight years. He was a highly educated man, especially in mathematics, and greatly interested in the public schools. He was active and energetic, be the work mental or manual. Mr. Asher Loveland told me the following: Mr. Watkins said:—“Put a five dollar bill at the end of a five-cord pile of wood and John Bailey at the other; let me file the saws for him, and John will have that bill before sunset.” Mr. Watkins came here from Randolph; he went from here to Chicago, where his son Langdon resided; from there to Turner, Ill., where he purchased a farm, and resided until his death, about 1868. His daughter Libbie returned to Vermont, and died in Rutland about 1882. He was the first clergyman I can recollect, though indistinctly. The Rev. Alanson Alvord came next, remaining two years. I think he went to some western state from here. His daughter Frances was the “Fanny” of early school days. 1857–69, the Rev. Josiah B. Clark. Mr. Clark was born in Stratham, N. H., about 1807. He had preached in New Hampshire, Vermont and Ohio, coming here from Clarendon. His son Waldo was a member of the 1st Vermont Cavalry during the Civil War, and has been for many years in the mining regions of the Rockies. His daughter Mary married Dr. H. G. Burton, and resides in California. His younger children, Charles and Martha, were born here. Mr. Clark was a strong supporter of the War of Emancipation. He was strongly opposed to Freemasonry and spoke publicly against it. He went from here to Pittsfield, where Mrs. Clark died in 1870. In that year he married Mrs. Delight Haye of this town. He afterward preached at Weathersfield and Ludlow. About 1886 he went to Dedham, Mass., to reside with his step-son Marcus Haye, where he died in 1896. During the year following Mr. Clark’s departure there was no regular preacher. 1870–72, the Rev. Joseph Garland. Mr. Garland was about sixty years old; supposed to be a native of New Hampshire and a graduate of Bowdoin College, and to have had pastorates in several

States. After leaving here he preached at Marlboro, Waterville and other places. A few years ago was living in New Hampshire. 1873-4, the Rev. Daniel Goodhue. A few years ago he was living in Winooski. 1874-83, the Rev. A. B. Lambert. Came here from Hartford, N. Y., and had previously preached in the Presbyterian Church, Salem. He was about sixty-five years of age, of wide experience and information. The family were important social and intellectual factors during their sojourn here. This was Mr. Lambert's last pastorate. He removed to Salem in 1884, and resided there until his death in 1893. 1883-4, the Rev. J. Loring Pratt, from Maine. His family remained at home and Mr. Pratt boarded at T. S. Beebe's. A scholar and gentleman, his work here, at a critical period in the church's history, was well done. He returned to his home at Strong, Me., where he died in 1891, aged fifty-seven. 1884-87, the Rev. Bernard Copping. Born in England, coming to this country in 1876, came to Rupert from Dunstable, Mass. Went from here to Groveland, Mass., and now at Acton. 1887-89, the Rev. Chas. Perry, coming from Randolph, now in Massachusetts. 1890-93, the Rev. J. D. Adam; a native of Scotland; unmarried and boarded at Miss Beebe's. From here to Manchester, thence to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is now pastor of a Reformed Church. From 1893 the Rev. Wm. Ewen, a native of Scotland, graduate of the University of Aberdeen; to the United States in 1890; to Rupert from South Woodbury.

Among those who have served as deacons of this church, I have learned the names of Samuel Leavitt, James Fisher, Samuel Farrar, Stephen Smith, Seth P. Sheldon and Levi Johnson, father of Austin Johnson, Titus Sheldon, Rufus Harmon and T. J. Prescott, of a later date. Deacon Prescott was a type of the good old New England deacon of story and tradition, a class now nearly extinct. His quiet humor, hearty laugh and unfailing good nature will long be remembered by our people. He was spoken of simply as "the Deacon," and all knew who

was meant. Born in Mt. Holly, he came here in early manhood, and resided here until his death, in 1886, at the age of seventy-nine. Present deacons: J. E. Austin and Wm. H. Kinne. Austin Johnson organized and managed the Sunday school of the church about 1830. He was the author of a book entitled "The New World," in which his religious views were promulgated. It was published by Alling, Seymour & Co., Rochester, N. Y., 1849. Present Sunday School Superintendent, Geo. R. Thompson; Organist, Mrs. E. F. Haye; Chorister, J. N. Whedon. Erastus Bixby was Sexton for ten or more years; Geo. Sheldon, son of Dr. Sheldon, a short time, followed by William Scott for upwards of forty years.

I am unable to say when the first church edifice was erected, but in 1831 it was generally repaired and added to, the improvements being a porch, gallery and steeple with bell. While the steeple was in process of construction, the first or lower story being completed, Lyman Woodard, an eccentric character, exhibited his agility by standing on his head on the floor of it. In 1859 the church edifice was again remodeled, the interior being entirely transformed. A room was made, called "the basement," entered on the west side by steps leading downward from the surface. Above, the audience room, reached from the street by outside stairs, leading upward. This is substantially the present arrangement. "The basement" deserves a special notice by reason of its prominence in the town's history. Before it was built there was nothing in town approaching a public hall, with the possible exception of the hall of the Jenks hotel, East Rupert. Consequently it immediately became the business and social center of the town. Here were held the public examinations of those who aspired to be teachers, which for years brought together a large and interested audience. Here lyceums were held, and the walls have resounded with the eloquence of Beebe, Cheney, Tellier, Nelson, Flower and Farrar. Here singing schools were held, of Butten. Jones, Crowinshield and others. Here the musical convention of

Woodard-Bridgman was *not* held. Here were held select schools, whose members are now scattered from ocean to ocean. Here were held law-suits, donations, lectures, shows, exhibitions, elections and rainy-day picnics. And here were held—more important than all others—the “war meetings” during the trying days of 1861–65. No other place in town has such a flood of associations and memories as the now old-time “basement.” It gradually fell into disuse after 1871, being superseded by the new schoolhouse hall. In 1888 it was remodeled throughout to meet the religious and household needs of the church and society. The rear end of the basement, about one-half, is now embraced in the church parlor, a beautiful and convenient room. The lot of land occupied by the church edifice and sheds was conveyed to the society by Judge David Sheldon.

The parsonage farm of the society was conveyed to it by John Gray of Salem, January, 1817. I am not aware where the pastors had dwelt before this purchase. This parsonage farm continued to be occupied as such until 1883, Rev. Lambert being the last occupant. It was sold by the society to William Shaw. It is now the property of David Carver, and occupied by a tenant. The present parsonage, standing just below the residence of the late T. S. Beebe, was built in 1884. E. H. Beebe was the master builder. The first occupant was Rev. Copping. The present clerk of the church is E. F. Hays; of the society, Dr. W. H. Austin. Church membership, about 65. This church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary, June 9th, 1886, during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Copping, who preached the centennial sermon. Other clergymen present were Revs. Pratt of Dorset, Jennings of Bennington, Peach of Pawlet, Lambert of Salem and Grismer of Rupert.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

LOCATED at West Rupert, and organized May, 1803, by a council composed of Elders Warren of Salem, Beal of Pawlet, Barber of Bottskill, Haynes of Middletown and Kendrick of Poultney. Rev. Alvin Wales was the first pastor, remaining until 1809. The next four years without a regular pastor. In 1813-25, Rev. W. P. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds, going from here, became pastor of the Manchester Church. Later he resided in Pawlet. He joined the Disciples, and again resided in Manchester, preaching for a church of that faith, which existed in town about fifteen years. In the Kent Hollow burying-ground are graves of two infant daughters of Elder Peter W. and Emma Reynolds, who died in 1819. In 1825-30 no regular pastor. In 1830-34, Rev. Archibald Wait. This was a prosperous period in the history of the church and substantially the last of the kind. In 1836 the religious movement, headed by Alexander Campbell, reached this town. As a result, about one-half the members and a large proportion of the wealth of the church withdrew and joined the new organization. From this time, though there were occasional rallies, the church gradually became weaker and weaker, until the end. In 1841-43, Rev. William Grant. In 1844-47 Rev. George W. Freeman. Removed to Ft. Edward. In 1847-9, Rev. Alfred Harvey. Removed to Westerlo, N. Y. In 1848 this church joined the Shaftsbury Association. It had been connected with the Vermont till 1818, then with the newly formed Manchester till that was dissolved, in 1830; next joined the Washington, same year. In 1835 the Washington and Bottskill were merged into the Washington Union, and from the latter it went to the Shaftsbury. In 1849-50, Rev. Nelson Combs. In June, 1849, the Shaftsbury Association met with this church, being its sixty-ninth anniversary. Rev. Isaiah Mattison, was moderator; Rev. J. A. Smith, clerk. Mr. Combs removed to Saratoga Co. in 1850, and Rev. Daniel Eldridge supplied the last half

of the year. In 1852 Rev. Chas. Coon began preaching for this church, but I am unable to say how long he remained. He was succeeded by Rev. R. W. Hancock, who remained about five years, removing to New York State. In 1858-61, Rev. E. W. Brownell, who went from here to North Hebron. In 1862-64, Rev. L. B. Ames. W. L. Hayden was now pastor of the Disciples' Church, whose organization has been noted. Mr. Hayden's theology was of an aggressive nature; and since 1837 this church had been aggressive, the Baptist defensive. Mr. Ames was bitterly opposed to the teachings of the Disciples. Mr. Hayden undertook to convince him of his errors, as he considered them, by investigations, begun in July, 1863. It was now "War Time," the midst of the great conflict between freedom and slavery. More soldiers being needed than were furnished by enlistment, a draft was ordered in August. Among those drawn and accepted was Rev. Mr. Ames. The conditions were: go, furnish a substitute or pay \$300.00. Mr. Ames being unable to furnish this amount, members of this church contributed it. In March, 1864, Mr. Ames gave public notice of his change of belief and resigning his pastorate, was received into the Disciples' Church in April. Since that time he has continued in that ministry, and in 1887 was thus employed at Des Moines, Iowa. In 1864-68, Rev. J. H. Barker. Mr. Barker was in advanced life and this was his last active pastorate. He had been pastor of churches in St. Lawrence and Washington counties, N. Y. He went from here to Adamsville, N. Y., where he died in 1872. In 1877-81, Rev. David Beecher. Mr. Beecher was in advanced life, and this was his last pastorate. He had preached at North Hebron and West Pawlet, coming here from the latter place. He returned to West Pawlet, where he died in 1884. His daughter Esther married B. H. Bibens of West Rupert, and died in 1886. Rev. C. C. Cook was the last resident preacher, coming here in 1882. He was a native of Massachusetts, and only two years in the ministry. In September, 1888, a council composed of Revs. Gull of

Greenwich, Gardner of Cambridge, Johnson of Granville, Gookin of West Pawlet and Chick of North Hebron, met at the church for the purpose of ordaining him to the ministry and the pastorate of the church; but declined to do so on account of his unsound theology, especially regarding baptism. Mr. Cook left town in March, 1884. He joined the Congregationalists and became pastor of a church at Port Mills, Vt. Thus after eighty years of precarious existence, this church ceased to exist as an active body. The following, and perhaps others, have served as deacons: Asa Nurse, Daniel Waldo, R. Flower, Wm. Scott, E. Phillips, David Thompson, E. B. Safford, Osman Sherman, F. O. Farrar. I am unable to say when the church edifice was erected; it was remodeled in 1838. The church parsonage is the house now occupied by Elwin Vail. I think Rev. Mr. Brownell was the first to occupy it, about 1859. Previously the pastors had lived in different houses in or near the village.

THE DISCIPLES' CHURCH.

THE beginning of this church has been alluded to in the sketch of the Baptist Church, being in the same village and on the same street. "The Disciples of Christ, meeting weekly in Rupert, were organized on Lord's Day, the 24th of December, 1837. Having received the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as revelations from God, and as the only sure guide in religious matters, and the New Testament of Jesus Christ as containing the Christian religion, did mutually agree to be governed by its precepts as it was given by the Apostles, without addition or diminution. And thus giving themselves to the Lord and to one another, made choice of Charles J. White, the first Bishop of the congregation, to preside at their meetings and to teach in word and doctrine and administer ordinances, and Isaac Sheldon, Deacon, who were both ordained by prayer and laying on of hands. Elder W. P. Reynolds present by request." From Semi-Centennial

History Of The Disciples Of Christ. West Rupert, Vt. By W. L. Hayden. The original members were as follows: Charles J. White, Catharine White, Isaac Sheldon, Rebecca Sheldon, Roswell Flower, Sr., Clarissa Flower, Jesse Shaw, Ruth Shaw, Jonathan Hastings, Roswell Flower, Jr., Emily F. Sherman and Mrs. Binger. In the month of February, 1838, the following were added: Grandison Sherman, Joseph Flower, James Sheldon, Warner Hopkins, Timothy S. Flower, Betsy Weed, Isaac Sherman, and Eliza Wooster Lewis. And later, during this year: S. M. Sherman, Julia Sherman, Thomas K. Beebe, Rufus Conant, Gardner Rogers and Emeline B. Wilson. During the first twenty years the church was largely ministered to by Bishops of the congregation. In some other denominations they would be called local preachers. In this list belong Charles J. White, Grandison Sherman, James T. Bates, Thomas Laing, and E. T. Wood. Dr. C. J. White was born in Waterford, N. Y., in 1803, graduated at the Castleton Medical College at the age of twenty-two, and entered upon the practice of medicine at Hebron, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1869. He was a capable and successful physician. He was reared in the belief of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was prominent, holding an official position when the preaching of Alexander Campbell turned his religious thoughts into a new channel. He was the prime mover in the founding of this church. Dr. White was of manly form and dignified bearing, possessing great ability in certain directions. Grandison Sherman was born in Sandgate, where he pursued the avocation of a farmer until 1859, when he removed to the town of Salem. His sons, Marcus and Rollin, were in the Union army, Marcus dying in the service. His daughter Anna married Rev. W. L. Hayden. Mr. Sherman was a man of singularly quiet and gentle manners. His wife, Emily Flower, was a sister of Mrs. James Sheldon. He continued to reside in Salem until his removal to Danbury, Ct., in 1869. He died in Washington, Pa., in 1885. James T. Bates was born

in England about 1788, coming to this country when a child. His father settled in that section of Pawlet called Rush Hollow. Mr. Bates was engaged in mercantile pursuits all of his active life, having at different times stores at both the upper and lower streets. The latter years of his life were as a traveling merchant or peddler. He was an earnest, almost eccentric personality, and not readily forgotten. He owned the house (now the residence of Mrs. Ann Hopkins) which was the second place of meeting of this church. Mr. Bates was unmarried and died at the home of William Stearns, in 1872. Thomas Laing was a resident of Hebron, where he was a prosperous farmer for many years. He held a position in the church at West Pawlet, like the one in this church. He died in 1882, aged 74. E. T. Wood was born in Salem, Mass., in 1815. Settled in Troy in early manhood and became a member of the first Disciples' Church in that city. Removed to Pawlet, and was the preacher of the Disciples worshipping there. He came to reside in Rupert in 1857, which was his residence until his death in 1893. He preached at various times and occasions in many of the churches of eastern New York. He was a man of fervent convictions and most exemplary life. Of those, other than the local speakers just described, who ministered to this church previous to 1860, I find the following: Benjamin Howard, A. Thomas, Charles Levan, Josiah I. Lowell, Myron J. Streator, and W. W. Clayton. Mr. Clayton was an able speaker; was prominent in the town lyceums and served as Superintendent of Schools. He afterward renounced Christianity. He was known a few years ago as the author of a history of Iowa. 1856-60 was the period of his pastorate. 1861-67, W. L. Hayden, a native of Ohio, and graduate of Williams College; an able and fluent speaker. Married Anna, daughter of Grandison Sherman; to Danbury, Ct., from here; later to Washington, Pa. Next, J. H. Gordnier who remained nearly three years, leaving on account of sickness. Was Superintendent of Schools. Living and in

the ministry. Levi Osborne, the winter of 70-71. 1871-74, B. H. Hayden, a cousin of W. L. Mr. Hayden has traveled in Europe and Asia; held pastorates in several places, notably Worcester, Mass. Now in Chicago. Of late a public lecturer. 1874-78, George Lobinzier. One of, perhaps the ablest pastor in the history of the church. A lawyer, his calm, lucid reasoning was in marked contrast with much that comes from the pulpit. Mr. Lobinzier went from here to Nebraska, where he now resides. Next, J. N. Wilson, from Michigan, two years; W. W. Witmer, from Indiana, two years; J. W. Robbins, one year; W. W. Witmer, two years; S. Mott, one year; E. D. Barclay, one year; G. F. Smart, two years; W. R. Motley, two years; W. H. C. Newington, three years. Mr. Newington served as School Director and Superintendent. T. C. Picton from Pennsylvania, is the present pastor. Those who have served as elders, not heretofore mentioned: Elisha Hawley, Lyman Farrar, Elijah Hibbard, Elihu Flower. The first place of meeting was the old brick school house; next the old white house owned by James T. Bates, which, remodled, was afterward the residence of L. D. Hopkins. The Brick house, the only home this church ever had, was erected in 1841 by a society composed of members and friendly outsiders. This dual ownership was the cause of contention, which came near wrecking the church, and was not finally disposed of until 1860. In that year the church edifice was modernized and fitted up, substantially as at present. It was reopened on the church anniversary, Dec. 24, the dedicatory sermon being preached by a Mr. Anderson. The present membership is about 200. Roswell Flower, the last of the original members, died at his home in Humboldt Co., Iowa, May 19, 1898, aged 89. James A. Garfield, while a student in Williams College, preached several times for this church, about 1855. The first parsonage was about 1855, being the house now the residence of Henry H. Hadaway. The present parsonage stands one lot nearer the church, and was erected in 1885.

THE M. E. CHURCH.

THIS church was organized in May, 1883. It was composed of a few of this faith who had previously associated with the other churches; seceders from these churches, and others not connected with any denomination. Rev. T. W. Harwood, 1883-86, was the first pastor. Mr. Harwood was born in England; he now resides at Round Lake. His son Carroll, then a member of his family, is now a clergyman of this church. In 1886-89, Rev. C. V. Grismer, an eloquent speaker, now pastor of the M. E. Church, Glens Falls. His son Joseph died here as the result of an accident. In 1889-91, Rev. W. H. Groat. Mr. Groat is now stationed at Gloversville. While residing here, his daughter, Mirian, was a teacher in the Granville Graded School. In 1891-96, Rev. Romaine Campbell. Highly popular with all classes. Mr. Campbell is now stationed at Pittsford. In 1896-98, Rev. W. P. Rulison. Now stationed at Brandon. In 1898, Rev. Thomas Rogers. A native of P. E. I. Graduate of Mt. Ellison College, Sackville, N. B., resident of Bermuda five years; here from Vergennes. The first stewards of this church were J. H. Guild, A. E. Burton, M. F. Roberts, H. W. Stoddard and James McDonald. Present ones: A. E. Burton, M. F. Roberts, M. B. Roberts, C. W. Hogle, W. C. Mason, Erastus Roberts, W. L. Crandall; Chorister, W. C. Mason; Supt. Sunday School, M. F. Roberts; Organist, Mrs. H. C. Guild. The church edifice was erected in 1884, being dedicated Nov. 26, of that year. The dedicatory sermon was by Rev. Merritt Hurlburd of N. Y. Previous to this, until Sept., 1884, the services had been held in school house hall. The church edifice stands where formerly stood the residence of Dr. Henry Sheldon. It is the most costly and beautiful building in town. Heated by steam and lighted by gas made on the premises. It contains a pipe organ, which, it is hardly necessary to say, is the only one in town; a bell weighing 1600 lbs., and a clock, a great con-

venience to the community. The seats are free. The expense was almost entirely defrayed by Dr. J. H. Guild. The parsonage stands on the same lot, between the church and the former residence of Jackson Farrar, now M. B. Roberts. In the construction of these buildings, R. H. Conant, now of Ridgefield, Ill., was the master builder. First Sexton, Charles Lackey; present, R. S. Mason. Membership, about 90. This church belongs to the Burlington district of the Troy Conference.

SOCIETIES.

OF SOCIETIES, fraternal or otherwise, our town has had its proportion. As in other towns, a difference of opinion has existed regarding secret orders, especially Freemasonry, but rather less violent now than formerly.

I. O. O. F.

Indian River Lodge, No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was instituted in 1848, being the first chartered by the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Among the original members were J. G. Burton, T. L. Sheldon, Geo. Hopkins and L. D. Hopkins. The first place of meeting was in West Rupert, in the house now the residence of Chauncey Hay, in the chamber of which a lodge room was fitted. This was the meeting place for ten years or more; then for about the same period the lodge had no abiding place. In 1869-70 a convenient lodge room was fitted and furnished in the railroad station house and regularly occupied until 1880, when, upon the remodeling of the building, the order was excluded. For a time they met in Sheldon's Hall, West Rupert, then in School Hall, Rupert Street, and again in Sheldon's Hall. The lodge now meets regularly in Grange Hall, Rupert Street. A. E. Burton, Noble Grand; Chas. Trumbull, Secretary.

KNOW NOTHING.

A lodge of this order was formed about 1854, meeting in Odd Fellows' lodge room, West Rupert. Like all others of its kind, it soon dissolved.

F. AND A. M.

Morning Flower Lodge, No. 71, at West Rupert, January 11, 1866. Charter members as follows: E. S. Baldrige, T. L. Sheldon, S. H. Rising, Nathan Wilson, Wm. A. Stearns, Jonas Wilder, R. G. Monroe, Geo. Hopkins, Leonard Johnson, J. H. Guild, A. M. Stockwell, A. G. Oatly. Masonic Hall dedicated December, 1868. Lodge removed to Pawlet, January, 1885. Masters while in Rupert: J. Wilder, H. N. Bradley, S. H. Rising, T. L. Sheldon, A. K. Kinne, G. H. Richey, E. H. Beebe, A. P. Sheldon. First place of meeting, Hopkins' house, now C. Hay's.

I. O. OF G. T.

Rupert Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was instituted in April, 1870, meeting in Odd Fellows lodge room, railroad building. The membership rapidly increased, and for a year or more it was quite popular as a social center. But internal dissensions, added to the natural weakness of the organization, soon produced decay and death, the last meeting being in November, 1872.

W. C. T. U.

A town organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was formed in 1890, with Miss Lottie Baldrige, President, and Mrs. E. B. Safford, Secretary. Present officers: Mrs. J. M. Harwood, President; Hattie Harwood, Secretary. Membership about twenty-five. The society has no regular place for meetings, the dates of which are the first Wednesday of each month, usually at homes of members.

P. OF H.

Mt. Anthony Grange, No. 230, Patrons of Husbandry, was instituted. February, 1890, by State Master Alpha Messer, with 22 members. T. D. Smith was the first Master; E. F. Hays, Secretary; Bell McCall, Lecturer. Schoolhouse Hall was the first meeting place of the grange and continued to be until October, 1892. In December, 1891, a building was begun for the use of the order just below the old brick school house, now the blacksmith shop. E. F. Hays was the designer and master builder. A handsome and convenient hall was fitted and furnished in the second story of this building. It was first used in October, as mentioned, and formally dedicated in the following January. On that occasion Dorset grange was present, and the State Master presided. This grange has a present membership of about ninety. Its regular meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Present officers: G. W. Holmes, Master; Burr Harwood, Secretary; Mrs. G. W. Holmes, Lecturer.

LITERARY.

OUR PEOPLE have not been prominent in this line. Such as has been done will be noticed under that head. Some organizations in this direction will be mentioned. The Rupert Reading Circle was formed in 1867. Select readings, followed by questions and comments constituted the usual program, meetings being held in the homes of the members. It lasted less than two years, its membership being mainly students and teachers. Of its twenty members, one is in Boston, three in Troy, one in Georgia, two in Missouri, four in California and two have passed "over the river." This, so far as I know, was the first organization of the kind, and prepared the way for others.

The Rupert Literary Association was organized in 1871, composed of members from both the upper and lower streets. In addition to the usual exercises of its regular meetings, the society aimed to establish a library, and made a fair beginning in that direction. About 1874, the "up-town" members having gradually "dropped out," the entire control passed into the hands of the West Rupert members, where meetings were held until about 1877. The library was located at E. B. Safford's, where it still remains. It has proved a useful institution and been well patronized. The Young People's Christian Association was organized in 1874, the meetings being held in the Congregational Church. The Lambert family were prime movers and managers in this association, and some excellent programs were rendered; music, select readings, debates, a society paper and lectures by out-of-town talent. These meetings were continued, from first to last, about two years, and their influence on the community was beneficial. The Rupert Literary Union was organized in 1879, being composed entirely of residents of Rupert Street and vicinity. Like the "Circle" and Literary Association, its meetings were held at the homes of members, and, like the latter, it sought to establish a library. About 100 volumes were procured and located at C. F. Sheldon's. They have been patronized to some extent, especially by the youthful class. The meetings of the Union were sustained rather more than two years, when it went the way of its predecessors. Though none had the vitality necessary for a continued existence, they all served the purpose of keeping alive the literary spirit and were not in vain. On a different line, but equally useful, was the Farmers' Club of District No. 8, which flourished from 1881 to '83. Its meetings were held at the various residences, and were both pleasant and instructive.

LYCEUMS.

THIS TOWN shared in the New England lyceum or debating school of former years, now, unfortunately, fallen into disuse. In not only the villages and hamlets, but in the outlying school houses as well, the people gathered to discuss, in homely but earnest manner, the questions of the day. And they were benefitted by the doing. I recall my first lyceum attendance, at West Rupert, in the brick church, I think. The subject of discussion (taking a boy's recollection and restating it in the language of a man) was as to the comparative influence of education and wealth. The disputants were D. C. Beebe, now of Sparta, Wis., E. S. Fonda, now of Osage, Iowa, Thomas Tellier, now of Groton, Vt., and W. W. Clayton, then pastor of the Disciples' Church, present location unknown. Tellier and Fonda for education, Clayton and Beebe for wealth. I do not know who won, but I know father had to awaken me at the time for departure. I was about nine years of age at the time. At this period of our history there was never a winter with less than two lyceums in town, and often three. Recent attempts to revive the lyceum have not been successful. The latest was at School House Hall, in 1882, but it was soon abandoned. Though the lyceum has passed away, the need of it still remains.

MUSICAL.

THE inhabitants of Rupert have been fully up to the average in the love and practice of music. Singing schools were the favorite in the years beginning the last half of the century, even rivalling the lyceum. The first singing teacher I can remember was S. P. Cheney, of Dorset, who was well and widely known in this field. He taught school

at West Rupert as late as 1882. His son, John V. Cheney, now well known in the world of letters, taught the Prescott school, this town, in the winter of 1866-7. The first teacher whose school I attended was James M. North. He was to our people, the ideal teacher and is held in pleasant remembrance to this day. Some years after leaving here Mr. North wrote a friend in town, saying, "Formerly I was singing to live, now I am living to sing." Happy condition, which only a few reach. Other singing teachers were Dr. Button of Manchester, in war time; one Jones, one Crowinshields, and J. N. Whedon of this town; and several winters R. J. Humphrey of Poultney. Singing conventions have been held by several parties, notably, two by the Leslie company, A. P. Wilkins, manager, in the winter of 1884-5. Of old-time singing masters, the following have been named to me: Seth Sheldon, Seth P. Sheldon, Titus Sheldon.

Hollister says Seth P. Sheldon taught in Pawlet as early as 1782. Born in 1762. Of melodeons, organs and pianos in town, there are a large number, probably 100. The first piano in town was owned by Miss Ann, daughter of Esq. David Sheldon; time, about 1830. Melodeons are no longer purchased; organs hold their own fairly well, though upright pianos are the favorite. Of music teachers in the last thirty years, resident of this and adjoining towns, I recall: Prof. C. W. Townsend of Salem, now Cambridge; Ann Eliza Smith, now Troy; Mary Clark, now Mrs. H. G. Burton, San Diego, Cal.; Libbie Austin, now Mrs. G. R. Thompson; Maria Moore, now Mrs. Titus Coan, Albion, N. Y.; Jennie Sheldon, now Mrs. E. F. Haye; Laura Sherman; Franc Hawley; Lillian Barden (died in 1894); Mrs. F. W. Hopkins (died in 1884); Celia Jenkins (Mrs. C. W. Ray, died in 1887); and Ardell Harrington.

RUPERT CORNET BAND

Was organized in 1883. Charles Ellis, then of Pawlet, was instructor nearly two years. Ralph Sherman,

now of South Haven, Mich., was the first leader; Henry H. Bowen (died in 1887) was the second. The present leader, Frank Barden, is widely known as a superior cornet player. The band has met in School House Hall until this year; now in Sheldon's Hall.

C. L. S. C.

The Try Again Circle was organized in September, 1885, with a membership of twelve, and held regular meetings about two years.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

In March, 1897, Class No. 5 of the Congregational Sunday School, Mrs. G. R. Thompson, teacher, inaugurated plans having in view the founding of a public library. About twenty-five volumes were procured and located in the post office, opposite the railroad station. In October, owing to the removal of the office, the building was closed. In February of this year the rear hall of the Grange building having been rented, it was opened to the public as a library and reading room. The regular evenings are Monday and Friday of each week. The attendance has been such as to encourage the promoters to feel that their efforts will be crowned with success. Present number of volumes about seventy-five. The reading tables are plentifully supplied with standard magazines and newspapers. Some lady of the village is in charge of the room each evening.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS.

OUR town has produced, and sent out to labor in this most important field, a goodly number of the teaching profession, some of whom have taken high rank. Prominent among them stands,

DAVID S. SHELDON,

son of Esq. David, grandson of Judge David. I quote part of an obituary notice, from a Davenport, Ia., paper: "Professor David Sylvester Sheldon was born in Rupert, Vt., in Dec., 1808, his age at the time of his death being 77 years, 6 months. His father was a well-to-do farmer whose people were among the earliest English settlers in New England. The son was given the best advantages for education; sent to Castleton Academy when 16 years of age, and in 1827 entered Middlebury College. He graduated from college with the class of '31—of which Judge Harrington of Burlington, Iowa, was also a member. Mr. Sheldon intended to enter the ministry—and entered Andover Theological Seminary to fit himself for the sacred calling. Graduating from Andover, he concluded he was better fitted by nature for the calling of teacher than that of preacher. He pursued the vocation of teaching, in Bennington, mostly, until 1836, when he accepted an invitation to the then famous academy at Potsdam, N. Y. Here his success was so great that it was proposed to found a college if he would accept the presidency; but he declined. In 1840, he accepted the principalship of the High School, Northampton, Mass. He remained at the head of the High School until the fall of 1847, when he resigned, because of failing health. In 1850, he came to Burlington, Iowa, where he opened a school, which soon became famous in eastern Iowa, and western Illinois. In '52 he accepted an invitation to the chair of natural science in the Iowa College, in Davenport, and removed to this city. It was a Congregational College. In '59, the corporation decided to remove their denominational institution to Grinnell. Bishop Lee, of the Episcopal Church, purchased the property here, and founded Griswold College, which was opened Dec. 12, of that year. Prof. Sheldon has occupied the chairs of mathematics and natural science ever since. He was a born instructor—and a deep student in science. He was kind-hearted, generous, loving without lowering for a

minute the dignity of his position. All his hopes centered in Griswold College, he rejected many offers from the most eminent colleges in the east, because of his hope for this western institution. Prof. Sheldon was an active member of the Academy of Science—one of its founders. His removal is a serious loss for that institution. He was in correspondence with the most eminent scientists in the world—and his opinions were frequently quoted in scientific publications. Prof. Sheldon leaves no family of his own. In March, 1836, he married Miss Mary Foote, of Middlebury, Vt. One child, a daughter, blessed the union, but she died when four years of age, and years after a daughter of a brother of Mrs. Sheldon—Sadie Foote, was adopted. Mrs. Sheldon died in April, '82, aged 70 years." Both now rest in Aspen Grove Cemetery, Burlington, Ia., June 5, 1886, being the date of Mr. Sheldon's death. In Rupert Street Cemetery are these inscriptions:—" Harriet S. only child of David S. & Mary L. Sheldon died Mar. 12, 1842, Æ 4 yrs & 5 mos. Martha Ann daughter of Ira F. & Rosina L. Sheldon died Mar. 6, 1842, Æ 4 yrs. 8 mos."

Between 1847 and '50, Mr. Sheldon resided in Rupert; and it is those years of his life which most interest our people. In 1848, he taught a select school, which has already been noted as a memorable event in our educational history. In 1849, he represented Rupert in the Legislature, being elected after a sharp contest between him and Judge Nathan Burton. This election and the results that followed, gave Mr. Sheldon an abiding place in our history. The time was the beginning of the era of railroad building, and two lines were in prospect; one through this town, another through Manchester, both to Rutland. So little was the value and need of a railroad understood, at this time, each section became the rival of the other, believing only one road ought to be built. This feeling was well expressed by John H. McFarland, a well known lawyer of Salem, who, addressing the people of Rupert, declared, " The first shovelful of dirt raised

in the construction of *this* road, would bury the Western Vermont road, so deep, the resurrection trumpet could not raise it." Mr. Sheldon was elected as the friend and supporter of *our* railroad project. In the Legislature, the two sections finally agreed not to oppose the plans of the other, and the Western Vermont charter was granted. Then, treacherously, that section endeavored to defeat the other charter. Their efforts were frustrated by the ability and eloquence of Mr. Sheldon, who addressed the House in a speech that electrified that body and won our charter. The late Merritt Clark, prominent in Rutland County, for nearly three-quarters of a century, declared it one of the ablest speeches he ever heard; and that the members' admiration of the orator was only equaled by their surprise to know Rupert had so able a representative. Let this man and his valuable services be remembered by the people of Rupert. Soon after these events, Mr. Sheldon, as mentioned in the obituary, removed to Iowa. His last visit to Rupert was in 1864, soon after the death of his father.

TRUMAN K. AND NORMAN F. WRIGHT.

"A JOINT BIOGRAPHY.

The twin brothers, Truman and Norman Wright, were born in Rupert, Bennington County, Vt., March 27, 1815. They were the youngest of a family of twelve children. Their father's name was Preserved; by trade he was a blacksmith. Their grandfather's name was Solomon; he was a weaver. Both were poor but honest, and held in high esteem by the community in which they lived. Their mother's maiden name was Jemima King. She was a woman of marked ability and sterling good sense. Her children ascribe to her quite as much as to their father whatever of inherited ability they possess, and more than to him, the stimulating encouragement that helped them push their way in life in spite of all the difficulties they had to contend with. When they were

eight years old their father died. The care of the family then rested on the three sons, Rial, Charles and Calvin.

The mother and family of younger children were kept together four years. At the age of eleven, the twins worked out during the haying and harvest season at twenty-five cents a day. At the age of twelve, they worked out at the rate of four dollars a month. At the ages of thirteen, fourteen and fifteen, they worked on the farm for five, six and seven dollars a month, attending school four months each winter. At sixteen they entered Washington Academy, Salem, N. Y., and began their studies preparatory for college. At the age of seventeen they commenced teaching, Truman in Rupert, in his native district; Norman in the adjoining town of Sandgate. Both made their first teaching a success. At the age of eighteen, in the spring of 1833, the manual labor school known as Burr Seminary, opened at Manchester, Vt., to which, with many other young men from the surrounding country, they resorted. At this school they had the advantages of cheap board and good teaching. After the first year they had regular employment at wood chopping on the seminary farm, and nearly every day with their axes upon their shoulders, they traveled about a mile northwest from the seminary to their place of labor, felled the sturdy maples, cut them into four-foot logs, and split and pilled them at thirty-seven and one-half cents a cord. In the winter of this year they taught—Truman in his native district, and Norman in the town of Arlington, Vt. The winter they were nineteen, Truman taught in Rupert, Norman in Winhall. At the age of twenty they entered Middlebury College. Both taught in the winter of that year in their native town of Rupert. The next winter Truman taught in West Rutland, Vt., and Norman in Easton, Mass. The succeeding two winters they both taught select schools, Truman at West Rutland, and Norman at Pawlet, Vt. During their entire preparatory and collegiate course, besides teaching winters, they were accustomed to work in hay and harvest fields during their summer vacations;

thus getting vigor of body, and means whereby to defray their college expenses. They graduated at Middlebury College with the honors of a full collegiate course. They then entered upon teaching as a regular business in order to obtain funds to pay a debt incurred in getting their education. Truman took charge of the Academy at New London, N. H.—Norman of one at Red Creek, Wayne County, N. Y. Till 1842, their purpose had been to enter the Christian ministry, but at this time circumstances over which they had no control, seemed to indicate that their duty lay in the line of teaching. They therefore entered upon that profession as a life work. Truman was principal of the Academy at New London, N. H., four years; at Durham, N. H., three years; at Pompey, N. Y., six years; at Jordan, N. Y., five years; and he has been principal at Munro Collegiate Institute, Elbridge, N. Y., where he yet continues his active labors in teaching, twenty-seven years. This added to his years of teaching during his preparatory and college courses, gives in all, to the present time (1885), nearly forty-eight years—ten in New England, and thirty-eight in New York. The twenty-fifth anniversary of his teaching at Elbridge, was celebrated two years ago, by the gathering of hundreds of old students, who came from far and near to greet their alma mater, to clasp hands and look again upon the faces of their old teacher and the companions of former school days. During the same time Norman taught the Academy at Red Creek, Wayne County, N. Y., two years. He then assisted his brother a part of the year at New London, N. H., and taught a select school one term at Salisbury, N. H. In the fall of 1842, he was appointed principal of the gymnasium at Pembroke, N. H. He remained there two years. He next took the principalship of the Genessee and Wyoming Seminary, Alexander, Genessee Co., N. Y., where he remained nine years. He next taught the Warsaw Academy, Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N. Y., six years. He was then appointed principal of Batavia High School, where he taught seven years. He

then served two years as Superintendent of the Union Free Schools, at Binghamton, N. Y. In the winter of 1869, he was appointed professor of the classical department of the State Normal School at Cortland, N. Y., where he remained eight years. He afterwards taught five years with his son Arthur M. Wright, in the Union school at Skaneateles, N. Y. Since the death of his wife, September 19, 1882, his home has been with his daughter, Mrs. Emma C. Benedict, Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y., in which institution he is now, 1885, engaged in the active work of teaching, his special department being the classics and geology. Both have been useful members of the communities in which they have lived, and efficient officers and workers in the churches to which they belonged." From an account of the seventieth birthday celebration of Messrs. Wright, at Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y., March 27, 1885.

The Wright brothers were born in a house which stood on the premises now occupied by Myron F. Roberts, formerly by Dr. Guild. "The twins are in town." was a statement our people often heard, and with pleasure, to know these eminent sons of Rupert kindly remembered their native town. I had the pleasure of meeting one of these brothers at Ira Sheldon's, about 1882; am not sure which one, but think it was Truman. I recall his entertaining us with accounts of his early labors, especially while working for the late James Sheldon. Norman died at Clinton, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1891, when the equal step these twin brothers had maintained over seventy-six years, was broken. At the time of writing (July, 1898), Truman was living at Elbridge, N. Y. Truly it can be said, by these lives the world was made better.

S. S. SHERMAN, L.L. D.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest of the children of the late Sterling Sherman and his wife, Jane Noble, and was born in West Rupert, November, 1815. His

grandparents, on the paternal side, were Enoch and Catharine (Seeley) Sherman, both of whom lived to a great age. Enoch Sherman was a Revolutionary soldier. He died at West Rupert, in 1849, aged 87. His wife, known as "Aunt Katie," died in October, 1859, aged 94. A short time before her final illness, she gave her grandson an account of the death of her father. He was a captain of minute men, and when a messenger brought him news that the British had landed (near his home in Connecticut) he was ploughing in a field some distance from the house, and she herself, then a young girl and devotedly attached to her father, was with him following in the furrow behind the plough. Without waiting to unyoke his oxen, he hurried to the house; she followed as fast as she could and met him at the door, equipped with uniform and sword. He gave her a parting kiss and was gone. The next day he was brought home—a corpse. No brighter lines adorn the page of history, than of the minute men of the Revolution. Mr. Sherman's maternal grandfather, Luke Noble, was also a soldier of the Revolution. In a long and interesting letter, which I would gladly publish in full, Mr. Sherman sketches his career, from boyhood to old age. As was the custom, he attended the district school summer and winter, until his labor became of some value, then, the winter school only. In 1832, he attended Washington Academy, Salem, one term. Prepared for college at New Hampton, N. H., and East Bennington (now Bennington), and entered Middlebury College in 1834, graduating in 1838. During his college course, Mr. Sherman taught school, both district and private or select; the latter, one term, in Rupert. Concerning his district schools, his own language is given: "During the winter of my freshman year I taught my first school—a small district school that nestled down by a small lake among the hills of Sudbury. Of this school, which I taught the next winter, also, I retain some pleasant memories. The following is still fresh: A bright young girl had not studies enough to occupy her time and

I suggested that she might take up English grammar to advantage. She very properly replied that she must consult her mother, and the next day she brought me this message: 'The daughter *must not touch a grammar*, for she herself studied one three weeks once, and was never able to learn anything afterwards!' I could sympathize with that mother, for I verily believe that, if I had abandoned English grammar, after laboring a much longer time on Murray and Kirkham, I should have had little courage for the mastery of any other subject. I became much attached to the pupils and patrons of the school and the following incident shows that the friendship was reciprocated: Quite recently, I was visited in Chicago, by an elderly lady, the wife of a professor in a well known western college, who informed me that she was a pupil of mine in that school; that her father's family were so much attached to me, that they all went to Middlebury, two years afterward to see me graduate; and that they kept track of me as long as they lived. But now the father and mother, brother and sister had passed away, and she wished to revive the memories of her childhood, by renewing the acquaintance of her first teacher. This attachment of pupils to teachers is one of the grateful compensations of a very laborious life." We, who have had the experience, can duly appreciate this statement, which must bring to all true teachers a flood of memories. And these attachments, few, compared with the opportunities, would be numerous, if parents devoted one-half as much time to assisting, as they do to opposing, the teacher. Soon after finishing his college course, Mr. Sherman, bearing letters of introduction from Prof. Fowler, of Middlebury, proceeded to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he was kindly received by the president of the State University, and soon elected tutor in Latin and Greek. In this position he remained three years. I have before me a book entitled "History of the Baptists of Alabama," a present from Mr. Sherman. In it, his career, as a prominent educator of the State for twenty years, is vividly described. The Bap-

tists of Alabama, desirous of establishing a denominational college, called Mr. Sherman to the head of the embryo institution. I quote: "Marion had been selected as the location of such a school. * * * The school was opened in January, 1842. Prof. S. S. Sherman, a young tutor from Tuscaloosa, took control." The friends of this institution had been over-enthusiastic and dubbed it "Howard University." Mr. Sherman toned it down to "Howard English and Classical School." I quote: "Prof. Sherman, though young, was an exceedingly cool and wise man. He did not share in the extravagant enthusiasms about the school." A Presbyterian school near Marion having failed, its apparatus, costing in Europe \$5,000, was purchased, at Prof. Sherman's request, by the Baptists of Marion for \$1,500. There was no library. Unwilling to make a second appeal for money, he took a negro and a large wheelbarrow, and going from house to house he solicited books, procuring about 1,000 volumes. Mr. Sherman remained at the head of this school ten years, it, in the meantime, having become firmly established as "Howard College." His retirement is explained as follows, in the work quoted from, under date of 1852: "In denominational circles some important changes took place during the year. Among these was the regretted resignation of President Sherman of Howard College. Prompted by the feeling that the college was founded more upon the idea of giving theological than literary instruction, and that its theological department was presided over by a minister, President Sherman's delicate sense of honor suggested his withdrawal that a minister might be elevated to the presidential chair. While exhibiting his usual wisdom, it deserves to be said that there was never connected with the Howard, in the future, a better qualified presiding officer than S. S. Sherman." On Mr. Sherman's retirement, the citizens of Marion and members of the college united in testifying their esteem by complimentary resolutions and a service of silverplate. From Marion, Mr. Sherman went to La Grange, Ga., where for

nearly three years he conducted a large private school. From La Grange he returned to Marion, Ala., to become president of "The Judson," the Baptist Female College of the state. I find his presidency thus noted. "The new president was admirably equipped for the responsible and exalted position to which he had been invited. He was a gentleman of extensive culture of mind, and his social graces were unexcelled." Mr. Sherman's own words shall describe his last work in Alabama: "I continued in charge of this institution for four years, when need of rest and the distinct rumbling of the rising war-cloud prompted me to retire north. In the fall of 1859, I settled in Milwaukee, Wis., then a considerable commercial town and noted for its charming and salubrious location. Here I engaged in commercial and manufacturing pursuits, but continued my interest in educational matters. For several years, I served as a trustee and for a short time as president of the Milwaukee College for young women. I was also a member of the City Board of Public Schools and of the State Board of Normal Schools. In 1888, business interests caused my removal to Chicago, where I now reside. The degree of L.L. D. was conferred on me by the William Judd College of Missouri and by my *Alma Mater*, Middlebury College." There remains to be told one other Alabama incident in the life of this distinguished son of Rupert. I quote: "It was during this year (1868) that a pleasant little episode occurred in the town of Marion. The excellent people of that classical center anxious to exhibit their appreciation of the great kindness shown by Dr. S. S. Sherman to the Confederate prisoners during the late war, some of whom were from Marion, invited him to his old home to attend a banquet given especially to the distinguished gentlemen. It was, in several respects, a touching demonstration of their recognition of his goodness. Reduced to poverty as the result of the war, and prostrated under a most iniquitous military system, the citizens of Marion, impelled by their old-time spirit, were determined that the occasion should

be one worthy of that for which it was designed. Accordingly, extraordinary effort was made by a people most generous in spirit, but now greatly reduced in purse, to signalize the occasion in the handsomest manner possible. The town was decked out in gala garb. Flowers and evergreens, paint and bunting, artistic designs and inscriptions which could give expression to the wealth of affection—all were laid under tribute to do honor to the man who had once been the most distinguished citizen of Marion, but whose fame had been greatly enhanced by reason of his timely goodness to men suffering in distant prisons. The day for the banquet arrived. The distinguished visitor came from his distant home in Chicago. He was met at the railway station by the people of the entire town. Vehicles once the finest, but now much the worse for wear and age, were drawn from their repose, brushed up, and were made to do service on this important occasion. Where, by reason of poverty, many elements were wanting, clever devices were substituted in the intense desire of the people to express their appreciation to Dr. Sherman. It was an occasion worthy alike of a noble people and of a tender-hearted benefactor. The banquet given to Dr. Sherman was a notable event in the annals of Marion." Mr. Sherman's educational work did not end with his removal from Alabama. In 1863, he took charge of Milwaukee Female College, as principal and financial manager, and so continued for three years. In that time he raised it from the brink of dissolution to a condition of prosperity. Of such a career as S. S. Sherman's our people have reason to be proud. Long may he live to enjoy the reward of his labors.

HARRY L. MOORE,

Son of Solomon and Lydia Ann (Flower) Moore, 1860; attended Burr Seminary one year; taught in Rupert and Salem; graduate of Albany Normal, 1883; taught three years at Islip, L. I.; graduate of Business College, Poughkeepsie, 1886; died January, 1888. A young man

of pure life and noble ideals, his untimely death was deeply lamented.

MARY HARMON,

Daughter of George and Addie (Seeley) Harmon, 1860. Educated in the schools of this town, the Friend's School, Granville, and Temple Grove Seminary, Saratoga, graduating in 1883; removed to Walton, N. Y., and a teacher for the last fifteen years.

CLARA PARKER,

1866. Daughter of Charles, granddaughter of Col. Joseph, graduate of Keene, N. H., High School, 1885; taught in Hebron, Keene, Hoosic, Rutland and Malone, N. Y.; died at Keene, 1897.

MARY SHELDON,

Daughter of Julius and Harriet (Sheldon) Sheldon, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, and a teacher in same; later, teacher in Lansingburgh Seminary; 1865, married Edgar, son of Simeon Sheldon, and resides at Mankato, Minn.

MARY SHELDON,

Daughter of Seth and Marina (Rising) Sheldon, graduate of No. Granville Female Seminary. Taught in seminary, Brattleboro, Vt., and in the schools of this town. Married Dr. D. C. Beebe, in 1863, and since 1865 has resided at Sparta, Wisconsin.

MARY SHELDON,

Daughter of Luther and Clarissa (Hopkins) Sheldon, graduate of Albany Normal. Taught in the common schools of Vermont and New York; in the State Normal, Randolph, Vt., and Winsted, Ct., Graded School. Since 1890 has resided in Salem.

MAUD B. HITT,

Daughter of Dr. John and Mary (Danforth) Hitt, graduate of Castleton Normal, 1880. Taught in several towns of this State; married John I. Fennel, and resides in Castleton.

MARION B. WELLWOOD,

Danby, 1873. Resident of Rupert since 1886, graduated at Castleton Normal in 1894, and since been a teacher in the schools of this town.

RUBY CLARK,

1878. Daughter of Newton and Emma (Wood) Clark, graduate of Rutland High School, 1897, and now teaching in the schools of this town.

WILLIS SMITH,

Son of Almon and Emma (Frery) Smith, Michigan, 1866; resident of Rupert, 1873-88; then to Manchester, graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, about 1886; of Dartmouth College about 1890; has been for several years principal of the High School, at Winchester, N. H.

FANNY BALDRIGE,

Pawlet, 1856. Daughter of James and Fanny (Bourn) Baldrige; graduate of Oswego Normal, 1879; taught in Rupert, Granville, Shushan, and Clinton, Kentucky; married March, 1885, Abram S. Gould and resides in Hebron.

FANNY SHERMAN,

Daughter of C. A. and Laura (Burton) Sherman, 1853; graduated at Oswego Normal, 1876. Taught in Rupert, Pawlet, and in Institute for the Blind, New York, two years; married Chas. T. Drew, 1880, and resides in Meridian, N. Y.

FLORA DOLE,

1858. Daughter of Sherman Dole; Salem to Rupert in 1871; graduate of Burr & Burton, 1878; taught in Rupert, Sandgate, Greenwich, Hoosic; in No. 9, Rupert, 21 terms; married Chas. H. Sherman, 1896, and resides at West Rupert.

GENELLA COVEY,

Sandgate, 1854. Resided in Wisconsin, 1867-78; returned to Vermont; Supt. of Schools, Sandgate, two years; grad-

uate of Burr & Burton Seminary, 1882; of Castleton Normal, 1884. Taught in Wisconsin, Sandgate, Rupert, Dorset and Granville; married, 1888, Dr. J. H. Collins, and since resided in Granville.

CORRIE B. AND EVA J. YOULEN,

Daughters of Silas E. and Louise (Rice) Youlen, 1866 and 1869; graduates of Albany Normal, 1887; Carrie taught at Hensonville, Palenville, Luzerne, N. Y., and Athol, Mass.; married N. S. Gidley, in 1893; resides, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Eva taught at Wilton, Windham, N. Y., and W. Rutland, Vt. Married James Thomas, 1895; resided at Albany, Orange, Mass., and Troy.

CLARA MOORE,

1866. Daughter of Solomon and Lydia Ann (Flower) Moore; graduate of Castleton Normal, 1885; taught in Rupert, Pittsford and Poultney; married John Phillips of Rutland, 1892. Resided in Springfield, Mass., in Rupert and Hartford, Conn.

FRED H. HAWLEY,

1866. Son of Elisha, to town in 1866, from Arlington; graduate of Castleton Normal, 1884; married 1889, Effie, daughter of Dr. J. M. Moore. Taught at Eagle Mills, N. Y., two years; secretary of Y. M. C. A., Troy; clerk for firm of E. C. Tower & Co., Troy.

JESSIE L. FONDA,

Daughter of Elon C. and Delia (Harwood) Fonda, 1861; graduate of Troy Conference Academy, 1884; taught in Rupert and Dorset; married Prof. G. W. Kennedy, 1888, and resided in Fort Ann, N. Y., and Fairhaven; died at Highlands, Colo., in 1896.

ARDELL HARRINGTON,

Daughter of W. C. and Mary (Hopkins) Harrington, 1871; graduate of Castleton Normal, in 1890; attended the New England Conservatory of Music three years; is

now actively engaged in teaching the piano in the towns on the line of the Rutland & Washington R. R.

GEORGIA, GRACE AND GENEVIEVE LEACH,

Daughters of Edward and Helen (Sheldon) Leach: Georgia and Grace graduated at Vermont Academy, Saxton's River, in 1892; Genevieve, at Goddard Seminary, Barre, in 1897; all are engaged in teaching in this and adjoining towns.

MYRTLE SHELDON,

1872. Daughter of Loran F. and Adelaide (Baker) Sheldon; graduate of Castleton Normal, 1892; taught in Rupert and Pawlet; married A. W. Burdick, Dec., 1894, and reside at West Pawlet.

MARY HARRINGTON,

About 1838. Reared in the family of Amos Lewis, West Rupert; graduated at North Granville Female Seminary about 1858; has been a successful teacher many years, mainly in Troy and vicinity; resides in Lansingburgh.



CLERGYMEN FROM RUPERT.

LUTHER SHELDON,

"A son of Hon. David Sheldon was born in 1785; graduated at Middlebury College in 1808; studied divinity and settled in Easton, Mass., soon after, where he is still living and preaching occasionally, though far advanced in years. He has been an active, energetic and successful minister, and much beloved by his people. It is not known that he published any works, except occasional sermons." *Vt. Hist. Mag.*, 1860. Mr. Sheldon was of the Congregational faith. He died 1866.

ICHABOD S. SPENCER, D. D.

Among the distinguished men who have gone out from this town, Rev. Ichabod S. Spencer, D. D., stands pre-eminent. He was born Feb. 23, 1798, of respectable parents, in comfortable but moderate circumstances, the youngest but one of 11 children. At the death of his father in 1815, he was thrown upon his own resources, and he went to Granville, N. Y., and entered himself as an apprentice to a tanner and currier. He was the subject of a revival of religion, which prevailed there at that time, and abandoned the ideas of pursuing a trade and determined to devote himself to study, preparatory to the ministry. He entered Union College in 1819 and graduated in 1822, sustaining himself in part by occasionally teaching. He then had charge of a grammar school in Schenectady for about three years, and afterwards was principal of the academy at Canandaigua, N. Y., from 1825 to 1828, in the meantime studying divinity and being licensed to preach. In the fall of 1828, he accepted a call from the Congregational Church in Northampton, Mass., one of the largest parishes in the State, where the great Jonathan Edwards so long preached. He labored acceptably there for three and one-half years. Whilst there he declined a call to become pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, and also declined the appointment to the Presidency of the University of Alabama and Hamilton College, N. Y., and finally accepted a call to take charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.; was installed its pastor in 1834, and continued there until his death, Nov. 23, 1854. Whilst at Brooklyn he performed 4 years service as one of the professors of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Dr. Spencer was a man of medium size, square, compact-built frame, firm, compressed lips, with a small, piercing, penetrating eye, that seemed to look into one's innermost soul, shrewd in his judgment of men and measures, of remarkable firmness and decided opinions, but of tender feeling and sympathies. Many considered him rather dogmatical; but

this rose more from the firmness of his convictions and the boldness in expressing them than from his really possessing such a spirit. Certainly he was no 'trimmer', he uttered plainly and fearlessly what he thought was the truth. Dr. Spencer had quite a poetic talent. Besides many fugitive pieces, never published, he wrote and published whilst at Canandaigua, a 'Poem on Time', which attracted considerable attention, and possessed a good deal of merit. He published in his life time many occasional sermons and two volumes of 'Pastor's Sketches,' the latter being a very popular work and had an extensive sale. Two volumes of his sermons, with a sketch of his life and character, have been published since his decease." Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 225. The Spencer homestead was the farm now owned by T. D. Smith and known as the Harmon farm, it having changed ownership by the marriage of Rufus Harmon and Olive Spencer, sister of Rev. Mr. Spencer. Among his brothers were Phineas and Sheldon, the latter being the father of Wilson Spencer, who married his cousin Betsey, daughter of Dea. Rufus Harmon. The Spencers left town many years ago, Phineas to Buffalo, I believe. James Spencer, who will be remembered as a regular visitor to town in the sixties, is a son of Rev. Mr. Spencer. He now resides in Germany; was in town last year.

ALLEN GRAVES,

Born in 1790, and noted as being one of the first missionaries sent out by the American Board to India. He located at Bombay, and after a life of ardent and devoted toil in behalf of the heathen, died there in 1845. His wife, also reared here, is supposed to be still living in India, though broken down by years and severe labor. Miss Orpha Graves, a sister of Rev. Mr. Graves, also went to India some years since, and died there. Vt. Hist. Mag., 1860. (Mrs. T. D. Smith, a niece, furnishes additional facts). Allen Graves was a son of Cyrus Graves, and a brother of Nathan. He was educated at Middle-

bury College and Andover Theo. Seminary. Married Mary Lee. About 1820, were sent by the A. B. C. F. M. as missionaries to India, where he lived and labored nearly thirty years. They visited America in 1833. His sister, Orpha, returned to India with them, where she married Rev. David O. Allen. All died in India.

ELI AND JOEL GRAVES,

Brothers of Allen, married sisters, Naomi and Eunice Whedon, and with Ruth removed to Georgia, where for years the brothers were Congregational ministers and the sister, Ruth, a teacher.

AZARIAH R. GRAVES,

About 1810. Son of Amos; graduate of Middlebury College, 1833, and settled as a Congregational minister in the State of Florida. Hollister's Hist. of Pawlet, p. 193. (Mrs. T. D. Smith, a cousin, says he settled and lived in Mississippi.)

BOWER AND OGDEN PRESTON,

Were sons of Rev. John B. Preston, pastor of the Congregational Church, 1798-1813. Bower was of the Presbyterian faith and resided in Wisconsin. He visited Rupert about 1868. Ogden of the P. E., and resided in Philadelphia. A sister married a missionary named Johnson, went to Siam, lost her health, returned to this country and died in Philadelphia about 1838.

MILO FRARY.

I think Mr. Frary was born in Kent Hollow, and a relative of Orange; was of the Baptist faith; resided in New York; canvassed Rupert in 1865; time of death unknown.

DANIEL MATTESON,

Was of the Baptist faith; attended school in New Hampshire and preached there. Died about 1840; know nothing of the family or what part of the town they resided in.

ELIJAH SPEAR,

Was a relative of Mrs. Seth Moore, Sr.; of Congregational faith; in town about 1865; died in Canada.

PHILETUS FARRAR,

About 1803. Son of Jonathan; educated in the common schools of Rupert, and taught in them; three terms on the mountain and one or more at the Street; entered the ministry of the M. E. Church about 1835; removed to Greenwood, Steuben Co., N. Y., and thence to New London, Iowa, where he resided until his death, about 1870. Mr. Farrar married Calista Ferrell of Rupert.

HORACE S. TRUMBULL,

1801. Son of Horace and Dorothy (Spear) Trumbull; married Ruhama Stevens of Salem; licensed about 1835 to preach in the M. E. Church; removed to Illinois in 1849; was active in the ministry until 1865; died 1873; his son, Rollin, is the author of the well-known family records, which are marvels in pen work.

PHILETUS F. YOULEN,

1842. Son of P. W. and Electa (Johnson) Youlen; a teacher for some years, notably at Ballston, N. Y.; graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. Y., in 1871; joined Troy Conference in 1878, and held pastorates at Rotterdam, Fultonville, Chatham Center, Averill Park, Hartford, Williamstown, Mass., Troy, Chester, Mass., and Berlin; now resides in Lansingburgh; married in 1877, Anna Shears of Schenectady.

JOHN N. WISEMAN.

About 1838. Son of John and Sarah (Bourn) Wiseman; was a farmer in town and in Pawlet until about 1885; also taught school and was town superintendent of Rupert three years; entered the ministry of the Disciples' Church about 1884, and has been stationed at West Pawlet, Aurora and Pompey, N. Y., and Wetherby and Chardon, Ohio; married in 1869, Mary Monroe of Granville.

WEBSTER O. MOORE,

1840. Son of Seth and Ruby (Harwood) Moore; attended school at Manchester, Poultney and Fort Edward; taught in Rupert, Wells, Fair Haven; entered the ministry of the Disciples' Church; studied at Hiram College and Butler University; held pastorates in New York, Ohio and Indiana; married Sept., 1871, Anna Vandusen of Brewerton, N. Y., and resides in Indianapolis.

FRANKLIN H. MOORE,

1842. Brother of W. O.; attended school the same; taught in Manchester, Wells, Granville, Salem; entered the ministry of the Disciples' Church and began preaching in Ohio, in 1867; studied at Hiram College and Butler University; held pastorates at Clarence and Brewerton, N. Y., Geneva and Painesville, Ohio; married Sarah J. Carter of Brewerton, N. Y., Nov., 1871. For the past twelve years Mr. Moore has been engaged in life insurance and without a fixed pastorate, though continually preaching. He is now general agent of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, and resides in that city.

THOMAS TELLIER,

Born in Canada about 1835; came to the "States" about 1853, at Hartford, N. Y.; attended the State Normal School, Albany; taught at West Hebron, White Creek, Cambridge and West Rupert, at the latter, a select school; 1862, married Clara, daughter of Julius Harmon; 1865-73, a farmer in Sandgate; 1874, entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and has held pastorates at Cosaguna, Center White Creek, N. Y., West Pawlet, Montgomery, Westford, Groton, Vt. Mr. Tellier's actual residence here was brief; but by marriage and his prominence in school and lyceum, he is entitled to a place in our history.

ALBERT R. SHAW,

1846. Son of Samuel and Maria (Allen) Shaw; attended Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, 1865-6; taught in Hebron, Glens Falls, Sandy Hill and Piermont, N. Y.; took a four years' course at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.; began preaching in Hebron about 1864; joined the Newark, N. J., M. E. Conference, and held the following pastorates: Broadway, Somerville, Port Jervis, Mt. Zion, Piermont-on-the-Hudson; accepted a call from the Congregational Church of Woodbridge, N. J., remaining two years. Retired from the ministry about 1880; entered the employ of the American Exchange Co., and resided in New York, Chicago and London. Present business and residence unknown. In 1872, he married Mrs. Anna Erving, of New Jersey.

G. W. MOORE,

1864. Son of Dr. J. M. and Caroline (Ayres) Moore; attended Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, two years; entered the ministry of the Disciples' Church and began preaching in 1888; graduate of Hiram College, Ohio, 1895, and now pastor of a church at Cortland, that state; married July, 1890, Mrs. Lizzie Rider of Hiram.

ALBERT HURD,

1864. Son of A. T. and Sarah (Hay) Hurd; graduate of Castleton Normal, 1885; of Hiram College, 1892; taught in Ohio, Vermont and New York; married Ada Atkinson of Deerfield, O.; entered the ministry of the Disciples' Church, 1897, and is now pastor of a church at Pompey, N. Y.

CHARLES P. HOGLE,

1870. Son of C. W. and Maria (Swasey) Hogle; attended Troy Conference Academy three years; licensed to preach March, 1894, in the M. E. Church; stationed at Wells, 1895; East Arlington and Sandgate, '96-7; West Rutland, '98; married, November, 1896, Clarissa Mason of this town.

ROLLIN E. JENKINS,

About 1858. Son of Joseph; attended Troy Conference Academy; entered the ministry of the M. E. Church and has been stationed as follows: 1885, Pottersville and Minerva; '86-88, Chestertown; '89-90, Crescent; '91-92, Hageman's Mills; '93-95, Fultonville; '96, Vorheesville and New Salem; '97-98, Mineral Springs, N. Y.

CHARLES JENKINS,

1864. Brother of R. E.; attended Troy Conference Academy; married Flora Vail, 1890; began to preach in M. E. Church, 1891, and has been stationed at Creek Center, Conklingville and Pottersville, N. Y.

GEORGE CLARK,

1868. Son of Waldo, grandson of Rev. J. B.; reared in Troy; graduate of Williams' College, 1890; attended Princeton Seminary nearly two years; pastor of Presbyterian Churches at Pueblo and Florence, Col., 1892-4; married Emma Ward, September, 1892; died January, 1896.

W. J. SHAW,

1855. Brother of A. R.; educated at Port Jarvis, N. Y., and Somerville and Hackettstown, N. J.; began preaching at eighteen, in Washington County, N. Y., in the M. E. Church; at Sparrowbush, Orange County, while at school; preached two years for the Disciples—a year at West Pawlet, and as an evangelist in Pennsylvania and Maryland; re-entered the M. E. Church in 1890; stationed three years at Tinmouth and Danby, and now on the third year with the church at Pawlet; married in 1876, Julia, daughter of A. M. Brown of Hebron. As a poet, Mr. Shaw has received recognition from some competent to judge. His reply to the Poet Laureate of England, in 1888, received hearty praise from the *Literary World*. His poem, "Only Once," published in *Flower's Magazine*, was noticed by Whittier, who called it a "thoughtful poem."

RESIDENT PHYSICIANS.

JOSIAH GRAVES,

“Was the first physician that settled in Rupert. He was born in Columbia County, N. Y., in 1760, came here in 1788, and continued here in the practice of his profession until his death in 1825. His practice was large and lucrative. He was a man of good size, broad shoulders, spare in person, very homely in his features, a self-made man, uncouth in his manners, strong intellect, sober and discreet in his intercourse with his fellows, of decided piety, and much beloved by the people. To a stranger his appearance was stern and forbidding, but upon acquaintance he proved to be warm-hearted and companionable. He had no patience with impertinence or quackery. It was very annoying to him to be hailed on his return from visiting the sick and inquired of concerning them. In such case he would either give a repulsive answer, such as ‘sick enough,’ or pass along without making any reply. He was also a man of firm opinions and strong prejudices. The following anecdote is characteristic and shows his contempt of quackery. A Dr. Drew once settled here, whom Dr. Graves considered a quack, and would not acknowledge as a physician, though doing considerable business in that profession. At a certain time a stranger, passing along, inquired of Dr. Graves where Dr. Drew lived, ‘I know no such man.’ The stranger with surprise repeated the question. The doctor again replied. ‘I know no such man.’ The stranger replied that it was singular, for there was certainly such a man living somewhere in town. The doctor finally made an answer, ‘I know no such man as *Doctor* Drew, but Jacob K. Drew lives about two miles below.’ Dr. Graves was for some years a County Judge, and held the office of Town Clerk from 1791 to 1824. He had only two children—both daughters. One married Hon. Nathan Burton; the other married Hon. John S. Pettibone of Manchester.” Ver-

mont Historical Magazine, p. 224. Dr. Graves was a Revolutionary soldier, but in what year or organization, is unknown. He was clerk during the specified time, save 1790, when Judge Sheldon held the office. His peculiar signature is a study in that line. Dr. Graves residence was the house now occupied by his great grandson, Judge A. E. Burton, and was erected by the doctor in 1806. In Rupert Street Cemetery I find these inscriptions: "Doc Josiah Graves Died April 15, 1825, in the 65th year of his age. Mary, wife of Doct Josiah Graves Died May 26th, 1847, Æ 87."

JACOB K. DREW,

Was born in Dover, N. H., in 1789; settled in town about 1816, marrying, soon after, Catharine, daughter of Enoch Sherman. He resided in what is known as the "Nelson house," a little west of the Parker house. Dr. Drew remained in town until about 1828, when he removed to Meridian, N. Y., where he died in 1861. His son, Darwin, born in Rupert, resided at Meridian. Charles, younger son in Chicago; a general in the Civil War.

HENRY SHELDON,

Was born in Rupert, January, 1797; graduated at Middlebury College in 1818; studied medicine at Castleton, and in entering upon his profession succeeded Dr. Graves in 1821, and continued in the practice of medicine in his native town more than forty years. His was a most active career, for besides the duties of his special calling, he was Postmaster at Rupert about twenty-five years; two years a State Senator; clerk of the Congregational Society for a considerable period, and Town Clerk from 1824 to 1862, inclusive, save 1845, when the office was held by Judge Nathan Burton. During the greater part of his practice, Dr. Sheldon had no competitor in town, and I think he was successful, professionally and financially. Dr. Sheldon's first wife was Elizabeth Harris of Canaan, N. Y. She died in 1835, aged 85. Her children were Henry, for years a druggist in Troy; Arthur of Chelmsford, Mass.;

Frances (Mrs. Hatch), who resided many years in Hartford, and Eliza (Mrs. Hawley) of Dorset. His second wife was Patience Hopkins. She died June, 1864, aged 61. Her children were George and Martha, both of whom died in youth. Soon after the death of his wife, Dr. Sheldon left town and never resided here more. These years were mostly spent with his son, Henry. He died in Dorset, July 9, 1872; burial here. Dr. Sheldon's home was the corner now occupied by the M. E. Church. It was owned and occupied, the seven years following his departure (1865-72) by his brother, Simeon. The next owner was A. H. Farrar, who sold it to Dr. J. H. Guild, in 1884, the year the M. E. Church was built.

Dr. Sheldon was above the medium height and of spare build; scholarly in thought and speech and affable in manner. His was a well-spent life, and will ever hold a prominent place in our history.

WM. B. MAYNARD,

Was born in Jamaica, Vt., November, 1824; graduated at Castleton Medical College, and began practice in Hebron; removed to Rupert about 1858, thence to Salem, 1872, where he resided until his death, February, 1893. Dr. Maynard was married three times. His first wife was Clara A. Twitchell, of Jamaica; his second, Charlotte Root of Hebron; his third, Huldah Flower of Rupert. Children of his first wife were Annette (Mrs. O. J. Beebe), Georgia and Emma (Mrs. G. H. Richey); of the third wife were Willie, Cora (Mrs. Chas. Arnott), and Mattie (Mrs. Chas. Fraser). Dr. Maynard's practice extended into several towns and brought him a competence.

J. H. GUILD,

Pawlet, 1826. About the year 1842, he was a clerk for the firm of Bates & Safford, this town. He remained here for several years, clerking, teaching school and working on farms in the haying season. He taught the Rupert Street and the Mountain schools, and perhaps others. At the age of twenty he began clerking for Proudfit & Fitch,

Salem. A little later, this firm was succeeded by the firm of King & Guild, continuing three years. In 1850 he settled in Sandusky, O., as a cabinet worker, and in 1852 became a proprietor in the firm of Rogers & Guild. During his residence here occurred the epidemic of Asiatic cholera, his partner being a victim. Mr. Guild remained throughout, and, as a city official, had a prominent part in the management of affairs. His cabinet works having been destroyed by fire, he closed out his business and left Sandusky. For several years, from 1857, Mr. Guild resided mostly in Baltimore and New York. In the latter city he studied medicine, graduated from the New York Medical College in 1861, with the highest honors of the class. Settled in Rupert in the practice of his profession, and so continued until 1869. In the diphtheria epidemic of 1861-2, Dr. Guild was remarkably successful. In 1869 he began the manufacture of the Green Mountain Asthma Cure, which, from a small beginning, grew to be a large and prosperous business, and is continued by his successors. He was prominent in politics; representing the town in the Legislatures of 1872 and 1874, and a State Senator in 1876. Dr. Guild was twice married. His first wife was Jane, daughter of Judge Burton. She died in 1859. Her children were Ella, now Mrs. M. F. Roberts, and Jennie, who died in infancy. His second wife was Alta, daughter of Almon Nelson, whom he married in 1867. Her children were Cora, of Mechanicsville, N. Y.; Millie (Mrs. Will Thompson), and Harley of this town. His residence, built by him in 1873, stands on the lot between the Weed place and Esq. David Sheldon's, and is now occupied by his son. His religious faith was of the Methodist Episcopal, and in 1884 he built and furnished the present church edifice. Dr. Guild was a man of more than average ability, active and energetic in the prosecution of his plans. He died, March, 1894. In 1877, Middlebury College conferred upon him the honorary degree of A. M.

WM. H. AUSTIN,

1845. Son of J. E. and Mary (Shaw) Austin; attended school at Manchester and Poultney; taught in Salem, Hebron, and Wells; studied medicine with Dr. Guild and graduated from the University Medical College of New York, in 1870. Settled in practice here, same year, and so continued to the present time. Has served several years as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Austin has had an extensive practice, reaching into all the adjoining towns.

C. U. CHAMBERLIN,

To Rupert from Chestertown, N. Y., in 1872. After two or three years' residence here, removed to Wallingford, remaining one year; returned to Rupert, and after a short stay removed to Greenwich; remained there a short time and removed to Kansas, from which state he again returned to Rupert. After a short stay, removed to Hartford, where he remained several years. About 1888, Dr. Chamberlin settled in Oregon, and now resides at Albany, in that state. He was of a genial nature, very affable in manner and generally well liked by our people, and was elected Superintendent of Schools in 1877. He was of the Homœopathic school of medicine, and the only one ever settled in town; all others being Allopathic, except Dr. Moore, who is classed as an Eclectic.

F. W. CARPENTER,

Poultney, 1856; son of Dr. Chas. H., and Angeline (Thornton) Carpenter. Educated at Fair Haven High School and Brandon Academy; taught in Orwell, Ira, Fair Haven and Castleton; graduate of Burlington Medical College, 1877, and settled in town same year; has been Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of Schools; Town Representative in 1890; Town Clerk and Treasurer at this time; married Mary, daughter of C. A. Sherman, 1881, and resides at West Rupert.

J. M. MOORE,

1836. Son of Seth and Ruby (Harwood) Moore; married Martha, daughter of Herschel Hay, 1859; she died in 1862; member of Co. K., 14th Vt. Infantry; married in 1863, Caroline Ayers of Hebron; resided in Hebron 1865 to 1879; in the latter year began to practice medicine in this town and has since resided at West Rupert; graduate of the Eclectic Medical College of New York; Health Officer of the town.

A. J. BYAM,

Port Hope, Ontario, 1869; graduate of Dartmouth Medical College in 1896; married Annette Maynard, of Hartford, N. Y., March, 1893; settled in practice in this town January, 1897, and resides at West Rupert.

ALVA REMINGTON,

This name has been given, as of a man sometime a practicing physician in town; but all I can gather is vague and uncertain. That such a man lived in town is believed; but it is doubtful if he had a recognized standing in the profession. By putting together some things known and some unknown, think his period here, 1800-1810.



PHYSICIANS FROM RUPERT.

IRA SHELDON,

1783-1848. Son of Judge David; a graduate of Middlebury College; studied medicine at Castleton and settled in practice at Plymouth, Chenango Co., N. Y., where he continued to reside until his death.

HENRY BUEL MOORE,

1791. Oldest son of Judge Grove Moore, and his wife Mary, daughter of Wm. Buel; studied medicine with Dr. Morse in Dorset; settled at Manlius, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where he was in successful practice over forty years; died about 1865.

DAVID AND THOMAS PAGE,

Sons of Simon, and born in East Rupert. The Page house stood on the site now occupied by the residence of Chas. Roberts. It was burned in 1886. Both brothers settled in Rutland, and continued to reside there in the practice of medicine, until death. David married a daughter of John Phelps, Sr. Thomas was the proprietor of the well-known "Railroad Pills." I am not certain, but think the time of births between 1820-25.

JOHN MADISON

Is believed to have been a native of Rupert, and is known to have resided here in boyhood. He was a practicing physician in West Hebron many years, where he died about 1885.

DE WITT C. BEEBE,

1838. Son of Thomas S. and Maria (Tucker) Beebe; attended Fort Edward Collegiate Institute; taught in Hebron and Rupert, in the latter, both district and select schools; Town Superintendent of Schools two years; studied medicine in New York and Albany, and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1862; entered the U. S. military service as Asst. Surgeon in the 4th N. Y. Cavalry; later served on staff of Gen. Sheridan. Dr. Beebe married Mary, daughter of Seth Sheldon, and in the fall of 1865, settled at Sparta, Wis., where he now resides. He is a successful physician, especially in surgery.

BYRON FLOWER,

About 1838. Son of Joseph and Maria (Leonard) Flower; studied medicine with Dr. Maynard; graduate of Albany

Medical College, 1862; entered the United States military service as Asst. Surgeon in the 9th N. Y. Heavy Art.; died at Ft. Simonds, Georgetown, October, 1863.

FRANK P. JONES,

1835. Son of Ephraim and Sophia (Page) Jones; Hospital Steward of the 14th Vt. Infantry, 1862; graduate of Burlington Medical College, 1863; practiced medicine in Dorset. Died November, 1865.

JOSEPH O. CLARK,

About 1840. Son of Ozias and Polly (Gookins) Clark; member of the 14th Vt. Infantry, 1862. Studied medicine with Dr. Guild, and graduated in 1865 from a medical college in New York; practiced in Dorset, 1865-70; went to Washington Territory, in 1870, and for several years in the government employ. Resides at Yakima, Wash.

DWIGHT FLOWER,

1839. Son of Roswell and Phebe (Peck) Flower; graduate of Albany Medical College in 1866; then studied in New York, and later two years at Berlin and Vienna. Began to practice in Iowa, removed to Wisconsin, and now resides at Montecello, that State. Dr. Flower recently visited Rupert, after an absence of thirty years. His professional attainments are of a high order.

LEWIS SHERMAN,

1844. Son of William and Hannah (Lewis) Sherman. Began medical studies in Greenwich; graduated in New York; homoeopathic physician and pharmacist in Milwaukee.

JAMES BALDRIGE,

Pawlet, 1841. To Rupert in 1868; son of James and Fanny (Bourn) Baldrige: attended Burr Seminary; taught in Danby, Hebron, Rupert, Pawlet and Hunterdon County, N. J.; studied medicine with Dr. Guild and

graduated from the University Medical College of New York, 1869. Settled in Shushan same year, and practiced his profession there until 1887, when he removed to Minnesota, and practiced until his death at Clear Lake, Oct., 1889; burial at Salem, N. Y. Dr. Baldrige married Melissa Keefer of East Salem, in 1872.

HENRY G. BURTON,

1846. Son of Josiah G. and Ruth (Sheldon) Burton; attended Burr Seminary and Ft. Edward Institute; taught in town; studied medicine with Dr. Guild and graduated from the University Medical College of New York, 1869; practiced at Benson and Castleton, Vt., and Wilmer, Minn.; entered the U. S. A., as Asst. Surgeon 1876, and stationed at St. Louis, Camp Bowie and Camp Verde, Arizona, Ft. Hamilton, Ft. Assinaboine, Mont., Water-vliet, David's Island, Ft. Vancouver, and San Diego; placed on the retired list, 1892. Since 1896, Surgeon-in-Chief of the National Soldiers' Home, Santa Monica, Cal. Dr. Burton married Mary, daughter of Rev. J. B. Clark, in 1869. Home, San Diego.

T. L. NELSON,

Hebron, 1847; to Rupert in 1864; son of Almon and Lucy (Harmon) Nelson; attended Burr Seminary; studied medicine with Dr. Guild and graduated from the University Medical College of New York, 1869; settled in practice at Granville, same year; married Ella, daughter of Dr. J. H. Guild, in 1872; died in Granville in 1880.

CHARLES HARWOOD,

1833. Son of Joseph B. and Eunice (Farrar) Harwood; a farmer in town until 1874; graduated at a medical college in Cincinnati in 1877; began the practice of medicine at Dorset, same year, where he has since resided. Dr. Harwood is of the Physio-Medico school of practice; married in 1866, Mariam Dunning of Dorset.

WARREN B. EVANS.

Saratoga County, 1844; a brother of Mrs. J. N. Whedon and a resident in town several years, between 1860-70; attended Burr & Burton; taught in town and worked the Prescott farm two years; from here to Mechanicsville, N. Y. where he conducted a store; removed to Iowa in 1870, and taught school a year in Cedar Co.; studied medicine, graduating in 1873 from the medical department of the State University; practiced at Big Rock, Clarence, Dow City and Arion; postmaster for years of Dow City.

WM. H. SMITH,

Salem, 1855; to Rupert in 1873; son of Abram and Sarah (Santus) Smith; attended the medical college at Burlington two years; graduated in Cincinnati; married Julia Halsey, of Warren, Mich., 1888; now in practice at Vassar, that State.

ASA K. KINNE,

1833. Son of Lyman and Elizabeth (Randlet) Kinne; a farmer here until 1877, and holding various town offices. Studied medicine and graduated in 1880 from the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery; practiced at West Pawlet about five years, at West Rutland the same, and since 1891 at Middletown Springs. Dr. Kinne's first wife was Mariatta Derby of East Rupert; his second, Mary McFarland of Hebron; his third, Emma McFarland, sister of Mary.

GEO. L. KINNE,

1860. Son of Dr. A. K. and his first wife; attended school at Castleton and West Rutland; graduate of Troy Business College in 1883; studied medicine, graduating from the University of Maryland Medical College, at Baltimore, in 1887. Settled in the practice of his profession at Holyoke, Mass., in 1888; same year married Ada Griswold of West Rutland.

OSCAR PERKINS,

1859. Son of John and Betsey (Hay) Perkins; graduated in 1884, from Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Has practiced at Hebron, N. Y., Danby, Worcester and Barre, Vt.

LAWYERS.

ISRAEL SMITH AND NATHAN BURTON,

The only practicing lawyers in town, are noticed under other headings. It must not be supposed, however, that there has been but little litigation here; on the contrary, we have had our share, for I recall hearing the late James Sheldon say that when he was constable, seventy years ago, it would average a law suit a week. Pettifoggers we have had, some of them of real ability; but when a *real lawyer* was wanted, we have called on our neighbors—Salem, Granville, Pawlet and Manchester. But though our practicing lawyers have been two only, we have sent forth men to other fields, some of whom became eminent in the profession. These will now be noticed.

CALVIN SHELDON,

Son of Judge David, 1788–1834; “was a graduate of Middlebury College; studied law; settled in Manchester; was for a time at the head of the Bar in Bennington County; afterwards went west and died some years since, in Oswego, N. Y.” Vermont Historical Magazine. Town Representative of Manchester in 1820.

CYRUS SHELDON,

Son of Judge David Sheldon, 1795–1856; a graduate of Middlebury College; studied law and practiced in Troy, where he resided until his death.

JAMES A. SHELDON,

1822-77. Son of James and Abigail (Flower) Sheldon; grandson of Judge David; fitted for college at Burr Seminary, Manchester; entered Yale College, graduating about 1845, with the highest honors, being valedictorian of the class; studied law; first with Blair & Allen, of Salem, then with Hon. Solomon Foote, of Rutland, where he was admitted to practice. The firm of Hodges & Sheldon, Rutland, one year. The "gold fever" was now raging, and in 1851 Mr. Sheldon went to California, where he remained until about 1859, returning broken in health and in spirits; captain of Co. G., 1st Vermont Cavalry, 1861-2; taught the village school the winter term, 1865-6; Superintendent of Schools the year named: succeeded J. W. Simons in the old store building, near the railroad, where he was a merchant ten years, 1867-77. He died suddenly, June, '77, a few weeks after he had relinquished the store to his nephew, Fred A. Mr. Sheldon married Mary Langdon of Castleton in 1850.

EMMONS TAYLOR,

1828. Son of Stephen and Harriet (Sheldon) Taylor; graduate of Burr Seminary and Williams College; studied law with James Hopkins of Granville; was admitted to practice there and remained several years. About 1856 he settled in Portage City, Wis., where he resided until his death in 1874. Mr. Taylor visited his native town in 1871. I recall his modest replies to the questionings of old friends, as to how he was getting along in his profession. "I think I have as good a practice as any lawyer in Portage, Mr. Bailey; in fact I have been called to nearly all parts of the State." And Mr. Bailey replied, "I am glad to know you are getting along so well, Emmons." But after his death, we realized for the first time that he was one of the ablest lawyers in the great State of Wisconsin. This was revealed in a pamphlet giving an account of the proceedings of the various bar associations; also containing extracts from his addresses.

One speaker declared that if he would have accepted, he might have had any office in the gift of the people of Wisconsin. Emmons Taylor was one of the most eloquent men our town ever produced. In 1862 (I think), on the occasion of a Wisconsin regiment leaving for the scene of conflict, he presented their colors, in an address that was a masterpiece of patriotic eloquence. I greatly desired it for these pages, and made diligent efforts to obtain it, but without avail.

JAMES B. TAYLOR,

1838. Brother of Emmons; graduate of Union College, 1866. Studied law and settled in practice with his brother at Portage City. Served as mayor of the city two terms; died in 1898.

ELIAS B. BURTON,

1816. Son of Judge Nathan and Charlotte (Graves) Burton; fitted for college at Bennington Academy and graduated at Middlebury in 1838; taught in town and one year in Alabama; studied law with Judge Allen of Salem and began practice at Manchester in 1843. He continued to reside here, and to practice his profession till within a few years of his death, which occurred in March, 1892; he was State's Attorney of Bennington Co., in 1852; represented Manchester in the Legislature in 1855; a State Senator, 1856-7, and Judge of Probate many years; the first being in 1849, and holding that office at the time of his death. Judge Burton was twice married; his first wife was Adeline Harwood of Bennington, Dec., 1842; she died in 1886; her children were Agnes (Mrs. Theodore Swift); Ella (Mrs. George Swift), both of Manchester, and Fanny (Mrs. Wm. Frost), of Smith's Falls, Ont. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Huff, of Buffalo. Judge Burton was a successful lawyer, especially strong in his knowledge of law.

GROVE M. HARWOOD,

1821. Son of John, grandson of Silas; also grandson of Judge Grove Moore; educated at Pawlet Academy, Burr

Seminary and Williams College; studied law partly in the office of Hon. William H. Seward, at Auburn, N. Y., and partly in the office of Olin & White at Troy, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1848. He commenced the practice of law at Keesville, N. Y., but after about five years removed to Troy and subsequently to New York. He now resides in Rutherford, N. J., but still continues his law office in New York.

JOHN W. BEEBE.

1850. Son of T. S. and Maria (Tucker) Beebe; attended school at Fort-Edward and South Woodstock; taught in town; studied law with Hon. M. Fairchild, Salem, and Townsend & Browne, Troy; admitted to the bar in Bennington Co., in 1871; Miner & Beebe of Manchester till 1876; J. W. Beebe of Bennington till 1878; settled at Kansas City, Mo., in 1879, where he has since resided and practiced his profession.

WAYNE BAILEY,

1845. Son of John and Harriet (Farrar) Bailey; resided in town until 1874; in that year began the study of law with Dunton & Veazey, Rutland, being admitted to practice in 1877; has been Register of Probate about twenty years; is a Police Justice of the city and a pension agent; also President of the Rutland Savings Bank. Mr. Bailey married May Stone, of Montpelier.

ALBERT SMITH,

1844. Son of Hiram S. and Adaline (Warren) Smith; educated in the common and select schools of this town, at Castleton Academy and Union College, graduating from the latter in 1870, with high honors; studied law in the office of Townsend & Browne, Troy, and was admitted to the bar in 1872; he immediately began practice in that city, and in 1878 was formed the firm of Smith, Wellington & Black, the latter being the present governor of N. Y.; this firm was dissolved by Mr. Black retiring, at the end of one year; the firm of Smith & Wellington

until 1887, when Henry Smith, brother of Albert, was admitted to the firm, which continued, so constituted, until the death of Albert, March, 1893. Mr. Smith married in September, 1879, Eliza Haigh of Newburg, N. Y. He was prominent in the Masonic order; in politics, a staunch Republican; as a lawyer he won not only cases, but the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

HENRY W. SMITH,

1848. Brother of Albert; prepared for college at Burr & Burton Seminary and Alfred Institute, Alleghany Co., N. Y.; a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1875; studied law in the office of his brother, in Troy, and admitted to the bar in 1878, beginning practice immediately; in 1887 became a member of the firm of Smith & Wellington. Albert Smith died in 1893, and in 1894 the firm of Smith & Wellington was dissolved; since then Mr. Smith has been alone and enjoys a lucrative practice. He married, June, 1886, Mrs. Annie Bainbridge Wendell, of Troy, who died Aug., 1891.

ISAAC SHERMAN,

Sandgate, 1797. Son of Enoch and Catharine (Seeley) Sherman; resident of Rupert 1807-38; attended Middlebury College for a short time, then Union College, where he graduated in 1820; studied law and was admitted to the bar, but did not make it a life work, preferring farming and other business enterprises, rather than the law. Mr. Sherman resided one year on the farm now owned by Grant Morey; from there he moved on to the farm now owned by Warren Flower, where he resided until his death in 1869. Mr. Sherman married Charlotte, daughter of Judge Josiah Rising: their children were Josiah, John, Albert.

AUGUSTUS SYKES,

Was a son of Milton; about 1825-30, became a lawyer, settled in Missouri, where he resided until his death, about 1890.

RUPERTITES ABROAD.

The following brief notices are mainly of natives of the town, who, in early life, went forth to seek new homes. Necessarily, it is an incomplete list.

BAILEY, DUANE, son of Hiram, about 1840. To Illinois, in 1865; merchant at Polo and at Dixon, that state; removed to Nebraska, and now a farmer, near Kearney, Married Libbie, daughter of Francis Graves, in 1866.

BARDEN, M. C., son of Horace, 1852. Married Estelle, daughter of Wm. Sheldon and resides on the Dillingham farm. Children; Eugene, Bertha, Ray. Town Representative of Pawlet, 1898.

BARDEN, H. E., brother of M. C., 1854. Married Ida, daughter of Geo. Smith and resides in Granville. Connected with the Carver Mfg. Co.; a daughter, Franc.

BARDEN, H. B., brother of M. C., 1860. Married Anna Northup of Hartford and resides in Granville. Connected with the Carver Mfg. Co. Children: John, Etta, Clifford, Zella.

BEEBE, FRED, son of A. C., 1853. Has been in the hotel business nearly twenty years, mostly in this state; now at Newport. Married Lizzie Peverly, of Rutland.

BIBENS, GEORGE, son of Lucien, 1864. Married Lizzie Miller, of Castleton. Farmer in Springfield, Vt.

BIBENS, A. M., brother of George, 1866. Married Fanny Foster, of Shushan; grocer, Spokane Falls, Wash.; now a farmer in Colton, that state.

BURTON, SHELDON, son of J. G. and Ruth (Sheldon) Burton, 1836. Clerk for John King, Salem; next with Harvey Sheidon, Constantine, Mich. To California in 1858; miner, messenger for Wells, Fargo & Co., and merchant; Captain in the State Guard, in the Civil War;

is now proprietor of a summer resort at Weber Lake. Married, in 1870, Victoria Secretan, of Downieville, and resides at Sierra Valley, Cal. Children: Sheldon J., Aimee, Cora.

CLARK, FITCH, son of Ozias and Polly (Gookins) Clark, about 1828. A mechanic. Married Laura, daughter of Chauncey Elwell, and settled at La Crosse, Wis. Died in Rupert in 1861.

CLARK, JOHN, brother of Fitch, about 1833. A mechanic. Resides at West Salem, Wis.

CLARK, CHARLES, son of Rev. J. B., 1859. A druggist; first at New Britain, Conn.: now at Arlington, Mass. His sister, Martha (1864), died at New Britain in 1886.

CLAPP, ISAAC, about 1841. Was a Captain in the 77th New York Inf.; settled in Kansas City, and for twenty years, or more, a merchant there. His brother, Stephen, was a member of the Vermont Cavalry, and also settled in that vicinity, soon after the war.

CARROLL, JOHN, when a small boy, was taken by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Conant, in whose care he grew to manhood; resides in Chicago. In 1866, he was shipwrecked on a whaler, in the Pacific, his comrade, Edward Tracy, being lost.

DANFORTH, MONTILLA, son of Elkanah; a tuner of musical instruments, and resides in Rutland.

DANFORTH, JOHN, mechanic; resides in Lansingburgh; half brother of Montilla.

DENIO, FAYETTE, son of Abel H., 1848. Resided twenty years in Middletown, Conn.; since 1894, in Springfield, Mass.; manager and part owner of the Springfield Webbing Co. Married Emma Winchester. Children: Fanny, Winchester.

DENIO, MARCELLUS, son of Mylon, about 1842. To Nebraska; became a locomotive engineer and was killed in a railroad accident.

ELWELL, SPENCER, about 1834. Son of Chauncey; taught in Rupert and Argyle; removed to West Salem, Wis., about 1859; Superintendent of Schools of La Crosse County, 1861-3; merchant three years; removed to La Crosse and for seven years County Clerk; visited Rupert in 1862 and '76. Died at La Crosse, July, 1878. Mr. Elwell married Loraine Hall, of Mansfield, Mass. Children: Gertrude, Percy S.

ELWELL, CHAUNCEY, brother of Spencer, about 1829. Has resided upwards of forty years in Wisconsin, mostly at West Salem; farmer in the active years of his life. Married Kate Preston of Brockport, N. Y.; a daughter. Ida (Mrs. Tillson).

ELWELL, OSCAR, brother of the above, about 1832. Married, first, Louisa Youlen of Rupert, and after her death, Ellen Shaw, of same, in 1867; resides at West Salem, Wis.; farmer, but retired from active labor. Children of the first wife: John, Charles, Youlen, Fred.

EASTMAN, CYPRIAN, " Was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1749. He was the second son of Jonathan Eastman, of Rupert. He married Rosanna Nelson of Rupert, by whom he had ten children. In 1787, he settled on Bristol Flats, and was one of the first selectmen. In June, 1791, a militia company being organized, he was chosen captain, and was also appointed one of the committee to lay out the first division lots of land and roads in town. The Captain was a good citizen and well esteemed. In the spring of 1798, he went to Montreal, where he took the smallpox, of which he died on the 23d of May, aged 49 years."—Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 21.

EASTMAN, JONATHAN, " Was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1753, and was the third son of Jonathan Eastman of Rupert. He married a Miss Haynes for his first wife, by whom he had one daughter; and a Miss Ruth Dean for his second, by whom he had five children. He removed from Rupert to Bristol in 1791. He was a worthy citizen, and our first Representative in 1792, and again in 1795;

four years one of the selectmen; eleven years Town Clerk; and seventeen years a Justice of the Peace. He died December 16, 1816, aged 63."—Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 21.

EASTMAN, AMOS, was one of the younger sons of Jonathan, and brother of the above. He also removed to Bristol, but cannot say what year, nor give the date of his death. He was living in Bristol as late as 1858, being then about ninety years of age.

EASTMAN, LE GRAND, 1808. Grandson of Enoch, who was the eldest of the sons of Jonathan Eastman. Mr. Eastman resides in Rutland. He has contributed largely to this work, and under the head of "East Rupert" will tell of his own life and much of the Eastman family in general and particular.

EASTMAN, JOHN, about 1835, son of Dorson. For a number of years was employed in the railroad service at Castleton; later in the drug business, same place; removed to Rutland and employed in Curtis' flour and feed store; severely injured by the fall of an elevator in said store, never fully recovering from it; resides in Rutland. Mr. Eastman married Ellen, daughter of Willis Phelps; a son George, a student in Amherst College.

FARRAR, CALVIN, son of Jonathan; married Abigail, daughter of Shubal Barden, and settled in Wells, as a farmer, where he resided until his death, about 1880. Children: Ann (Mrs. Kendrick Thompson); Philetus (married Anice Jones); Helen (Mrs. Merritt Wood); Emmet, married Sarah Lewis; Seymour, married Edna Lewis.

FARRAR, MARTIN, son of John and Betsey (Barden) Farrar, 1837. Began railroading as a fireman on the Rutland & Washington in 1856; has been an engineer on several roads, mainly in Wisconsin; resided in Portage City and Joliet; now in Chicago.

FARRAR, SAMUEL, brother of Martin, 1849; married Adell Hill, 1873; a farmer in Andover, where he has re-

sided since 1879. Children: Laura, Lloyd, James G., Vina.

FARRAR, DAVID, son of Samuel and brother of John, 1825; married Esther, daughter of Maj. Sylvester Smith; a farmer in Pawlet since 1855. Children: Jason, Fred, Charles, Stella.

FARRAR, HENRY C., son of Charles, 1856; from Rupert about 1870; resided in Pawlet, Middletown, Ludlow; since 1883 in Rutland; special agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society; clerk of ward 9; trustee of the Gill Odd Fellows' Home; Grand Master of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Vermont in 1893; Superintendent of Sunday School in the Universalist Church eight years. Mr. Farrar married Jennie French of Ludlow in 1880.

FARRAR, MARCELLUS F., son of Philetus and Anice (Jones) Farrar, 1863; to Illinois about 1886; married in 1893, Martha Ingersoll, cousin of Robert G.; resides in Chicago and is a milk dealer.

FISHER, PRESTON, son of Deacon James and his second wife, the widow of Rev. John B. Preston. Built and occupied the house now the residence of Charles Trumbull; resided many years at Mellenville, N. Y., and engaged in the mercantile business.

FLOWER, HORACE, son of Timothy, 1816; resided most of his life in Hebron and Salem; a farmer. Married Delia Rogers. Died about 1878. Children: Spencer, De Witt, William, Gardner, Flora.

FLOWER, EDD, son of Elihu, 1855. Since 1879, clerk in McNish's store, Cambridge. Married in 1897, Lizzie Green, of same; a daughter, Margaret.

FONDA, EDMUND S., son of Stephen and Julia (Harwood) Fonda, 1839. Educated at Greenwich and Fort Edward, N. Y.; taught in Rupert and Cambridge; to Michigan in 1860, and in mercantile business at Constantine, several years; to Iowa, in 1868, settling at Osage;

deals in real estate and farm machinery; member of School Board; Trustee of Cedar Valley Seminary; President of Mitchell County Agricultural Society; mayor of Osage, 1889-93. Mr. Fonda married in 1864, Loretta Crego, of Constantantine. Daughters: Lottie (Mrs. Towner), Fanny, Kate.

FRARY, ORANGE, son of Orange, 1812. Emigrated to New York state in early life. Mrs. Almon Smith and Mrs. Chas. Fellows, former residents here, were his daughters.

GRAVES, ABRAM, son of Cyrus. Married Zilpha Rose, of Milford, N. Y., in 1823; removed to Fairhaven in 1833, and thence to Warrensburg, N. Y.; in 1857 removed to the state of Georgia, where he died.

GRAVES, FAYETTE, son of Nathan and Salome (Stoddard) Graves, 1849. Married Jennie, daughter of Anson Whedon; has resided in Burlington, Springfield, Mass., North River, N. Y.; now in Vergennes; employee of the Vt. Shade Roller Co. His daughter, Dorothy, taught the Prescott school, a term, in 1895.

GRAVES, ALLEN L., son of Francis and Esther (Bowe) Graves, 1845. Attended Burr & Burton Seminary; entered the employ of Cone & Burton, merchants, at Manchester, in 1866; active partner in the firm of Burton & Co., Manchester Center, 1869; A. L. Graves, of same, since 1894; Vice-President of the Factory Point National Bank, at its organization, in 1883; President since 1888; a Trustee of Dellwood Cemetery Association; of Burr & Burton Seminary, and member of corporation of The Mark Skinner Library. Married October, 1870, Mary Hemanway of Bridport, who died January, 1893; married June, 1895, Delia C. Smith; a daughter by second wife.

HAY, JOSEPH H., son of Herschel and Sibyl (Hastings) Hay, about 1835. Served during the Civil War in a New York regiment and was severely wounded in the foot; remained in the army several years after the close

of the war, and attained the rank of Captain; settled at West Hebron and engaged in mercantile business. Died in 1893, from injuries received by being thrown from his carriage. Capt. Hay married Emma, daughter of D. D. Woodard. Children: Roscoe, Minnie, Horton, Mary.

HAY, MARCUS, son of Leroy and Delight (Gookins) Hay, 1859. Resides at Westwood, Mass., and grows small fruits. Married Carrie Johnson of Ludlow. Children: Ethel, Eva, Lola.

HARMON, SHEDRICK, son of Seth, brother of Rufus and Seth jr.; about 1785, removed to Genesee Co., N. Y. in early life, settling at Corfu, near Batavia, where he was a farmer. In our town his memory is associated with the abduction of Wm. Morgan, in 1826.

HARMON, JOSIAH, son of Seth, Jr., about 1816; married Ann Smith of Sandgate; from here to Wisconsin about 1854; settling near Belleville, where he resided till his death.

HARMON, AUGUSTUS, son of Julius and Betsey (Nelson) Harmon, 1832; married Mary, daughter of Whitney Hay; to Richland, N. Y., about 1869; farmer and carpenter. His son Henry, since deceased, taught the W. Rupert school about 1889. Mr. Harmon visited here in 1897.

HARWOOD, FRANKLIN G., son of Joseph and Vesta (Blackmer) Harwood, 1817. To Dorset in 1842; a farmer. Married Alvira Cochran, of that town, and resides at East Dorset. Children: Mary, Lemira, Laura, Edward.

HARWOOD, OLIVER, brother of F. G., 1819. Married Ruhama, daughter of Samuel Farrar; was a farmer in Dorset Hollow, from about 1851 to 1867—date of death. Children: Horace G., Vesta.

HARWOOD, HEMAN, son of Joseph B. & Eunice (Farrar) Harwood, 1838. Member of 14th Vermont Infantry, 1862-3; to Michigan in 1865, where he was a farmer, and

resided until his death, in 1889. Married in 1870, Emma Stevens of Constantine. Children: Olive, Laura, Bessie.

HARWOOD, ROLLIN J., son of Capt. John and his wife, Maria, daughter of Judge Grove Moore. Married Sarah, daughter of Silas Reed, and settled in the northeast corner of Pawlet.

HARWOOD, GREEN B., son of Zachariah, about 1848. Resided some years in Brattleboro, and employed in the Estey Organ Works.

HARWOOD, SILAS J., son of Seymour and Mary Ann (Kinne) Harwood, 1850. Married, first, Adell Hill, of Erie County, N. Y.; next, Alice Pepper of East Rupert; resides in Dorset; a daughter, Lillian, and several sons.

HARVEY, NORMAN, son of Ephraim, about 1805. Married Rhoda, daughter of Seth Moore; resided in a house that stood near A. Hopkins' sugar house. His house was carried away by a flood in 1832. He was at that time constable of the town, and had in his possession a considerable sum of money, collected on the state tax. The legislature, at its next session, credited him with the amount lost. Removed soon after to Michigan, where he became wealthy through land speculations. Died about 1866. Children: Delia, Henry, Daniel, Mark, Wallace.

HARVEY, PHILO, brother of Norman. Married Betsey, daughter of Richard Bailey; to Constantine, Michigan, about 1844. Died about 1875. Children: Mary, Norman.

HIBBARD, SUMNER, WARREN and ORVIL, sons of Joseph, 1855, '60, '64. To Ft. Edward in boyhood; now Hibbard Bros., of Sandy Hill; machinists, iron and wood workers, sell and repair bicycles.

HOGLE, EDWIN S., son of C. W. and Maria (Swasey) Hogle, 1868; to Auburn, N. Y., in 1888; to Los Angeles, Cal., in 1896.

HOGLE, ALBERT G., brother of E. S., 1874; to Schenectady in 1895; salesman in crockery store.

HURD, DENNIS, son of Humphrey, married Betsey daughter of Capt. Enos Sheldon and removed to Wisconsin in the early fifties. He served in the army during the Civil War, and was killed by a railroad accident in Wisconsin in 1897. Resided at Eau Claire.

HURD, CHAS., half-brother of Dennis, and married Adell Hill, niece of Mrs. Sam. Farrar, and removed to Buffalo about 1890.

JONES, MARCELLUS, son of Ephriam; to Illinois in the fifties, and resides at Wheaton. Raises and moves buildings. Married Ella Meacham. Capt. Co. E., 8th Ill. Cav., in 1862-5.

JONES, NELSON, brother of Marcellus, married Mary, daughter of Ellsworth Sykes, and is a farmer in Pawlet. Children: Frank, Jessie (Mrs. Herman Smith).

KINNE, JOHN, son of Lyman; to Michigan in the fifties, where he now resides, near Charlotte, and a farmer.

LEACH, C. B., son of G. C., and Lois (Harwood) Leach, about 1846. Resides at Middletown, Conn., and is Secretary and Treasurer of the Columbia Trust Co.

MOORE, MERRITT, son of Seth and Rhoda (Spear) Moore, 1800. Settled at Churchville, Genesee Co., N. Y., where he was a merchant. Died, 1871; twice married, and a daughter by first wife. Second wife, Mary McBrughton, in 1835.

MOORE, BRADLEY, brother of Merritt, 1806. Married Sarah, daughter of Oliver Harwood, and settled at Marilla, about fifteen miles from Buffalo. Mr. Moore was a farmer of the well-to-do class, respected in the community and holding many offices of honor and trust. He was zealous in church and S. S. work. He died in 1896, being the last of his father's family. Children: Fayette, Harlen, Calvin, George, Jane, Julia, Adaline.

MOORE, ABEL BUEL, 1806, son of Judge Grove and brother of Dr. Henry. When a mere boy he developed a talent for painting, and subsequently became a very prominent and successful portrait painter. He lived and painted portraits in Troy for many years. He painted for the State, portraits of several of its governors, which are now preserved in the capitol at Albany. He died at Rhinebeck, N. Y., where he had lived some ten or more years, about 1879.

MOORE, CHARLES E., C. E., son of Silas and Mary (Burton) Moore, 1849. Educated at Burr & Burton Seminary, Fort Edward Institute and Union College. Taught a year in Alfred (N. Y.) University. Resided at Syracuse and St. Louis; now of Santa Clara, Cal. Mr. Moore stands high in his profession, as his work will testify. Married in 1874, Kittie Cole, of Syracuse, N. Y. A daughter, May.

MOORE, DARIUS, 1795. He was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years at Rupert Corners (E. Rupert), in connection with his father, Grove Moore, under the firm name of D. and G. Moore. Served as a County Judge of Bennington Co.; also as S. S. Superintendent of the Congregational Church, Dorset, 1832-40. About 1840, removed to Northville, N. Y., where he resided until his death in 1884. He represented the counties of Fulton and Hamilton in the New York Legislature in 1847-8. Elder of the Presbyterian Church at Northville.

MOORE, GROVE, brother of Darius, 1797; resided some years in Dorset, in the house afterward the residence of G. W. Farwell. Removed to Wisconsin and died at Oshkosh; date unknown. Lived in Dorset as late as 1845, and for some time in charge of the town liquor agency.

MOORE, ASA B., brother of Darius, 1801. Resided some years at Newport, Vt., and was deacon of the Baptist Church. Later years, lived in Dorset, where he died

in 1870. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Underhill Stevens.

MOORE, ALBERT, brother of Darius, 1809. Was a superior mechanic, and for some years had a planing mill on Hagar brook. Removed to Northville, N. Y., where he resided until his death.

MOREY, ERASTUS, brother of Matthew; to Iowa many years ago, where he now resides, a prosperous farmer.

NELSON, HOLDEN, son of James Y., 1817; to Hebron about 1840. Has been a successful builder in this and other towns about. The Rupert street schoolhouse, Mrs. E. Burton's residence and that of H. C. Guild were built by him. Married Ruth, daughter of Austin Johnson. Sons: George, Elbert, Austin, Henry, Fred.

NELSON, P. T., son of Almon, 1851; to Rupert in boyhood. Lived some years at West Pawlet, where he had a harness shop; removed to Bedford, Ohio, about 1886. Married Eva Burch, sister of Mrs. A. E. Burton.

PARKER, JOHN, son of Capt. John and Mary (Convis) Parker, 1788. Settled at Versailles. Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where he was a farmer, and died in 1859. Married Polly Convis.

PARKER, DAVID, brother of John, 1791; married Olive, daughter of Thomas Remington, of West Rupert, and settled at Versailles, where he was a farmer, and died in 1875.

PARKER, JOHN M., son of Col. Joseph and Mary (Montgomery) Parker, 1826; married Mary Smith of Hebron and settled in Granville; now resides in Sandy Hill. Children: Albert, Emma (Mrs. Gilchrist), Alma (Mrs. Gibson).

PARKER, CONVIS, brother of John M., 1840; member of the 14th Vt. Inf., 1862-3; Bradley & Parker, W. Rupert, 1866-8; resided in E. Dorset and Wallingford; now

at Washington, D. C.; employee of the war department. Married first, Almena Bradley of Sunderland, who died in 1869; and next, Marion Batchelder of E. Dorset; daughter of first wife, Carrie; of second, Alice.

PARKER, DAVID W., brother of John M., 1842; member of the 14th Vt. Inf., 1862-3. Married Jennie Matoon of Versailles, N. Y., and resided in that region some ten or fifteen years; now in Washington D. C., employee of the coast survey. Children: Fred W., LeRoy.

PERKINS, JOHN, son of John B. and Betsey (Hay) Perkins; married Lottie, daughter of Abner Richards, and is a farmer, in Baltimore, Vt.

RISING, S. M., son of Simeon and Jane (Montgomery) Rising, 1843; member 14th Vt. Inf., 1862-3; clerk for J. W. Simons, Rupert, 1865; to W. Pawlet in 1866, and partner with M. V. B. Pratt, general merchants, eight years. Has been largely engaged in the manufacture of roofing slate since 1877; represented Pawlet in the Legislature of 1892; married Charlotte Rickey, of W. Rupert, in 1872. Children: Laura, Simeon M.

ROBERTS, BROOKS W., son of Erastus and Elizabeth (Bardwell) Roberts, 1852. Married Alice Wescott of Fair Haven, 1879; farmer in Fair Haven six years from 1881; livery and grocery five years; burned out in 1892 and started in business in Albany same year; now Baker & Roberts, wholesale fruit dealers and commission merchants. Children of Roberts: Philips, Abigail, Melvern.

SHAW, JESSIE, was a son of Jesse who lived on the McArthur place. Jesse, Jr. went to California, many years ago and resided at Santa Barbara (I think) that State. He visited here and vicinity in 1878, remaining some time on account of business matters.

SHAW, ROBERT, 1815; son of Jonathan and Betsey (Vance) Shaw. A farmer in Galway, N. Y., where he died in 1887; married Lucy Radford of same. Children: Edward, Robert, James, George, Philip, Eliza, Sarah.

SHAW, HENRY, 1825; brother of Robert; married Margaret Porter of Hebron and resides in Poultney. Daughters: Minnie (Mrs. John Marshall), Etta (Mrs. George Parro).

SHAW, MYRON, 1822; brother of Robert; married Helen Carver of Pawlet, and a farmer in that town; died in 1891. A son, Willard, married Mary Williams.

SHAW, JOHN, 1836; brother of Robert; married Jennie Underhill of Kingsbury and resides in Salem; meat market. Children: Charles, Jennie, Willie. The latter died at 15.

SEELEY, JUSTUS, about 1812; married Sarah, daughter of Deacon Titus Sheldon, and settled in the western part of New York about 1845, removing soon after to Wisconsin where he resided until 1885, when he removed to Iowa, where he died in 1890. Mrs. Seeley died in 1895; visited here in 1884. Children: George, Calvin, Emily, Esther, Lottie, Sarah, Myra.

SHELDON, HENRY C., son of Dr. Henry and his first wife, Elizabeth Harris of Canaan, N. H., 1825; to Troy in 1848, and two years a druggists' clerk. Was a druggist, doing business in the same store thirty-five years, 1850 to 1885. Since retiring from business, Mr. Sheldon resided some years at Madison, Wis., and now divides his time between Troy and Dorset. Married, in 1855, Loraine Waters of Troy, who died in 1882. Children: George H., of Rock Island, Ill.; Bessie, a teacher in Minneapolis; Hattie (Mrs. A. W. Harrington, Jr.) of Troy, and Harry W., in the office of Van Alstyne & Harrington, Troy.

SHELDON, ARTHUR H., brother of Henry C., 1832; attended school in the brick school house summer and winter until the age of eleven, then in winter only until seventeen; J. H. Guild, David S. Sheldon, John Phelps and Wm. E. Sheldon being among his teachers. At the age of seventeen, apprenticed in an iron foundry at Brockport, N. Y., where he remained two and a half years.

Settled at North Chelmsford, Mass., in 1852, where he followed the business of a founder until 1892, when he retired. Married, in 1856, Sarah Swett of N. Chelmsford. Children: Charles H., Ada, Clementine, Alice. Charles died in Taunton, in 1895, aged 37. The daughters are married. Mr. Sheldon is a deacon of the Congregational Church, and its Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years; has been chairman of the board of assessors, member of the board of selectmen and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the state of Massachusetts in 1892 by Gov. William E. Russell. Resides at North Chelmsford.

SHELDON, STEPHEN S., son of David and Jerusha (Smith) Sheldon, about 1803; graduate of Middlebury College; bookkeeper, some years, for a firm at New York Mills, Oneida Co. Settled, as a farmer, at Brockport, Monroe Co., where he resided to within a few years of his death, which occurred at Greenville, Mich., in 1872. His last visit to Rupert was in 1864, at the death of his father. Mr. Sheldon married Lemira Harris, a sister of Mrs. Dr. Sheldon. Children: Shepherd L., Mary (Mrs Roby) of Detroit; Alfred, merchant, Jonesville, Wis.; Charles, a physician, of Madison.

SHELDON, SHEPHERD L., son of Stephen S., 1828; settled near Madison, Wis., 1854; dealer in all kinds of farm machinery; president of state agricultural society; also that of Dane Co. First wife, Franc Belden; a daughter, Minnie; second, Anna Clark. Children: Georgiana, Harry. Since 1862, Mr. Sheldon has resided in Madison.

SHELDON, EDGAR, son of Simeon and Lois (Eastman) Sheldon, 1832; to Constantine, Mich., about 1855; married a lady of that place, who died within a few years. Married, at Rupert, in 1865, Mary, daughter of Julius Sheldon, and resides at Mankato, Minn. A daughter, Edith.

SHELDON, SETH, brother of Edgar, about 1840; member of the 14th Vt. Inf., 1862-3. Settled in Wyoming Co., N. Y., as a farmer, residing there about twenty years. Removed to Mich., where he died about 1892. Married, in 1867, Ella Starks of Wyoming.

SHELDON, KIRK, brother of Edgar, about 1842; to Constantine, Mich., about 1861, residing there some years. For the last twenty-five years or more, a merchant, at Portland, Oregon.

SHELDON, JOHN, brother of Edgar, 1844; attended Fort Edward Institute. Went "west" in 1868; about 1888, went to Colorado and engaged in mining. Died at Ouray, Col., in 1890.

SHELDON, HENRY C. AND THEODORE F., twin sons of Seth and Marina (Rising) Sheldon, 1844. Henry resided in Rupert and vicinity until about 1875. in farming and speculating; a year in Poultney; Sheldon & Gibbs, meat. Went to the Pacific slope, living in several States, and settled at Los Angeles, Cal. Theodore went to Michigan in 1866, and clerked for Simons & Sheldon, Constantine; next a farmer in Missouri several years; next a merchant at Sherwood, and later the same at Ransom, Mich., where he died, June, 1892; married Harriet Meacham, Nov., 1871. Children: George, Carrie.

SHELDON, MARK L., son of T. L. and Clarissa (Hopkins) Sheldon, 1854; entered the National Bank of Salem in July, 1870, as clerk; became cashier in 1878, and held the position until the bank's charter expired in 1885. At the formation of the First National Bank of Salem, Mr. Sheldon was elected cashier, holding the position until the death of President Bancroft in 1886, when he was elected president, and holds the position at this time, 1898. He is also a director of the Glens Falls Insurance Company.

SHELDON, ASAHIEL, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Spear) Sheldon, 1809; settled in Hebron, where he was a prosperous farmer; married Caroline Wilson, of Rupert. Children: D. A., who lives on the homestead; Louisa (Mrs. Hadsell), and Theodosia (Mrs. Woodward). Mr. Sheldon died in 1893; his wife in 1887.

SHELDON, ISAAC, brother of Asahel, 1811; settled in Hebron, where he resided until his death in 1853. Married Polly Munson, who died in 1898. A son, Charles, resides in Hebron.

SHELDON, W. H., son of Henry and Hannah (Nelson) Sheldon, 1848. Married Sarah Nelson of Hebron, in 1868; settled in Nebraska about 1882; thence to the State of Washington. A son, Arthur, about 1872.

SHELDON, AUGUSTUS, son of Enos, about 1832; went from here about 1853, and has been for years a merchant at Independence, Ia.

SHELDON, E. H., son of William and Mary (Harvey) Sheldon, 1831. Married Maria, daughter of Simeon Sheldon, and settled in Constantine, Mich. He was very prosperous in business affairs for some years, but about 1870, he met with reverses that swept away his entire property. The last twenty years of his life were little known to his friends. He died in Chicago in 1898.

SHELDON, WM., brother of E. H. They were grandsons of Capt. Thomas Sheldon, who was a son of Judge David. William was the younger; he went west in early life, settling in Michigan. From inquiries made, I suppose him to be not living.

SHELDON, JOEL H., son of David F., 1811. Married Marcia, daughter of Sam. Farrar, and settled on the Penfield place in Pawlet. For some years he dealt in clocks; but the greater part of his life a farmer. He was successful in business affairs. Children: Helen (Mrs. Leach), Ann, Julia (Mrs. Wheeler), and George, who married Flora Bromley. Mr. Sheldon died in 1895.

SHELDON, Wm. B., brother of Joel H., 1818; was a merchant in Pawlet twenty years or more; removed to Fremont, Ohio, where he continued that business and now resides.

SHELDON, THADDEUS D., 1824; brother of Joel H. He was in mercantile business in Pawlet, as clerk and principal, several years. Married a Miss Underhill, of East Rupert; died 1855.

SHERMAN, M. H., son of E. S. and Miranda (Warner) Sherman, 1853; graduate of Oswego Normal; principal of Hamilton (N. Y.) Academy at the age of 18; to Arizona in 1874, where he opened the first regular public school in the territory. First Superintendent of Public Instruction and author of the school laws of Arizona; Adjutant-General, two terms; leading promoter of the electric railway system of Los Angeles, and its official head for five years. Resides at Los Angeles.

SHERMAN, S. S., son of Sterling and Jane (Noble) Sherman, 1815. Married Eliza Dewey, of Philadelphia, and resides in Chicago. Children: Henry, Lizzie, Fred.

SHERMAN, H. O., brother of S. S., 1820. Married Huldah Ingersoll of Hebron, and resides in Chicago. Children: Jennie, Maria, Nettie (Mrs. Waterman), George, Jay and Theresa, who died in Rupert.

SHERMAN, O. B., brother of S. S., 1824; married Caroline Porter, of Salem; lived in Iowa, and died at New Hampton in 1890. Children: none living.

SHERMAN, ENOCH, brother of S. S., 1826; married Laretta Walton, of Waukesha, Wis., and resides at Eagle, that state. Children: Walter, William.

SHERMAN, JESSE S., brother of S. S., 1828; married Lucinda Woodard, of Hebron. A farmer in the town of Salem; now resides in the village. Children: S. S., Daniel, William, Cora (Mrs. Haskins), Emma (Mrs. Brown), Carrie (Mrs. Flack).

SHERMAN, E. B., son of C. A. and Laura (Burton) Sherman, 1864. Lived a few years in Milwaukee; since 1891 a hardware merchant at Manchester Depot, Vt. Married Freda Matthes. Children: Charles B., S. S., Laura.

SHERMAN, MOREHOUSE, son of Seeley and Betsey (Phillips) Sherman, about 1809; was a mechanic, and resided in the J. Bonville house. Removed to Lowell, Mass., thence to Troy, thence to Whitehall, thence to Iowa. Married Julia, daughter of Roswell Flower, Sr. She was drowned in Boone River, Ia., about 1864. Mr. Sherman visited Rupert in 1870. Died in 1897, at Ft. Dodge, Ia. Children: Charles A., Cecilia (Mrs. Hall), Silliman.

SMITH, STEPHEN, son of Sylvester and Nancy (Harmon) Smith, 1821; married Charlotte, daughter of Deacon Titus Sheldon, and resides at Belleville, Wis. A daughter, Jennie (Mrs. —) deceased.

SMITH, HENRY, brother of Stephen, 1826; married Fanny, daughter of John Wiseman, and resides in Pawlet. Children: Martin, Merritt, Hattie (Mrs. Rogers).

SMITH, DAVID R., brother of Stephen, 1834; married Mary, daughter of James Baldrige, and resides on the D. Fitch farm, Pawlet. Children: Eugene, who married Ida Viets, Minnie, Abbie (Mrs. Brown), Nettie (Mrs. Denio), Erma (Mrs. White), and Sadie. Mr. Smith is well and widely known as a superior cheese maker.

SMITH, HIRAM, son of Truman and grandson of Martin, 1797; married Polly Baldrige, and resided at Silver Creek, N. Y., until his death. His son, Daniel, visited here in 1897.

SMITH, DAVID, son of Thaddeus; married Betsey Downer. Resided some years in Hebron and later in Pawlet, where he died. A daughter Marcia (Mrs. Warren Rice).

SCOTT, IRA H., son of Thomas J. and Charlotte (Towsley) Scott, 1855; learned telegraphy in the Rupert

office; worked a short time in Granville; going from there to Hinsdale, Mass., on the B. & A. R. R., as night operator, in 1873. Died at Hinsdale in 1876.

SCOTT, H. D., brother of Ira H., 1862; married, 1882, Hattie Rayder of Poultney, and is a merchant in that village. Children: Lewis R., Emily, Harold A.

STEARNS, WM. SCOTT, son of Dr. John Scott and his wife, Elmena Conger of New York; Hebron, 1857. He was left an orphan and adopted by Wm. Stearns. Early showed great capacity in mathematics; studied sometime in the schools of Rutland. Married and settled in Kansas about 1885, as a civil engineer and surveyor. Died in N. C., in 1898, where had recently located, hoping to improve his health.

SYKES, HORACE, son of Milton; member of 14th Vt. Inf., 1862-3; married Delia Underhill and resides in Manchester; farmer and speculator.

SYKES, BYRON, brother of Horace; was for some years a grocer in Granville; recently removed to Brownsville, Vt.; married Louisa Sykes.

SYKES, HENRY, brother of Horace, resides in Mo., and manufactures finished marble.

SYKES, SKIFF, about 1805; to Burlington in early manhood; thence to Montreal, where he long resided and became wealthy. His last years were spent at Chas. Whitcomb's, Salem, N. Y. Died about 1885.

THOMPSON, SHERMAN, son of David and brother of David, Jr., about 1827. Removed in early life to Chestertown, N. Y., where he has since resided; a farmer.

THOMPSON, ISAAC, about 1830; reared in the home of Esq. David Sheldon; to the west in early manhood; surveyor, land dealer and farmer. Resides at Houston, Minn.

TRUMBULL, JOHN H., son of Alexander, 1845; to Rupert in boyhood; settled at West Pawlet in 1875; con-

tractor, practical house builder and lumber dealer. Married Libbie Nelson of Hebron.

WADE, ELISHA, son of William and brother of Willard; married Othelia, daughter of Capt. Enos Sheldon and settled at Belleville, Wis.; removed to Iowa where he died.

WISEMAN, MERRITT, son of John and Sarah (Bourn) Wiseman, 1832; married Eveline Gilman and removed to Minn. about 1860; died there about 1893.

WISEMAN, MILTON, brother of Merritt; married Ann Whedon and lived for a time on the farm now occupied by Seth Clark. Removed to Poultney, where he resided until his death in 1897; killed by the bursting of an emery wheel in a mill where he was working.

WISEMAN, MARCELLUS, brother of Merritt; to Illinois, and married there, about 1866; returned to Rupert, remaining two or more years; a carpenter, and worked on the Lake St. Catharine House in 1867. Owned the Lyman Farrar place, a short time. Removed to Minnesota; thence to S. Dakota.

WAKELY, PRESTON, son of Isaac and Margaret (Fisher) Wakely, about 1842. After the death of his mother, lived with his uncles, her brothers; followed his father to Minn.; was in the army, during the Civil War; visited in Rupert, with his wife, in 1872; going from here to Glens Falls, where he resided a year or more. Present residence unknown.

WILSON, DAVID, son of Robert, 1870; married Mary, daughter of Merritt Farrar; butter maker; had charge of a factory at West Glover, Vt., four years.

WHEDON, OSCAR, A., son of John M. and Mary Eliza (Parker) Whedon, 1867. For several years was a butter maker, mainly in New Hampshire; now a farmer, in Sandwich, that state. Married Anna Mudgett.

WOOD, EDWARD D., son of Rev. E. T. and Cecilia (Palmer) Wood, 1849; to West Rutland about 1875; married Mary Goodspeed, of same, and since 1891 has resided in Rutland. Children: Nellie, Percy P.

WEAVER, VIRGIL, located in Troy as a physician, though not regularly studied or admitted. Died at Clarendon Springs.

WRIGHT, CHARLES, 1805-75; an elder brother of the twins; resided in Ill., and a farmer. In Johnson's administration held a position in the internal revenue service. Visited Rupert in 1871. Besides the three already named, four brothers and four sisters grew to the adult age, viz: Sherman, Calvin, Rial, Walter and Charlotte (Gardner), Jemima (Wilson), Mary (Chamberlin), Permela (Beebe).

BROWN, MARIA, 1825-77. She was an adopted daughter of David Brown, of West Rupert. Though denied the advantages of a higher education, by making good use of the opportunities within her reach, she was able to begin teaching when very young, and followed that vocation some years, mostly in the town of Salem; she possessed literary abilities of a high order and was a contributor to several publications. During the Pierce administration, for about three years, she was postmistress at West Rupert, the office being in the house now the residence of Elisha Hurd; in this position she had as assistant, Judge A. E. Burton, then a youth of sixteen. In 1856, she married Daniel B. Cole, of Salem, taking up her residence in that village in 1857, where she continued to reside until her death. Mr. Cole was editor of the Salem Press, and his wife was a valuable assistant in its management. Unquestionably, she was one of the most gifted of Rupert's daughters.

BALDRIGE, HARRIET, daughter of Edward and Fidelia (Smith) Baldrige, about 1835; her mother, who was a sister of Philo Smith, died when Harriet was an infant.

The daughter was reared in the home of her mother's cousin, Mrs. David Sheldon. She began teaching at an early age, and continued that vocation for some years. About 1857 she went to the western part of N. Y.; there she married and died soon after, probably about 1860.

JONES, LIBBIE, daughter of Ephraim, sister of Dr. F. P., 1837. Educated in the common and select schools of Rupert and Dorset; became a teacher and taught in Hebron, Manchester, Rupert, Dorset and Middletown. Married Linus H. Jennings about 1863; after her marriage resided in Orwell and Middletown, now in Granville. Taught the Rupert Street school in 1861, and as one of her pupils, I hold her in grateful remembrance.

MCCALL, ELLEN I., daughter of Capt. Hugh Hebron, about 1833; resident of Rupert from about 1857 to 1879; for some years a teacher in this and adjoining towns. Married Geo. A. McMillan, of Salem, in 1879, and resided in that town until 1885, when they removed to Hillsboro, near Macon, Ga.

PHELPS, ELIZA, daughter of Willis and Emma (Underhill) Phelps, about 1844. Possessed musical talent of a high degree; attended St. Mary's convent at Hochelaga, near Montreal, one year; continued her studies in Boston where she resided fourteen years, and was a successful teacher. Died in Boston in 1888.

SCOTT, LAURA, sister of Ira H.; resident of Shushan since 1880. She is proprietor of "The Ladies' Bazaar," in that village, which she has successfully managed some fifteen years.

SCOTT, KATE, sister of Ira H.; began teaching in Rupert in 1878; next taught in Shushan, and then, five or more years in Putnam Institute, Cambridge. For a number of years she has been teaching on Long Island, and is now principal of the school at Glenhead. In spite of the lack of early advantages, Miss Scott has won an honorable position in the ranks of the teaching profession.

SHELDON, ANN, daughter of Esq. David, and sister of Stephen S., 1815; owned the first piano in town; attended the academy at Bennington, taught by her brother, David S.; married in 1838, Rev. Harvey D. Kitchel; he was a graduate of Middlebury College in 1835, and its president 1866-73. His pastorates were Thomaston, Conn., 1838-48; Detroit, 1848-64; Chicago, 1864-6. Mrs. Kitchel died at Detroit in 1858. Their children were: Harvey S., Yale, 1861, civil engineer, S. Bethlehem, Pa.; Cornelius L., Yale, 1862 (Rev.), instructor in Greek, Yale University; Courtney S., Yale, 1865, a lawyer, Milwaukee; Luther H., Yale, 1867, physician, Alden, Erie Co., N. Y.; Farrand D., banker, East Liverpool, Ohio; Anna, died in infancy; Stanley R., Williams, 1876, lawyer, Minneapolis. In their school days these brothers were frequent and well-known visitors in Rupert, especially Courtney and Luther H., or Hart.

SMITH, ANN ELIZA, daughter of Hiram, sister of Albert, about 1840; was one of the earliest music teachers of the town for the melodeon and organ, and very successful; organist of the Congregational Church for years, and at the time of her removal to Troy in 1874; taught for a time in the public schools of that city. Resides at Brunswick, N. Y.

SYKES, LUCY, daughter of Milton, about 1843; to Brooklyn twenty-five years ago, or more, where she has had a successful career as a pianist and teacher of the piano. Resides in Brooklyn.

WEED, CHARLOTTE, daughter of Capt. James and Betsey (Flower) Weed, about 1838; taught the Rupert Street school, summer of 1858. About 1860, married Abel Haskins, a cotton manufacturer of Battenville, N. Y.; about 1870, they removed to Petersburg, Va., where they now reside.

KINNE, HELEN, daughter of Kenaz and Martha (Fuller) Kinne, about 1837; a teacher; to Detroit about

1860, where she taught many years. Married Thomas Gregg, many years a policeman, and resides in Detroit.

MOORE, FRINDA, daughter of Dr. J. M. and Caroline (Ayres) Moore, 1866; married Henry H. Bowen, in 1886, who died in 1887; to Cambridge, Mass., in 1895, and soon after to Waltham, and is now proprietor of a millinery store in that city.

HULL, EMILY, Pawlet, about 1835. At about the age of ten years, she was given a home in the family of Stephen Taylor. This was her home until her marriage, about 1864, to a Mr. St. John, of Michigan. She resided there until her death in 1898.

BREWSTER, FRANCES, daughter of George and Jane (McCleary-Vance) Brewster, about 1842; educated in the common and select schools of this town and became a teacher; to Illinois about 1870, where she taught several years; married John Winn, who died about 1895. Children: Ruth B., Dora and Lora (twins), John J. Resides at Waltham, Ill.

MERCHANTS.

Who was the first merchant in town, or the date of, I am unable to say. As far as known, all stores have been located at the centers of population, as now existing. The earliest of which I have knowledge at Rupert Street, was a firm formed by Judge David Sheldon and Samuel Leavitt; the store building standing on the grounds of C. F. Sheldon's residence. This was in the closing years of the century, but cannot say how long it continued. The next firm was Judge Sheldon and his sons, David and James, on the site of C. M. Sheldon's residence; and here a store was maintained many years. After this firm, came Spaf-

ford Hawley of Dorset, who was the last merchant on that site. On the site now occupied by the M. E. Church, a store was kept some years by Harris & Hubbard; the building being, now, the barn of Warren Ellsworth. The building, now the tenant house of C. F. Sheldon, was built by Myron Clark, who owned and operated a tannery on the grounds. There being for some time a shoemaker's shop in it, and painted red, it was called the "Red Shop." Mr. Clark lived in the Loveland house, which he built. After the decline of the tannery, Virgil Weaver had a grocery in this building, for a short time. Passing into the hands of James T. Bates, he maintained a store here for several years, probably about 1843-8. Here, J. H. Guild was a clerk. After Mr. Bates' failure, a store was kept about a year by Horace Read of Pawlet, who was the last merchant in the "Red Shop." In 1850, Asher Loveland moved into the building, since known by his name, and soon opened a store, which, with two slight interruptions, was continued until his death, in 1874; and by his widow and her brother, Wm. Shaw, until Mr. Shaw's death, in 1896. Until 1850, all stores had been either at the "Corner" or at the upper end of the Street; but the building of the railroad changed the trade center to the lower end. The first store here was built and kept by W. L. Kinne, about 1852. It is the building now known as the "old store," standing between the highway and the railroad. Asher Loveland was for a short time associated here with Mr. Kinne. E. H. Sheldon (Harvey) was clerk, and a short time proprietor. Dodge of Troy, at one time owned the goods, which were in charge of an agent. Thos. S. Beebe was proprietor one or two years. He was succeeded by John W. Simons, from Cohoes, who remained ten years, 1857-67. He was a thorough merchant and financially successful here. Removed to Constantine, Mich. He had as clerks, John Phelps, Sheldon Bliss and S. M. Rising. He was succeeded by James A. Sheldon; first as salesman for his brother, Cyrus F., and later as proprietor. He occupied the store ten years,

1867-77. J. A. Sheldon's clerks were F. A. Sheldon, Geo. S. Hibbard, Leroy Bushee. James A. Sheldon was succeeded by his nephew, Fred A., who occupied this building about one and one-half years. In 1878, a building was erected next to and above the residence of W. L. Kinne, being a combination store and residence. W. H. Smith of Hebron was the master-builder. It was occupied by Fred A. Sheldon, same year. Since then the building near the railroad has been used as a storehouse. In 1883, G. B. Sheldon became a partner with Fred A., forming the firm of F. A. Sheldon & Bro., which has continued to the present time. A store was opened in the Grange Building, which stands next to and below the old brick schoolhouse, now the blacksmith shop, in May, 1895. This store grew out of the forming here, in 1890, of a grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, its ownership and management being wholly confined to members of that order. It is termed the "Farmers' Exchange." T. D. Smith is managing director; Miss Belle McCall, clerk. These two stores do a large business in the various kinds of grain feed, sending it into all the adjoining towns. The millinery business being essentially mercantile, will be noticed here. Sometime in the fifties, Lucy Wakely was engaged in this business at her home, first in the Elwell house and later the L. Farrar house. Think there was no other here until 1885, when Mrs. F. A. Sheldon opened millinery rooms, and has continued the business to the present time. In 1892, Miss Mary Sheldon engaged in it, at the residence of Edward Sheldon, and has usually spent a part of each season at Dorset. I only know of one milliner here before Miss Wakely—Mrs. Josiah Harmon.

At West Rupert, the earliest merchant I can write with certainty of, is Josiah Houghton, though no doubt there were others before him. His period was possibly as early as 1830, and he was in business some ten years. From best information obtainable, think he traded at three different places: The Geo. Hopkins house, a small

building that stood opposite Seth Sheldon's (now Dr. Carpenter's) and the Baptist parsonage (now E. Vail's). Benj. Hickok, in the Hopkins house, 1840-1; Bates & Safford, at same place, 1842 to 1845, and James T. Bates, alone, for a year or two after; I. Sherman and J. Shepherd, two years, but cannot give date or location; E. B. Safford, 1845 to 1883. After Mr. Safford's retirement, his store was occupied, for short periods, first by Geo. W. Holmes and next by A. M. Bibens, who was the last in trade there. The first merchant on the side opposite E. B. Safford's was Jonas Wilder. The store building was erected about 1858, and a store kept in it about three years; at the last in charge of Charles Clark of Poultney, Assignee. In this period, Milo Wilder, Lorenzo Wilder, Henry Woodbridge, and possibly others, were clerks. It was unoccupied from 1861 to 1866, when it was occupied by the firm of Bradley & Parker about two years. A larger building was erected near the first one in 1868; the Masonic Hall occupying the second floor. In this store, H. N. Bradley was in trade until 1873. W. C. Harrington, Fred Beebe, Arthur Wilder, were clerks. Next, X. W. Collins, 1873-80; Sheldon & Richey, 1880-86; and since then G. H. Richey. Thomas Moncrief clerked for Richey several years; Volney Hopkins is now clerk. In the early years of Mr. Wilder's occupancy he put in operation a tin shop, in the building long the Boice house, now John Madison. John Murphy was the tinner: but the affair was short lived. In millinery, I learn that a Miss Munson conducted this business at the L. D. Hopkins house, and a Miss Scott at the Geo. Hopkins house. Do not know the exact dates, or which was the earlier; but think it 1850, or later. In 1860, a Miss Brooks had charge of the millinery department of Wilder's store. Miss Ann Peck, from Sandgate, was a milliner here twenty years, during which she built and occupied the house now owned by Frank Sheldon. The Misses Marie and Hettie Lewis were, for some time, in this business, in what is now the residence of Chas. Hopkins, Miss Peck

retiring about '85, there has been none other since. I learn of only two tailors for the town, though doubtless there were others. Andrew McInroy followed this calling on the premises now occupied by the Misses Baldrige, about 1840-50; about 1870-2, one Cooper had tailoring rooms in the annex to the store, W. Rupert. The old-time tailoress, who made men and boys' garments is no more. Mrs. Susan Loveland and Miss Catharine Scott were the last representatives. But the dressmaker, seems to increase rather than diminish. Of recent and present time, can be named, Mrs. Beatrice Prou, Mrs. A. T. Hurd, Mrs. C. W. Hogle, Mrs. Chas. Trumbull, Mrs. Wm. C. Boice, Mrs. Eelyn Hay, and the Misses Julia Harmon, Emily Hawley, Libbie Whedon, Sara Baldrige, Nelia Moore.

Carpet weavers, Mrs. Wm. Perkins, Mrs. Abram Smith, East Rupert, which in the early days was called Rupert Corners, was formerly quite a trade center, but declined with the advent of the railroad.

In another part of the work, under the head of East Rupert, an old time resident will give an account of its merchants.

MECHANICS.

In the early days the demand for Mechanics, both in number and variety, was greater than now. There were many mills in town—saw, grist, oil and cloth mills, and blacksmith shops, too. The population being greater and more evenly distributed, they were located accordingly. For example: There was a blacksmith shop near Henry Barden's, on the road to the Bailey farm. Jonathan Hibbard and sons, for many years, manufactured hand rakes, for which they found ready market; but now the hand rake is not a vital factor in haying. The repairing of road and farm wagons formerly gave steady employment.

Elijah Hibbard followed this business many years, and for briefer periods, Ovide Bonville and Spencer Hopkins. But improved machinery has made new wagons too cheap, for the repairing of old ones. Of house carpenters we have had, and still have a large number. Going back forty years, and less, these names occur: Corneilus Hopkins, Whitney Hay, Charles West, Daniel Parish, George Green, Elijah Hibbard, Joseph Hibbard, John Bailey, Joshua Hard, Augustus Harmon, Rufus H. Conant, Albert Moore, Orson Brewster, Geo. Derby, on the east side. Of present date: E. H. Beebe, George Gragen, Newton Clark, Abram Smith, Charles Trumbull, E. F. Haye, Geo. Hay, Will Rafter, Henry Hadaway, who also does wagon work. Much of the present day work is repairing. We have one grist-mill in town, at West Rupert, Spencer Hopkins, owner. Former owners, Greene, Smalley, Chapman. One saw-mill (water), S. H. Dole; and here temporarily, the steam mill of Sweet & Robbins. Blacksmiths: Rupert Street, Charles Cruikshank; E. Rupert, Charles Perkins; W. Rupert, Charles Hopkins, John Madison; stone mason, Robert Wilson. John G. Housey, and W. C. Boice for many years did harness making and repairing. David Towsley, Ira S. Rice, Royal Watrous, John Longway, William Darling, made and repaired boots and shoes. James Bailey and Charles Horton were painters.

CEMETERIES.

Of these, variously known as grave yards, burying grounds, church yards, we have several. One in Kent Hollow, now neglected and little used, dates back to the eighteenth century. It is on the south side of the road leading up the hill to the former residence of Le Grande Flower. With difficulty I procured these inscriptions,

and judge there may be others older: "In memory of David Frary, who died June 25th, 1798, Æ 50 years and 4 months." "In memory of Mr. Elihu Phillips, who died Oct. 16, 1799, in the 39th year of his age. Depart my friends, Dry up your tears, Here I must lie, Till Christ appears." These names will recall to the older inhabitants of the town, memories of families once well known, but now unrepresented. The cemetery on the "East side," is situated on the west side of the road leading from E. Rupert to Pawlet, in the locality of late known as North Rupert. The oldest inscription in town, I think, is found here. It is as follows: "Justin, son of Mr. Jonathan Eastman Died June 11th AD 1772 in the 8th year of his age." Only three years after the birth of Napoleon, and the same before the beginning of the Revolution. Here follow two, of an early settler and wife: "Sacred to the memory Of Mr. Amos Curtis who died Dec. 7th 1795 in the 63d year of his age and of American Independence the 20th. Sacred to the Memory Of Mrs. Irena Curtis who died April 13th 1797 in the 51st year of her age and of American Independence the 21st." The next I suppose to have been a son of the preceding. "Erected to the memory of Moses S. Curtis, Esq. of Salem, N. York, who died July 1st AD 1808, in the 34th year of his age, by his tender and disconsolate wife." Another, and ancient: "In memory of Mrs. Mary Sheldon, alias Mary Smith, consort of Noah Smith of Suffield in Connecticut, who died Oct. 14, 1786 in the 84th year of her age. Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her. Luke 10, 42." On the west side of the main street of West Rupert, just below the residence of Geo. H. Richey, are two small yards adjoining, mainly reserved for use of certain families. Of early inscriptions I find the following: "In memory of Solomon Brown, who died Sept. 20th 1786 in the 49th year of his age." "In memory of Mr. Aaron Rising, Jun. died March 19, 1796 in the 33d Year of his age." Near the former residence of the late Francis Graves, afterwards

occupied by Wm. Kinne, was a small yard for family use; but no burials there I am informed, within the last fifty years. The cemetery at Rupert Street, near the Congregational Church, probably contains more graves than all others united. It was located in the early days, when that universal practice prevailed of closely connecting these two—church and graveyard. First burial, Abigail, wife of Wm. Bailey, 1785. This cemetery has been enlarged by additions, within the last forty years on both its north and west borders. The oldest inscriptions in this cemetery long ago became illegible, and many of the stones are broken. I present a few, of interest, mainly, on account of their odd language and arrangement. “In Memory Of Mr. Jabez Parsons who died November 4th '79' in the 27th year of his age.” “In memory of Hadaffah Consort of Hezekiah Weston :: who died Sept 4th

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1893 Æ 21 years 4 months & 21 days. this ston is erected by her Father Cap^t Moses Stone.” The following on a double stone: “Weeping parents build their children's tomb. Gershom Sheldon died May 3 1813, Æ 30 hours; Oscar Wilson died Apr 16 1814, Æ 4 hours. Sons of Gershom and Constantia Spencer.” The next is of a lady who, I am told, was employed here as a teacher: “Miss Idea Strong of Middlebury, Vermont, Daughter of Hon. Jedediah Strong of Litchfield Connecticut, died at Rupert on the 25th day of Sept. AD. 1804, aged 29 years.” The following on one large stone: “Ezra King died February 6th 1813, aged 51 years. Mary, Consort to Ezra King, died Feb :: 6th 1813, aged 47 years. One we were in life and death, Together sleep in dust, but God has given diviner breath, That we may live among the just.”

The Rupert Cemetery Association was organized in 1893. The cemetery is located above the premises of Elijah Hibbard, left hand side on the road leading to Pawlet. The land for this purpose was donated by C. F. Sheldon. A receiving vault, the first and only one in

town, was built in 1894. First interment, Lucinda Greeley, wife of John F. Thompson, Apr. 27, 1893. The cemetery now contains about twenty-five graves. G. B. Sheldon, Supt., C. W. Hogle, Sexton.

CHEESE FACTORIES.

The first factory in town known as the "Rose," began making in the spring of 1867, and for three years was the only one in town. It occupies the building on the corner where the road from Hebron meets the main street of West Rupert, premises formerly occupied by Morhous Sherman, and later by Amos Lewis. It has been regularly in operation each season. Joseph Bonneville, the first maker now being in charge, though between these dates have been several other makers. In the early years of its existence, the company had a suit at law brought against them by John Boynton, a nearby resident, to test their right to keep hogs on the factory premises. After a long, bitter fight, the case was decided against the company. The factory is so located with respect to town lines, that it receives milk from four towns, Rupert, Sandgate, Salem and Hebron. The factory of the R. D. Association, began making in April, 1870. A large three story building was erected near where the garden and barn of David Towsley were formerly located. Eugene Bizallion was the first maker, remaining five years. He was succeeded by O. H. Danforth, one year; Israel Denio, three years; John Peltier, six years; Seymour Farrar, four years; Arlin Ryder, seven years. The present maker is John Peltier, three years. This season, twenty-three dairies furnish milk. The time of making is usually from the early days of April to December. C. F. Sheldon has been salesman most of the time since or-

ganization. The East Rupert cheese factory called the Mettowee, began making in 1871. A large and convenient building was erected beyond the bridge, at E. Rupert Corners, on the west side of the road leading to Pawlet. Dwight Taylor, Hiram Eastman, Wm. Clemons, first directors. The makers have been, Israel Denio, Geo. Robinson, Sarah Hill, O. H. Danforth, John Peltier, John Frost. The factory receives milk from both Rupert and Dorset. Since 1896, this factory makes the year throughout. The Denio factory, at N. Rupert, began making in 1872. Unlike those mentioned, this is an individual concern, started and managed by Wm. B. Denio and located on his premises. The makers have been Nelson Jones, Wm. B. Denio, P. Wolf, G. Wolf, D. Wolf, W. La Point, Chas. Kinne, B. G. Orr; the latter now on his 12th season. No skimming allowed here, and have sold to one firm 15 consecutive years. This factory receives milk from Rupert and Pawlet. The Kinne factory began making in 1873, I think. It was a new building, opposite the Kinne residence, formerly E. Roberts. A. K. Kinne was the maker up to and including 1878. Eusebe Bonneville and Allison Smith were makers here. It was changed to a butter factory, and called "Maple Brook." Merritt Barden and G. P. Wood made butter here. Now not in use. A cheese factory was operated for a few years in Kent Hollow, known as the Hurd-Hadaway factory, about 1876-80. Charles Farrar and Dora Wood of Wells, were the makers. For a time, six cheese factories were in operation in this town; at the present time, four. The establishing of cheese factories has been highly beneficial to our people: being a relief to the overworked housewife, and a sure and steady source of revenue to our farmers. Makers at the Rose factory: Geo. Bowman, Weston Prindle, Wm. Chamberlin, Eusebe Bonneville, Edward Mercier and Joseph Bonneville.

RAILROADS, ETC.

The Rutland and Washington R. R., Rutland to Salem, was built in 1850-2, and began to operate in April of the last year. Henry Shaw, now of Poultney, was the first station agent at Rupert. J. E. Austin became agent, January, 1854, and so remains to the present time. The R. & W., which had come to include the road from Salem to Eagle Bridge, also passed into the control of the Rensselaer & Saratoga R. R., in 1865, and in 1871, to the Delaware and Hudson, who now control it. The superintendents of the R. & W., were Horace Clark, Thos. H. Canfield, Jonas Wilder, and the afterward famous Jay Gould. The National Express Co., began business over the road soon after its opening, and so continue. Rupert is a water station, the reservoir having a capacity of 1000 barrels. The supply comes from an unfailing spring on the farm of the late T. S. Beebe. The station-house was built in 1852, and entirely remodeled in 1880. West Rupert station was established about the same time, doing both freight and passenger business: but was discontinued, as a regular station after a few years. Enoch Sherman was the station agent. It stood about two miles southwest of Rupert station, near the Hebron road crossing. It was for some time occupied by John Slattery, section foreman, as a dwelling. For several years, the wood yard, partially made up, to the people of W. Rupert, the lack of a station. The present W. Rupert station was established in 1888, on the wood yard site. It is reached by a public highway, which leaves the main road just above the residence of A. P. Sheldon, formerly Jonas Wilder's. Rupert station does freight, passenger, express, telegraph and telephone business; W. Rupert is a flag station, for passengers only; tickets being sold at the store of Geo. H. Richey.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.—The W. U. Telegraph Co., built a line along this railroad in 1863, offices being

established at Cambridge, Salem, Granville and Poultney. In 1866, an office was opened in this station, Charles Slocum of Saratoga, operator in charge. Present operator, W. M. Prescott. In 1879, the Rupert Telegraph Co., was organized, having offices in both villages, connecting with the W. U. at Rupert station. In 1895, the company changed to the telephone. There are several private telephones, also. These and those of the company make about twenty residences and places of business so connected.

PUBLIC HALLS.

Forty years ago, our town had nothing worthy to be called a hall; the nearest approach to it being the ball-rooms of the old taverns. Such entertainments as we had were ordinarily held in church or schoolhouse. By the remodeling of the Congregational Church, in 1859, we obtained our first in this line; a room 48 x 30, known as the "Basement." Its acquisition marked a distinct advance in the social and educational growth of the town. In 1871, District No. 4, erected a building, opposite the old brick one, and Schoolhouse Hall, in its second story, came into use. Its dimensions are 40 x 30. In 1868, Masonic Hall, over Wilder's store, West Rupert, was dedicated to the use of the order, and was so used until 1885. In that year the lodge was removed to Pawlet, and the hall became a public one, being called from its owner, A. P. Sheldon, Sheldon's Hall. It is a handsome hall, 40 x 28, fitted with stage and scenery, and having a gallery. There is also a kitchen and dining room in connection, making a thorough equipment for public entertainment. In 1892, Grange building was erected and a room fitted in the second story, primarily for the Patrons of Husbandry, as a place of meeting. In 1896, Grange building

was increased by its own size, and the second story finished like the adjoining room. The front room is used for a lodge room, the rear one for a reading room. By means of folding doors, the two are quickly turned into one, making an elegant hall, 54 x 24, the equal of which will scarcely be found outside the large villages. School-house Hall is now mainly used for town business; and occasionally for cooking and dining purposes, in connection with Grange Hall.

MILITARY COMPANIES.

I have no records regarding these companies in their earliest organization. The best I can present is from the recollections of men now living, who either participated in training day events, or were spectators. In the time thus embraced, say from 1815 to 1845, there existed two complete organizations—the militia and the artillery, in this part of the town. T. S. Beebe and A. C. Beebe were Captains of the artillery; John Farrar, Joseph B. Harwood and Oliver Harwood of the militia. Joseph Parker was a Colonel of militia, I suppose. There was also a part of a company of cavalry here, but I am not aware with what other town they united to form a full one. On the East side, was a company of militia and one of light infantry. Harmon Blackmer and Wrial Kent were Captains of the militia. These are all the names of the officers I have obtained. Here, as in other towns, the latter training days were boistrous and demoralizing. I find the following living in town, who trained in the olden days: James Barber, Elisha Hawley, Elijah Hibbard, J. J. Jenkins, W. L. Kinne, John Leach, Russell Mason, Daniel Parrish, John Perkins, Wm. Perkins, Wm. Root, E. B. Safford, Niles Sanders, Wm. Sheldon, Abram Smith, Sylvester Tooper, Leonard Vail, Royal Watrous.

COINAGE.

In our town there has been coinage of both silver and copper money. The conditions under which the two metals were used varied greatly; in one case legal, in the other, illegal. The copper coinage, being first in point of time, will be described first.

Legal coinage by Reuben Harmon: At the session of the General Assembly of Vermont, held at Norwich in 1785, a petition of Reuben Harmon, Jr., asking for leave "to coin money," was presented and referred to a committee, of which Samuel Williams, of Rutland, was a member, and on its report, June 15th, 1785, it was enacted:

"That there be and hereby is granted to the said Reuben Harmon, Junior, Esq., the exclusive right of coining copper within this state for the term of two years from the first day of July in the present year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five; and all coppers by him coined shall be in pieces of one-third of an ounce Troy weight each, with such Devices and mottoes as shall be agreed upon by the committee appointed for the purpose by this assembly." Another section of the act required security of Harmon; whereupon on 16th of June, with David Sheldon of Rupert, and Abraham Underhill and Benjamin Baldwin of Dorset as sureties, he executed a bond in the penal sum of five thousand pounds to Ira Allen, state treasurer, with the condition following: "The condition of this bond is such that the above Bound Reuben Harmon as Principle, and the s'd Sheldon, Underhill and Baldwin as sureties, be responsible to s'd Treasurer that s'd Harmon will, agreeable to an act entitled an Act Granting to Reuben Harmon, Jun. Esq., Right of Coining Copper and Regulating the same; that all Copper by s'd Harmon Coined shall be in Pieces of one-third of an ounce Troy weight each, and that the same shall be of good and genu-

ine metal; Provided, s'd Harmon should at any time Coin Copper of Wait, Mettal or Mottoe Contrary to s'd Act then this Bond is forfeit." In October of the same year, the Legislature changed the weight of these coins from one-third of an ounce to four pennyweights, fifteen grains each, and directed the surrender of the bond and the making of a new one. A new bond having been executed, Harmon erected a "mint" in the northeastern part of Rupert on "Mill brook," a tributary of the Mettowe or Pawlet river; the mint being described as a building "about sixteen by eighteen feet, made of rough materials, simply clapboarded, unplanned and unpainted." In this mint were coined the first Vermont cents, bearing the following devices and mottoes as fixed by the committee appointed by the general assembly for that purpose.

OBVERSE.

Devise.—A sun rising, with mountains and trees in the foreground, and a plough in the field beneath.

Legend.—Vermontensium Res. Publica.

In the Exergue.—1785.

REVERSE.

Device.—A radiated eye, surrounded by thirteen stars.

Legend.—Quarta Decima Stella.

The Latin legend on the obverse, being translated, is "The Republic of the Green Mountains;" and that on the reverse, is "The fourteenth star," prophetic at that time, but fact now. As we write, one of these earliest coins, bearing the date of 1785, is before us; and others, with the date of 1786, are extant. In the mint already referred to was the whole machinery of coinage, consisting of a furnace, a rolling machine, and also a machine for cutting and stamping the planchets. The impressions were made by means of a screw moved by hand, and it is said that sixty coins per minute were struck, although half that amount was the usual number. In October, 1786, at a session of the general assembly, held in Rutland, a peti-

tion was presented by Harmon, setting forth that he had been at great expense in erecting works and procuring copper, and that by reason of the shortness of the time for which he was allowed the exclusive privilege of coining, he will be unable to indemnify himself for said expense, and asking for a further grant of the privilege for a longer time. In accordance with the prayer of this petition, Harmon was granted "the exclusive right of coining within this state for a further term of eight years; * * free from any duty to this state as compensation therefor, for the full term of three years from the first day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1787, and that from and after that time he shall pay, for the use of the state, two and one-half per cent of all the copper he shall coin for and during the remainder of the aforesaid term of eight years," and shall enter into a bond, etc., to the treasurer of the state, etc. The bond required was given Feb. 23, 1788, with Nathaniel Chipman and Lemuel Chipman as sureties, and witnessed by John A. Graham and David Russell, and Harmon began the coinage of a new cent, the device having been changed by the General Assembly. The new cent may be described as follows:

OBVERSE.

Device.—A bust in a coat of mail; head usually laureated.

Legend.—Vermon Auctori.

REVERSE.

Device.—A female figure representing the genius of America, seated with a shield at her side, holding an olive branch in her right hand and a rod in her left.

Legend.—Ind Et Lib.

In Exerque.—1786.

The act of 1786, was the last act of the General Assembly of Vermont relating to coinage. From an editorial of the Rutland Globe:

On ¶ 227, of the Vt. Hist. Mag., is an account of Harmon's coinage, more brief than the Globe article, and agreeing with it in the essentials. I here present an extract from it, on account of the local interest attaching to several names mentioned. It begins with Harmon's preparations for coining, after he had secured the second concession from the Legislature, as described in the Globe article. "In June, 1787, Harmon's firm, which consisted of himself and William Cooley, of Rupert, Elias Jackson of Litchfield, Conn., and Daniel Voorkis, goldsmith of New York, formed a partnership with another company, consisting of six gentlemen of New York City, for the said term of eight years, for the coinage of copper. By the first of July, the New York firm were required, by the terms of the co-partnership, to complete, at their own cost, the works, then being erected near the Great Pond, in the County of Ulster, N. Y., while the other firm agreed to complete in the same time the works at Rupert. The ten partners divided the affairs of the company between them, and agreed to meet on the first day of February, June and October, of each year, at Rhinebeck, N. Y., for the purpose of general business. It is supposed that William Cooley, better known by the title of Col. Cooley, who had been a goldsmith in New York City, but who afterwards removed to Rupert, cut the dies and assisted in striking the coppers. At all events, he was actively engaged in the operations. How long the Vermont money was coined, or the quantity that was manufactured, is not certainly known. * * * *

A William Buel, a man of considerable note in Rupert, and a son of Abel Buel, of New Haven, Conn., who had for a long time been connected with the Connecticut mint at that place, came to Rupert about that time and associated himself with Harmon in the business of coining. He brought with him the original dies used by his father at New Haven, and continued the business of coining coppers until they had depreciated so much in value as to be worthless, or nearly so, for circulation." Page 227-8. In

Part II of this book, the location, removal and fate of the old minthouse, will be discussed and determined.

ILLEGAL COINAGE, BY THE CRANES.—About 1800, it was discovered that a large amount of spurious silver coin was getting into circulation in this part of the country—so well executed as to deceive the most wary. Suspicion fell upon one Adonijah Crane and his two brothers—well dressed and fine appearing men—who were loitering about here, without any apparent honest employment. Strict watch was instituted over these *gentlemen*, and it was discovered, that they were in the habit of often *taking a walk* into the woods east of the present village of Rupert. After long and diligent search, their instruments for coining were found in a secluded glen in the woods at the base of Mt. Antony, and seized, broken up and destroyed. The Cranes fled to parts unknown, but rumor has it, that Adonijah met a fate, he no doubt richly deserved, on a gallows in one of the Southern States.” Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 228. Tradition, of a reliable nature, makes it possible for me to add to this narrative. Mrs. Nathan Burton (1785–1874), is my main authority. The Cranes, while living in Rupert, a period of several years, always appeared suspicious of danger and ever on their guard. Mrs. Burton was the daughter of Dr. Josiah Graves, the first resident physician and many years town clerk. She remembered the Cranes well, and said the elder brother, Adonijah, often called at her father’s. He always came horseback, and seldom dismounted; but if he did so, always kept one hand on the bridle rein. The Cranes lived on the Clark farm; but the exact location of the house is unknown. The father does not appear in this affair; their mother kept the house for them. If a stranger appeared at the house while they were at their work, the mother would warn them by starting out with a pail as though to feed the swine, loudly calling, “pig! pig! pig!” The discovery of their place of coinage is credited to Judge David Sheldon. He was coming from Pawlet, late at night, and saw a light on the mountains above the

Cranes. On reaching home, he immediately collected a party to search for the counterfeiters. Towards daylight their retreat was discovered, the occupants being asleep. On being awakened, the elder Crane coolly remarked to Mr. Sheldon, who was examining the coin, "Well, well, Judge Sheldon, I never expected to see you engaged in such business." We are not informed *why* the Cranes were not arrested; we only know they fled, and made their escape. Their place of coinage has generally been mentioned as a *cave*. This is probably an error. I think it was as Dr. Sheldon says, "a secluded glen" in the primal forest. I have questioned men familiar with the locality who have no knowledge of a cave. The Cranes were famous wrestlers, especially Adonijah, who at a "raising," on the Mawhiney farm, threw every competitor, except Judge Sheldon, who worsted him. Some twenty years, or so, after their flight, a middle-aged stranger called for dinner at the inn of Zadock Norton. He claimed never having been in Rupert, but asked many questions as to its past. The coinage became a subject of conversation and the stranger was evidently interested, when Mrs. Norton said, "There were three of those brothers, one much younger, and you are — Crane; I though I had seen you before." The man was considerably embarrassed; declared she was mistaken; and paying his bill, soon departed. Nothing more was seen of him; but Mrs. Norton always believed it was the youngest Crane brother, who had ventured to visit the scene of his former exploits.

POPULATION.

At the census of 1800, Rupert reached the point of greatest population—1648. After the next enumeration, which gave 1630, began a decline, that excepting two slight rallies, has continued to the last census. Between

1810-20 the loss was nearly 300. This exodus was mainly to the northern part of the state, and seems to have mainly spent its force by 1820, for between that date and 1830 the population was nearly stationary. About 1830 began the western exodus, and in the next decade the loss was over 200. By 1860, the population was down to 930. It rose to 1017 by 1870, owing to an influx of choppers and teamsters, engaged in supplying wood for the R. & W. R. R. The population, at each census, was as follows: 1791, 1033; 1800, 1648; 1810, 1630; 1820, 1332; 1830, 1318; 1840, 1091; 1850, 1101; 1860, 930; 1870, 1017; 1880, 957; 1890, 861. Present number of families in town about 200. The census enumerators, for the years given, were, John P. Youlen in 1860; Thomas S. Beebe in 1870; Geo. S. Hibbard in 1880; A. P. Sheldon in 1890.

MARKETS.

Troy, being a river port, and the nearest in the direction of New York, was for more than half a century the trading point for a large region in which Rupert was included. Here they found a market for their farm produce and received in return manufactured goods and food supplies. Every farmer usually made two or more trips to the city annually; and in every community were teamsters who made a regular calling of taking produce to the city for any one and bringing back goods for the local merchants. This teaming also prevailed to a limited extent between here and Whitehall. I can present a few of the names of these old time teamsters: Isaac Hay, Wright Prescott, T. J. Prescott, Kenaz Kinne.

The coming of the steam car changed all, and since that time our market has been mainly at the R. R. station. The following named, and perhaps others, have

been, or are now, engaged in buying and shipping farm produce, at this station: Henry Shaw, W. L. Kinne, J. E. Austin, Marshall Baldrige, C. H. Nelson, John Shaw, A. P. Sheldon, C. M. Lincoln, Grant Morey, Richard Smith, Asa Munson, Thos. Gregory, J. L. McCall, D. W. Lincoln. Potatoes, veal calves, poultry, cheese, butter, eggs and maple sugar are the shipments.

These names only include the home buyers; much being shipped by buyers from out of town.

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In all times and places there have been leaders; men, who, either through superior abilities or unusual circumstances have been placed by their associates in positions of honor and of danger. Therefore their history became the history of the community, or state, and entitles them to special notice. The loss of records, covering the most trying period of our town's history, makes it impossible to properly present this feature of the work; and no doubt many, highly deserving, will be unnoticed.

ROBERT COCHRAN.

I give pre-eminence, among our early settlers, to Robert Cochran, that bold and possibly turbulent spirit, who returned blow for blow the attack of Briton, Yorker, or Tory. And if he did not aid in the building of the town, he certainly made that building possible. As an associate of Allen, Warner and Baker, his fame is secure. "Robert Cochran came from Massachusetts to Bennington about 1768, but soon went on to Rupert and lived on land granted him by New Hampshire. Some New York people claimed a part of his land, and land that some of his friends owned, and began to build shanties and live there. Cochran and his friends burned their shanties and drove

them away. From that time Cochran worked with the Green Mountain Boys and became one of their captains. A reward of fifty pounds was offered for him by the New York governor. In 1775, when he heard of the trouble the Tories were making at Westminster, he left his home on the west side of the Green Mountains and reached Westminster within forty-eight hours from the time that messengers had started from the place to arouse their friends. He entered the village armed with pistols and followed by about forty Green Mountain Boys. Cochran asked some of the people why they did not take him and get the money the New York governor offered? Then he boasted that he had come to seize all who had helped the sheriff, and that he meant to find out soon "who was for the Lord and who was for Balaam." Being a little excited, he failed to quote this passage correctly, but it did not matter to him. In May, 1775, he helped Allen at Ticonderoga and Warner at Crown Point. He was afterward made major and served in the eastern part of New York. In 1778 he was sent into Canada to learn what the British were planning. The British found that he was a spy and offered a large reward for him. He had to hide to be safe, and one time while hiding in a brush heap he was taken very sick. He was so hungry and sick that he started for a log cabin in sight. As he came near he heard three men and a woman talking about the reward offered for him, and found they were planning to get it. The men started off and he went in, told the woman who he was and asked her to help him. She gave him food and drink, hid him in her cupboard when the men came back and helped him until he was able to go on. He got safely back to the American army. He served during the rest of the war, and, like many others, was very poor when it closed. Then he lived at Ticonderoga, and lastly at Sandy Hill. On his tombstone at Fort Edward we find: "In memory of Col. Robert Cochran, who died July 8, 1812, in the 74th year of his age; a revolutionary officer." *Vt. Historical Reader*, p. 58-60.

DAVID SHELDON

Was born in Conn. (Suffield, I suppose), in 1756. In 1775, he enlisted under Capt. Hanchett of Suffield: joined the regiment of Col. Benedict Arnold, was led by him through the wilderness of Maine to Canada, enduring incredible hardships and suffering, was taken prisoner at Quebec, and after some months of confinement, was exchanged early in 1776. Tradition says that while returning to his home in Conn., he passed through Rupert, and at that time resolved to make it his home. He settled here in 1780, his first location being the farm long occupied by the late Enos P. Sheldon. Some four or five years later located on the farm now occupied by his grandson, Cyrus F. Sheldon, where he resided until his death. The residence was erected by him in 1806. Dr. Sheldon, in his sketch of Rupert, says of him: "He came here poor, but, by industry and good management, made a good fortune. He was a man of large frame, noble and commanding appearance and wielded a great influence over his fellow-townsman. He was a Representative to the Vermont Legislature 13 times between 1784 and 1811, and was one of the Judges of the County Court for many years, besides holding many town offices. He raised a family of ten children and gave four of them a college education, and died in 1832." Mr. Sheldon married Sarah Harmon. Children: David, Thomas, Ira, Luther, Titus, Calvin, James, Cyrus, Sarah, married Elisha Hopkins; Nancy married Rufus Hopkins. Mrs. Sheldon was a sister of Seth Harmon, Sr. In the cemetery at Rupert Street are these inscriptions: In memory of Hon. David Sheldon. He died Feb. 15, 1832, Æ 75 years. In memory of Mrs. Sarah Sheldon, wife of Hon. David Sheldon Esq. She died Nov. 11, 1820, Æ 78 years.

ISRAEL SMITH.

"The subject of this sketch was a graduate of Yale College, studied law and came here in 1788, and commenced the practice of his profession. In 1785, '88, '89

and '90, he represented this town in the Legislature; moved to Rutland in 1791; was afterwards member of Congress for four terms; Chief Judge of the Supreme Court in 1797; elected to the U. S. Senate in 1803, which office he resigned on being elected Governor in 1807. He died at Rutland, Dec. 2, 1810. He was a noble looking man and got the name of the handsome Judge." *Vt. Hist. Mag.*, p. 224.

JONATHAN EASTMAN

Was a member of the company of emigrants who first settled the Mettowee Valley, about 1767. At this time he was about fifty years of age, the father of a large family, some of whom had arrived at man's estate. He was one of the first "Innholders" and a leading citizen. For more than a century his descendants were numerous and influential, on the East side. In the cemetery at No. Rupert I find: "In memory of Mr. Jonathan Eastman who Departed this life Feb. 6, 1807, in the ninetieth year of his age. In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Eastman, wife of Mr. Jonathan Eastman, who departed this life Jan. 10th, A. D. 1800, in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

AMOS CURTIS

Was one of the associates of Eastman in settling the Mettowee valley. His residence was on the farm long owned by Carver Leach and now by his son Edward Leach. Like Eastman, Mr. Curtis was an innholder. He died in 1795, aged 62; his wife in 1797, aged 50. His son, and bearing the same name, succeeded him. He died about 1855. None of the descendants, so far as I can learn, now reside in town. John F. Curtis, of Chicago, I understand is a descendant.

REUBEN HARMON

Was another one of this band of settler. His place of residence is unknown; we only know he settled in the Mettowee valley. The subject of this sketch is supposed to have been the father of Reuben Harmon, Jr., famous

in our history for his copper coinage. Ensign Nehemiah Harmon, whose name several times appears in the early records, may have been his son, also.

AARON RISING

Was one of the earliest settlers on the White Creek meadows, now called West Rupert. He came from Connecticut about 1769, with his family, a wife and six children. Mrs. Rising's maiden name was Ann Harmon. Their children were Ruth, who married Reuben Harmon; Sarah, who married Enoch Eastman; Aaron, who married Lois Moore; Simeon, who married Esther Jones; Josiah, who married Sally Dewey, and Anna, who married Levi Doanes. Aaron, Jr., died in early manhood: Simeon and Josiah will be noticed under the next heading.

OLIVER SCOTT

Was an early settler in the White Creek region. He built a grist mill on the Creek, which is believed to have been the first in town, about 1773. This mill was burned by the Tories, five years later. I am told the latter part of his life he resided in Kent Hollow, but do not know the location.

WILLIAM HOPKINS

Was an early settler in the White Creek region. At the time the grist mill was burned (1778) he resided near where the West Rupert R. R. station is now located, and was one of the party that pursued the Tories. He died in 1789. His widow survived him upwards of forty years. Their sons were: Elisha, James, Rufus, William and Amos. I find one Samuel Hopkins mentioned in the early records, but do not know his relationship to William.

REUBEN NOBLE

Was born in Massachusetts, in 1732. He was one of the early settlers in the White Creek region and owned the grist mill, built by Oliver Scott, at the time it was burn-

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ed. His son Luke, was born in Southwick, Mass. He was a soldier of the Revolution and later a farmer of West Rupert, where he died in 1848. He (Luke) had a son, Luke, who was in the war of 1812; a daughter, Jane, who married Sterling Sherman; a daughter, Martha, who married David Colton, and a daughter, Polly, unmarried. Luke Jr., married Martha Sargent.

MARTIN SMITH

“ Was an early settler, and the *first* in that part of the town called Indian River. He emigrated to this place from Litchfield, Conn., in 1773. In the language of one of his descendants: ‘ He was of small stature, energetic, enterprising and benevolent; of the Calvinistic faith—the names of the Reformers were dear to him, and his sons bore their names. The latch-string of his door was always to be found on the outside, when any ministers were about. Rev. Mr. Occum, the Indian preacher, was often a guest at his house, and so also was Father Haynes, the black preacher, and both often preached at his house. By his kind offices to the new settlers, he afforded them much aid and encouragement—indeed, his house was their home, until they could establish homes for themselves. He was a zealous Whig, and hated the British and Tories with a perfect hatred.’ He lived and died, at an advanced age, on the farm he first occupied, never having left it, except for a few months in 1777, during the approach of Burgoyne from the north. His descendants are now quite numerous here, and some of them at present own the very land he first occupied.” Vt. Hist. Mag., p. 224.

From a writing left by Philo Smith, I learned that his grandfather died March, 1804, aged 86. His home was the place now owned by Wm. Sheldon. He bought all the land lying between Kinne's and Dillingham's north line, and was one of the wealthiest men in town. Among the young men aided by him, Levi Johnson is

named. As to his family I know he had two sons, Stephen and Truman, and I think daughters.

An incident of the family's return in the fall of 1777, was mentioned. As they drew near their home, there was anxiety to know if there was a place of shelter, especially if the barn was standing. Thereupon Stephen ran ahead to ascertain, returning with the good news that the barn was all right. Uncle Philo (as we called him), showed me a fire shovel belonging to his grandfather, that was hidden in the willows, and there found by the family after their return.

PHINEAS SPENCER.

The Spencer homestead was what has been known for many years as the Harmon place. Mr. Spencer was Constable of the town a number of years. He died in 1815. I have the following names of his children: Gershom, Sheldon, Phineas, Solon, Ichabod S., Olive, Betsey, Mary, Nancy and Love. Olive married Rufus Harmon. The sons all left town in the early years of the century.

SETH HARMON

Came here from Connecticut, prior to the Revolution, being one of the early settlers in the Indian River valley. Mr. Harmon was twice married, each wife a sister of Judge David Sheldon. Children: Seth, Jr., Rufus, Shedrick; Nancy, married Sylvester Smith; Lucy, married ——— Corey. The homestead was the place long occupied by T. J. Prescott. Mr. Harmon was one of those who retired to Connecticut on the approach of Burgoyne, soon returning after the danger passed. Died in 1838, aged 87; Elizabeth, 2nd wife, in 1825, aged 70.

JAMES MOORE

From Simsbury, Conn., about 1780; settled on the farm now occupied by his great great grandson, Albert W. Moore. Married Mary Norton. Six sons and four daughters grew to adult age. The older daughters, Mary

and Louisa, did not come to Rupert; two others, Aranie and Lois, did. All the children, possibly one exception, were born in Connecticut. The sons were: James, 1759, married in Connecticut, and settled in Steuben Co., N. Y.; Grove, 1761, will be noticed later on; Jabish, 1767, married a Miss Crane and settled in the state of New York; Zophar, 1773, married Jemima Scott in 1799, settled in Virgil, N. Y., in 1805; was a physician, one of the first settled in town; first postmaster at Virgil in 1808; kept the first hotel in town; Seth, 1778, will be noticed later; Oliver, 1780, married Mary Dewey, lived and died in Dorset. James Moore, the subject of this sketch, was killed by the falling of a tree, in the year 1800, being 65 years of age.

ASEPH LEAVITT

From Sheffield, Conn., about 1773. On the approach of Burgoyne, retired with his family to Connecticut, remaining three years; returned to Rupert, where he resided until his death, at the age of 42. Left a family of ten children, of whom six were living in 1860.

JONATHAN FARRAR

Was born at Concord, Mass., in 1731; married Hannah Fletcher in 1760. Children: Sam., Jonathan, Abel, Hannah, married Joel Taylor; Rebecca, married Eber Wilson; was a lieutenant in the regular militia in 1760. At the battle of Concord, April 19, 1775, he was stationed at the North Bridge in Capt. Charles Miles' company of minutemen; emigrated to Rupert, exact date not known, but probably soon after the Revolution; died about 1822.

WM. BUEL AND WM. COOLEY.

Both, it will be remembered, were mentioned by Dr. Sheldon in connection with Harmon's coinage, as quoted from the Vt. Hist. Mag. From the same source I add the following regarding Buel: William Buel *fled* from New Haven to Rupert under the following circumstances: Having had occasion to use some *aqua fortis*, he procured

a quantity in a jug from a druggist and was returning to his residence, when he was accosted by some Indians, who insisted upon drinking from the jug what they supposed to be rum. He assured them that he had no rum, and that what was contained in the jug would poison them. But the Indians were not satisfied, and, supposing this a mere excuse, seized it, and one of them took a hearty swallow, which of course, soon caused his death. Buel was accused of killing one of their number, and they, in accordance with their notions of justice, claimed his life and watched every opportunity to take it; but he evaded their vigilance by leaving the country. A son of William Buel, and bearing his name, was for a time U. S. Consul at Algiers, where he lost his health, softening of the brain came on, he became idiotic, was returned to this town where he died a pauper about 1828. A grandson of said Buel (the elder), by the name of Abel Buel Moore, is now a distinguished artist in the city of Troy, N. Y." P. 228. Wm. Buel, in the coinage time, and perhaps later, lived in a house on the rise of land back of the premises owned by O. H. Danforth, now occupied by Henry Woodward. The town line is nearby, and the house is said to have been in the edge of Dorset. His daughter, Mary, married Judge Grove Moore. Of Wm. Buel, the consul, I was told by the late Ira F. Sheldon that he remembered him well, and that Mr. Buel was considered a very able man. So far as I know, he was the only son of Rupert who ever held a consulate. Of Abel Buel Moore, son of Judge Grove and his wife, Mary Buel, a sketch has been given. Regarding Col. Cooley, I can give but little additional information. "Hiram Lodge, No. 8, was organized March 22, 1796, and met for the first time at Samuel Rose's, in the south part of the town. At that meeting William Cooley was appointed master, Zadock Higgins, senior warden and George Clark, junior warden." Hollister's History of Pawlet, p. 151. There is a tradition that he lived for a time on the premises long occupied by the late C. A. Sherman, but cannot confirm it.

SHELDON, ISAAC, father of Isaac and Enos, grandfather of Asahel; married Mindwell Phelps. She died in 1835. He met his death by falling into a well on the farm he owned, now occupied by George Holmes, in the year 1810.

SMITH, ENOCH, father of Thaddeus, grandfather of Hiram S.; from Suffield, Conn., date unknown.

SHELDON, PHINEAS, was prominent in the early days, but dates and facts as to his life are scarce. Tradition connects his name with the mills on Indian River, west of the Horace Trumbull place. His son, Carlos, married Sarah Casey. His daughter, Deborah, married Thaddeus Smith. He also had a daughter Nancy. Died in 1815, aged 67. Carlos and Sarah (Casey) Sheldon had four sons: Thomas, John, Eli, Amos; Amos married Louisa, daughter of Thaddeus Smith, and resides in Manchester.

GOOKINS, SAM., born in Massachusetts; to Rupert from Suffield, Conn., before the Revolution. Served in the French war of 1754-63; married Mary Mullet. Children: Sam., William; Mary, second wife of Maj. Wm. Bailey; John M.; Elizabeth, married Wm. King. Sam. and William were in the Revolutionary army. Mr. Gookins died in 1812.

CASS, JOSIAH, was the second proprietor's clerk, and from examination of a few records made by by him I conclude he was a man of more than average attainments among the early settlers. The act which gives him a not-to-be-forgotten place in our history, was the destroying or carrying away of our records in the early days of the Revolution. This act, of no benefit to him, was an irreparable loss to the town.

SHELDON, JOEL, son of Daniel, was born in Suffield, Conn., in 1746; married Mary Hanchett of same, and settled in Rupert, date unknown. He was the father of David S. Sheldon, and grandfather of Joel H., who mar-

ried Marcia, daughter of Sam. Farrar. He held several town offices in the early decades of the town. Died at N. Rupert in 1829; his widow in 1841.

Aseph Sheldon, Abel Hodge, Sumner Hunt, Nathaniel Norton, Levi Doanes, Moses Stone, Samuel Colton, Alpheus Sherman, David Frary, Simeon Graves, Wm. McClary, Moses Sheldon, Ezra Sheldon, and no doubt many other, are worthy of special notice; but both lack of space and the necessary information forbid it.

The Men of the Century.

Men prominent in the town affairs, and all long time families, will be sketched, so far as space and knowledge of them permits.

BAILEY, WM.; his first wife, Abigail ———, died in 1785; his second, Mary Gookins, in 1834. Children: Richard, Hiram, Thomas; Hannah, married A. H. Denio; Laura, married Arch Robinson; a daughter married a Newton, and one a Boyd. Mr. Bailey died in 1848, aged 86.

BAILEY, RICHARD; first wife Polly Curtis. Children: William, John, Betsey, married Philo Harvey; Ann. Died in 1851.

BAILEY, HIRAM; married Hannah Negus. Children: Jane, Mary; Caroline, married Chauncey Dewey; Eliza, Duane; Lophelia, married (Dr.) Waite, of Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Bailey died 1842.

BAILEY, WM. C.; married Mrs. Mary Harvey Sheldon. Children: Sheldon, married Mary Bailey; Marcus and Martha; second wife, Martha, sister of Leroy Hay; died in Michigan.

BAILEY, JOHN W.; married Harriet, daughter of Samuel Farrar. Children: Cornelia, married Joseph M. Harwood; Wayne; died in 1878.

BALDRIGE, JAMES; family of; settled in Rupert in 1863. Mr. B., a nephew of Capt. Hugh McCall, died in 1862. Mrs. B. was Fanny Bourn of Pawlet. Children: Mary, married D. R. Smith; Edward, James, Marshall, a commission merchant, Boston; Henry, R. R. conductor, Willow Springs, Mo.; Fanny, married A. S. Gould, and Misses Lottie and Sara Baldrige, residents. Mrs. Baldrige died 1892.

BARDEN, SHUBAL; married Lydia Pearce. Children: Juliana, married E. S. Soullard; Abigail, married Calvin Farrar; Betsey, married John Farrar; Caroline, married Nelson Lewis; Horace, Henry and Shubal. He died 1858; wife, 1864.

BARDEN, HORACE, married Alma Bartlett. Children: Mary, John, Merritt, Harvey, Eugene, Henry B., Mary and Eugene, died in childhood; John at 26. Mr. Barden died in 1897.

BEATTIE, SAMUEL, married Hannah, daughter of Judge Rising. Children: Mary, Ebenezer, who married Margaret Murray; second wife, Lemira Harwood, a daughter, Lemira; third wife, Fannie Harwood. Children: Abbie, married William J. Fitch; Henry, married Fanny Wilson; Jennie, married Augustus J. Loos. Mr. Beattie died in 1880.

BEEBE, THOMAS K., married Ruth, daughter of James Y. Nelson. Children: T. S., A. C., George, Juliet, married Fayette Wilson; Emeline, married Eli Wilson; Charlotte, married De Witt Sheldon, died 1860; Mrs. B., 1880. Children of Eli and Emeline (Beebe) Wilson, Ella, Julia.

BEEBE, THOMAS S., son of T. K., married Maria, daughter of Dr. Tucker. Children: Julia, DeWitt C.; Eliza married Fred Matthes; Mary, married C. H. Nelson; John W., married Maria Moore; Town Representative,

1850-51; County Judge; Town Clerk; died 1889; Mrs. Beebe, 1883.

BEEBE, AUGUSTUS C., son of T. K., married Lucretia, daughter of Rufus Harmon. Children: O. J., Alfred, E. H., Fred; Mary, married Spencer Hopkins; held town offices; died 1890; Mrs. B., 1895. Alfred Beebe married Martha Hurd. Children: Clarence, Fanny, Julia, Addie.

BIBENS, LUCIEN A., married Eliza, daughter of Hugh McCall. Children, Marietta, Mary, B. H.; Della, married Smith Hilliard; George, A. M.; Cordie, married Alfonso Hilliard; Nellie, married Sherman Swank; Mr. Bibens died 1893.

BREWSTER, ORSON, married Ann Underhill. Children: Fay, married Carrie Johnson, Frank. Carpenter and builder; removed to Manchester; deceased.

BURTON, NATHAN, from Manchester, a lawyer and long prominent in town. His office will be remembered by some, just below his residence; gave up practice about 1850; Town Representative, 1818-19; Judge of the County Court; married Charlotte, daughter of Dr. Josiah Graves. Children: J. G., Elijah, E. B., Edward; Laura, married C. A. Sherman; Mary, married Silas Moore; Fanny, married John Phelps; Jane, married J. H. Guild; died 1864; Mrs. Burton in 1874.

BURTON, JOSIAH G., son of Nathan, married Ruth, daughter of Deacon Titus Sheldon. Children: Charlotte, married Albert Sherman; Sheldon, Sarah (died in 1878); A. E., Mary, H. G.; Town Representative, 1857-58; State Senator, 1861; Grand Master, Grand Lodge, I. O. of O. F. of Vermont; died in 1882. Mrs. Burton in 1895.

BURTON, ELIJAH, married Janette, daughter of Robert Wilson; was a successful farmer; died in 1878.

BURTON, EDWARD, died in 1878.

CLARK, OZIAS, from Pawlet, married Polly Gookins. Children: Fitch, Cyrus, John, Aaron T., Joseph O.; died in 1876; Mrs. Clark in 1869.

DANFORTH, RICHMOND, was soldier in the war of 1812; married ————. Children: A. J. R., Elkanah, Pliny, Leonard.

DANFORTH, A. J. R., married Abigail, daughter of Joseph Harwood. Children: Charles, Oliver, Byron, Harriet, married Newton Crossman; Abigail; Mary, married Dr. John Hitt; Ann, married Dr. ——— Clemons; Jennie, married Charles Williams.

DANFORTH, ELKANAH, married Ellen Leach. Children: John Earl; second wife, also a Miss Leach. Children: May, married Clark Harwood, M. J.; Flora, married Horace Edie.

DANFORTH, CHARLES, married Emily Cushman. Children: Helena, Morton C., Harry.

DENIO, ARIEL, married Lavina Harwood. Children: Abel H., Zachariah, married Lucretia Nelson; Arilla, married Hiram Harwood; Mylon; Aurelia, married Andrew Beattie; Janette, married John Engrem; Aaron, married Eunice Stratton; Hiram, married Martha Stratton; Vesta, married ——— Hubbard; Deborah.

DENIO, MYLON, married Jane, sister of Tisdell Barden. Children; Marcellus, Amelia; Town Representative, 1855-56; died in 1857.

DENIO, ABEL H., married Hannah Bailey. Children: Mary, married Rollin Wickham, William B., Fayette: resides in Rutland.

DENIO, WILLIAM B., married Charlotte, daughter of Dorson Eastman. Children: Carrie, married James Leach; Mary, married Caspar Leach, Carl. Ralph; held various town offices; resides in Pawlet.

DERBY, ABNER, married Anne Curtis. Children: George, Josiah, Ira, Maurice; Sally, married Stephen Fuller; died in 1867, aged 91.

DERBY, GEORGE, married Clarissa Shurtleff. Children: Ann, married George Robinson; Mariatta, married A. K. Kinne, Orrin, Otis (died in Ohio), George.

DERBY, JOSIAH, married Lydia Shurtleff. Children: Julia, married William Burrows; Lucy, married E. H. Beebe; Jennie, married Charles Boynton; Sheldon, married Eliza Fitch.

FISHER, JAMES, known as Deacon Fisher. Had a son Samuel, by his first wife. By his second wife, a son, Preston; died in 1840, aged 89.

FISHER, SAMUEL, married Hannah Hutchins. Children: Samuel C.; Margaret, married Isaac Wakeley, James W., Ogden P.; Maria, married Hiram S. Hibbard; died 1851.

FISHER, JAMES W., married Sarah, daughter of Royal Watrous. Children: Florence, married Isaac Wright; May, married Terry Patrick; James A., George; died in 1896.

FISHER, OGDEN, P., married Adeline Moncrief. Children: Carrie, married Lewis Bogle; Arthur, Charles, Milton, Addie.

FONDA, STEPHEN, married Julia, daughter of Oliver Harwood. Children, Laura, Elon C., Edmund S., Libbie, Sarah; Laura, died 1845, aged 12; Libbie, 1862, aged 17; Mr. Fonda, 1863; wife, 1868.

FLOWER, ROSWELL, Sr., from Massachusetts; married Huldah Austin. Children: Joseph, Roswell, Jr.; Betsey, married, James Weed; Abigail, married James Sheldon; Emily, married Grandison Sherman; Julia, married Morehouse Sherman, Huldah; Ann, married Fred Braymer; died in 1838.

FLOWER, JOSEPH, married Maria Leonard. Children: Martha, married J. J. Jenkins; Huldah, married W. B. Maynard; Mary, married William Stearns; Julia, married H. H. Smith; Byron. Mr. Flower was a soldier in the war of 1812; died in 1847; Mrs. Flower in 1874.

FLOWER, ROSWELL, JR., married Phebe Peck. Children: Dwight, George, Esther, Ellen. Mr. Flower resided in Iowa from 1856 to his death in 1898.

FLOWER, TIMOTHY, brother of Roswell, Sr., married Clarissa Phillips. Children: Elizabeth, married Warner Hopkins; Bernice, married Austin Comstock; Clarissa, married Guy Wyman; Thankful, married Silas Sherman; Timothy, Elihu, Horace, Legrand; Maria, married St. John Sanborn; Lydia, married Solomon Moore; Lucinda, married W. L. Kinne: died, 1861; wife, 1863.

FLOWER, TIMOTHY, JR.; died unmarried in 1894, aged 82.

FLOWER, ELIHU, married Theodosia Hastings. Children: Julia, married C. M. Sheldon; Moses D., Warren S., Mahala (died 1863), Joseph (died 1864); Sheldon J., Elihu P., Horace D.; Edd S., Sibyl, married Osro L. Smith; Albert H. Mr. Flower died 1897.

FLOWER, LE GRAND, married Anice Hurd. Children: Esther, married Elisha Hoyt; Bernice, married J. E. Hadaway; Melissa (died about 1869); Emma, married Chas. Beattie; Jennie (died about 1884); Carrie, married John Madison; Ida, married Noel Bentley; died 1870; Mrs. Flower 1891.

FLOWER, MOSES D., married Thankful Hadaway. Children: May, married Will Peck; Julia; Lizzie, married Leroy Parish; Duane.

FLOWER, WARREN S., married Hattie Farnham.

FARRAR, SAMUEL, son of Jonathan, married Rhoda King. Children: John, Almaria (died at 81); Eunice, married Joseph B. Harwood; Rhoda, married Alex. Atcherson; Marcia, married Joel Sheldon; Harriet, married John Bailey; Jackson; Ruhama, married Oliver Harwood; David, Lyman. Mr. Farrar was a soldier in the war of 1812; died 1856; Mrs. Farrar in 1846.

FARRAR, JONATHAN, brother of Sam., married Abigail Andrus. Children: Lucy, married Harvey Lincoln; Homer (1800-81); Polly, married Humphrey Hurd; Philetus; Hannah, married Allen Roberts; Calvin, Charles; Laura, married Charles Hurd, Franklin; Juliet, married Jas. L. McCall. Jonathan Farrar died 1858.

FARRAR, ABEL; brother of Sam., who was a schoolmaster many years. His home was the place now owned and occupied by John B. Farrar.

FARRAR, JOHN, son of Sam., married Betsey, daughter of Shubal Barden. Children: Martin; Mary, married Sheldon Bailey; Merritt, Sam., Caroline, married John G. Housey; John B.; Town Representative in 1869; died in 1873; Mrs. Farrar in 1888.

FARRAR, JACKSON, brother of John, married Harriet, daughter of Austin Johnson.

FARRAR, CHARLES, son of Jonathan, married Loraine Gardiner; died in 1878; Mrs. Farrar in 1867. An adopted son, Henry C.

FARRAR, FRANKLIN O., brother of Charles, married Mary Ann Hawley. Children: Alonzo H., a lawyer of Kinderhook, N. Y., and Elbert O.; also a lawyer of Buffalo. Both have been members of the New York Legislature. Mr. Farrar now resides with his son at Kinderhook, where Mrs. Farrar died in 1898.

GOOKINS, SAM., son of Sam., married Mary Andrews, and settled in Switzerland Co., Ind. Children: Naomi, Lydia, Anna, Asa, Sam., Mary, Olive. A Revolutionary soldier; died in 1842.

GOOKINS, WM., brother of the above, married Rhoda Munger. Children: Nancy, Charlotte, Olive, William, Elisha F., Seymour, Milo, Rhoda, Dan. W., Sam B. Some of this family located at Center Rutland, which was long known as Gookin's Falls. Was a Revolutionary soldier.

GOOKINS, JOHN M., brother of the above, married Weltha Andrews. Children: John, Polly, Calvin, Lucy, Weltha. John died unmarried, in 1849. Polly married Ozias Clark; Lucy married Aaron Towsley; Weltha died in 1881. Mr. Gookins died in 1848.

GOOKINS, CALVIN, married Delight Clark. Children: Delight, married first, Leroy G. Hay, and after his death, Rev. J. B. Clark; Eliza, married Albert Hopkins; John M. was a member of the Vt. Cav., died in Virginia in 1864. Mr. Gookins died in 1871; wife, 1896.

GRAVES, CYRUS, from Massachusetts, 1790, married Roxana Rose of Rhode Island. Children: Nathan, Allen, Orpha, Eli, Ruth, Joel, Abram. To Fairhaven, 1825; died 1844.

GRAVES, NATHAN, married Polly Kinne, daughter of Asa; a son, Francis. Second wife, Salome Stoddard. Children: Mary, married John M. Whedon, and after his death, T. D. Smith; Fayette. Mr. Graves died 1876.

GRAVES, FRANCIS, married Esther Bowe. Children: Emma, married Francis Morley; Allen L.; Libbie, married Duane Bailey. Second wife, Lydia Pearse. Removed to Warsaw, N. Y., in 1867, where he died.

GRAVES, AMOS, brother of Cyrus; to Pawlet in 1815. He raised a numerous family, some of whom were educated at college. He removed from Pawlet to Northumberland, N. Y., in 1842, where he died soon after.

HADAWAY, BENJAMIN, from Wells, married Hannah Amidon. Children: Frank, George, James E., H. H., Charles; Helen, married Stephen Chellis; Thankful, married M. D. Flower; Mary, married G. P. Wood. Mr. H. died 1882. Frank Hadaway married Samantha Thompson; George Hadaway married Thankful Howe. Ch., Dell, married Jerry Howe, a son, Rutherford; Edna, married Ferbert Shaw; Elinor married George McMillan; David, Fred (died in 1898).

HARMON, SETH, JR., married Hannah Dewey. Children: Josiah; Alta, married Sam. Whedon; Electa, married Wm. Towsley; Elizabeth, married T. J. Prescott; Lucy, married Almon Nelson; Laura, married Chester Wood. Mr. Harmon was born in Rupert, and died in 1854, aged 77; killed on the R. R. track. Mrs. Harmon died in 1858.

HARMON, RUFUS, brother of Seth, Jr., married Olive Spencer. Children: Rosina, married Ira F. Sheldon; Lucretia, married A. C. Beebe; Betsey, married Wilson Spencer; George S.; was a deacon of the Congregational Church; died in 1871; Mrs. Harmon, 1865.

HARMON, GEORGE S., married Addie Seeley; a daughter, Mary. Mr. Harmon died in 1878. Since about 1883, Mrs. and Miss Harmon have resided at Walton, N. Y.

HARWOOD. These children of Zachariah Harwood of Bennington, lived in Rupert: Abel, Oliver, Silas, Joseph, Hiram, Heman. Perez, Lavina, Permela.

HARWOOD, ABEL., married Elizabeth Bigelow; died 1831.

HARWOOD, OLIVER, married Ruby Blackmer. Children: Laura, married Henry Clark (children, Delia, Minerva, Oliver, Elon, Reuben, Lemira, Newton), Vesta, married Elon Clark (children, Myron, Henry, Amelia, Ellen, Sophia, Amanda), Ruby, married Calvin Moore, Sarah, married Bradley Moore, Lavina, married Zenas Hill (children, Edwin, Robert, Sally, Henry, Harvey, Alexius, Marcy, Cyrus, Cordelia, Sophia, Adell), Julia, married Stephen Fonda; Betsey, married William Mason; Mr. Harwood died 1818; wife in 1860.

HARWOOD, SILAS, born in Bennington about 1770. To Rupert in early manhood. Married Betsey Logan; settled on Rupert mountain; removed to the Logan farm (now Denio), thence to what is now occupied by Orrin Derby; represented Rupert in the Legislature of 1831-2-3;

died 1850. Children: John, Philo; Aurilla, married John Moore, Elizabeth.

HARWOOD, JOSEPH, married Vesta Blackmer. Children: Harriet, Abigail, Joseph B., Zachariah, Ruby, Frank, Oliver, Seymour. Harriet, died in 1895, aged 91. Abigail, married A. J. R. Danforth; Ruby, married Seth Moore; died 1843; Mrs. Harwood, 1865.

HARWOOD, HIRAM, married Sylvia Reed. His son, Silas, married Nancy Denio.

HARWOOD, HEMAN, twice married; wives, unknown. Children: Heman, Hiram and a daughter.

HARWOOD, PEREZ, was clerk of District No. 11, in 1803.

HARWOOD, PERMELA, married Ephraim Harvey.

HARWOOD, LAVINA, married Ariel Denio.

HARWOOD, JOHN, son of Silas, 1793, married Maria, daughter of Judge Grove Moore. Children: Grove M., Rollin J., and Mary (married Hewett Blakely). Mr. Harwood represented Rupert in the Legislatures of 1843-44. After death of first wife, married Sophia, widow of Ezra Reed; removed to Pawlet village, where he died in 1868.

HARWOOD, PHILO, son of Silas, married Eunice, sister of Milton Sykes. Children: Henry, Orson; Lois, married G. C. Leach; Melissa, married Jos. Peck, Elizabeth, Julia. Mr. Harwood died in 1859.

HARWOOD, HENRY, married Olive Bigelow; removed to Chester about 1868, where he died soon after.

HARWOOD, JOSEPH B., son of Joseph, married Eunice, daughter of Samuel Farrar. Children: Charles F., Joseph M., Heman; Delia, married E. C. Fonda, John, Lois (died in 1893), Julia (died in 1874), Seymour (died in 1876). Joseph B. Harwood was Town Representative, 1847-48.

HARWOOD, ZACHARIAH, son of Joseph, married Harriet Smith. Children: Emily, Maria, Wallace, Green B.

HARWOOD, SEYMOUR, son of Joseph B., married Mary, daughter of Lyman Kinne. Children: Lyman (died at 16), Silas J., Ida (died at 31), Hattie. Mr. Harwood represented Rupert in the Legislatures of 1861-62, and was prominent in town affairs generally, especially during the Civil War; died in 1893, aged 71.

HAY, ISRAEL, a Revolutionary soldier. From Connecticut about 1789; married Elizabeth Warner. Children: Israel, Shubel, William, Daniel, Roswell, Isaac. Elizabeth married _____ Whitman; Sally, married _____ Doud. Mr. Hay died 1841, aged 89. Mrs. Hay in 1842, aged 88.

HAY, ISAAC, married Clarissa Whitney. Children: Whitney; Maria, married William Lincoln; Betsey, married John B. Perkins; died 1873, aged 89.

HAY, WHITNEY, thrice married. Children: Elizabeth, married Charles West; Mary, married Augustus Harmon; Hannah, Clark. Mr. Hay died at Richland, N. Y.

HAY, HERSCHEL, married Sibyl Hastings. Children: Clarissa, married Matthew Morey, Joseph, George, Chauncey; Sarah, married A. T. Hurd; Martha, married J. M. Moore; Mary, married James Fraser, Fayette, Grant (died in 1868). Mr. Hay died 1856.

HAY, GEORGE, married Evelyn Sprague; died in 1858.

HAY, LEROY G., married Delight, daughter of Calvin Gookins. Children: Edward F., Marcus L., Carrie; died in 1865.

HIBBARD, JONATHAN, from Pawlet, 1837; married Sally Hulett. Children: Elijah, Sarah, second wife of Seth Moore (died in 1898); David, married Julia Card, Hiram, Joseph; Lysander, married Delia Knapp. Mr. Hibbard died at Glens Falls in 1877, aged 94. Mrs. Hibbard at Rupert, 1867.

HIBBARD, HIRAM, married Maria Fisher. Children: Carlton, Bertrand, Wallace, Clifford; resides at Glens Falls.

HIBBARD, JOSPEH, married Phebe Gates. Children: Sumner; Minnie, married Frank Kirkham, Warren, Orvil; second wife, Emma Batchelder. Children: Charles, Mary, Herbert. To Fort Edward in 1869; died in 1880.

HURD, HUMPHREY, married Esther Seeley. Children: Anice, married Le Grand Flower, Dennis; second wife, Polly, daughter of Jonathan Farrar. Children: Addison T., Elisha, Charles; died in 1883.

HURD, CHARLES, brother of Humphrey, married Laura, daughter of Jonathan Farrar; died 1845.

HARMON, JULIUS, son of Benjamin, married Betsey, daughter of David Nelson. Children: Augustus, Julia; Cornelia, married Henry Pollard; Clara, married Thomas Tellier. Mr. Harmon died in 1845; Mrs. Harmon in 1868. Benjamin Harmon died 1838, aged 71.

HASTINGS, JONATHAN, from Suffield, Conn., married Ann Noble. Sons: Joseph, Jonathan, Vail.

HASTINGS, JOSEPH, married Mittie, daughter of John Sheldon. Children: Ann, married Henry Noble; Sybil, married Herschel Hay; Theodosia, married Elihu Flower; Jonathan, married Maria Stitt; Sarah, married Erastus Gear; Dianthe, married Harmon Botsford; William, married Louisa Tripp; Albert, married Laura Nelson. Mr. Hastings was Town Representative in 1839-40. Died at Dekalb, N. Y., about 1870, aged 78.

HASTINGS, JONATHAN, married Betsey McCallop. Children: Corneilus, Louisa.

HASTINGS, VAIL, married Mary Taylor. Children: Heman, Edwin, Ann, Ellen, Cornelia.

HARVEY, EPHRIAM, married Permela Harwood. Children: Norman, Heman, Lyman, Philo, Mary, Permela; Mary, married William, son of Capt. Thomas Sheldon, and after his death William Bailey. Permela died unmarried. Three of the sons died at Constantine, Mich.; Mrs. Harvey also. Mr. Harvey in Rupert, 1838.

HAY, JOSEPH G., married first, a sister of Ephraim Perrin. Children: Herschel, Jonathan, Almon, Warren, Horace, Theodosia, Clarissa; second wife, Melita Day. Children: Leroy, Martha. Walter Hay lived on the Weed place, now Mason; Warren on the McCall place; Noble, on the M. E. Church site. Sally married William Howlett; Anna married Zadock Norton.

HOPKINS, ELISHA, son of William, married Sarah, daughter of Judge David Sheldon. Children: Mary, William, Jane. He was a Major General of militia. Town Representative, 1824. Died 1825; aged 46.

HOPKINS, RUFUS, brother of Elisha, married Nancy, daughter of Judge Sheldon. Resided in Wisconsin.

HOPKINS, WILLIAM, brother of Elisha, m. ——— Hubbard. A blacksmith and worked in the shop that stood between M. F. Roberts and A. E. Burton's. Lived in Peru and later in Dorset, where he died. Children: Harrison, George, Seymour, Laura.

HOPKINS, AMOS, brother of Elisha, married Clarissa, daughter of Isaac Clapp. Children: Levi D., George. Died about 1855.

HOPKINS, L. D., known as Dwelly, married Mary Cleveland; a son, Fayette W.; second wife, Ann Stearns. Children: Mary, Martha. Martha died in childhood. Mary married W. C. Harrington, and died in 1881, leaving two daughters, Ardell, Stella. Mr. Hopkins died in 1882.

HOPKINS, GEORGE, married Annette Cleveland; a son, Spencer. He was much in public positions, being a deputy U. S. marshal, during the Civil War; Town Representative, 1865-6, and again in 1870. Died 1878.

HOWLETT, WILLIAM, married Sally Hay. Children: Horace, Francis, William, Mary, Sarah, Delia; Alice, married Ebenezer Haven. Died in 1860.

HOWLETT, FRANCIS, married Patience Cleveland. Died in 1883.

JOHNSON, LEVI, was an early settler. His son, Austin, married Polly, daughter of Joel Taylor. Children: Homer; Hannah, married Sherman Trumbull; Betsey, Mary; Ruth, married Holden Nelson; Harriet, married Jackson Farrar. Died in 1872.

JOHNSON, HOMER, married Delight, daughter of Thaddeus Smith; a son, Milton, died in 1865. Mrs. Johnson died about 1860; second wife, Hannah Jones. His adopted daughter, Carrie, married Fay Brewster. Mr. Johnson died in Dorset, in 1889. A man of most exemplary life.

JONES, EPHRAIM, married Sophia Page. Children: Marcellus, Frank P., Nelson; Henrietta, married Bertley Jenks; Libbie; Anice, married Philetus Farrar; Lola, married Quincy Pratt. Killed by a falling barn in the tornado of June, 1855.

JENKS, GEORGE, married Phebe Haskins. Children: Bertley; Sarah, married Hart Aldrich; Georgie, married Wallace Towsley. For thirty or more years he kept a public house at East Rupert, being the last of the old time tavern keepers. Died in 1873; Mrs. Jenks in 1891.

JENKS, HIRAM, brother of George, married Sophia Wood. Children: George, Martin (deceased), John, Norman, Rachel, married Clinton Meacham; Ann, married Richard Stone; Mary.

JENKINS, SIMEON, married ————. Children: Simeon, George, Samuel; second wife, Mrs. Hannah Wood Parker. Children: John J., Joseph P., Charles.

JENKINS, JOSEPH P., married Minerva Harris; a son, Chauncey; second wife, Delia Geer. Children: Rollin E., Frank, Charles.

JENKS, BERTLEY, married first, Henrietta Jones; second wife, Annette Harrington. Children: Albert, Frank, Le Grand.

KINNE, ASA; was a soldier of the Revolution. His son, Lyman, married Elizabeth Randlett. Children: W. L., John, A. K.; Elizabeth, married Chester Wilson; Mary, married Seymour Harwood; Minerva, married C. S. Bardwell; Judith, Janet. Lyman Kinne died in 1878.

KINNE, KENAZ, son of Asa, married Olive Fuller; a daughter, Olive; second wife, Martha Fuller. Children: Albert, Minor, William; Charlotte, married George Crandall; Helen, married Thomas Gregg; Jane, Mary. Mr. Kinne died in 1856; Mrs. Kinne in 1881.

LEACH, G. C., son of James and Olive (Carver) Leach, married Lois, daughter of Philo Harwood. Children: J. E., C. B.; died in 1876, aged 54.

LEWIS, AMOS, married first a Cleveland. Children: Job, Benjamin, James; Hannah, married William Sherman; second wife a Wooster; died about 1860.

LEWIS, BENJAMIN, married Eliza Wooster. Children: Marie, married Smith Sheldon; Hettie (died in 1878, aged 25). Mr. Lewis died in Poultney in 1867. Mrs. Lewis in Rupert, 188-.

LINCOLN, WILLIAM, son of Harvey and Lucy (Farrar) Lincoln, married Maria, daughter of Isaac Hay. Children: Helen, married Charles Hudson; David, married Fanny Burke, and resides in Salem; Ann, married Aaron Loveland; Mary, married John Moore; Clara, married Will Munson. To Hebron in 1862; died 1885.

LINCOLN, HOMER, brother of William, married Sarah Gardiner. Children: Marvin, George, Will, Gamaliel; Stella, married Edwin Bentley; Jennie, married Harmon Tucker (deceased); Marvin, married Grace Ross and resides in Shushan.

MOORE, GROVE, son of James, born in Connecticut in 1761, and came to Rupert, with his father's family; married Mary, daughter of William Buel. Children: Henry, Darius, John, Grove, Asa, Abel, Albert; Maria, married

John Harwood, and three daughters, names unknown. He was an able man, prominent in affairs of town and county. A Justice 40 years; twice represented Rupert in the Legislature, and Judge of Probate; died about 1835.

MOORE, SETH, brother of Grove, 1778, married Rhoda Spear. Children: Merritt, Calvin; Salome, married ——— Cooper; Bradley; Rhoda, married Norman Harvey; Seth; Town Representative in 1828, and delegate to the Constitutional conventions of Vermont in 1836 and '43; died in 1859.

MOORE, JOHN, son of Grove, 1796, married Aurilla, daughter of Silas Harwood. Children: Silas, Fayette; Mary, married Oliver Warner; second wife, Mary, daughter of Seth P. Sheldon. A daughter, Maria (Mrs. Titus Coon, Albion, N. Y.); died in Dorset about 187—.

MOORE, SILAS, married Mary, daughter of Judge Nathan Burton. Children: Laura (died at 10), Charles E.; second wife, a Miss Blakely of Pawlet; died in Wisconsin. His brother, Fayette, also went to Wisconsin and died soon after.

MOORE, CALVIN, son of Seth, married Ruby, daughter of Oliver Harwood. Children: Louisa, married Sherman Weed; Henry O., Albert (died in youth). Mr. Moore died in 1878; Mrs. Moore in 1890.

MOORE, HENRY O., married Kate, daughter of James Rice of Pawlet. Children: Albert W., Berdena. Died in 1888.

MOORE, SETH, son of Seth, brother of Calvin, married Ruby, daughter of Joseph Harwood. Children: Joseph M., Rhoda, Webster O., Franklin H., Seth M.; Cornelia married Martin W. Smith. Mrs. Moore died in 1856; second wife, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Hibbard. Mr. Moore died in 1880.

MOORE, SOLOMON, son of Fairbanks and Judith (Youlen) Moore; married Lydia, daughter of Timothy

Flower. Children: Maria, married John W. Beebe; Horace F.; Flora married R. G. M. Johnson; Harry L.; Clara, married John Phillips. Mrs. Moore died in 1873; second wife, Dorcas, daughter of Elisha Smith. Mr. Moore died in 1892.

MOREY, ERASTUS, wife's name unknown. Sons: Alexander, Matthew, Erastus.

MOREY, MATTHEW, married Clarissa, daughter of Herschel Hay. Children: M. G., S. H.; Mattie married George W. Holmes. Mr. Morey died in 1877.

MCCALL, HUGH, married Hannah Button. Children: William, James L.; Mary, married Tisdell Barden; Eliza married L. A. Bibens; Ellen I., married George A. McMillan; Esther, married Rufus H. Conant; died in 1879, aged 96; Mrs. McCall in 1864.

MCCALL, JAMES L., married Juliet, daughter of Jonathan Farrar. Children: Jennie, Wallace (died at 13); Byron W., Belle; constable many years; sheriff of Bennington County, 1884-8. Mrs. McCall died 1882; second wife, Juliet Stone. Since 1884, has resided in Bennington.

MONCRIEF, HUGH, married Lucinda Collins. Children: Mary, married Ezra Wellman; Adaline, married Ogden P. Fisher; Carrie, married Aaron T. Clark; Jane, married Wm. H. Kiune.

NELSON, ALMON W., married Lucy, daughter of Seth Harmon, Jr. Children: T. L.; Alta, married J. H. Guild; Medora, married Marshall Howard; P. T.; Celeste, married William Lewis. Died in 1885; Mrs. Nelson in 1895.

NELSON, JAMES Y.; to Rupert from Southwick, Mass., 1805, settling on the Colton farm, later known as the Elam Phillips farm. His family consisted of a wife and five children: Ruth, married Thomas K. Beebe; Fanny, married George Beebe; James Y.; Zopher, who settled at Green Bay, Wis.; Mercy, married Titus Shel-

don. Mr. Nelson died in 1842, aged 77; Ruth, his wife, in 1830, aged 63.

NELSON, JAMES Y., Jr., married Lucinda ———, who died in 1837. Children: Holden, Edwin, Roland, Younglove; Mercy, married ——— Moore; second wife, Mary Dresser, widow of Abner Stearns; third wife, a Miss Clark; fourth wife, a Mrs. Weeks. A soldier of the War of 1812. Died in 1874, aged 81.

PHILLIPS, ELIHU, settled in Kent Hollow, married Elizabeth Spear. Children: Elam, thrice married, last wife, Dianthe Nelson; Horace, married Susan Weed; Moses, married Charlotte Ransom; Squire, married Julia Harmon; Betsey, married Seeley Sherman; Cynthia, married Wm. Weed; Thankful, married Ira Weed; Clarissa, married Timothy Flower; Elihu, married ———. Died in 1799, aged 39.

PHELPS, WILLIAM, from Connecticut, soon after the Revolution, settling on the present John Leach farm; married Sarah Phelps. Children: William, who settled in Ohio; John, Willis; Betsey, married a Noble, Berkshire, Vt. Mr. Phelps died at 84.

PHELPS, JOHN, married Theodosia ———. Children: William, who died in Virginia, aged 18; Ann, died in early womanhood; Mary, married Dr. David Page; John, Albert. Mr. Phelps was Town Representative, 1853-4.

PHELPS, JOHN, son of John, married Fanny, daughter of Judge Nathan Burton; Town Clerk, 1863-66; resided in Manchester, 1866-70; removed to Illinois. Died in 1895. A daughter, Ann, married ——— ———, and resided at Dixon.

PHELPS, ALBERT, son of John, Sr., married ——— Dyer; after her death, Sarah, daughter of Simeon Sheldon. To Illinois about 1870; to California about 1886, where he died.

PHELPS, WILLIS, son of William and brother of John, Sr., married Emma, daughter of Abram Underhill. Children: William, Charles, Julia (died in 1887), Merritt; Ellen, married John Eastman; Eliza, George, Leroy (died at 16).

PHELPS, WM. U., son of Willis, married Lophelia, daughter of James Leach. Children: Herbert; Jennie, married George Weston; Fanny, married Henry Slack; second wife, Mrs. Mary Tobin Scott.

PHELPS, CHARLES, married Dimis Hilliard. Children: Julia, Merritt, Fred, Nellie.

PHELPS, MERRITT, married Ann Braymer and settled on the Dillingham farm, in Pawlet. A son, Bert, is a physician, Glens Falls.

PHELPS, GEORGE, married Mary, daughter of Aaron Sheldon. He died in 1873; his wife shortly before.

PARKER, JOHN, born in Rhode Island in 1756. Served three years in the Revolutionary war; married Mary Convis and settled in Pownal; removed thence to Rupert, where he resided until his death in 1842. Taught school both in Pownal and Rupert. Children: John, David, Joseph; Lucy, married Jeremiah Youlen; Hannah, married Simeon Jenkins; Olive, married ——— Howard; Anice, married ——— Perkins; Freelove, married ——— Weed.

PARKER, JOSEPH, 1797-1888, married Mary Montgomery. Children: John M., Charles, George; Harriet, married E. B. Safford; Mary, married John M. Whedon; Convis, David W.; Town Representative, 1884, and held various town offices; a Colonel of militia. His knowledge of the town's history was great, probably exceeding any other individual. His daughter, Harriet (now Mrs. Safford), taught me to read, being my first teacher; and as I have never forgotten how, think she did her work well.

PARKER, GEORGE, married Margrette Mann. Children: Will; Minnie (Mrs. Lytle). Died in 1887.

PARKER, CHARLES, married Ellen Wright. Children: Caleb (died 1877), Charles, Christopher, Cyrus (married Edith Warner), Clarence, Clara (died in 1897).

PERKINS, JOSEPH, son of William, married Jane Beattie. Children: Margaret, Grace, Mary, John B., William, Ann, Sarah, Joseph, James.

PERKINS, W. H., son of William, married Lucina, daughter of Henry Woodard. Children: Charles, Clarence; Sadie, married Clarence Denison.

PRESCOTT, THOMAS J., married Elizabeth, daughter of Seth Harmon, Jr.; Mrs. P. is living at the age of 89.

PHILLIPS, SAMUEL, son of Elkanah, married Mary Monroe. Children: Betsey, George, Chester, William, Charles. Mr. Phillips died 1892; Mrs. Phillips 1890.

PHILLIPS, CHESTER, married Hannahette, daughter of William Towsley. Since 1895, has resided in Pawlet.

ROBERTS, ISAAC, married Betsey Roberts. Children: Betsey, married T. D. Smith; Minerva, married Neville Taylor; Mandy, married Ransford Wood; Mary, married Nathaniel Roberts; Erastus, Myron (died at 19), Miles. Mr. and Mrs Roberts died about 1847.

ROBERTS, ALLEN, married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Farrar. Children: Jonathan, Edward, Edwin, Abigail, Charles.

RAYMOND, BERNICE, lived on the farm now E. Hawley's. Mr. Raymond was president of the Manchester Bank: married ————. Children: Pierrepont, Shepherd, Melancthon, Frank, Charles, Louisa, Lorette.

RISING, SIMEON, son of Aaron, married Esther Jones. Children: Laura, married John White; Simeon, Jr.; Esther, married Josiah Houghton; Marina, married Seth Sheldon. Built the house now occupied by Charles Rising. Died in 1842, aged 76

RISING, JOSIAH, brother of Simeon, 1768–1833. Known as Judge Rising, and for years prominent in town and county; Town Representative seven years, between 1804 and 1817; Judge of the County Court. A leading Anti-Mason, and a delegate to the national convention at Baltimore, in 1832; built the house long occupied by Seth Sheldon; married Sally Dewey. Children: Charlotte, married Isaac Sherman; Hannah, married Samuel Beattie; Maria, married Albert Masters.

RISING, SIMEON, JR., son of Simeon, married Jane Montgomery. Children: Mary, married M. V. B. Pratt; Sarah, married J. W. Simons; Julia, married M. V. B. Gibbs; Myra, married Sheldon Bliss; Seth H., Simeon M.; Ida, married John Morrow; Town Representative in 1835–36 and '45. Died in 1860, aged 67. Mrs. Rising in 1891.

RISING, SETH H., married Susan Tooper. Children: Sarah, married William Cleveland; Charles M., Emma, Carrie; represented Rupert in the Constitutional convention of 1869; held various town offices. Died in 1894. Mrs. Rising in 1898.

RICHEY, WILLIAM A., Charlton, N. Y., 1804, married Elisheba Farnum. Children: Mary, Sarah, Richard, died in childhood; Alexander N., died in San Francisco in 1862, aged 30; Frances, married Jay Gibbs, and died in Salem 1861, aged 22; George H., Charlotte (Mrs. S. M. Rising), Laura, died 1868, aged 20. Mr. Richey died 1872. Mrs. Richey 1867, aged 59.

SHAW, JESSE. Sons: Samuel, Benjamin, Jesse, Reuben, David; Samuel, married Maria Allen. Children: Solon, Eli, Albert, Spencer, Will J. Solon and Eli died in the service, in the Civil War. Spencer died about 1895.

SHAW, JONATHAN, married Betsey Vance. Children: Susan, married Asher Loveland; Robert; Harriet, married Henry Viets; William, Myron, Henry; Mary, married J. H. Austin; Amelia, married Phineas Barker;

Ellen, married Oscar Elwell; John. Mr. Shaw died 1842. Mrs. Shaw 1886. He was an uncle of Samuel.

SHAW, JESSE, married ————. Children: Jesse, Myron, Milo, Ruth; Harriet, married William Hamilton.

SHAW, REUBEN, married Emeline Starks; a numerous family.

SHAW, DAVID, married ————. Luther was a son.

SHAW, BENJAMIN, married Mahala ————. Children: Lois, married John G. Wright; Lucinda, married Henry Dean; Elijah.

SHELDON, ISAAC, son of Isaac and Mindwell (Phelps) Sheldon, 1784; married Rebecca Spear. Children: Asahel, Isaac, William, Enos, Henry; Marilla, married Daniel Nelson; Lavina, married John Weed. Died in 1864. Mrs. Sheldon in 1861.

SHELDON, ENOS, son of Isaac and Mindwell (Phelps) Sheldon, married Rachel Lamb. Children: Laura, married William Burch; Betsey; married Dennis Hurd; Darwin, Augustus; Othelia, married Elisha Wade. Mrs. Sheldon died in 1852. and rest of the family removed to Wisconsin.

SHELDON, ENOS P., son of Isaac and Rebecca (Spear) Sheldon, married Lucy, daughter of Sylvester Smith. Children: Emmons D.; Hattie (died in 1867, aged 20); Smith; Town Representative, 1867-68; died in 1892.

SHELDON, HENRY I., brother of Enos P., married, Hannah Nelson. Children: William H.; Mary, married William Lewis; Isaac, Herbert (died in 1886). Mr. Sheldon died in 1892. Mrs. Sheldon in 1888.

SHELDON, SETH P., Suffield, Conn., 1762; to Rupert about 1790, and settled on the farm now owned by Emmons Sheldon; married at Suffield about 1798, Rhoda Pomeroy. Children: Henry, Seth, Simeon; Maria, mar-

ried Harvey Sykes: Julia, married William Williams; Rhoda, married Alexander Bliss; Louisa; Mary, married John Moore. Mr. Sheldon was a famous singing master. Hollister says he taught in Pawlet in 1782, but that is an error, and must have been '92. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1827. Mrs. Sheldon in 1863, aged 90.

SHELDON, SETH, son of Seth P., married Marina, daughter of Capt. Simeon Rising. Children: Ann, married Edward Sheldon; Mary, married Dr. D. C. Beebe; Albert P., Henry C., Theodore F.; Town Representative, 1841-42. Like his father, he was a successful singing master, and as a tenor singer he was unequalled; died in 1874; Mrs. Sheldon in 1873.

SHELDON, SIMEON, brother of Seth, 1806, married Lois Eastman. Children: Edgar; Maria, married Harvey Sheldon; Seth; Sarah, married Albert Phelps; Kirk, John; Louisa, married Charles Saxton; Corrinne, married Oscar Oliver; Town Representative, 1852. Mr. Sheldon moved from the homestead to the Dr. Sheldon house in 1865, thence to Illinois in 1872; died about 1890, and Mrs. Sheldon a few years later.

SHELDON, DAVID, eldest son of Judge David, commonly known as Esq. David, 1780-1864, married Jerusha, daughter of Deacon Stephen Smith. Children: Stephen S., Ira F., David S.; Ann, married H. D. Kitchel; Town Treasurer nearly forty years; Town Representative, 1829-30 and 46. Mrs. Sheldon died 1855.

SHELDON, IRA F., married Rosina, daughter of Rufus Harmon. Children: Edward P., Cornelius M., Martha; Julia, married Albert P. Sheldon; died in 1895; Mrs. Sheldon in 1889.

SHELDON, THOMAS, son of Judge David, married first, Jerusha Hopkins, who died in 1824. Children: William; Harriet, married Julius Sheldon; second wife, Mary McCleary, who died in 1857; a son, T. L. Mr. Sheldon, who was known as Capt. Thomas, died in 1865.

SHELDON, WILLIAM, married Mary, daughter of Ephraim, Harvey. Children: Ephraim, Harvey, William. Died 1835, aged 26.

SHELDON, T. L., known as Luther, 1827-75, married Clarissa, daughter of Warner Hopkins. Children: Mary, Hattie, Mark L., John F. Early in town affairs and long prominent, especially during the Civil War; Town Representative, 1859-60; Town Clerk, 1866 to the time of his death, which was caused by a falling tree.

SHELDON, TITUS, son of Judge David, married Mercy, daughter of James Y. Nelson. Children: Ruth, married J. G. Burton; Sarah, married Justus Seeley; Charlotte, married Stephen Smith; Mary, married George Trumbull; second wife, Mrs. Lydia Baker Hamlin; third wife, Eliza Baker; deacon of the Congregational Church; died in Dorset, 1876.

SHELDON, JAMES, son of Judge David, 1791-1876; married Abigail, daughter of Roswell Flower, Sr. Children: Maria, married Dr. George Burns; James A., Cyrus F. Was a soldier in the War of 1812; died in 1876.

SHELDON, INCREASE, married Hannah King. Children: Artemus; Delia, married ——— White; Julia, married David F. Sheldon; Rhoda, married John Snell; Hannah; Harriet, married Stephen Taylor; Julius, Joseph I., Harmon. Mr. Sheldon died in 1835; his wife, 1839.

SHELDON, JOSEPH I., married Fanny Read. Children: Marson, Charles; Orlena, married Evi Hurd; Frances, married Aaron Covey. Removed to Manchester about 1855.

SHELDON, JULIUS, son of Increase, married Harriet, daughter of Thomas Sheldon. A daughter, Mary, married Edgar, son of Simeon Sheldon.

SHELDON, DAVID F., 1785-1842, son of Joel and Mary (Hanchett) Sheldon, married Sarah Dunton. Chil-

dren: Joel H., William B., Thadeus D.; second wife, Julia Sheldon, died 1874. Children: Chauncey, Sarah, Delia, Mary, Julia; Chauncey and Sarah, deceased. Delia is Mrs. N. McWain.

SHELDON, ABRAH C.; Town Representative in 1825-26.

SHAW, WILLIAM, son of Jonathan, was many years a farmer in Hebron. From about 1880, resided in this town, where he died in 1896. Kept the Loveland store the last years of his life; unmarried.

SHERMAN, ENOCH, 1762-1849; a Revolutionary soldier; to Rupert from Sandgate, 1807; born in Connecticut; married Catharine Seeley, Children: Seeley, Evi, Sterling, ———, Isaac, and three daughters, one of whom married Dr. Jacob K. Drew.

SHERMAN, SEELEY, married Betsy Phillips. Children: Morehouse, Enoch, Josiah, Squire, Dolphus, Betsy, Thankful, Catharine.

SHERMAN, STERLING, married Jane Noble. Children: Samuel S., Charles A., Henry O.; Catharine, married Stephen Murdock; William M., Omer B., Enoch, Jesse S., Mary; Martha, married Asa McNitt. Mr. Sherman was prominent in the affairs of the town, and its representative, 1837-8; died in 1865.

SHERMAN, ENOCH, son of Seley; second wife, Miranda Warner. Children: Lucy (Mrs. Clark), Moses H.; Charles W., married Margaret McKee; and Kate, a graduate of Albany Normal. Mr. Sherman was a successful teacher in this and other towns. For a few years Postmaster and R. R. station agent at West Rupert. Died in Salem.

SHERMAN, DOLPHUS, son of Seeley, married Cordelia Price. Children: Julia (Mrs. Joseph Perkins), Ralph, Rupert (died in 1893), Fanny (died in 1890), Flora (Mrs. A. B. Otwell), Porter.

SHERMAN, SILAS, son of Evi, married Thankful, daughter of Timothy Flower. A daughter, Flora, married Harry G. Clark, and resides in Cambridge. Children of H. G. and Flora Clark: Lilla, married C. O. Pratt; Eva.

SHERMAN, CHAS. A., son of Sterling, married Laura, daughter of Judge Nathan Burton. Children: Chas. H., Fanny; Mary, married F. W. Carpenter; Jennie, Elijah B. Mr. Sherman was a substantial citizen; but contrary to the general rule, refused office. Died in 1889.

SHERMAN WILLIAM M., son of Sterling, married Hannah, daughter of Amos Lewis. Children: Lewis, Mary. Was prominent in town affairs; Town Representative in 1863-64; about 1865, removed to Greenwich, N. Y., and soon after to Milwaukee, where he engaged in manufacturing; died in Thomasville, Ga., in 1891.

SHERMAN, JOSIAH, son of Isaac, married Lydia Walker; a son, Merritt.

SHERMAN, JOHN S., son of Isaac, married Frances, daughter of Nathan Wilson. Children: Frances, married Robert Beattie; Arthur, William D.

SHERMAN, ALBERT M., son of Isaac, married Charlotte, daughter of Josiah G. Burton. Children: Edwin, Laura, Schuyler.

SCOTT, WILLIAM, married Mrs. Laura Towsley Perrin. Children: Libbie, married Merritt Farrar; Will H. Died in 1898.

SCOTT, WILL. H., married Helen, daughter of D. A. Hawkins; a daughter Hattie; second wife, Kate, sister of the preceding. Now reside in Tinmouth.

SCOTT, THOMAS J., married Charlotte, daughter of David Towsley. Children: Ira H., Laura, Kate, Horace D., Julia (Mrs. Rich), Mary (Mrs. Thomas), Ella. Died in 1898.

SCOTT, WILLIAM, known as Deacon Scott; had a son, a physician, Dr. John B. Scott. His daughter was the first wife of Wm. Stearns; died about 1860.

SMITH, STEPHEN, son of Martin and an early settler, married Anna Munson. Children: Sylvester; Luther, who married and settled at Richland, N. Y.; Jerusha, married David Sheldon; Anna (died 1811, aged 18); was a deacon of the Congregational Church; died at Richland.

SMITH, TRUMAN, son of Martin, married Lucy Smith. Children: Hiram, Philo, Truman; Rhoda, married ——— Hanna; Fidelia, married Edward Baldrige; Eliza, married Lyman Smith; Harriet (died at 22). Mr. Smith died, 1835, aged 67.

SMITH, SYLVESTER, son of Stephen, married Nancy, daughter of Seth Harmon. Children: Anne, married William Sheldon; Stephen; Lucy, married Enos P. Sheldon; Henry, T. D.; Harriet, married John Bartlett; Esther, married David Farrar; David R.; Mary, married Squire Sherman. Died in 1859. Mrs. Smith in 1878.

SMITH, PHILO, son of Truman, 1799–1873. Unmarried and known as “Uncle Philo;” an eccentric character, bright and capable, but soured and dimmed by disappointment and intemperance. His caustic sayings of razor sharpness, will be remembered by those of his day.

SMITH, THADDEUS, son of Enoch, married Deborah, daughter of Phineas Sheldon. Children: Mary, Hiram S., Dorothy, David; Delight, married Homer Johnson; Louisa, married Amos Sheldon. Mr. Smith was a surveyor, as well as farmer; died, 1857, aged 88. Mrs. Smith, 1864, aged 82.

SMITH, HIRAM S., son of Thaddeus, married Adaline Warren. Children: Maria, married Edmund Loomis; Emily, married Sheldon Taylor; Ann Eliza, Albert, Henry W.; Mary, married ———. Like his father, Mr. Smith was a surveyor; died at Brunswick, N. Y.

SMITH, ELISHA, married Lydia Spear, sister of Mrs. Seth Moore. Children: John, Jerusha; Dorcas, married Solomon Moore; second wife, Dorcas Pratt; a son, Almon F.

SMITH, JOHN, son of Elisha, married Sarah Hatch. Children: DeWitt, Spencer; Martha, married John Harwood. DeWitt and Spencer reside in St. Paul. Mr. Smith lived ten years in Virginia.

SMITH, ALMON, married Emma, daughter of Orange Frary. Children: Willis O.; Chauncey F. (died at 18). Resided at Rupert 14 years; now at Manchester Center. Mrs. Smith has long been prominent in the W. C. T. U.

STEARNS, WILLIAM, married Ann, daughter of Deacon William Scott, and after her death, Mary, daughter of Joseph Flower. A daughter of the second marriage, Julia. Mr. Stearns died in 1874. Mrs. Stearns now resides in Washington, D. C.

SYKES, MILTON, 1796-1886, married Lucy Towsley; second wife, Henrietta Guernsey. Children: Augustus K., 1832-98, married Helen Cranston; Horace S., Henry C., Byron H.; Lucy, married Walter Eaton.

SYKES, HARRY, married ————. Children: Ellsworth, De Forrest, Skiff, Albert; Jane, married John D. Ellsworth; Frances, married Aaron Whitcomb. Ellsworth and Jane are dead. Mr. Sykes was a soldier of the War of 1812. Skiff, married Frances Whitcomb; lives in Manchester; Albert in Wells; De Forrest in Dorset.

TAYLOR, JOEL, was a soldier of the Revolution. He married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Farrar. Children: Joel, Stephen, Elbridge; Polly, married Austin Johnson; Hannah, married Robert Wilson. Joel and Elbridge settled in the western part of New York. Mr. Taylor died in 1846, aged 82. Mrs. Taylor in 1825.

TAYLOR, STEPHEN, married Harriet, daughter of Increase Sheldon. Children: Dwight, Emmons, Sheldon,

James B.; second wife, Olive Wakely. Mr. Taylor died at North Rupert in 1884, aged 88.

TAYLOR, DWIGHT, married Aurora, daughter of Elisha Eastman. A daughter, Hattie, married O. P. Black. For years Mr. Taylor's farming operations were on a scale surpassing any others in town; died about 1892.

TAYLOR, SHELDON, married Emily, daughter of Hiram S. Smith; died 1874.

TOWSLEY, NATHANIEL, was in the French and Indian war, 1754-63. Came to Rupert in 1787, and lived here till his death; married a Miss Warters. Children: Seven sons and one daughter. David, son of Nathaniel, married Janet Bigelow. Children: Orange, David, Moses, William, Charlotte, Clarissa, Lucy, Horace. Orange went west; no further known. David, married Laura Norton. Children: Laura, married William Scott; Charlotte, married T. J. Scott; Henry D., married Emma Vail; Moses, married Ann Phillips. Children: Charles, George, Albert, ———; William, married Electa, daughter of Seth Harmon, Jr. Children: Jerome, Webster, Hannahette; Charlotte, unmarried; Clarissa, married Joseph Sexton; Lucy, married Milton Sykes; Horace, married Louisa Crandall.

THOMPSON, DAVID, married Amy Tennant. Children: William, married Martha Cory; David; Sherman, married Eliza Meade; Ann, married Asa Terrill; Pauline, married Giles Monroe; Elvira, married Charles Conkey; Emma, married William T. Meade.

THOMPSON, DAVID, son of David, married Lucy, daughter of Harvey Lincoln. Children: Sherman (died in 1874); Laura, married Grant Morey; Ann, married Sheldon Morey; died in 1872. Mrs. Thompson, 1886.

TRUMBULL, HORACE, Hartford County, Conn., in 1775. He and two brothers, supposed to have been Alexander and Nathaniel, emigrated to Johnsburg, N. Y.

Horace soon left, and settled in Rupert, married in 1798, Dorothy Spear. Children: Horace S., Sherman, George F.; Permelia, married Abner Wright; Dorothy, married Alexander Trumbull; Fanny, married David Fisher; Phlinda, married John Taylor; died about 18—; wife in 1861.

TRUMBULL, SHERMAN, son of Horace, married Hannah, daughter of Austin Johnson; removed to Lake County, Ill., about 1855. Both are dead. Their daughter, Mariatta, lived a year or more in Rupert in 1864-5. Two sons died in service, in the Civil War.

TRUMBULL, GEORGE F., son of Horace, married Mary, daughter of Titus Sheldon; removed to Glens Falls, thence to Greenwich; was a member of the 7th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, 1864-5; died in 1897, aged 75. Children: Titus S., George E., Arthur S., and Eliza (Mrs. Wheelwright), Kewanee, Ill.

TRUMBULL, ALEXANDER, brother of Horace, married Mary Sheldon. Sons: Alexander, Smith, Edwin.

TRUMBULL, ALEXANDER, son of Alexander, Rupert, 1804; to Johnsburg with his father's family; married Permelia Kenyon. Children: Minerva (Mrs. Loveland); Alexander, married Ella Randall; John H., Charles, Helen; second wife, Dorothy Trumbull, to Rupert in 1858; died, 1891.

TRUMBULL, NATHANIEL, is believed to have been captured by the British in the Patriot War, and died a prisoner on Van Diemen's Land.

WOOD, E. T., married Cecelia Palmer. Children: Clara, married Henry Hadaway; Gustavus, Edward D.; Emma, married Newton Clark.

WOOD, GUSTAVUS P., married Mary Hadaway, and resides in Tinmouth; a son, Roscoe.

WILDER, JONAS, resided in Rupert, from about 1857 to '80; was engaged a short time in the merchantile busi-

ness, and Postmaster at West Rupert. His residence was that now occupied by A. P. Sheldon. He was for a short time Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School; and the West Rupert fair was instituted by him. Fred W., and Arthur B. Wilder of Woodstock are his sons.

WEED. The first of the name was ——— Weed, g. g. father of Sherman, to Rupert from Long Island. He was captain in the Revolution; his son, John, also from Long Island; was a captain in the war of 1812. John Weed had sons: Ira, William, James, John, Hoyt and Townsend; the last two twins, and daughters; Betsey, married ——— Peck; Joanna and Rebecca (twins); Joanna, married Simeon Doane; Rebecca, married Ralph Price; Polly, married Ralph Price, after Rebecca's death; Susan, married Horace Phillips; Mandy, married William Kilburn. Ira Weed was a staff officer in the War of 1812. He married Thankful Phillips. Children: Charlotte, died in youth; Sherman, James; Ruth, died 1863. Sherman Weed, married Louisa, daughter of Calvin Moore. Children: Fred S., Bernice H.; second wife, Rhoda Warner; third wife, Mary Potter; present wife, Sophia Hitt.

WEED, FRED S., married Minnie Derrick; and after her death, a sister, Nellie.

WEED, BERNICE H., married Stella, daughter of William Root.

WEED, JAMES, son of Ira, married Caroline Rice. Children: Flora, married Ed Rodman and died in 1897; Henry, married Betty Gates; Charles, married ———.

WEED, WILLIAM, brother of Ira, married Cynthia Phillips.

WEED, CAPT. JAMES, married Ruth Nelson; second wife, Betsey, daughter of Roswell Flower, Sr.; daughter, Charlotte. A captain in the war of 1812.

WEED, JOHN, married Emily Frary.

WEED, HOYT AND TOWNSEND, married twin sisters, Malby.

WILSON, ROBERT, married Hannah, daughter of Joel Taylor. Children: Fayette and Janette, twins, and Mariatta; Janette married Elijah Burton; Mariatta died at about 20. Mr. Wilson died in 1868, aged 81; wife, 1858.

WILSON, FAYETTE, married Juliette, daughter of T. K. Bebee. Children: Robert, married Frances Boyd; Clinton; Helen, married Rufus Coon; Fanny, married Henry Beattie. Mr. Wilson died in 1876.

WATROUS, ROYAL, married Lydia Balch. Children: Daniel E., of Pawlet; Melissa, married Henry Woodward; Fred, died in Grafton; Sarah, married James Fisher; Hiram W., of Castleton; George, died in youth; Ida, married S. M. Moore; Frank J.; Louisa, married J. G. Dennison. Died at 87.

WISEMAN, JOHN, was a son of John, who deserted from the British army during the Revolution, and joined the Americans. John Jr., married Sarah Bourn. Children: Fanny, married Henry Smith; Merritt, Milton B.; Josephine, married Dewitt C. Wait; John N., Marcellus, Marvin (died in youth); Jane, married Eleazer Gilman; Hoyt, Eva, married C. P. Hatch. Died in 1868.

YOULEN, JEREMIAH, from Connecticut, 1807; married Sarah Goodell. Children: Judith, married Fairbanks Moore; Benjamin, married Rachel ———; Jeremiah, married Lucy Parker; Abner, married ——— ———; Calista, married ——— Stone; Prudence, married ——— Lothrop; John, married Susan Green; Elijah, married ——— ———; Philip W., married Electa Johnson.

YOULEN, JEREMIAH, married Lucy Parker. Children: Sarah, John P., Mary; Lucy, married Dan. Parish; Louisa, married Oscar Elwell.

YOULEN, P. W., married Electa Johnson: Children: Judson I. (died in 1843, age 19), Philip E., Calista, Janet, Silas E., Philetus F. Mrs. Youlen died in 1869; second wife, Mary Willard. Mr. Youlen died in 1872.

YOULEN, PHILIP E., married Alvira Whitcomb. Children: Melissa, Philip M., Fanny. Mr. Youlen died in 1898, aged 70.

THE MEN OF TO-DAY.

AUSTIN, J. E., R. R. station agent, married Mary Shaw. Children: W. H., Libbie (Mrs. Thompson).

AUSTIN, W. H., physician.

AYRES, JOHN, farmer, married Jennie Nelson. Children: Leon, Solon, Lena.

BALLARD, GEO. C., farmer, married Carrie Cook. Children: Henry, Frank, Edgar.

BARDEN, SHUBAEL, retired farmer, married Amy Cook. Children: Henry, Frank, Henrietta, Lillian (deceased), Caroline.

BARDEN, HENRY, farmer, married Sadie Smith.

BARDEN, FRANK, cornetist, leader Rupert band.

BARBER, JAMES, married Lucretia Wright. Children: Elijah, Daniel, Sam., Edwin, Harriet, Sarah, Jennie, Franc.

BEBEE, OSCAR J., farmer, married Annette Maynard. Children: Spencer; King, married Sophia Hill. A son, Ernest.

BEBEE, SPENCER, farmer, married Jennie Smith.
Children: Carroll, Jay.

BEBEE, KING, cheesemaker, married Lena Craig.

BEBEE, ERNEST, married Calla Barden.

BEBEE, EDGAR H., carpenter and builder, married Lucy Derby. Children: Effie (Mrs. Sweet); Harry; School Director; Town Representative, 1880.

BENTLEY, NOEL C., farmer, married Ida Flower.

BIBENS, B. H., farmer, married first, Esther Beecher; second, Mrs. Nellie Belden Towsley. Children: Henry, Anne, Milford D.

BLACK, O. P., farmer, married Hattie Taylor. Daughter, Mildred. Postmaster at North Rupert.

BONNEVILLE, JOSEPH, cheese-maker, married Josephine Cross.

BOWEN, CHARLES, woodcutter.

BROOKS, THOMAS.

BURK, EDWARD, married Jane Jenkins. Children: Edna, George, Anson.

BURTON, ALBERT E., farmer, married Franc Burch. Town Representative, 1882; County Judge, 1892-6.

CARPENTER, F. W., married Mary Sherman.

CARVER, DAVID, farmer, married Eliza Laughlin. Children: Harry, Hattie, Ray, Helen.

CLARK, AARON, farmer, married Carrie Moncrief.

CLARK, CYRUS, farmer.

CLARK, JOHN R., nephew of the above.

CLARK, NEWTON, mechanic, married Emma Wood. Children: Ruby, Ella, Paul.

CRANDALL, WILLARD, married Mrs. Mary Loveland Duncan. Step-daughters: Lottie (Mrs. H. C. Guild); Ida, a teacher, and both graduates of Castleton Normal.

CRANDALL, HARRY, married Myrtle Howard.

CROSIER, JOSEPH W., farmer, married Mina Sheldon. Children: Leo G., Deering J.

DANFORTH, OLIVER H., cheesemaker, married Sarah Hill. Children: Ernest, Jennie, Frank, Charles, Clifford (deceased), Mary; second wife, Jennie Walsh. Children. Anna, Millie.

DANFORTH, MORTON C., lumberman, married Sarah Crandall. Children: Madonna, Ray, Pauline.

DANFORTH, EARL.

DANFORTH, ERNEST B., farmer.

DENIO, CARL E., farmer, married Nettie Smith.

DENNISON, J. G., auctioneer, married Louisa Watrous. Children: Maud (Mrs. Perkins), Clarence, Will, John, Lilly.

DERBY, ORRIN M., farmer, married Ellen Paddock; second wife, Martha Denio. Daughter, Ethel.

DOLE, S. H., lumberman and sawyer, married Catharine Curtis. Children: Flora (Mrs. Sherman), Addie (Mrs. Hopkins).

ELLSWORTH, WARREN, married Mary Parris. Children: Frank, Eugene, Nellie (Mrs. Hill, deceased).

FARRAR, MERRITT, farmer, married Libbie Scott. Children: Elbert, Mary (Mrs. Wilson), Bessie (Mrs. Rising), Will, Carrie (deceased), Etta. George.

FARRAR, ELBERT M., farmer, married Phebe Morey. Daughter, Viola.

FARRAR, J. W., farmer.

FARRAR, JOHN B., farmer, married Nellie Jenkins. Children: Grace, Agnes, Chas. M.

FARRAR, LYMAN, married Lemira Clark. Daughter, Laura (Mrs. Sheldon).

FLOWER, SHELDON J., farmer; Town Representative, 1898.

FLOWER, ELIHU P., farmer, married Laura Mason. Children: Russell, Theo, Ethel, Elsie.

FLOWER, HORACE D., mechanic.

FLOWER, ALBERT H., farmer.

FONDA, ELON C., farmer, married Delia Harwood. Children: Jessie (Mrs. Kennedy), Edmund S., Lewis B.: all deceased. A granddaughter, Laura Kennedy.

FROST, JOHN G., cheesemaker, married Nettie Hurd. Children: Frank, Wilson, Inez.

FROST, EDWARD A., farmer, married ————. A son, Silas.

FROST, SILAS, married Hattie Holland. Children: May, Robert.

GALLOP, ROBERT, farmer and speculator, married Angie Packard. A son, George.

GRAGEN, GEORGE M., carpenter, married Libbie Ludd. Children: Raymond, Flora.

HADAWAY, JAMES E., farmer, married Bernice Flower. Children: Bert, Otto. Town Representative, 1886.

HADAWAY, HENRY H., mechanic, married Clara Wood. Daughter, Clara (Mrs. Sheldon).

HADAWAY, CHARLES, farmer, married Mary Burke.

HADAWAY, BERT E., farmer, married Millie Nichols.

HANSON, WILLIAM H., married Minnie Whedon.
Children: Rachel, Carl.

HARWOOD, JOSEPH M., farmer, married Cornelia Bailey. Children: Arthur B., Anna, Katie.

HARWOOD, ARTHUR B., farmer.

HARWOOD, BURR.

HARWOOD, JOHN, farmer, married Martha Smith.
Children: Spencer, Julia, Carrie, Fred, Harold.

HARWOOD, CLARK M., farmer, married May Danforth. Children: Amy, Earl, Gordon.

HAWLEY, ELISHA, farmer, married Henrietta Hurd.
Children: Emily, Elisha and Etta, deceased; Franc, Fred H.

HAYS, CHAUNCEY S., farmer, married Mary Ayres.
Children: Samuel, Herschel C., George L.

HAYS, HERSCHEL C.

HAYS, GEORGE L., carpenter.

HAYE, EDWARD F., mechanic and surveyor, married Jennie Sheldon. Town Representative, 1892.

HAYS, FAYETTE W., farmer, married Mary E. King.
Children: Fraser, Howlett.

HIBBARD, ELIJAH, mechanic, married Almeda Billings. Daughter, Mary L.; second wife, Rebecca Sayre.
Children: George S., Emma, Addie (Mrs. Lester, deceased).

HIBBARD, GEORGE S., wrote this history.

HIGGINS, HAROLD P., married Rosella Watson. Children: Ambrose, Alla, Anna, Arthur, Neal.

HOGLE, CHARLES W., farmer, married Maria Swasey. Children: Clara (Mrs. Bowen), John A., Edwin S., Charles P., Lena, Albert G., Will H., Walter T., Herbert D., Matie.

HOLMES, GEORGE W., farmer, married Mattie Morey. Children: Grover, Mary, Lulu, Zeia.

HOPKINS, ALBERT M., farmer, married Eliza Gookins. A son, John M. Road Commissioner, 1893-97.

HOPKINS, JOHN M., farmer, married Anna Moore.

HOPKINS, CHARLES A., blacksmith, married Addie Dole.

HOPKINS, FAYETTE W., farmer, married Franc White. Daughter Kate (deceased), second wife, Mrs. Emma Herrin Crosier.

HOPKINS, SPENCER, miller, married Mary Beebe. Children: Winnifred, Volney, Genevra.

HOPKINS, VOLNEY, merchant's clerk.

HORTON, MERRITT.

HOWARD, M. E., mechanic, married Medora Nelson. Children: Fred, Myrtle (Mrs. Crandall), Mabel.

HOWARD, FRED, married Sadie Watrous.

HURD, ADDISON T., farmer, married Sarah Hay. A son, Albert.

HURD, ELISHA, farmer, married Adalaide Sweet. Children: Ella (Mrs. Burch), Mary and Minnie (deceased).

JAMESON, PETER.

JENKS, GEORGE W., farmer.

JENKS, JOHN, farmer.

JENKS, NORMAN, farmer.

JENKINS, JOHN J., farmer, married Martha Flower. A daughter, Celia (Mrs. Ray, deceased); second wife, Fanny Wade.

JENKINS, SIMEON, married Ornett Monroe. Children: George, Helen (Mrs. Robbins); Mary (Mrs. White), Ida.

JENKINS, GEORGE A., married Amelia Moody. Children: Willie, Nettie, Lulu.

JONES, FRANK E., farmer, married Frankie Black. Children: Nelson, John E., Mabel, Marcellus.

JONES, RICHARD, farmer, married Julia Town.

KINNE, WASHINGTON L., produce dealer, married Lucinda Flower. A daughter, Ann.

KINNE, WILLIAM H., retired farmer, married Jane Moncrief.

KNIGHTS, GEORGE W., married Mary Marble. Children: Sarah, Willie, Alta, Fred.

LADD, BRAZIL, merchant, married Mrs. Grace Cushman Hill.

LANE, LEWIS J., farmer, married Jennie Weir. Children: Lottie, Robert, Louise, Cassie, Ben.

LANE, LEONARD, married Josephine LaDeau. Children: Ovo, Addie, Minnie, Alice, Edna.

LEACH, JOHN, farmer, married Annis Hulett. Children: Charles G., Henry F., Merritt W., Janie, Anna (deceased), Ellen, John H.

LEACH, CHARLES G., farmer.

LEACH, HENRY F., farmer.

LEACH, MERRITT W., nurse.

LEACH, JOHN H., farmer.

LEACH, EDWARD, farmer, married Helen Sheldon. Children: Georgia, Grace, Genevieve.

LEWIS, WILLIAM E., farmer, married Mary Sheldon. Children: Alice, Henry; second wife, Celeste Nelson.

LINCOLN, C. M., produce dealer; married Clara Rafter. Children: Harvey; Helen (died in 1895, aged 16); Town Representative, 1894.

LOVELAND, LEWIS B., farmer; married Carrie Jennings. Children: Sadie, Daisy.

LUCIA, HENRY.

LICENSE, GEORGE, married Minnie Wade.

MADISON, JOHN B., blacksmith; married Carrie Flower. Children: Douglas, Stanley, Guild.

MARSHALL, GEORGE H.

MASON, RUSSELL S., sexton of M. E. Church; married Mary Ann Clark. Children: Ruth, Helen (Mrs. Occumpaugh); Elida (Mrs. Grower); Laura (Mrs. Flower); Etta (Mrs. J. Hogle); Lucy, Will C., Clarissa (Mrs. C. Hogle).

MASON, WILL C., mechanic; married Ida Nelson. Children: Melville, Ernest; School Director; Treasurer Farmers Exchange.

MATTISON, CHARLES E.

MCCALL, BYRON, W., farmer.

MOORE, ALBERT W., farmer, married Mrs. Mary Wright Angevine.

MOORE, HORACE F., farmer; married Nellie Potter. Children: Jay, Stanley, Carl, Lee.

MOORE, JOSEPH M., physician, married Caroline Ayres. Children: George W., Frinda (Mrs. Bowen); Effie (Mrs. Hawley); Nelia; Anna (Mrs. Hopkins); Joseph (in Castleton Normal), Corny C.

MOORE, SETH M., married Ida Watrous. Children: Eva (Mrs. Watrous), Harry.

MOREHOUSE, WILL P., married Ellen Tift. Children: Nettie, Oliver; second wife. ——— Jones.

MOREY, EDWARD, farmer, married Calista Warren. Children: Myrtle (Mrs. Mears); John, Erastus, Nettie (Mrs. Curtis).

MOREY, SHELDON, farmer, married Ann Thompson; daughter, Phebe (Mrs. Farrar); Road Commissioner.

MOREY, M. G., farmer and produce dealer, married Laura Thompson. Children: James F., Orla G., Chauncey S.

MOREY, ERASTUS.

MULLEN, THOMPSON, farmer, married Mary Dunigan. Children: James, Bernard, Oney, Thomas D., John, Mary, Anna, Lizzie, Katie, Ella.

NORTHRUP, WILL H., farmer, married Ruth Bartlett.

ORR, BENJAMIN J., cheesemaker, married Mrs. Adell Palmer Dorsey. Children: Matie Dorsey, Susan and Daniel Orr.

PARRISH, DANIEL, farmer, married Lucy Youlen. Children: Jeremiah, Mary (Mrs. Rothdrem), John (deceased). Grand children: Arthur, Fred and Frank Rothdrem.

PATRICK, TERRY, farmer, married May Fisher. Children: Albert, Bessie, Leslie.

PELTIER, JOHN, cheesemaker, married Mrs. Laura Chapman Pepper. Children: Beatrice, Perry M.

PEPPER, SIMEON, married Clarinda Weeks. Children: Milo, married Laura Chapman (deceased), Myra (Mrs. Fisher), Alice (Mrs. Harwood), Eva (Mrs. Tobin).

PERKINS, JOHN B., farmer, married Betsey Hay. Children: Oscar H., John J., Fred W.

PERKINS, WILLIAM, married Hannah Lincoln. Children: William H., Sarah (Mrs. McDonald), Joseph H.: second wife, Mary Santus. Daughter, Jennie.

PERKINS, JOSEPH H., farmer, married Julia Sherman. Children: Bennie, Willie.

PERKINS, JAMES.

PERKINS, FRED W., farmer, married Alice Wilson. Children: Hazel, Esther.

PERKINS, CHARLES, blacksmith, married Maud Denison.

PERRIN, HIRAM N., farmer, married Fanny Wilber. Children: Oscar H.; Laura (in Castleton Normal), Libbie, Marshall, Tarl.

PHILLIPS, CHARLES, farmer, married Adelaide Goodspeed (deceased); second wife, Ida Paddock. Members of his family: Marion Wellwood, Millie Paddock.

PRINDLE, WESTON, farmer, married Jennie Bonnevill. Children: Henry, Amy (Mrs. Mercier), George, Albert, Bessie, Ovide.

PRINDLE, HENRY.

PRINDLE, GEORGE.

RAFTER, DENNIS, farmer, married Sarah Morey. Children: Ella (Mrs. Richards), Clara (Mrs. Lincoln), Martha (Mrs. McCoy), Will D., Emma (Mrs. Murphy), Fred, Hettie (deceased), Arthur, Nettie (Mrs. Braymer), Julia, Belle.

RAFTER, WILL D., carpenter.

RAFTER, FRED, farmer.

REED, ALVIN L., married Gertie Towsley. Daughter, Flossie.

REED, GEORGE A., married ————. Children: Merrit, Jennie, Gertie, Iva.

RICHEY, GEORGE H., merchant, married Emma Maynard. Daughter: Mary (in Castleton Normal); second wife, Florence Carver; Postmaster at West Rupert.

RISING, CHARLES M., farmer, married Bessie Farrar; a son, Charles.

ROBBINS, JAMES A., married Helen Jenkins.

ROBBINS, LEMUEL, married ————. A son, Harry.

ROBERTS, CHARLES A., married ——— Sargent. Children: Henry (deceased), John, H., Lavona.

ROBERTS, ERASTUS, farmer, married Elizabeth Bardwell. Children: Myron F., Brooks W., Merritt B., Will W., Mary.

ROBERTS, MYRON F., married Mrs. Ella Guild Nelson. Children: Jennie, Mamie, Myron G. Manager of Guilds Green Mountain Asthma Cure Manufactory.

ROBERTS, MERRITT B., farmer, married Martha Sheldon. A son, Cornelius.

ROBERTS, WILL W.

ROBERTS, JOHN C.

ROBINSON, GEORGE A., cheesemaker, married Ann Derby. Children: Fred, Carrie (Mrs. Clemons); second wife, Sarah Guild. Adopted sons: Martin, Charles. Mrs. Robinson is Postmistress at East Rupert.

ROOT, WILLIAM, farmer, married Caroline, daughter of Enoch Eastman. Children: Stella (Mrs. Weed), Effie (Mrs. Herrick), Frank. Grandchildren: Root and Minnie Herrick; Town Representative, 1878.

ROOT, FRANK, farmer, married Lillian Rogers. Children: A son and daughter.

RUSH, OBADIAH, farmer.

ROGERS, THOMAS, pastor of M. E. Church, married, Martha Avery. Children: Thomas A., Florence, William A., Mary.

ROGERS, GEORGE (died in 1895), married Annie Burrows. Children: Lillian (Mrs. Root), George, Will, Isabel, Ada, Leonard.

SAFFORD, EDWIN B., retired merchant, married **Mary Baldrige**. Children: **James**, **Abbie** (Mrs. Ackley), **Emma**; all deceased; second wife, **Harriet Parker**.

SANDERS, NILES, married **Julia Gravelin**. Children: **Ella** (Mrs. Potter), **Josephine** (Mrs. Potter), **Alice** (Mrs. Vail), **George**, **Orla** (deceased), **Bertha** (Mrs. Wetherell), **Jennie** (Mrs. Meader, deceased), **Herbert**.

SANDERS, GEORGE, farmer, married **Frances Randall**. Children: **Cecil**, **Mabel**, **Jessie**, **Anna**.

SANDERS, HERBERT.

SHELDON, CYRUS F., married **Elizabeth Rogers**. Children: **Fred A.**, **James H.**, **George B.**; a farmer and one of the largest land holders in town; Town Representative, 1884.

SHELDON, FRED A., merchant, married **Libbie Olcott**. Children: **Bessie** (in Syracuse University), **Charles F.**, **Fannie**, **Neal O.**; Postmaster at **Rupert**. **Bessie Sheldon** was the first daughter of **Rupert** to attend a co-educational institution of the first class.

SHELDON, JAMES H., farmer, married **Nellie Upton**.

SHELDON, G. B., merchant, married **Laura Farrar**. Children: **Harry A.**, **Roy F.**

SHELDON, SMITH, farmer, married **Marie Lewis**. Children: **Hettie** (Mrs. Ayres), **Lillian** (graduate of **Castleton**), **Enos**, **Minnie**.

SHELDON, EMMONS D., farmer, married **Delia Ellsworth**. Children: **Reuel** (deceased), **Charles I.**, **Frank**, **Lucy**.

SHELDON, CHAS. I., farmer, married **Carrie Pratt**. Children: **Naomi**, **Clifford**.

SHELDON, FRANK, farmer, married **Clara Hadaway**. Children: **Reginald**, **Reuel**, **Richard**.

SHELDON, WILLIAM, farmer, married Anne Smith. Children: Loran F., Isaac, S., Nancy (deceased), Estelle (Mrs. Barden).

SHELDON, LORAN F., farmer, married Adelaide Baker. Children: Myrtle (Mrs. Burdick), Alice, Harry.

SHELDON, ISAAC S., farmer, married Mary Dings. Children: Willie, Willis, Rose, Lizzie.

SHELDON, WILLIE O., married Lottie Hatch. Daughter, Mildred.

SHELDON, WILLIS O., farmer, married Minnie Hart. A son, Ralph.

SHELDON, EDWARD P., farmer, married Ann Sheldon. Children: Mary, Nellie, Earl R., Ira F.

SHELDON, EARL R., farmer.

SHELDON, IRA F., farmer.

SHELDON, CORNELIUS M., farmer, married Julia Flower. Children: Jennie (Mrs. Hays), Martha (Mrs. Roberts). Town Representative, 1876.

SHELDON, ALBERT P., retired merchant, married Julia Sheldon. Children: Lena (Mrs. Hays), Mina (Mrs. Crosier). Town Representative, 1888: State Senator, 1896.

SHELDON, JOHN F., farmer.

SHERMAN, CHAS. H., farmer, married Flora Dole.

SMITH, ABRAM M., married Sarah Santus. Children William H. (died in 1898), Charles (died in 1884), A. F., Sadie (Mrs. Barden).

SMITH, ABRAM F., carpenter.

SMITH, GUY, married Electa Miller. Daughter, Carrie (deceased); second wife, Mrs. Jane Sayre Covey.

SMITH, OSRO L., farmer, married Sibyl Flower. Daughter, Lena.

SMITH, T. D., retired farmer, married Betsey Roberts; second wife, Mrs. Mary Graves Whedon. Manager of Farmers' Exchange.

SWEET, W. O., married Melissa ———. Children: Grant, Freeborn, Fred, Carrie (Mrs Hawley), Edith.

SWEET, FRED H., lumber, married Effie Beebe.

THOMPSON, GEORGE R., insurance, married Libbie Austin.

THOMPSON, J. F., married Lucinda Greeley. Children: Lillian (died at 18), Will H.

TIFFT, CURTS, married Loraine Town. Children: Lyman, Leon.

TIFFT, MARTIN, married Libbie Burke. Children: Lena, Julia.

TIFFT, WILLIAM, married Mary Jones. Children: Ellen (Mrs. Morehouse), Mary (Mrs. Tift).

TOBIN, WILLIAM H., married Eva Pepper. A son, Robert.

TOOPER, SYLVESTER, gardener, married Rachel Martin. Children: Susan (Mrs. Rising), Emma (Mrs. Caw), Jane (Mrs. Thomas); second wife, Almira Teller. A son, Charles F.

TOWSLEY, WEBSTER W., farmer, married Julia Wood. Children: Gertie (Mrs. Reed), Chauncey, Clark, Leon.

TOWSLEY, CLARK.

TOWSLEY, HENRY, farmer, married Emma Vail. Children: Jennie (Mrs. Baker), Lulu (Mrs. Roberts), Edwin.

TOWSLEY, WALLACE C., carpenter, married Georgie Jenks. Children: Paul, Schuyler.

TRUMBULL, CHARLES, carpenter, married Mary Angevine. Children: Nellie, Fred A.

TURNER, CHARLES J., farmer, married Nette Mawhiney.

VAIL, LEONARD, farmer, married Lydia Lackey. Children: Emma (Mrs. Towsley), Alta (Mrs. Horton), Elwin D., Flora (Mrs. Jenkins), Myrtle (Mrs. Jennings).

VAIL, ELWIN D., buyer, married Alice Sanders.

WADE, WILLARD, married Mariatta Moffat. Children: Nettie (Mrs. Dorance, deceased), Fannie (Mrs. Jenkins).

WALSH, WILLIAM J., farmer, married Mrs. Nellie Roberts Crandall. A son, Basil B.; step-son, Schuyler Crandall.

WARNER, OLIVER L., farmer, married Mary Moore. Children: Jessie (Mrs. Engrem), Mary (Mrs. Barrett).

WATERS, FREEMAN J., married Sarah Ellis.

WATERS, FRANK, married Hattie Woodward. Children: Marcus, Sadie (Mrs. Howard), Bernice, Orrin, Daisy.

WEST, MARTIN.

WETHERELL, A. L., canvasser, married Bertha Sanders.

WHEDON, J. N., farmer, married Harriet Evans. Children: Libbie, Herbert P.

WHEELER, BENJAMIN P., mail carrier.

WHEELER, WILBUR, married Martha Laughlin. Children: Olive, Mary, Bennie.

WHITE, STEPHEN.

WHITE, DANIEL.

WILSON, ROBERT, mason, married Grace Pritchard. A son, David.

WINCHESTER, FRANK E., farmer, married Amey Lillie. Children: Horace E., Julia. Town Representative, 1896.

WOODWARD, CHAUNCEY F.

WOODWARD, HENRY, teamster, married Melissa Watrous. Children: Lucina (Mrs. Perkins), George, Eugene.

WESCOTT, CHARLES, farmer, married Mrs. Villa Alexander Whitmore. Step-daughter, Lizzie Whitmore.

YOULEN, SILAS E., farmer, married Louise Rice. Children: Corrie (Mrs. Gidley), Eva (Mrs. Thomas).

CRUIKSHANK, CHARLES, blacksmith, married Grace Hart. Children: James A., Earl, Eva.

DANFORTH, FRANK.

EWEN, WILLIAM, pastor of the Congregational Church, married Bella Watt.

FISHER, JAMES A., farmer.

GUILD, HARLEY C., farmer, married Lottie Duncan. A son, Joseph H.

MCKEIGHAN, DANIEL, trader, married Mary Kelly. Children: Frank, John, Daniel, Willie, Anna, George.

JENNINGS, JAMES, farmer, married Sarah Crandall. Children: Fay, married Belle Evens; Carrie, married Lewis Loveland; Horace, married Myrtle Vail; James (deceased); Mary. Mrs. Jennings died 1895.

PARRISH, LEROY, farmer, married Lizzie Flower. Children: Harold, Harley, Otis.

WITMER, W. W., pastor of the Disciples' Church, married Oelo Shelton. Children: Mabel, Vivian, Howard, Warren.

YOUNG, EDWARD, farmer, married Catharine McCowley. Children: John, Sam., Rose, Mary, Thomas, Katie, Charles, Anna, Margaret, Jennie, Agnes. Largest land owner in town.

SHAW, FERBERT, married Edna Hadaway. Children: John, Marcus.

BONNEVILLE, ARTHUR, cheesemaker.

BARBER, CHARLES.

CARVER, DUDLEY.

DANFORTH, HARRY, farmer.

DOLE, GEORGE; Marvin.

HANNA, GEORGE, farmer, married Ida Rogers.

MOORE, JOSEPH M., JR.

MOORE, CORNY C.

ROGERS, WILL G., farmer, married Etta Hatch. Children: Claude, Lulu, Clair, Mark, Pauline.

ROBERTS, ALLEN, married Lulu Towsley. Children: Emma, Bessie, Henry.

DOIG, ANDREW W., R. R. section foreman, married Fannie Searles.

HURD, SAM., married Mary Lackey. Children: Fred, Emma.

PHELPS, HERBERT.

DESCRIPTIVE.

LOCATION.—Rupert is located in the northwest corner of Bennington County, bounded north by Pawlet, east by Dorset, south by Sandgate, west by Salem and Hebron, New York; southwest from Montpelier, 67 miles.

SURFACE.—The surface is very uneven. Shatterack mountain is in the southwest part; only a short distance and directly north is Master's mountain; nearly due east of Master's is Hay Stack mountain, and north of Hay Stack is Mt. Anthony, which is equi-distant from the north and south boundaries of the town, and about a mile nearer the east than west. This is the highest elevation in town. The valleys are those of the three principal streams and their tributaries. Mettowee river enters from Dorset, flows northwest about three miles into Pawlet. It is the largest stream in town. White Creek rises in Sandgate, flows north, then generally west into Salem; in town about six miles. Its main branch flows southwest through the central part of the town, and joins it this side of the town line. Indian river rises in the north part, flows southwest, and nearly north for about five miles, into Pawlet. The watershed dividing the waters of the St. Lawrence from those of the Hudson, extends across this town, an irregular line.

SOIL AND PRODUCTIONS.—The soil is fairly fertile; the best farming region being the Mettowee valley. Hay is the most important crop. Potatoes are largely raised. All of the grain crops much less than formerly. Maple sugar, formerly an important product, is declining. Orchards are far below former years. The production of butter, cheese and eggs is probably greater than ever before.

VILLAGES.—Small in size and three in number. *Rupert Street.* Located nearest to the center of the town, having two stores, two churches, a schoolhouse, R. R. sta-

tion, a physician, insurance agent, two milliners, two boarding houses, cheese factory, blacksmith shop, three storehouses and about thirty dwellings. Also the manufactory of Guild's Green Mountain Asthma Cure. P. O., Rupert. *East Rupert.* Located on the eastern border; contains a schoolhouse, store, cheese factory, blacksmith shop and about fifteen dwellings. P. O., East Rupert, on the stage route from Granville to Manchester. North Rupert P. O. is about two miles northwest, on this route. The merchants at East Rupert, so far as I have learned, were as follows: James Moore, Jedediah Freeman, Levi Eastman & Co., Grove and Darius Moore, Josiah Roberts, Kinney Prescott, N. C. Goddard, Allen Bowe, David S. Hill, George Robinson, Brazil Ladd. *West Rupert.* Located in southwest part of the town; contains a schoolhouse, two churches, store, grist and cider mill, R. R. station, a mechanic and two blacksmith shops, cheese factory, and about fifty dwelling houses, three physicians. P. O., West Rupert.

ROADS.—Our town has about 60 miles of road. The longest main road in town enters from Salem, forms the main street of West Rupert, also of Rupert Street; leads northwesterly over the "mountain," thence easterly into Dorset. The town owns and uses two road machines. Some permanent road is being built each year.

PEOPLE.—In that portion of the town west of the "mountain," more than three-fourths, the New York thought and manner prevails. In the days of "shillings," we computed like "York." Fully 95 per cent of the population is native born, a proportion unusual, even for a Vermont town.

Additional Biography.

BIZALLION, EUGENE, from Canada about 1855. Excelled as a wood-cutter when it was in great demand for the railroad's use. One of the early cheesemakers, and first maker at Rupert factory. Afterwards had charge of the Middletown factory twenty years, married Martha Seaver. Children: Henry, Eugene, Arthur; Henry married Emma Coy, and resides in New York.

BEEBE. Children of D. C. and Mary (Sheldon): Carl N., Julia (deceased), Spencer D., Mary (Mrs. Bertrand), Alice.

CONANT, R. H., from Hebron, married Esther, daughter of Hugh McCall. He was a first-class carpenter and builder. His last work here was the M. E. Church in 1884. Removed to Ridgefield, Ill.

CLARK, MYRON, son of Henry and Desire (Downer) Clark, Hoosac, 1790. Settled in Rupert prior to 1820. Town Representative, 1823; removed to Manchester and engaged many years in the tannery business; a prime mover in the building of the Western Vermont R. R.; married Laura Galusha. Children: Augustus, Narcissa, Laura, Jane, Edna, Cornelia. Died about 1873.

EASTMAN, HIRAM, son of Elisha, married Charlotte Bourn. An adopted daughter, Flora, married Edward Porter. Mr. Eastman died about 1880.

EASTMAN, DORSON, son of Elijah, married Mary Cochran. Children: John, Charlotte (Mrs. Denio); Olive (Mrs. Herrick). He was a substantial and upright citizen. Died about 1893, at an advanced age.

ELLSWORTH, JOHN D., married Jane Sykes, and resided a short time at East Rupert; second wife, Almira Derby. For about 20 years resided at West Rupert, and had charge of the wood supply for the R. & W. R. R.

At this period, no man in town was more widely known. Removed to Rutland about 1876, where he now resides.

ELWELL, CHAUNCEY, son of Harrison, married Lydia Munn. Children: Chauncey, Oscar, Spencer, Edwin, Lemira, Laura (Mrs. Clark). Died 1848.

GRAVES, HORATIO, married Betsey Mason. Children: Edward, Hattie; Sophia, married Frank Merrill; Wallace; Olive, married Martin Munger; Harvey, Eli, Lincoln. Resided at Warsaw, N. Y.

HOPKINS, WARNER, married Elizabeth Flower. Children: Clarissa, married T. L. Sheldon; Corneilus, married Emeline Wilson (children: Pearl, Grace), George N., married Ellen Barnes (children: Seth, Libbie); Frank W., married Delia Wright (children: Charles A., Rollin F., Carl S., Bessie); Charles died unmarried; Silas married Libbie Cogswell (a son, Clinton), Albert M.; Rollin, son of Frank, married Blanche Barnes; Carl, married Mary Hascall.

KINNE, A. K., and Mariatta (Derby). Children of: Ella (died at 19), George L., Grant (killed by an accident), Eugene (deceased); Charles, married Henrietta Hanna, and a cheesemaker at West Pawlet.

MAWHINEY, ALEXANDER, married Laura Towsley. Children: Mary (Mrs. Volentine), Nette (Mrs. Turner).

SHAW, W. J. and Julia (Brown). Children of: George, Edith.

TOBIN, THOMAS, married Mary Wilkins. Children: Oscar, a merchant, Greenwich, N. Y.; Myra (Mrs. Woodard), Delia (Mrs. Cubit), William H.

WAKELY, JOHN, married ————. Children: Lucy, William J.; second wife ———— Williams. Children: Louisa, Sumner. Removed to Greenfield, N. Y., thence to Argyle.

HARWOOD. Children of Rollin J. and Sarah (Reed): Charles, Silas, Flora.

YOULEN, JOHN, son of John and Susan (Green) Youlen, 1821; to Chenango Co., N. Y., in youth; took a course of study at the Lyceum, Auburn, teaching in the meantime; took a preparatory course in the State prison hospital, Auburn, attending lectures at Geneva Medical College. In 1846, entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, but withdrew soon after, and graduated at the Homœopathic Medical College of Cleveland, in 1847. Settled in Jersey City in 1848, where he resided until his death in 1881. He was a very successful physician, and an active, generous, public spirited citizen.

