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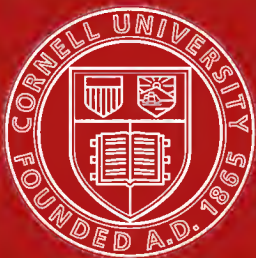


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# THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL SOUVENIR

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## BETHEL, VERMONT.

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CONTAINING A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWN,  
THE SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, MEDICAL AND LEGAL PROFESSIONS, OLD  
FAMILIES, BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING INTERESTS,  
TOGETHER WITH PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES  
OF THE CITIZENS, PAST AND PRESENT.

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In presenting this volume to the public, the publishers have labored earnestly and faithfully to arrange the available material in a manner to interest the people of Bethel. The citizens whose portraits adorn this work, by their public spirit and liberality have enabled us to complete this book, and to them we . . . extend our thanks. . . .

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# BETHEL.

BY WILLIAM R. ADAMS.

**B**ETHEL is claimed to be the first town in Windsor County, chartered by the State of Vermont. There were several towns chartered or organized before by either New Hampshire or New York authorities. Bethel is the most northwesterly town in the county—except Rochester, is bounded on the north by Randolph in Orange County, on the east by Royalton, on the south by Stockbridge, on the west by Rochester. It also corners with Braintree on the northwest, Tunbridge on the northeast, Barnard on the southeast and Pittsfield on the southwest, and covers an area of six miles square, and was made up from a portion of Royalton and a portion of what was then called Middlesex, as will be seen from the following “Articles of Agreement,” etc., made at a meeting at Hanover, N. H., December 29, 1777, and on later dates.

“We, the subscribers, desirous to form settlements on White River and its branches in the northwesterly part of Royalton and that part of Middlesex which abuts on the northwesterly of said Royalton, being convened this 29th day of December, 1777, to prepare the way for carrying the same into execution, do enter into the following articles of stipulation and agreement with each other, Namely—

ARTICLE 1st.—No pitch shall be made by any person without the consent of the majority of such of us as shall be regularly convened for transacting matters relative to said settlement, and in such a manner as the majority shall direct.

ARTICLE 2d.—The expenses of such measures as shall be directed by a majority of this body of adventurers shall be defrayed by the whole, each being assessed according to his interest therein.

ARTICLE 3d.—Measures necessary to be pursued to effect the settlement proposed, shall be directed in such manner as is usual at proprietor’s meetings, for which purpose we agree to choose such officers as are usual at those meetings, as we shall find occasion. This convention to be considered as the first meeting.

ARTICLE 4th.—Any person signing these articles may, at any meeting, be dismissed on

his request, and excused from future charges, on his resigning his right to this body. No adventurer to be admitted but by consent of the body, except by purchase from some of us.

Signed at Hanover, State of New Hampshire, the day and year aforesaid.

John Payne,	Benj. Day,
John Ordway,	Joshua Hendee,
Comfort Sever,	Pelatiah Bliss,
Samuel Payne,	Joshua Loveland,
Aaron Storrs,	Simeon Curtis,
John Payne, Jr.,	Sylvanus Owen,
Abel Curtis,	Samuel Curtis,
Jehial Woodard,	Asa Grosvenor,
Lemuel Payne,	Solomon Cushman.

At a meeting held December 30th following, it was voted that a petition be presented to the Honorable Council of Safety for the State of Vermont, for a charter of a certain tract of land lying in the northwesterly part of Royalton, and that part of Middlesex adjoining, two and one-half miles in width, from Royalton, the whole to contain about six miles square. At a meeting December 31st following, among other votes passed was the following: That the number of proprietors for the township proposed, should not exceed thirty, till the minds of the convention or Council of Safety for the State of Vermont may be known in the affair.

Also voted that BETHEL be put into the petition proposed to be transmitted to said Council, as a name for said town. Then the following petition was agreed to:

“To the Honorable Council of Safety for the State of Vermont:”

“The petition of us, the subscribers, inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire adjoining Connecticut River,

“HUMBLY SHEWETH:—

That your petitioners desirous to make settlements on White River and its branches, in the northwesterly part of the township of Royalton, in said State of Vermont, and that part of Middlesex which adjoins thereto, have associated together, under certain articles of regulations in order to prepare the way for and carry the same into execution. That we understand said lands were granted by the late Governor of New York (counter to royal proclamation) to certain persons, the greatest part of whom have now joined or put themselves under the protection of the enemies of the United States. That there is no pros-

pect that any part of said land will be settled by any of said grantees, and that your petitioners would willingly become obligated to settle said lands if we could be assured of obtaining a good title thereto on reasonable terms, and have the same incorporated into distinct and separate towns.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that an order be issued by the Council of Safety for the State of Vermont, that no person or persons whatsoever make a pitch, or take possession of any of said lands but such as shall associate with us for the purpose of settling there. That a charter of incorporation be granted to us as soon as the circumstances of said state will admit, of that tract which will be formed by taking a tract two and one-half miles wide from the north-westerly end of Royalton and uniting it with that part of Middlesex which adjoins north-westerly thereon. That we may be assured that the fee of such parcels of land therein contained as shall become forfeit to the State, shall be granted to us and our associates on reasonable terms. And that the said tract when so incorporated by charter into a distinct and separate town be known by the name of Bethel, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, etc."

Dated at Hanover, State of New Hampshire, January 1st, 1778.

Signed by the eighteen whose names appear attached to the foregoing Articles of Agreement, etc.

It seems from the foregoing that the grant from the Governor of New York was to persons known in those days as "Tories," the date of the same is not known. It was also voted at a meeting held February 11, 1778, to admit members to the number of fifty, rescinding the previous vote to have but thirty, and the following were admitted: Colonel Joseph Marsh, Captain Abel Marsh, Stephen Tilden, John Woodard, Samuel Thing, Jeremiah Trescott and Samuel Hunt. Also voted to choose an agent to enquire into the rights and claims of the lands contained within the supposed limits of said town, and apply to gentlemen in New York for information therein, and to procure or engage a number of lots necessary to accommodate said town which are supposed to belong to persons friendly to the country. Also voted to raise a tax of two dollars on each proprietor to defray expenses. Elected Abel Curtis such agent, and Colonel Joseph Marsh, Captain Abel Marsh and Deacon John Ordway a committee to give general instructions to Mr. Curtis. Among the instructions of this

committee was the following: To go to Brattleboro and see Colonel Wells, and enquire of him who were owners of land in said tract and see if they could be bought. Also, if thought best, to proceed to State of New York. see people there, also Governor Livingston and procure as many lots as possible. The price mentioned by them as what they thought a fair valuation was for the lots adjacent to the river, twelve shillings per acre in gold or silver, or its equivalent in English money, and for the back lots not so high. Also appointed John Payne an agent to attend the Assembly of the State of Vermont at Windsor in March following, to attend to affairs relating to the proposed township of Bethel.

Mr. Curtis made his report March 17 of his doings, etc.

"That agreeable to my instructions I called on Colonel Wells of Brattleborough, who informed me that he could not absolutely determine who were the proprietors of Middlesex, but thought that Mr. Bangor owned a considerable part of it, and also Mr. Kelley and Mr. Kemp. I asked the Colonel if he did not think that he had any writings by him which might better inform. The Colonel answered that he believed he had some of Mr. Gate's writing and he would see. He accordingly found in Mr. Gate's account book that he had charged Mr. Bangor and Mr. Kelly for surveying 6,000 acres each in Middlesex, which was all the account he could find. He further added that Mr. Bangor would, no doubt, better inform me in the matter and that I might likely find him at Rhinebeck. I accordingly concluded to steer my course directly for Rhinebeck, where, having arrived, I was informed he was gone to Livingston Manor, to pay a visit to Mr. John Smith, who was resident there as a prisoner. I then went to the Manor where I found both those gentlemen together. I enquired of them if either of them were proprietors of Middlesex, they said they were not and did not own any land at all in that township. I told Mr. Bangor what Colonel Wells informed me, he said he could answer that Mr. Clark, a gentleman in England, owned the 6,000 acres and he acted only as his attorney. I asked those gentlemen if they could inform me who were the other proprietors of Middlesex. They said they believed that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Kemp of New York owned a considerable part of it, and they thought Mr. Hicks did likewise. but were not certain. I asked if Governor Livingston did not own some. They said they thought not. I then told them that a number of people had agreed to



form a settlement on the upper part of Royalton and a part of Middlesex, if they could purchase the land at a reasonable rate, and as I understood they owned a number of lots in the upper part of Royalton, I desired to know whether they would sell them. I found that they would not sell for the current money, yet they would take gold or silver at a future day, or the then current money equal in value thereto. I demanded their price for the lots specified in my instructions. They said eighteen shillings per

At same meeting the following were admitted as proprietors: Ichabod Palmer, John Weed, Thomas Pitkin, Zebulon Lyon, George Eager, Medad Benton, Joel Marsh, Samuel Slade, Elisha Marsh.

At a meeting March 25th, 1778, John Payne made his report as follows, being a copy of the resolve obtained from General Assembly:



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acre for the interval lots, and fourteen shillings per acre for the others. Told them it was dearer than I expected and declined purchasing at that time, but got the refusal of them until 15th of June next."

The proprietors were satisfied with Mr. Curtis' report and allowed him his bill for the same, as follows:

To 18 days service, at 9 s per day,	£	8	2	0
To expense,		15	8	0
To the hire of a horse,		5	5	0
To incidental charges,		1	5	0
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	£	30	0	0

STATE OF } IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
VERMONT. } WINDSOR, March 18, 1778.

Upon the petition of John Payne, John Ordway, Comfort Sever and their associates, praying to be assured that they shall have the refusal of as much of the lands therein described as shall be granted to them on reasonable terms and incorporated into a distinct and separate town, as by the petition on file, bearing date January 1st, 1778, may appear.

THEREFORE, *Resolved*, By the Assembly that the above named, John Payne, John Ordway, Comfort Sever and their associates

—provided they are forty-six in number, besides what is hereafter reserved for public uses, viz.: One right or share for the first settled minister, one for the parsonage, one for schools, and four hundred acres which is reserved in the southwest corner of said town, in square form, for the use of a college—can be assured that the rest of the lands above referred to—shall be granted to them agreeable to the tenor of their said request at the appraisal of indifferent men (as wild land) when the circumstances of the State will admit of its being done with propriety—on condition of one settler being settled on each private share in two years after granted—the said petitioners advancing the sum of two thousand dollars on loan, into the loan office, which shall hereafter be established in this State (agreeable to the proposal of their agent to this Assembly) within two months after such loan office shall be properly created.

Passed in the House of Representatives.

BENJ. BAWLDING, *Clerk.*

The above was accepted by the proprietors and Payne's bill allowed at £30. It was also voted that said Payne have the privilege of making the first pitch (first choice of lots) in the first division, he to settle on the same as soon as other settlers did. It was also voted to appoint a committee to assess the proprietors for the purpose of raising the £2,000 to pay into the loan office; it was assessed at £44 per proprietor. There was also a committee of five appointed to make up the membership or number of proprietors to the required number, as a number of the old ones had withdrawn from the association. It appears that in this affair, as it has often in many others since, that some of the would-be proprietors did not pay their assessments; so on the 28th day of April, 1778, it was voted to fix the time at May 19 next following, and to dispose of said delinquent rights to other persons, if not paid by that time. A committee was also appointed at this time to "run a line around the proposed town of Bethel, and view said township, and make report to the proprietary." This committee also was instructed to lay out lots of not more than 150 or less than 100 acres.

Capt. Aaron Storrs was at this time instructed to pay in the £2,000 to the loan office at a meeting held May 19, 1778.

The above committee made their report. They had engaged Mr. Zenas Coleman as their surveyor. They could not find the

upper bounds of Royalton, so hired Esq. Marsh of Sharon, to show them. They then run a line around a tract six miles square. They then took a "view" of the land, especially the intervale land, (the land along the rivers), and they judged that there would be nearly twenty acres to a proprietor. They did not lay out any lots at this time. At this meeting it was voted to allow the "Hon. Joseph Marsh and Abel Marsh the privilege of purchasing at their own risk and for their own use the lot No. 56, of Mr. Bangor, and one-half of lot No. 55 adjoining it, which included a mill place; said lot belonging to Governor Livingston—on condition that they become obligated to build a good saw mill and grist mill on said mill place, as soon as the circumstances of said town will possibly admit."

*Voted*, That the intervale land, except what was included in above vote, be equally divided among the proprietors.

At a meeting June 30, 1778, it was voted "that there shall be a convenient passable road cut from the Royalton line up White river to the third Branch, then to extend up said branch to the northerly line of said town.

The committee for dividing the lots made their report, and another committee was appointed to draw by "lottery" for the proprietors. There was also at this time the bill of the committee for laying out the lots handed in, which was for 199 pounds, 2 shillings, 0 pence. One charge in the bill was "To cash paid for liquor, 15 pounds"—about \$75. They evidently did not go dry all the time.

Captain Abel Marsh, who had been appointed agent for purchasing land of Governor Livingston and others, reported as follows, that he saw the parties and procured the following agreement:

"Manor of Livingston, 25 Feb., 1778.

"We agree to convey to Abel Curtis, that is to say, I, Goldsbrow Bangor, the lots in Royalton, distinguished in the map thereof as the Great Lots, numbers 56 and 57, 44, 45, 46 and 54,—and I, William Smith, those other Great Lots in said town, distinguished by the numbers 47, 48, 43 and 52, if the said Abel shall by the fifteenth day of June next, enter into bond to us respectively, for our respective lots, for the payment of eighteen shillings per acre for the lots 56 and 57, 47 and 48, and fourteen shillings per acre for

the remaining lots. Payable in four years from the date hereof in silver or gold, or in any other current money of the colony of New York equal in value thereto with lawful interest for two of the said years, which said sums shall be further secured by mortgages in due form of law, immediately after the execution of the deeds conveying the said lots, and such deeds are not to be executed until the same are required by the said parties in six months after the present troubles in North America are ended, and it is to be understood that the vendors will give warranties and covenant on the sales in fee simple, except against the proportion of quit-rent reserved due and to become due on the said

another lottery and draw the lots in Bethel aforesaid," which was done.

The bond or agreement given by the New York parties to Abel Curtis and others for sale of their lots, was about this time transferred to the proprietors.

The following is a copy of the loan office certificate for the two thousand dollars referred to :

“ Norwich, State of Vermont, }  
20th May, 1778. }

Received of Captain Aaron Storrs of Dresden, treasurer for the proprietors of the



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lots which the purchaser is to be answerable for and covenant to pay.”

Then follows prices of lots and receipts for payment of same. Also the following :

“The proprietors of town of Bethel to Abel Marsh, Dr., to time, expenses, and the use of a horse on business for said proprietors to the state of New York and the Jerseys, thirty pounds.”

It appears that some mistake was found in lottery drawing of lots, and that some did not get their rights and were consequently dissatisfied, so at meeting, July 24, 1778, a new committee was appointed to “make

township called Bethel, in said state, two thousand dollars, on loan, for the term of one year with interest at six per cent. I say received by me, as an assistant trustee of the loan office for said state, in behalf of Ira Allen, trustee for said office.

PETER OLCUTT.

At a meeting November 9th, 1778, it was voted to raise a tax of \$4 on each proprietor to pay for cutting a road through the town.

December 1st, 1778, the proprietors voted to appoint John Payne, Lieutenant Slafter, Captain Woodard, Captain Storrs, and Captain House (titles seem to have been very

common) a standing committee to manage and look after the interests of the same, with power to purchase land, exchange proprietors, make roads, etc. At a subsequent meeting among other reports made by them was the following: "That having information that a certain *Widow Woman* in the city of Albany, owned land, etc., etc."

At a meeting April 6, 1779, the above committee reported that they had "signed a petition to the Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, praying, in case the grants west of Connecticut River should belong to New Hampshire, that the fee of such lands as might belong to the state may be granted to us and our associates on reasonable terms, and that a charter of incorporation of said Bethel be granted us and our associates at a proper time, etc., at which time we advanced nine dollars to defray the expense of filing said petition."

At the same meeting it was voted that to encourage settlers in said township, that those who would move with a family onto their rights the ensuing summer, should be entitled to the privilege of making a pitch (choice) of the second 100 acre lots. Also the same privilege to those without families who should get at least four acres of their land under proper improvements. Also voted that,

"Any person who will raise 1,000 apple trees in said town, fit for setting out in five years shall be entitled to one hundred acres of wild land in said town gratis."

At this time there comes in something pertaining to the religious welfare of the community.

"Whereas, different parties and secretaries in religion often prove very detrimental to the growth and wellbeing of societies, which as much as possible to prevent." "Voted, that this proprietary will use every prudent and reasonable measure to discountenance and hinder the introducing of such persons or settlers, etc., who may be likely to create parties and divisions in said town, and so far as may be, we will adhere to what is commonly called the Congregational form of worship and church government in said township."

September 7, 1779. Appointed John Payne agent, to wait on the General Assembly of the State of Vermont. About this time the custom of "working on the highway" came into fashion, as it had been voted at one time that four days and soon after two days work on each right should be

worked on the roads by the proprietors thereof.

December 13, 1779. Voted that Colonel Joel Marsh be admitted as a proprietor, and the said Marsh to accept the mill lot of 450 acres as his full share in said township, he to pay his proportion of taxes, etc. Also to build a good sawmill by the first day of September next, and a good gristmill by the first day of November following, upon the forfeiture of five thousand pounds, extraordinary providences excepted.

## CHARTER OF BETHEL.

### STATE OF VERMONT.



THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these presents shall  
come.*

#### GREETING.

KNOW YE: That, whereas it has been represented to us by our friends, John Payne and John House and their associates, that there is a tract or parcel of vacant land lying within this state, which has not been heretofore granted, which they pray may be granted to them. We have, therefore, thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this state, and other valuable considerations as hereunto moving, and do by these presents in the name and by the authority of freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant unto the said John Payne, John House, and the several persons hereafter named, their associates (viz.) Dudley Chase, Benjamin Smith, Simeon Chase, John Hibbard, Mathias Stone, Benjamin Chase, Asa Edgerton, Samuel Peak, William Chaplin, Samuel Chase, Paul McKinstry, Ralph Wheelock, John Ordaway, Solomon Chase, James Treadway, Solomon Cleveland, Labern Gates, Benajah Strong, Thomas Putnam, Rice Wheeler, Seth Chase, Samuel Stone,

William Lyon, David Copeland, Samuel Webster, Irad Smith, John Throop, Timothy Bush, John Payne, Jr., John Cook, Zebulon Lyon, Joel Marsh, Ebenezer Putnam, John Terry, John Morse, John Cooper, Thomas Bingham, Asa Parker, Stephen Child, Benjamin Crane, Joseph Tilden, Jeremiah Trescott, Daniel Kenney, Solomon Strong and William Chaplin, Jr. Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows (viz.): First, one share for the use of a seminary or college in this state. One share for the first settled minister or ministers of the gospel, to be disposed of for that purpose as the town shall direct. One share for the perpetual use and support of the ministry of said town. One

To be divided into fifty-two equal shares, and that the same be, and is hereby incorporated into a township by the name of Bethel. And that the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said township are declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all and every one of the privileges and immunities that other towns within this state do by law exercise and enjoy.

To have and to hold the said described tract of land as above expressed, together with all privileges and appertinances to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions and reservations, viz.:

*Inprimis*—That each proprietor of the township of Bethel aforesaid, cultivate five



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share for the county grammar school, throughout this state, and one share for the use and support of a school or schools within said town.

The following tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being within this state, divided and bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at a point six miles and one-half on a straight line north,  $6^{\circ}$  west from the northwesterly corner of Sharon, thence south  $33^{\circ}$  west, six miles sixty rods, thence north  $61^{\circ}$  west, 6 miles, thence north  $33^{\circ}$  east, six miles and sixty rods, thence south  $61^{\circ}$  east, six miles to the point marking the first bound, containing by actual measurement twenty-three thousand and sixty acres.

acres on his share in said town, within the term of three years from the date of this grant, and build a house at least eighteen feet square, and be in actual possession of the premises within five years from the date aforesaid, and continue to improve said lands, and for non-performance thereof the said land to revert back to the freemen of this state.

*Secundo*—That all pine trees suitable for masts and spans for shipping, be reserved to the use and benefit of the freemen of this state.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed at Arlington in

the county of Bennington, this 23d day of December, A. D. 1779, in the third year of the independence of this state.

THOS. CHITTENDEN.

JOSEPH FAY, Secretary.

1779, December 23, received and recorded in libr. 1st charters, page 1, 2d pr.

J. FAY, Secretary.

A true copy, attest,

DUDLEY CHASE, Clerk.

May 16th, 1780, it was voted to appoint a committee to lay out the 2d 100-acre lots (2d claim), also appointed Colonel John House agent for said proprietor to apply to the authority of the state for a warrant to warn a legal meeting on the last Tuesday of June following.

The meeting of the proprietors was called at the house of Colonel Joel Marsh.

We notice that they had some trouble about work on highways, as a vote was passed September 6th, 1781, that delinquents have till the following 20th of October, to attend to the matter, after that time to be charged six shillings for each day's delinquency.

There were four divisions of lots made before the lands in town were all taken up.

There were a good many sales of delinquent proprietor's lands for taxes and assessments. On September 29, 1789, there were twenty-eight advertised as delinquent. Persons buying these rights at vendue by paying the taxes due became owners of the same, an act of legislature having been passed giving the proprietors power to do so.

In September, 1792, a committee having been appointed to establish the line between Bethel and Royalton, (committee appointed by both towns) they proceeded to do so.

The first town meeting was held May 17, 1782. (Previous meetings had been held by the "proprietors.") The officers chosen were, clerk, Barnabus Strong; constable, Michael Flynn; selectmen, Joel Marsh, John Benjamin, George Smith; Michael Flynn was also the first justice of the peace.

First Settlements.—Benjamin Smith was the first settler that we find record of. He located in the autumn of 1779. The next season Joel Marsh, Samuel Peak, Seth Chase, Willard Smith and David Stone

joined Smith. David Stone was one of the prisoners taken by the Indians in one of their raids sometime afterwards.

About the first thing the settlers attended to was the erection of a log fort, for protection against Indian raids, as this valley was a common way of the Indians, Tories, etc., passing to and fro. The fort was located where the railroad now runs just below the depot. Some of the old logs and some other relics were unearthed when the road was being built. The wisdom of this was shown soon, for in August, 1780, a party of Indians made a raid through this section taking some prisoners, David Stone being one of them.

There was a detachment of soldiers at Royalton at this time and were sent to Bethel to occupy this fort. This change was a good one for Bethel but unfortunate for Royalton, as some two months later a large body of Indians (and Tories) attacked that place and burned the place, killing the cattle, etc. Bethel would undoubtedly meet the same fate if this fort and garrison had not deterred them, as the Indians came in sight of the fort, but passed up the east branch on their return from Royalton.

After the burning of Royalton, some of the Bethel settlers and their families went down the river to Hartford for safety. They told of going through Royalton and seeing the dead cattle and household utensils scattered about. Others of the settlers flocked to the fort for safety.

#### SOME OF THE FIRST EVENTS.

The first deed recorded bears date April 17, 1780, all previous conveyances of land being by the proprietors.

The first child born in Bethel was Asa Smith, born September 6, 1780.

The first marriage record is of date 1795, the parties being Bernice Snow and Rachel Hardy.

Among some of the curious customs of those times were the following, as it was the custom to divide what was called the ministerial money (rents of the land reserved for support of preaching) by the number of names each society might secure, it was required that each voter should have recorded his religious preferences as follows, mostly

by certificates from the societies they had formerly belonged to :

“This certifies that Willard Smith is a professed Universalist, and is a member of the Universalist society in Woodstock, November 24, 1792.

Attest, ISRAEL RICHARDSON,  
Moderator.

December 27, 1792, entered and examined by MICHAEL FLYNN, Town Clerk.”

Or as follows :

“Bethel, September 17, 1792. This may certify to all persons whom it may concern,

the town of Bethel, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, wishing to enjoy the benefit of public religious worship and instruction, do hereby associate ourselves together for that purpose, agreeing each with the other to conform to the rules and liturgy of the said church, and to such future regulations for our prosperity as a parish as shall be agreed upon in our legal meetings by a majority of voices, placing ourselves for the present under the administration of the Reverend John C. Ogden.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands to this instrument in the year 1794.



WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET AND WRIGHT & CUSHING MILL.

that I, Martin Kellogg, do attend the Baptist meeting and I mean to support that way of worship.

EPHRAIM AINSWORTH, Moderator.

Although the proprietors sometime previous had voted to uphold the Congregational worship, there is hardly any record of parties making their professions for that way. Most of them are for the Baptist, next the Universalist, third Episcopal.

The following shows the date and formation of the Protestant Episcopal Society :

“The subscribers, members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing in

Paul McKinstry,  
Ephraim Derrish,  
Amasa Green,  
Willard Smith,  
Simeon Chase,

Bibye Cotton,  
Joseph Wickingham,  
Benjamin Smith,  
Joseph A. Gallup,  
Dudley Chase, Jr.”

Here is another item in regard to the religious welfare of the community in those early days.

“This may certify to all whom it may concern, that Mr. Benjamin Putnam was legally ordained an evangelist preacher at Strafford, in the State of Vermont, by the laying on of hands on the 6th of February, A. D. 1809, and is legally authorized for to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, which was done in the following order: Elder Aaron Buzzell

prayed at the laying on of hands, Elder Daniel Batchelder gave the solemn charge, Elder Simeon Dana gave the right hand of fellowship, Elder Nathaniel King made the concluding prayer.

AARON BUZZELL, DANIEL BATCHELDER, SIMEON DANA, NATHANIEL KING.	}	Recorded Sept. 25, 1815.
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Attest, JONA. MARSH, Town Clerk."

Another custom was to "warn" all newcomers to leave town. This was to prevent their gaining a residence in town in regard to pauperism.

An order was given by the selectmen of the town to the constable as follows:

STATE OF VERMONT, WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.	}	To Luther Grover, Constable of Bethel in said County of Windsor.
GREETING.		

By the authority of the State of Vermont, you are required to summon or make known unto Isaac Corey, Jonathan Coleson and Amariah Hibbard, all now residing in said town of Bethel, to depart with their families this town forthwith, under the pains and penalties of the law, in such cases made and provided.

Dated, June 23, 1808.

A town meeting was held Sept. 20, 1809, in regard to the "first settled minister." It was voted to extend a call to the Gospel ministry in this town to Rev. Mr. Thomas Russell. Also to give him as a settlement, one hundred pounds, the same to be paid in wheat at five shillings a bushel. Thirty pounds to be paid the first year, thirty the second and forty the third year. Also a salary of £50 the first year and increase the same five pounds a year until the amount should be seventy pounds, and that should be the salary. Also, afterwards voted him a full share of land reserved for the "first settled minister." Also made arrangements for moving his family from Connecticut.

At a meeting held March 2, 1789, it was voted to raise a tax of two pence on the pound on the list of 1789, to be paid in wheat at five shillings, rye at four shillings, and corn at three shillings per bushel. This calls to our mind the story told us by our grandparents of a minister, who was collecting up his dues (grain) from his parishioners, who, when one of them brought his fee in rye, was

informed that he (the minister) had got through taking rye. "We have got done taking rye," has been a bye-word ever since.

In the year 1794, a difficulty arose between the inhabitants and the Rev. Russell. Russell brought a suit against the town and the trouble caused several town meetings. Judgment was rendered against the town. The town petitioned the legislature which divided a settlement, which was agreed upon in December, 1796.

April 29, 1799, a special meeting was called to see about building a bridge across White river, where a committee was appointed to attend to it and build a bridge, etc.

In March, 1804, there was an article in the warning for town meeting to see if the town would vote to build a meeting house. It was voted not to build one.

In these days it was customary for companies formed for that purpose, to build roads (turnpikes) and put up toll gates and collect toll from travelers, to get pay for their investments. We notice that in 1806, there was a town meeting at which it was voted that all persons living on the "center turnpike" passing through said Bethel, from Stockbridge to Royalton, should work out their highway taxes on said turnpike until such time as the corporation should realize six per cent on the money invested in said turnpike.

\* The following will give some idea of the number of voters in town at a freeman's meeting held September, 1806, at which the following vote was cast for representative to congress, James Elliot had thirty-two votes, Mark Richards had twenty-three votes. In 1812 there were about 200 voters.

\* Here is another way the people had of providing means for construction of highways, vote passed at a town meeting held March 2, 1807. "Voted to petition the General Assembly of the State of Vermont at its next session, to grant a land tax of three cents per acre for the purpose of making a road up Camp Brook to Rochester line."

At a town meeting held in March, 1809, it was voted "to hold two-thirds of the town meetings held at the school house near Jonathan Marsh's, and one-third at the school house near Simeon Chase's."



June 29, 1809, there was a meeting called to see about building a bridge across White River (the old one having been carried away just before) it was voted to raise a tax of three cents on a dollar of grand list for purpose of building the same. Elezar Burbank, Peleg Marsh and J. A. Dennison were elected a committee to contracting for the building of the bridge.

In 1816 it was voted to build a pound.

commenced at a point twenty-seven rods north of Moose Horn Brook (near where Elmer E. Spaulding now lives) and running thence up the hill by where Charles and Elisha Davis now live, to Rochester line, a distance of four and three-fourth miles, from Rochester line to Rochester village is the same distance, nine and one-half miles in all, being about two miles nearer then by the present hill road to Rochester.



BETHEL TOWN HALL.

In March, 1811, a committee was appointed to divide the town into school districts, nine were formed at that time.

The survey of the highway leading from Randolph line to Royalton line was made July 12, 1788. Distance six and one-half miles.

The road up White River was surveyed in June, 1788.

The first laid out road from Bethel to Rochester was surveyed in March, 1795, and

At a town meeting held March 5, 1821, it was voted to build a bridge over the third branch, near Marsh's Mills, and Simeon Babbitt, Peleg S. Marsh and Alvin McKinsty were appointed a committee to superintend the same. We think the voters must have got in a good day's work this day as we notice they passed seventy-five different votes.

In September, 1829, Thomas P. Russell and James Wallace were appointed a com-

mittee to see about fencing the town burying ground, etc. They reported that it contained two and one-half acres and was deeded to the town by Seth Chase in 1787.

In September, 1831, it was voted to build a bridge over White River. The Finley Bridge over the branch. Also to raise money to defray the expenses of building these bridges, and the "bridge lately built over third branch near the meeting house." The following bill appears of record for building White River bridge, \$399.00; for building Finley bridge and road, \$190.00; for building bridge near meeting-house, \$199.00. In March, 1839, there was an article in warning to see what action the town would take in regard to "rebuilding and repairing bridges damaged by the freshet." It was voted that the selectmen build and repair said bridges; \$1,000 was voted for building the bridge across branch near Marsh's Mills. At same meeting a committee previously appointed to report on condition of White River bridge, reported it to be in bad condition, and recommended the town to make immediate preparations for rebuilding same. April 8, 1839, it was voted that the selectmen build an arch bridge across White River. James Woodworth, George S. Hatch and Luther Bullard were selectmen. Mr. Hatch had the personal supervision of the building of the bridge (the present one).

In September following a meeting was called to see if town would build a bridge across White River at Austin's Rock. A committee was appointed to investigate and report at next March meeting, at which time the report was "laid on the table."

#### TOWN OF BETHEL.

The town of Bethel is located nearly at the geographical center of the state. The surface is quite uneven, especially back from the main streams, the soil is generally productive. Good farms abound on the streams and back on the hills. Timber of various kinds is plenty, the town is well watered, White River flows across the south-east corner. The third branch, rising in Roxbury, flows through Braintree and Randolph into Bethel from the north, thence about four miles within this town and then discharges into White River at Bethel village.

The second branch flows across the eastern corner of the town through the village of East Bethel, and joins White River at North Royalton. Locust Creek flows from Barnard, and is also the outlet of Silver Lake in Barnard, and joins White River about two miles from Bethel village. Camp Brook flows from Rochester and joins the third branch about two miles north of village. The Gilead Brook also flows from Rochester and joins the branch about two miles above the mouth of Camp Brook. There is also a stream in the westerly part of the town that flows into White River near Stockbridge line. The Central Vermont railroad has about six miles of main line in town, running up White River to Bethel village, then up the third branch to Randolph. Bethel station is one of the most important ones on the line, as Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock, and parts of several other towns come here for their railroad business. There is a great passenger and freight traffic here. Stages run daily to and from Stockbridge, Rochester and points up White River, and to Woodstock by way of Barnard and Pomfret.

There is a very large and fine deposit of granite located about three miles from the railroad station, which is being worked to some extent at present, and is only waiting capital and proper management to be made a great industry and consequently of large advantage to the town. Some gold has been found but has failed to pay for working, so far.

#### BETHEL VILLAGE.

Bethel village is located in a natural basin in the southeastern part of the town at the junction of the third branch with White River, and is a very pleasant place, with beautiful scenery all about it, and pleasant drives into the surrounding country, which also abounds in wild and picturesque scenery. Many city people spend their vacations here. The place has grown quite rapidly in business and many buildings have been erected within the last five years. Among the other buildings erected in this town is a fine town hall with one of the best appointed stages in the state.

There are at present four religious societies holding regular services, viz.: Universalist,

Congregationalist, Episcopal and Methodist. The Whitcomb High School is located here and has five departments and is a first-class school. The National White River Bank is located here, also the Bethel Shoe Company, employing about 150 people, the G. & E. G. Place Tannery and finishing factory, employing about 150 hands, two hotels, and a job-printing office. There is also a weekly paper, "The Bethel Courier," published here, a fine creamery known as the "Harrington Creamery," the Vermont Plastering Hair Company is doing quite an extensive business, a flour and feed mill doing a large wholesale and retail business, a sawmill, carriage shop, three blacksmith shops, two harness shops, two livery stables, photograph gallery, two hardware stores and tin shops, three attorney's offices, insurance agents, two meat markets, three millinery stores, several dress-makers' rooms, furniture store, two dry goods and general stores, two apothecary stores, several grocery and provision stores, fish market, news and book store,\* music store, merchant tailor. There are now 1,000 inhabitants within one mile radius of the postoffice.

Many years ago when people used to make their own cloth and knit socks, there was a woolen mill and carding works here, also in the same building there were works for pressing out oil from flax-seed. Also in those times there were buildings called "potashes," where potash was made from hard wood ashes.

In July, 1830, "the great freshet" occurred, sweeping away the branch bridge, stores, mills, factories, etc. December 10, 1877, the "great fire" occurred, burning many buildings. The erection of new buildings on the burned spot made a great change in the appearance of the street. The place has now a good water service for protection against fire in the business or main portion of the village, having a line of pipe through the main street with hydrants at convenient places. The pipe is connected with two powerful pumps at different locations. There is an Electric Light and Power Company formed recently, which is to furnish lights and power in the near future. The power or plant is to be located at Gaysville and wired here.

\* Bethel has a fine Free Public Library. Whitcomb High School also has quite an extensive library.

## EAST BETHEL.

A small village in the easterly part of the town, situated on the second branch of White River, is quite a thriving village, as portions of Randolph, Tunbridge and Royalton center there. It has two churches, Universalist and Baptist, the latter having regular services and a settled minister. Also has a hotel, tin and hardware shop, feed store, creamery, grist and sawmills, general stores, carriage and blacksmith shops, etc. Its nearest railroad point is Royalton, and it has daily stage connections and a post office.

### THE UNIVERSALIST MEETING HOUSE.

BY REV. S. A. PARKER.

This church building is a landmark in the town of Bethel. It is one of the prominent features of our village. Around it cluster memories of gladness and sadness. It is a structure worthy of the men who built it. It is strong and massive. It has stood these eighty years. If it is properly cared for, it will stand for centuries.

#### THE BUILDING.

No one denomination felt able to build a suitable church edifice. So five denominations united to build a Union House, the Universalists, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Methodists and Baptists. The organization was called "The First Proprietors' Meeting House."

The building committee consisted of three persons; Peleg S. Marsh, Samuel Lillie and David Waller. The land was purchased of Jonathan Marsh. The deed was signed February 18, 1820, and was recorded May 10, 1834. This deed conveys the land where the Universalist church stands, including "the common," amounting to two acres and forty rods, to the "First Proprietors' Meeting House of Bethel," amount paid, \$260. The committee personally superintended the making of the brick in Jonathan Marsh's brick-yard.

Mr. Willard of Windsor was the "master builder." Mr. Simeon Babbitt contracted to do the carpenter and joiner work for \$3,200.

The outside work was done in 1815. The house was completed the next year.

There were thirty-two body pews, eighteen wall pews and twenty gallery pews, making in all sixty. Each pew was a kind of "square room" large enough to contain a good-sized family, such as they generally had in those days. The pulpit was reached by a long stairway—an enclosure high and well protected—symbolic of the lofty position which a minister occupied in those days.

Forty Universalists owned stock amounting to	\$ 2,338 39
Twenty Congregationalists,	1,113 50
Eight Episcopalians,	471 50
Three Methodists,	221 00
Three Baptists,	109 00
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Whole amount,	\$4,253 39

A deficit of \$746.61 was raised by a tax, making the church cost \$5,000. The Uni-



UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

There was no stove in the house. In winter each family carried its own stove of live coals. Perhaps some of the sermons had *heat* enough to keep the people warm.

DEDICATION, DEC. 24, 1816.

When the house was completed the question was asked, "Who shall preach the dedication sermon?"

Universalists numbered six more than all the rest, and owned \$32.36 more than all the others. We should naturally suppose under these circumstances, that a Universalist clergyman would preach the sermon. But the fact is the church was dedicated by the Baptists, who owned the least in the house. The preacher was Rev. Aaron Leland. John Noble was leader of the choir.

## REMODELED, 1853.

During the pastorate of Rev. S. A. Davis the inside of the church was entirely remodeled. A hall was made in the upper part and an auditorium below. He preached the sermon of rededication. At that time only eleven of the seventy-four original proprietors were living. Ever since the house has been under the control of the Universalists.

1864.

In this year the church was repaired and the stockholders of the hall, who were all Universalists, transferred their shares to the Universalist parish and it was called

## MURRAY HALL.

Although the house has since been repaired from time to time, yet the one great event in remodeling and beautifying this church occurred in 1893, under the generous supervision of Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, who expended on it \$3,000. She put Cathedral glass windows into the church, finished Murray Hall into a parlor, cloak room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, etc., and made many other improvements. After she had done the work a meeting was held in honor of the donor and Murray Hall was changed to the name of

## HARRINGTON PARLORS,

as a slight token of the appreciation of the generous spirit and noble work. So this church of eighty years is still young. It stands abreast with the spirit of the age. We all feel a laudable pride in its antiquity and old architecture.

## UNIVERSALIST PARISH.

Many of the early settlers of Bethel were Universalists. They were people of character and influence, and good social standing and financial ability. It is a significant fact that when the "Union Church" was built, they paid more than all the four other denominations, and the stockholders numbered six more than all the rest. The Marshes were the founders of Bethel and they were all Universalists. Colonel Joel Marsh built the "Mills" and he was a great admirer of Rev. Hosea Ballou.

Not only the Marshes but the Moodys, Lillies, Austins, Brookes, Sanfords, Nobles, Warrens, Woodburys, Eddys, Wallaces,

Fisks, and many others were supporters of the Universalist faith. If numbers and wealth constitute popularity, Universalism was not unpopular at the very beginning of this century.

## REV. HOSEA BALLOU, 1803-1809

Before Mr. Ballou, other Universalist ministers had come here and preached. Mr. Ballou made a deep impression on the people of this community. He held meetings in Colonel Joel Marsh's "square room" or in the school house.



REV. JOHN O. BENNETT.

## ORGANIZED UNIVERSALISM, DEC. 29, 1817.

From this date Universalism had an organic life. The society was organized under the statute law with thirty-six male members.

## REV. KITTRIDGE HAVEN.

1821-1828.

Mr. Haven was the first settled pastor. During October and November, 1820, he preached to the people of Bethel and Barnard. He was engaged to take charge of these two societies. Daniel Lillie furnished him with a horse and sleigh to go to Boston to get his wife and child. He returned the

last week in 1820. He remained pastor just seven years and then went to Shoreham where he remained the rest of his life. After Mr. Haven's pastorate the pulpit was supplied by Revs. Joseph Ward, Warren Skinner and Robert Bartlett.

1832—1845.

This period embraces the long and successful pastorate of Rev. Eri Garfield, who died only a few years ago in Jeffersonville, Wis. After him Rev. George S. Guernsey supplied for a time.

1850—1852.

Rev. S. W. Square was the third settled pastor and remained two years.

REV. S. A. DAVIS, 1853—1860,

was the fourth pastor, and his pastorate covers a period of seven years. He is still living in Hartford, Conn. During 1860 the society was supplied by Rev. Mark Powers of South Strafford, Vt.

1861.

Rev. Eli Ballou preached here half the time. He was then living in Montpelier, Vt. September 28 of this year this society organization was changed to a church, which remained till April 28, 1875, when it adopted the form of organization recommended by the General Convention.

1862—1878, SIXTEEN YEARS.

Rev. S. A. Parker commenced his pastorate May 1, 1862, and closed it May 1, 1878.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL—DEC. 29, 1867.

This was an occasion worthy of celebrating. The organization of the society was an event in the history of Universalism in this town. A meeting was held Sunday evening, December 29, 1867, in the Universalist church. A sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Parker, reviewing the history of the society and drawing lessons for the future. Letters were read from Revs. Haven, Square, Davis and Ballou. Of the original thirty-six members only nine were living. Now (1895) they are all gone.

After the pastorate of Rev. S. A. Parker, the following preachers have been settled or supplied: Rev. Eli Ballou, D. D., 1879; Rev. R. A. D. Tabor, 1881; Rev. J. B. Ta-

bor, 1882; Rev. J. R. Roblin, 1883 to 1887; Rev. John Kimball, 1888; Rev. S. A. Parker, 1890; Rev. Walter Dole, 1892, and Rev. J. O. Bennett, 1895. The parish is in a prosperous condition. It has a Young People's Social Annex, a Young People's Christian Union, and a Ladies' Social Union, which are a great help to the church.

JOHN OSCAR BENNETT, son of William H. and Ella (Hawkins) Bennett, was born at Stony Brook, L. I., January 17, 1877. He received a limited education in the public schools, and when but fourteen years old, was employed on coasting vessels as a sailor, serving nearly a year in that capacity. In 1892 he entered the Canton Theological School, a department of the St. Lawrence University, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1895, having been elected life president of his class. He is a member of the Eta Phi Alpha college society. He filled the pulpit at Fly Creek, N. Y., previous to the close of his college career, and first preached in the Universalist Church at Bethel in February, 1895. He accepted a call to this place beginning his pastorate here on July 1, 1895. Mr. Bennett is a young man to occupy the position he now holds, but being a diligent scholar, an earnest worker and a fluent speaker, he bids fair to take a front rank in the profession to which he is called.

#### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BETHEL, VERMONT.

The Christ Episcopal Church was first organized in Bethel, July 27, 1794, by the following doings, the Rev. John C. Ogden presiding and certifying to same:

"We, the subscribers, members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now residing in the town and neighborhood of Bethel, in the County of Windsor, and State of Vermont, wishing to enjoy the benefits of public religious worship and instruction, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose, agreeing each with the other to conform to the rules and the liturgy of said church, and to such future regulations for our own prosperity as a parish, as shall be agreed upon in our legal meetings by a majority of voices, placing ourselves for the present under the administration of the Rev.

John Ogden. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our names to this instrument, A. D. 1794, (signed by) Paul Kinstry, Ephraim Derrick, Amasa Green, Willard Smith, Blye L. Cotton, Joseph Wickingham, Benjamin Smith, Joseph A. Gallup, Simeon Chase, Dudley Chase, Jr."

"July 27, 1794, voted that Dr. Gallup and Blye L. Cotton be wardens for this year."

"Voted, that Dudley Chase be the representative for this society to the Episcopal convention to be held at Castleton, September next."

The first action towards building a church was at an informal meeting held at the house of Simeon Chase, Jr., December 3, 1822, when there was appointed a committee of Simeon Chase, Salmon C. Cotton, Ezra Putnam and Daniel Child, to prepare a plan of a church to be presented at a meeting of the society, to be holden December 13, 1822. The church was built the summer and fall of the following year, 1823, at a cost of \$1,890. Colonel Warren of Rochester, was the chief



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

After the formation of Christ Church as above, the Rev. Mr. Ogden continued to visit for some time. The Rev. Bethnel Chittenden, the brother of the then governor of the state, also officiated once or twice a year, until the year 1800. Philander Chase, who married his wife in Bethel, the daughter of Mr. Daniel Fay, then of Bethel, likewise occasionally performed lay services until he was ordained. These services were performed in North Bethel.

builder. The church was consecrated by Bishop Griswold on the twenty-third of June, 1824. After the opening of the church in the spring of 1824, the Rev. Joel Clapp of Shelburn took charge of the church one-half of the time and of St. James, Woodstock, the other half, until the month of June, 1830, when he moved to Woodstock, taking the whole charge of the parish in that place. The Rev. James Sabine of Boston, Mass., took charge August 14, 1831, and was rector

until he died, October 3, 1845. His son, the Rev. John S. Sabine, took charge of the church after the death of his father. He remained until the fall of 1846.

The new church was built in the summer of the year 1846, at the cost, including ground, of two thousand and ninety dollars, and was consecrated by the Rev. John H. Hopkins, August 31, 1847. The Rev. Josiah Sweet was called to be rector July 8, 1847, he was in charge until 1864.

The Rev. C. R. Batchelder was called to be rector in 1867. The Rev. Amos D. McCoy, a resident of Bethel in his later years, officiated occasionally. The Rev. Moses P. Stickney was called to be rector October, 1871, and he remained rector of the Bethel and Royalton parishes until July 1, 1887, and died August 19, 1894. The Rev. Trec. W. Wey was rector 1888-'90. The Rev. G. A. Wilkins, 1890-'94.

The church has been painted and a concrete walk made. The old rectory was sold and a new rectory is being built in the church lot. Money has been raised for new windows in the church.

The present pastor in charge of Christ Church, is REV. J. B. TREVITT, M. D., son of the late Rev. Russell Trevett, D. D., at one time professor of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew in St. James College, and later filling the same position in St. John's College, both at Annapolis, Maryland. Dr. Trevett was graduated from the St. James College, and was ordained deacon in St. Mary's Church at Burlington, N. J., by the late Bishop Odenheimer, and was ordained priest in the Church of the Ascension at Washington, D. C., by Bishop Pinkney.

Soon after his ordination he was offered the position of assistant in the Church of the Incarnation in New York City, and was also offered the position of principal in Shattuck Hall, Faribault, Minn. Later he was offered the place of assistant minister in Manchunk, Pennsylvania, and second principal in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa., but declined in every case. He was at one time in charge of the parish of Trinity Church in Syracuse, N. Y., and for some time later had charge of some of the parishes in the neighborhood of Syracuse, in the diocese of Central New York. He was princi-

pal of Montgomery Institute, a boarding school for young ladies, near San Antonio, Texas, and was engaged in pastoral work in Southern Florida. He was called to the rectorship of Christ Church in Bethel, July 1, 1894.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

On July 25, 1817, the present Congregational church was organized in Bethel, and of those that entered into this new organization there were only two who belonged to the first church organized in the town, viz.: Deacon Ezra Putnam and his wife. These two persons formed the connecting link between the old and the new church, having safely retained their faith through the twenty odd years that had intervened. There were thirteen members of the new church, and of these not one is now living.

During the next five years the church had no regular preacher, and the number of members was not increased. In June, 1822, seven new members were taken into the church by profession, Rev. Joel Davis acting as pastor. In August of the same year, Rev. Ammi Nichols of Braintree commenced his labors with this church, preaching in Bethel every fourth Sunday. This plan was followed for three years, and during the following five years nearly twenty new members were added under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Nichols.

This church had no deacons until 1822, when Ezra Putnam was chosen and served until his death, which occurred in 1841. His son, Simeon D. Putnam, was chosen deacon soon after his father's death, and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years, filling the position in a faithful and acceptable manner. Rev. Mr. Nichols died in Braintree in the summer of 1873, at the advanced age of over ninety years.

The next pastor after Rev. Ammi Nichols, was Warren Swift, who supplied the church for two years, beginning in June, 1830. During his short stay there were twenty-three additions to its membership, seventeen uniting upon profession of their faith, upon a single Sabbath. Mrs. Irvin Weston is the only one of these known to be living, having



been a member of this church for sixty-two years. Mr. Swift's farewell sermon was an affecting one, and long remembered by those who heard it. He died in Illinois in 1861.

After Mr. Swift, Rev. Salmon Hurlburt supplied the pulpit for a few months. He was succeeded by Rev. Francis L. Whiting who remained three years from 1833. During his pastorate, nine were received upon profession of faith, and five by letter. It was during the ministry of Mr. Whiting that the church burned in 1892, was built. The house cost about \$1,800, and was a heavy burden for the parish to bear. Some of the

from forty-nine to seventy-two. The first case of discipline occurred in 1842 against Reuben Lewis, for neglect of attendance upon religious service, and for failure to keep his covenant obligation, in that he neglected family worship. In 1842 Rev. Mr. Abbott asked to be dismissed, and his wishes were complied with. Soon after Rev. Matthew Kingman commenced his labors as a stated supply, and after preaching nearly two years, he received an invitation to become pastor. This offer he accepted and was ordained and installed June 25, 1845. Daniel Weston was chosen deacon on April 12, 1842.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

money was subscribed by neighboring churches, but the greater part was sustained by the members of the society, and of those who subscribed toward this expense, Mr. George Hatch was the last to pass away.

Rev. Ammi Nichols preached the dedicatory sermon when the church was completed, and at the close of Mr. Whiting's pastorate, Rev. Benjamin Abbott became pastor, and was installed March 27, 1837, the first installed minister of this church. He remained with the society until 1842, and during his pastorate the membership was increased

There are no records of the affairs of the church for about three years after Mr. Kingman's settlement, although Mr. Kingman preached until 1854, and during that time there were twenty-nine new members added. For a short time after the retirement of Mr. Kingman, there was no settled pastor, but in April, 1855, the services of Mr. E. E. Higbee were secured, and in July of the same year he was ordained and installed. He resigned three years later, and was succeeded by Rev. T. S. Hubbard, who remained with the church until 1862, during which time

eleven people were made members. On the first day of June, 1862, Rev. T. H. Johnson commenced labor, serving until 1868, and during his stay sixteen members were added. In June, 1868, Mr. E. E. Lewis was called to supply the pulpit, remaining three years, and during his pastorate only two or three were added to the church membership, and those by letter. He was followed by Rev. James Caldwell, who remained one year, closing his labors in October, 1872.

His successor was Rev. Elbridge Gerry, who commenced in December, 1872, and was acting pastor for nine and one half years, during which time, forty-three were added to the membership of the church, twenty-nine on confession of their faith, and fourteen by letter. Mr. Gerry resided in Bethel a part of the time, and the remainder in West Randolph. He was an industrious man, and when not engaged in pastoral work he employed himself in other pursuits. He was editor of the paper at West Randolph for a number of years, and it was not uncommon for him, while living there, to walk to Bethel on Sunday morning to attend the usual services. Mr. Gerry closed his labors in this church in 1882, and moved to Oregon, where he preached one year, returning to West Randolph in 1883, and resided there, preaching occasionally in different places until his death, which occurred December 23, 1891. He ordered his body to be cremated, which was done. His successor was Rev. B. G. Bugbee, who served one and one-half years, and he in turn was succeeded by Rev. T. S. Hubbard, a former pastor, who remained six months. Mr. Elisha Fiske was called to the pastorate of the church in June, 1884, preaching here and at Royalton for one year. He remained in Bethel for three years and removed to Waitsfield in 1887, having married an esteemed member of his congregation. During his pastorate forty-six were made members of the church, thirty-three by confession of faith, and thirteen by letter, this being the largest number of members added to this society by any one pastor since the organization of the church.

Rev. Charles Dutton was his successor and began labor in June, 1887, continuing one year, his parish being increased by three during his stay. He was succeeded by Rev.

Albert Crawford, who preached here a little over two years, and increased the membership by seven. The next pastor was Rev. George W. Wright, who began work in December, 1890, and continued until April, 1892, fourteen members having been received during his stay. The society had no settled pastor after Mr. Wright, owing to the burning of the church, until the present pastor, Rev. V. W. Blackman, commenced his pastorate October 1, 1893 but during the intervening time the society was supplied occasionally by the neighboring ministers.



REV. V. W. BLACKMAN.

The deacons of this church, since its organization, have served in the following order: Ezra Putnam, Simeon Putnam, William Putnam, Michael Flynn, Daniel Weston, Cyrus Page, Alpheus Howe, Edwin Fisher, David Tolles, F. W. Newcomb, S. C. Dunham, Alonzo Emery, George M. Miller and George Parker.

The church building was burned April 14, 1892, and with it a chapel just completed, arrangements then being in progress for its dedication. This was a serious blow to the society, but a business meeting was called and a vote taken in favor of going at once about rebuilding. By diligent labor on the part of the ladies of the church and the

generous offers of the members of the Congregational and other churches, a fine edifice was erected, and was dedicated November 15, 1893. The Christian Endeavor Society also assisted liberally toward the completion of the church, and especial mention should be made of the generosity of Mr. George S. Hatch, who was greatly interested in the welfare of this church, and during his life contributed financially toward its support. He did not stop at this, but after he passed away, the society had a lasting memorial of Mr. Hatch's generosity in the nice residence which he left to the church as a parsonage. In slight token of respect and remembrance of Mr. Hatch and his wife, the society voted to have a memorial window placed in the new church.

#### VIRGIL WILLIAM BLACKMAN,

the present pastor, was born in New Hampshire, where his ancestors came to settle as pioneers one hundred and fifty years ago, all with one exception, living to advanced age, his grandparents on both sides being nonagenarians, two of them being nearly one hundred years old.

The subject of this article attended the public schools of Manchester nine years, where he joined the Congregational church in 1874. During '76, '77, '78, he studied at Tilton, Andover and New London Academies. Tract writer and publisher in 1879 and '80, when he also traveled with a temperance lecturer as singer, in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. In 1883 he went to New York City where he met R. R. McBurney and Cleveland H. Dodge who rendered him great help. He sang every evening in the Bowery Branch Young Men's Christian Association, the Boys' Club, and Baxter Street Mission, and attended Missionary Training College one year. From New York, having received a licensure, he was sent to a mission field in Connecticut, where he preached till 1887, when, with his bride whom he married in New Hartford, (the organist of his church,) in March of same year, another missionary field was entered in Hill, N. H. In 1888, after one year of work here for the Congregational church, they went to Maine, laboring five years for the Home Missionary Society in Aroostook County, in

Veazie near Bangor, in Brooksville, and in Deer Isle, in the latter place remaining two and one-half years. Mr. Blackman also studied three years in Bangor Seminary, receiving a diploma.

At one period of his life he learned to make shoes in the city of Lynn, this is why he has been called the "shoemaker preacher." He is proud to say that he can work with the awl, preach, or sing a song.

When engaged in study he wrote a book called Practical Christianity, which very materially assisted him. His second and last work, completed in 1893, known as "Sparks from an Anvil," is a volume highly spoken of by critics. This also was a financial success. He is now writing a work, the manuscript of which he expects to sell.

Any success he may have achieved he attributes to good parentage and a companion who is truly a helpmeet. They speak of Bethel as a most delightful village to reside in.

#### WHITCOMB HIGH SCHOOL.

The history of higher education in Vermont is a history of struggles for existence and that of the rise and equipment of a high school in Bethel is but another evidence of the survival of the fittest. Until the year 1850, there were two districts within the present limits of the graded district. These districts were numbered respectively three and five. In the year alluded to, 1850, these two districts were consolidated under the title of district No. 3, and a new site was chosen for the erection of a new school building. No more suitable or picturesque place could have been selected than the one which was chosen, the "common," as it was called, a beautiful elevation overlooking the White River valley.

Upon this well chosen site a building was erected in the following year, 1851. This building, containing two large rooms, was considered ample and sufficient accommodation for that time. But the spirit of higher education was abroad; pupils remained in school longer than formerly; with the growth of the village there was likewise a growth in school attendance, and ere long an addition had to be made to the first building.

This addition provided two more rooms and for many years was quite sufficient accommodations for the scholars.

In 1885 the graded district was organized, and in the year following, was, by an act of the legislature, incorporated. This act provided that the annual meeting of the district be held on the last Tuesday of June of each year, instead of the last Tuesday of March. As is nearly always the case, the change from a town district to an incorporated district was not brought about without some little struggle on the part of the voters of the districts. But the change came as "one of the

ship occurred the death of Mr. Albert Whitcomb, a wealthy citizen of Bethel, and by his will it was found the following bequest was made to the incorporated district.

"I give to school district No. 3, located in Bethel village and its suburbs, thirty thousand dollars, the principal to be safely invested and the income only to be used each year for the current expenses of the school. This gift shall be known as the Albert Whitcomb School Fund, and the local name of the school shall be The Whitcomb High School."

According to the condition of this bequest the name was changed from that of Bethel



WHITCOMB HIGH SCHOOL.

inevitables," and the success that has attended the school since, is conclusive proof that the change was a wise one on the part of the people.

In 1885, Mr. J. W. Hutchinson was engaged as principal of the Bethel Graded Schools. In the following year he was succeeded by Mr. W. N. Cragin, and under his efficient instruction the first class of four was graduated in June of 1887. Upon his resignation in 1889, he was succeeded by Mr. J. H. Blaisdell, who remained at the head of the school for four years, graduating four classes. During Mr. Blaisdell's principal-

ship Graded Schools to "The Whitcomb High School," which name it now bears. The school constantly increased, especially in the number of tuition scholars, and in the summer of '94 it was found impossible to accommodate all its pupils in the one building of four rooms, and so a new primary building was erected near the larger building. This relieved the other schools for one year, but with the present growth a new and more modern building is needed at no distant day.

On Mr. Blaisdell's resigning his charge of the school in the spring of '94, the school board were fortunate in securing the services

of Mr. George E. Storrs as principal. Mr. Storrs entered upon his duties with much enthusiasm and soon showed that no mistake had been made in placing him at the head of the school. But the hopes of those most interested in the progress and growth of the school were cut short by the sudden death of Mr. Storrs after a brief illness, at the close of his first term's work. To fill the vacancy thus suddenly caused, Mr. F. P. Davison, the present principal, was elected by the school board.

The "Whitcomb High School" graduated its first class of four students in '87. It has



PROF. F. P. DAVISON.

now sent out sixty-seven graduates and has a very successful Alumni Association.

FRANK P. DAVISON, the present principal of the Whitcomb High School, was born in Lunenburg, Vt., July 18, 1863. After a course in the common schools of his native town, he attended the St. Johnsbury Academy at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and was graduated from there in the class of 1887. He also studied at Amherst and Burlington but never completed a college course at either place. At the age of nineteen, he taught his first school, and completed a term of twelve weeks in a district hard to manage, and in

which the former teacher was obliged to give up and close his doors before completing the term. After teaching in several schools, Mr. Davison accepted a position as principal of the Graded Schools at Quechee, Vt., and remained two years and one term and then went to Proctor, Vt., and took charge of the schools there, remaining four years. In December, 1894, he came to Bethel, and is meeting with splendid success in his work, the school now running very full. On August 12, 1890, he was married to Emily E. Gilfillan of Barnet, Vt., and they have three children, viz.: Aldace H., born May 16, 1891; Mabel E., born July 6, 1892; and Margaret J., born January 16, 1894.

#### TOWN REPRESENTATIVES OF BETHEL.

The following citizens of Bethel have represented the town in the General Assembly held at Montpelier. The records of the town show that there were some years that no representative was voted for, and on other years the citizens balloted, but closed their meetings without election:

Mark Richards,	-	1804
Nehemiah Noble,	1805, 1806, 1807	
John Wallace,	-	1808, 1809
William Strong,		1810
Nehemiah Noble,		1811
Jonathan Marsh,	1812, 1813, 1814	
Samuel Lillie,	1815, 1816, 1817, 1818	
Peleg Marsh,		1819
Daniel Lillie,	1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825	
James Wallace,	-	1826, 1827, 1828
Daniel Lillie,	-	1829
John Woodbury,		1830, 1831
Elisha Fowler,		1832
Julius Converse,	-	1833
John Woodbury,		1834, 1835
James Wallace,		1836
Daniel Woodbury,	-	1837
Thomas P. Russell,		1838
James Woodworth,		1839
David Bosworth,		1844
Oliver Hincer,		1846
A. P. Hunton,	-	1849
Almon Durkee,		1850, 1851
Albert G. Marsh,		1856

Franklin Riford,	1857	1870—Jane McIntosh,	84
Nelson Ellison,	1858	O. H. Brooks,	86
A. P. Hunton,	1859, 1860, 1861, 1862	Hannah Gibbs,	94
F. W. Anderson,	1863, 1864	1871—Asa Grow,	90
J. M. McIntosh,	1866, 1867	Mrs. Leonard Fiske,	85
A. G. Marsh,	- 1868	Abelena Clark,	80
A. M. Marsh,	1869, 1870*	Isaac Cunningham,	81
Myron Burnett,	1872	John Bird,	86
N. F. Clark,	1874	Uriah Green,	83
E. Sturtevant,	1876	1872—Timothy Fisher,	93
M. A. Moody,	1878	Moses Webster,	88
Joseph Sargent,	1880	Mary Wright,	83
M. A. Maxham,	1882	J. Howe Bowen,	83
W. B. C. Stickney,	1884	1873—Anna Austin,	88
Edwin Fisher,	1886	Susan Burnett,	81
Frederick Marks,	1888	Eleazer Berry,	80
J. C. Burnett,	1890	Isaac McIntosh,	82
Fred Arnold, -	1892	Ezra Putnam,	81
L. M. Greene,	1894	1874—Polly Hunter,	82
		1875—Fanny Chamberlin,	82
		Betsy Baker,	84
		Lucinda Parsons,	83
		Amos Packard,	83
		Thomas Williams,	80
		Nancy Goff Bowen,	92
		Lucy Haskell Townsend,	91
		1876—Elias Greenleaf,	94
		John Baker,	88
		Samuel Bowen,	95
		Russel Farnham,	86
		1877—Patten Davis,	85
		H. F. Hunter,	80
		Ira Buck,	83
		Reuben J. Chapman,	80
		Asenith Jefferson,	85
		1878—Orlinda Moody,	84
		Barzillia Sylvester,	88
		Benjamin Williams,	88
		Calvin Buckman,	81
		1879—Nancy Wallace,	80
		Squire Bowen,	92
		Mitty Green,	84
		Chester Chapman,	86
		1880—Phœbe McIntosh,	91
		John Noble,	88
		Gracie Morse,	87
		Charles H. Meserve,	90
		1881—Horace Bugbee,	90
		James Wallace,	97
		Hannah McIntosh,	84
		Polly Buck,	87
		Peter Burrelle,	92
		Russell Bowen,	85

\*Biennial sessions began in 1870.

#### LONGEVITY OF LIFE IN BETHEL.

An examination of the town records of Bethel, reveals the fact that this town stands with the first in the state as regards longevity of life, one person reaching the age of one hundred and three years, four months and fifteen days. The following list gives the names of those that have lived to be over eighty years old, the list being taken from the town records from 1862 to the present time:

1863—John Townsend,	90	Reuben J. Chapman,	80
William McIntosh,	86	Asenith Jefferson,	85
1864—Nathan Parker,	86	1878—Orlinda Moody,	84
Sewall Kendall,	84	Barzillia Sylvester,	88
1865—Peter Reed,	84	Benjamin Williams,	88
Sarah Hackett,	80	Calvin Buckman,	81
Asa Curtis,	84	1879—Nancy Wallace,	80
1866—Hannah Billings,	88	Squire Bowen,	92
Perley Parsons,	80	Mitty Green,	84
1867—Rhoda Webster,	86	Chester Chapman,	86
Anna Whittaker,	95	1880—Phœbe McIntosh,	91
1868—Leonard Fiske,	81	John Noble,	88
Louisa Lillie,	84	Gracie Morse,	87
Othniel Dunham,	82	Charles H. Meserve,	90
1869—Peter Woodbury,	86	1881—Horace Bugbee,	90
Eunice Jefferson,	92	James Wallace,	97
Ruth Washburn,	84	Hannah McIntosh,	84
Betsy Rowe,	84	Polly Buck,	87
1870—William Smart,	87	Peter Burrelle,	92
Parthenia Dartt,	88	Russell Bowen,	85

1881—Josiah W. Cushing,	85	1887—Lucinda Bacon,	89
1882—Saloam Williams,	92	Harriet Cleveland,	86
Amanda S. Wilson,	87	Jemima Chapman,	88
Huldah S. Robertson,	103	Orrilla Moody,	89
Sarah Brooks,	90	Arad Benson,	82
Amos Green, -	82	1888—Judith H. French,	82
1883—John T. Rood,	83	Phœbe Bugbee,	95
Mary White,	81	David Whittaker,	84
1884—Hiram Wilson,	84	Philena Gay,	86
Josiah Fisher,	82	1889—Hannah Thayer,	91
1885—Jay Wilson,	83	Daniel Kinney,	88
Fanny Gilson,	89	Philena Brooks,	80
Isaac Taggart,	82	Joshua Wedgewood,	83



MAIN STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

1885—Amasa Flint,	86	1889—Ezekiel Lunt,	90
Robert French,	85	Susannah Leach,	86
Moses Ingalls,	85	1890—Irene Hatch,	85
Zeba Thayer,	86	Abel Byam,	88
Elkanah Dean,	84	1891—David Owen,	87
1886—Harry Dunham,	82	Reuben Whittaker,	84
Harriet Durkee,	80	Lavonia Shortt,	84
Dustin Bowen,	81	Desire Davis,	80
Benjamin Heradan,	89	Danforth Davis,	87
Dominick Wynn,	82	1892—George S. Hatch,	90
H. F. Stoddard,	87	Nancy Colburn,	86
1887—John Whitcomb,	94	Athsea Davis,	81

1892—Orin Holbrook,	85	4, E; Daniel H. Ryan, Cav. 6, Collamer G.
Daniel Root,	83	Stevens, 8, E; John Spaulding Jr., 3, F; Al-
Rebecca Day,	86	bert and Irwin Spooner, 4, E; Ernest Stuart,
1893—Mary Heath,	81	9, 1; William F. Tilson, 2 s-s, E; James B.
Obediah Lillie,	91	Tinkham, 2, E; Andrew W. Turner, 9, F;
Radman Dean,	89	Benjamin F. Webster, 11, H; George
Horatio N. Brown,	84	Wedgwood, 8, E; Don C. Wilson, 3, F;
Abial Putnam,	85	Thomas R. and Wallace E. Williams, 2, E;
Abigail Perrigo,	86	William Young, 4, K.
Avorilla Rogers,	85	Volunteers under call of October, 1863,
1894—Aaron C. Davis,	84	and all subsequent calls: Church G. Ballou,
Ansel Burbank,	84	Horace Bannister, 8,—; Lewis B. Bates, 8, E;
Willoughby Holbrook,	87	William L. Dean, 3 Bat.; William A. Dunbar,
George Washburn,	86	8, F; Tracy S. Durkee, 2 s-s, E; Freeman

## ROLL OF BETHEL SOLDIERS.

1861—1865.

The following citizens of Bethel served in the Civil War. The names are arranged alphabetically, and the number and letter after each name represent the regiment and company of each man.

Volunteers for three years credited previous to call of October 17, 1863: Albert and Azro Abbott, 4, E; Calvin B. Abbott, 8, B; Curtis Abbott, 2, s-s H; Chenning Axdell, 6, F; Archibald Baker, 4, E; Frank Bullard, 6, C; Lewis Bundy, 4, D; Patrick Carney, 11, H; Constantine Chadwick, 11, H; Albert W. Chapman, 6, F; Zolva W. Chase, 8, E; Amaria C. Craue, 4, E; Kilburn Day, 8, E; Seymour G. Drury, 6, C; Franklin B. Dunton, 7, G; Azro Dustin, 3, E; George M. D. Dustin, 2, E; Timothy Dustin, First Bat.; Ezra H. Emory, 8, E; Alfred D. and Charles Fairbanks, 2 s-s, E; John and Luke Fairbanks, 3, F; Curtis O. Fisher and James S. Freeland, 4, E; Levi P. French, 6, C; Daniel Granger, 6, F; John Granger, 6, F; William Greenleaf, 2, H; Carleton Green, 4, E; Newell H. Hebard, 8, E; Byron Houghton, 2 s-s, H; Charles N. Jones and Orvis F. Kimball, Cav. E; Robert B. Lillie, 4, E; William Magivney and Frederick H. Marks, 11, H; Orville Moore, 2, E; Henry E. Moshier, 2 s-s, E; George W. Packard, 8, G; Charles L. Page, 4, E; Arthur and Granville Pearson, 2, E; Abel H. Putnam, 3, F; Alonzo D. Ralph, 4, E; Daniel A. Rogers, 6, F; Eugene Rogers, 8, E; James D. Rich, 11, H; Harry and Lyman P. Rowe,

4, E; Daniel H. Ryan, Cav. 6, Collamer G. Stevens, 8, E; John Spaulding Jr., 3, F; Albert and Irwin Spooner, 4, E; Ernest Stuart, 9, 1; William F. Tilson, 2 s-s, E; James B. Tinkham, 2, E; Andrew W. Turner, 9, F; Benjamin F. Webster, 11, H; George Wedgwood, 8, E; Don C. Wilson, 3, F; Thomas R. and Wallace E. Williams, 2, E; William Young, 4, K.

Volunteers under call of October, 1863, and all subsequent calls: Church G. Ballou, Horace Bannister, 8,—; Lewis B. Bates, 8, E; William L. Dean, 3 Bat.; William A. Dunbar, 8, F; Tracy S. Durkee, 2 s-s, E; Freeman Fifield, 9, F; William H. Fisher, 17, D; Roswell Freeman, 4, C; Levi P. French, 6, C; Almon C. Goodell, 8, K; John Granger, 8, G; Henry H. Grow, 8, E; Charles H. Hardy, 6, C; Henry C. Harlow, 17, D; William Huse, 9, H; Almeron C. Inman, 17, D; Nathaniel C. Lynds, 8, D; H. Marshall Merrill, 8, E; Henry H. Miner, 8, D; William Newell, 8, E; John Pettis, 11, B; John Rice, 10, F; Loren M. Rice, 10, F; James D. Rice, 8, C; Nehemiah W. Rindge, 9, G; William H. Rollins, 9, E; Horatio N. Scott, 17, D; Ferdinand Wheeler, 11, F; Don L. Willis, 17, D; Thomas Flynn, Cav. F; Joseph Lynch, 11,—; John Mack and Thomas O'Donald, Cav.—; George S. Thomas, Cav. F.

Volunteers for one year: Albert E. Abbott, Edwin E. Austin, Edward P. Barnes, Azro B. Bowen, Alonzo E. Chadwick, Dennis Coto, John H. Harrington, John Lynch, Charles W. Petty, Birney I. Pratt, James M. Preston, Leroy J. Sargent, Edward Tatero, Edwin F. Thresher, Lewis W. Turner, George H. Whitney, Paschal D. Whittaker.

Veterans: Calvin B. Abbott, Curtis Abbott, Charles Blackburn, Luke B. Fairbanks, Levi B. Goddard, Newell H. Hibbard, Charles N. Jones, John Morse, Henry E. Mosier, George A. Parker, Daniel H. Ryan and John Spaulding.

Nine months men, Sixteenth Regiment: Daniel Abbott, James H. Abbott, Wesley E. Baker, Albert G. Barnes, Samuel Barrett, Jr., John Bean, Lorenzo D. Bowen, Eugene M. Brooks, Abel Ryan, Lorenzo Burnham, Amos B. Chamberlain, Dexter L. Chatfield, Daniel M. Clough, Solomon A. Cross, Henry S. Drury, George S. Emery, Ira Emery, Jr., Lyman S. Emery, Henry W.



Flint, Eastman Gee, William H. Gee, George E. Green, Ransom S. Hubbard, Henry W. Howard, Norman W. Lillie, Patrick Marr, John R. Martin, Nelson McPherson, Marcus A. Moody, Charles A. Neff, Nathan Noyes, William H. H. Perkins, Jonathan M. Rich, Rufus S. Rogers, William J. Rogers, Charles Russell, Stillman B. Smith, Alonzo H. Spooner, David Torrey, Andrew J. Washburn, James L. Washburn, and Samuel B. Young.

Entered service: William N. Abbott, Merick G. Page, James G. Tinkham.

fession and in public life, occur occasionally in the records, signed to acknowledgments of deeds, and certificates of marriages solemnized in Bethel. They were then residents of Randolph, and doubtless in those days the citizens of Bethel had to depend upon their neighboring towns for necessary legal services. The Bar of Windsor County was united in a Bar Association from whose records it appears that in 1813 Luther Blodgett was an attorney resident and practicing in Bethel, and that he removed to Royalton shortly after the death of Jacob Smith, Esq.,



SCENE ON WHITE RIVER AT BETHEL.

Entered United States Navy: Nathan Allen, Joseph H. Gary, Francis Donnelly, James Ford, William Garvin, Thomas Miller, William Pye and Edward Quinn, Jr.

#### LEGAL PROFESSION.

BY WM. B. C. STICKNEY.

The early annals of the town afford little information as to the lawyers who may have had offices and practiced law in Bethel immediately after its settlement. The names of Dudley Chase and William Nutting, learned men, distinguished alike in their pro-

of Royalton, which occurred September 22d, 1813. The records of the Association contain lists of the names and residences of all its members, which include all the lawyers in the county, and show that in the year 1818 there was no resident lawyer in Bethel, a condition which lasted, probably, for several years.

LUTHER BLODGETT was born in Randolph about 1780, and was the eldest of fourteen children of Benjamin and Mary (Riddell) Blodgett. He began the practice of his profession in Bethel prior to the year 1813, and in that or the following year re-

moved to Royalton, where he is said to have lived until about 1820, when he went West. He married Elizabeth Starkweather, a half sister of the wife of the Hon. Dudley Chase. Among his children were Salmon Cotton, Dudley Chase and Olivia Chase, who was the wife of Walter Carpenter, the eminent physician and surgeon of Burlington. Salmon married Maria, daughter of the Hon. Thomas P. Russell of Bethel.

GEORGE CHASE, son of the Rt. Rev. Philander and Mary (Fay) Chase was born in Albany, N. Y., where his father was a student preparing for the ministry, in 1796. Soon after his birth he was brought by his mother to Vermont, and his early childhood was spent with his uncle, the Hon. Dudley Chase, at Randolph. His uncle superintended his education, and in the year 1815 he was a student at Yale College. He was married at Bethel, July 22, 1821, to Miss Eliza Grover. He had two children, daughters, one of whom married Nelson Smith, Esq., and the other Martin M. Flint, of Randolph. His practice in court was not extensive. He wrote sometimes for periodicals. He lived in the house next north of the bank for a short time, and went away from Bethel as early as 1824.

MASON P. MILLS was born September 20, 1796, son of Roswell and Mary Mills. He studied his profession at Rochester, there being no attorney at Bethel, was admitted to the bar of Windsor County in 1824, having been examined and recommended by a committee appointed for the purpose, Isaac N. Cushman, George E. Wales and Jacob Colamer. He began the practice of his profession in Bethel at once. His father, who was an uncle of Mrs. Peleg Marsh, the mother of Augustus M. Marsh, Esq., lived on Camp Brook near the Jonah Washburn place. The house is not now standing. Mason P. Mills was a member of the Randolph Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He departed this life September 12, 1826, and was buried in the old town burying ground, with masonic honors.

HON. JULIUS CONVERSE was born at Stamford, Conn., December 27, 1798, the fourth son of Joseph and Mary Converse. His father came to Vermont with his family

in 1801 and settled in Randolph, which was his residence until his decease in 1826. Julius was educated at the district school and Randolph Academy, studied law with Wm. Nutting, and was admitted to Orange County Bar in 1825. He opened an office and began the practice of his profession in Bethel in 1826. He continued in practice in Bethel until 1840, when he removed to Woodstock, which was his home for the remainder of his life. Mr. Converse was twice married, and left one child, a daughter, by his second wife.

While in Bethel he owned and occupied the dwelling house which has been for about fifty years the home of Mrs. Irvin Weston.

He was associated in his profession with the leaders of the Vermont Bar. At Bethel he was partner of the Hon. Augustus P. Hunton, and at Woodstock of the Hon. Andrew Tracy and the Hon. James Barrett, and later of the Hon. Warren C. French.

Mr. Converse was distinguished for the affability of his manner and his uniform and unvarying courtesy. He was diligent and successful in business. He was a man of large frame, strong and vigorous, and maintained his mental and physical faculties unimpaired to an extreme old age. He held many public offices, represented the towns of Bethel and Woodstock in the General Assembly, and was Governor of Vermont from 1872 to 1874.

HON. AUGUSTUS P. HUNTON was born in Groton, N. H., February 23, 1816. His youth was spent at Hyde Park, Vt., where his father, Dr. Ariel Hunton, removed with his family in 1818. He studied law with the Hon. Wm. C. Wilson, at Bakersfield, and afterwards with the Hon. Wm. M. Pingry, at Waitsfield, and was admitted to the Bar of Washington County at the April term, 1837. He opened an office and began the practice of his profession at Stockbridge Common soon afterwards, and September, 1838, he removed to Bethel, and entered into partnership with the Hon. Julius Converse. With the exception of a brief residence at Chelsea, where Mr. Hunton and the Hon. Perley C. Jones had a law office, Mr. Hunton has been identified with the town of Bethel. Before his marriage, and for some time afterwards, he lived in the house now occupied by Mr. Daniel L. Child.

and in 1865, removed to his present home, the old Paige homestead. In 1849 he married Caroline, the second daughter of Dr. Alfred Paige.

In his practice Mr. Hunton has had several partners. After the dissolution of the firm of Converse & Hunton in 1840, Allen P. Dudley was his partner, then Romanzo Walker, and afterwards Dudley C. Blodgett and Daniel F. Weymouth, next Moulton J. Gilman, who was his partner from 1863 to 1874. In August, 1875 the present partnership of Hunton & Stickney was formed.

lived on the farm owned now by Alonzo Emory, Esq., was the justice whose services were almost universally sought in Bethel. He had been Judge of Probate, and was familiarly known as Judge Russell. He used to hold court regularly once a week in Mr. Hunton's office. His good sense and judgment were highly respected.

Mr. Hunton has been a member of the General Assembly eleven different sessions, eight times as the representative of the town of Bethel, and three times as senator from Windsor County. He was Speaker of the



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Mr. Hunton's profound acquirements and accurate legal scholarship attracted to his office many students, some of whom have attained distinction in their profession. Conspicuous among them are the late Col. Stephen M. Pingree, Ex-Gov. Samuel E. Pingree and the Hon. James J. Wilson, who were in his office as students at the same time, which may be styled the Golden Age of law in Bethel.

In the early days of Mr. Hunton's practice justices of the peace had occasion to exercise their jurisdiction much more frequently than now. Hon. Thomas P. Russell who then

House of Representatives in 1860 and 1861, and presided over that body at the extra session of April, 1861, summoned to provide for the national defense. During the war he was superintendent of recruiting for Windsor County, an office which he filled with fidelity and zeal. He was an earnest, ardent and uncompromising worker for the cause of the Union, and in 1864 was elected delegate to the Republican National Convention which renominated Abraham Lincoln.

During his active practice Mr. Hunton was retained in many important cases which he conducted with ability and success.

JAMES NEWELL came to Bethel from Pittsford in the fall of 1838, and practiced law for a year or so. His father, Gordon Newell, was a justice of the peace, and in his court his son acquired his first professional experience. He removed from Bethel in 1839.

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY MILLER is said to have come from Bridgewater to Bethel sometime prior to 1840, and to have studied law with the Hon. Julius Converse, and to have boarded in his family. His office was in May's store building, on the site of the town hall. He removed from Bethel to Woodstock, and from there to Hartford, and having given up the practice of his profession, there purchased a farm where he lived till his decease. Mr. Miller's most noted case in Bethel was the defense of Othniel Dunham in a suit brought against him by the Hon. John S. Marcy, as plaintiff's attorney. Judge Marcy was a master of vituperative satire. Mr. Miller, without heed to the merits of his cause, at once attacked his legal adversary with his own weapons and effectually discomfited him, to the delight of the defendant, the amusement and edification of the audience and his own agreeable disappointment.

ALLEN P. DUDLEY came to Bethel from Chesterfield, N. H., in the year 1841, and in October of that year went into partnership with Mr. Hunton, which partnership was dissolved early in 1842 and Mr. Dudley shortly afterwards removed from Bethel.

ROMANZO WALKER was born in Grafton, Windham County, Vermont, and came from there to Bethel and went into partnership with Mr. Hunton, June 27, 1842, continuing in partnership for one year. He was a lawyer of considerable ability and talents. He was chiefly distinguished for his waggishness, being endowed with great powers of mimicry, and noted for practical jokes. He remained in Bethel but a short time and died many years ago.

DUDLEY CHASE BLODGETT was born in Randolph, son of Luther and Elizabeth (Starkweather) Blodgett. He was brought up in the family of the Hon. Dudley Chase, whose wife was his mother's sister. He graduated at the University of Vermont in 1839, and studied law with the Hon. William Nutting, at Ran-

dolph. Upon his admission to the bar he removed to Bethel and practiced law as partner of the Hon. A. P. Hunton from November, 1843 to March, 1844, after which he was partner of Daniel F. Weymouth. He was town superintendent in 1847. From Bethel he went to Oshkosh, Wis., about 1848, it is said. He married May Granger, daughter of Captain Ben Granger, of Randolph, and in Bethel they lived in the upper part of the brick house now owned by Mrs. William Wright. He was an accomplished scholar and a man of talents.

DANIEL FOLSOM WEYMOUTH was born in Tunbridge, June 22, 1818, the son of Deacon George Weymouth, and on the Folsom side is a relative of Mrs. Grover Cleveland. He was educated at the district schools, and the academies of Newbury and Randolph. While prosecuting his studies in the academies and in the office of the Hon. William Hebard, with whom he studied law, at East Randolph, he taught in the district schools during the winters. He was admitted to the bar in Orange County about 1842, and practiced law in Tunbridge. He was married in October, 1843, to Mary Blodgett, daughter of Laban and Rebecca Blodgett, of Randolph. Mary Blodgett was cousin of Dudley C. Blodgett, her mother being a sister of Luther Blodgett. He was for a time Register of Probate for the District of Randolph, under Judge Hebard. He came to Bethel about April, 1844, where he was for a time a partner of Dudley C. Blodgett, and afterwards for a short time associated with the Hon. A. P. Hunton. In April, 1850, he removed from Vermont to Jefferson, Wis., where he was engaged in practice until 1873, when he removed to Marshall, Minn., where his time was divided between the law and farming. He was a devoted agriculturist. His residence, with the exception of a brief interval spent in Arkansas and Illinois, has been at Marshall ever since. He has there held the office of Judge of Probate.

When in active practice in Wisconsin, Mr. Weymouth was regarded as one of the leading lawyers of the State

Mr. Weymouth has had ten children, of whom five daughters and one son are still

living. His residence in Bethel was the house which has since been enlarged and is now the home of M. Sylvester, Esq.

ISAAC T. MORGAN was born in Royalton, November 13, 1822, in the house near South Royalton, now occupied by James Buck. In Bethel he built what is now the Congregational parsonage, to which he removed from Mrs. Adelaide R. Stearns' house, and he resided there until his decease, May 26, 1859. He married Anna Maria Cheney of Royalton, October 28, 1845. He had two sons, Edward and Frederick, who removed from Bethel to Jamestown, N. Y., about 1865. Edward is now cashier of the First National Bank of

to Jane Flynn, daughter of Paul Flynn, Esq., and Olivia (Smith) Flynn, a sister of Asa Smith, the first child born in town. Second to Mary Laurette McCoy, daughter of the Rev. Amos D. McCoy. He has fourteen children. Mr. Wilson first lived in the house occupied now by Oscar P. Shaw, then in the house now occupied by Gardner J. Wallace, from which he moved to his present fine residence. His eldest son, Guy, is a lawyer in Bethel. His second son, March, is practicing law in Randolph. In 1874 Mr. Wilson represented the County of Windsor in the Senate, with credit to himself and his constituency. He was State's attorney from 1884 to 1886.



CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD DEPOT.

Jamestown, an accomplished and successful business man. Mr. Morgan practiced law in Bethel for several years. He was a good lawyer, of polished and courteous manners.

HON. JAMES J. WILSON was born in Bethel, May 16, 1831, the son of Jay and Laura (Child) Wilson. He has always lived in Bethel, except for a short absence in his youth, when he was teaching in the South. He studied law with the Hon. Augustus P. Hunton, and was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County, May, 1858, when he established an office in Bethel, where he has since continued in practice, having from 1868 to 1870 as a partner, E. J. McWain, Esq. Mr. Wilson has been twice married. First

He has an extensive and successful practice, and is considered one of the ablest lawyers in the State. His most marked characteristic is his tireless and unceasing industry. He is skilful and energetic, and has marvellous executive ability which enables him to give the most careful attention to the multiplicity of details of his various professional and private concerns.

MOULTON J. GILMAN was born in Unity, N. H., educated in the common schools, studied law with the Hon. A. P. Hunton, was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County, December Term, 1863, and began the practice of his profession at once, as partner of Mr. Hunton. This partnership continued

until January, 1874, when it was dissolved, and Mr. Gilman practiced alone until the latter part of 1876, when he formed a partnership with Charles H. Williams, Esq. The firm of Gilman & Williams practiced in Bethel for about a year, when it was dissolved and Mr. Gilman removed to Dakota, where he deceased soon after. Mr. Gilman married Miss Helen Sanborn, of Unity, N. H., and had one son, Clarence. Mr. Gilman taught school in Bethel while studying law, and was very much liked as an instructor. He was superintendent of schools for the town several years, and was for many years secretary of the White River Valley Agricultural Society. Mr. Gilman was a democrat, faithful to the principles of his party, and a recognized leader in their councils in county and state.

EDWIN J. MCWAIN, born in Ripton, Vermont, August 17, 1840, was First Sergeant Company H, 11th Vermont Volunteers, and served with distinction from September 1, 1862 to May 15, 1865, was promoted to Second Lieutenant December 28, 1863, and First Lieutenant December 2, 1864. He was wounded at Petersburg June 23, 1864; afterwards was captured by the rebels and remained prisoner until March 1, 1865. After his discharge he was a constant sufferer from disease contracted during his military service.

He returned to Vermont and began his legal studies in the office of C. A. Webber, of Rochester, finishing with the Hon. J. J. Wilson, at Bethel. He was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County, May Term, 1867, and began practice in Bethel, where he was associated with the Hon. J. J. Wilson. In May, 1870, he removed to Randolph, where he continued in practice at intervals until 1886, during the latter part of which time he was partner of the Hon. Philander Perrin. In the spring of 1886 he removed to Nebraska, and later to Kansas City, Missouri. He has since deceased.

WM. B. C. STICKNEY was born in Marblehead, Mass., January 16, 1845, son of Rev. Moses P. and Jane F. (Curry) Stickney. His father removed to Boston in 1853, and he was educated in Boston public schools and Harvard University. He studied law with the Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, in Boston,

and was admitted to the Suffolk County Bar in 1870. He removed to Bethel in 1874, and was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County in December of that year, and began to practice in Bethel. In August, 1875, he went into partnership with the Hon. Augustus P. Hunton, whose daughter Mary he married in 1877. He was for some years town superintendent of schools; represented the town of Bethel in the General Assembly in 1884, and was State's attorney of Windsor County from 1888 to 1890, and President of the Vermont Bar Association, 1894-5.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS was born in Woodstock, Vermont, son of Harvey Williams. He was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County at the December term, 1875, and was established in his profession about 1877, in Bethel, being a partner of Moulton J. Gilman. He practiced in Bethel about a year, during which time he married Delia, daughter of Simon T. Coy. Mr. Williams removed from Bethel to Claremont, N. H., and from there to Bellows Falls, where he now resides, having given up the law. He is a dealer in paper stock, successful and prosperous.

In his brief career as an attorney Mr. Williams displayed legal abilities of a high order, and his abandonment of the profession was much regretted by his legal brethren.

WILLIAM H. BLISS was born in Royalton, October 5, 1847, son of Charles William Bliss, graduated at the University of Vermont in 1871, studied and practiced his profession with T. C. Greene, Esq., at Providence, R. I., where he was admitted to the bar, October, 1873, and whence he came to Vermont, and was admitted to the Bar of Orange County in 1878, and to the United States Supreme Court in 1894. He began to practice in this State at West Fairlee. He was in Bethel but a short time. He afterwards removed to Middlebury, and from there to Burlington. He was State's attorney for Addison County from 1890 to 1892. Mr. Bliss is a man of rare accomplishments, literary and legal. His knowledge of the law is profound and accurate. He is a vehement and persuasive speaker. He has a large and successful practice.

HON. FRED ARNOLD was born in Randolph December 7, 1856. His father, Thomas

Arnold, came to Bethel with his family in 1873. Mr. Arnold was educated at the State Normal school at Randolph; studied law with the Hon. J. J. Wilson and Hunton & Stickney, and was admitted to the Bar of Windsor County in 1881, since which time he has practiced his profession at Bethel. He has held the offices of superintendent of schools, 1885-'92, town agent for the prosecution and defense of law suits, 1889-'92, town grand juror, 1892. He represented the town of Bethel in the General Assembly of 1892, and was senator from Windsor County in 1894. He was chairman of the Committee on Education in the House and in the Senate. He was a careful, efficient and trusted legislator. Mr. Arnold has marked executive ability. His chief characteristics as a lawyer are fearlessness and candor. He has the most extensive insurance business in the White River Valley, a result due to his honesty and faithfulness to his patrons and square dealings with the companies which he represents.

Mr. Arnold married Miss White of Providence, R. I., and has seven children.

GUY WILSON, eldest son of the Hon. James J. and Jane (Flynn) Wilson, was born in Bethel, July 11, 1864, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1886, was admitted to the Bar October, 1890, and has since practiced in Bethel. He has held the offices of constable since 1889, and deputy sheriff since 1890, and has also devoted portions of his time to civil engineering and journalism. Mr. Wilson is industrious and energetic in whatever he undertakes, and deeply interested in the welfare of Bethel.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Abbie Fisher, daughter of Edwin Fisher, formerly postmaster of Bethel, and has two children.

MARCH M. WILSON, son of the Hon. James J. and Mary Laurette (McCoy) Wilson, was born August 24, 1870, graduated at the University of Vermont in 1891, studied law in the office of his father and was admitted to the Bar in 1894, passing his examination with distinguished honor. He practiced in Bethel but a short time, and removed to Randolph in the summer of 1895, where he is partner of the Hon. Wm. H. Nichols. He was married October 1, 1895, at Laconia, N. H., to Miss Lulu Dickinson.

## MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Although the town of Bethel is over one hundred years old, the number of physicians who have practiced in this place is comparatively small. During the early days there was very little manufacturing, and that only on a small scale, consequently the physician depended almost wholly upon the farming community for his practice. One man could attend to all the business of the village and surrounding country and even have some time to spare. Most of the doctors rode to their patients on horseback, and many of the trips were from five to ten miles distant, much of the work being done by night rides over hard roads through uninhabited forest country. Notwithstanding the hardships of these early practitioners, and the many bad bills which accumulated, most of them lived to a good old age and not a few of them accumulated quite extensive properties.

The first physician known to have practiced in Bethel was Dr. JOSEPH A. GALLUP, who owned the property where Jackson Graham now lives from May 2, 1791 to June 27, 1809. He was one of the founders of the first Episcopal society in Bethel and was one of the first wardens of said church. But little is known of his professional life as pertaining to Bethel, as he moved to Woodstock from here where he gained a prominent place in the annals of his profession through his connection with the medical school at that place. He moved there in 1799, although he still owned property in Bethel ten years later. His name was Joadam Gallup, but this was changed by his acquaintances to Joseph, and he was commonly known as Joseph A. Gallup. He is spoken of as having been a very eccentric person with a determination of character, common to that class of men. He had a favorite idea of establishing a medical school at Woodstock, for the training and education of students who aspired to become members of the medical fraternity. To this end he labored earnestly, and in March, 1827, he enjoyed the pleasure of seeing his hopes realized. In 1834 he was forced to retire from the field through the organization of another college, but he has the distinction of being the first to found a medical college in this vicinity.

Dr. JOSEPH A. DENISON was in practice in Bethel during the first years of this century, and owned one of the finest farms in this vicinity, embracing nearly all of the land now covered by the southern part of the village. He was an able man, a close worker in his profession, and one of the best physicians of his time. He moved to Royalton in 1812, selling his property and practice to Dr Alfred Paige, a former student in his office.

ALFRED PAIGE, son of Nathan and Hannah (Cobb) Paige, was born in Royalton, on the farm now owned by George Parker, April 25, 1788. He married, June 8, 1808, Sarah, daughter of Eliphaz and Sarah (Cushing) Bigelow, who was born in Barnard on the farm now owned by Benjamin Furber, January 23, 1791. Eleven children were born of this marriage, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. Mrs. Paige died in Concord, N. H., July 20, 1872.

Dr. Paige received a common school education, and studied medicine in the office of Dr. Joseph A. Denison of Bethel, receiving his degree of M. D., from Yale College, where he attended medical lectures. He first began practice in Barnard, but soon after came to Bethel, where he succeeded Dr. Denison, whose farm he bought. In 1833, he built the brick house, now standing, where the remainder of his life was spent. For many years he was accustomed to travel on horseback to visit his patients carrying his medicines, tinctures and pills, (prepared by himself) in saddle bags. Later he drove to his patients in a chaise, but he never discarded the saddle bags, taking them in the chaise, and when entering the house carrying them over his arm. Dr. Paige was devoted to his profession, and attained a high rank both as a physician and surgeon. He died in Bethel March 24, 1862.

DR. ALFRED PAIGE, JR., born in Bethel, April 7, 1823 attended lectures at Castleton Medical College and in a medical college in New York City. He studied in the office with his father and rode with him to some extent. He was unsettled in his business and professional work and at times made long trips to other places. He died in Bethel, January 14, 1882, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was an excellent surgeon and capable of taking a high rank in his profession.

Dr. HIRAM MORGAN was a student in the office of the elder Dr. Paige and practiced one year in Bethel Village. He was a native of Rochester, and moved there from Bethel.

Dr. JAMES M. WOODWORTH was a practitioner of the town of Bethel for many years. He first began about 1830 and several years later moved west, where he was in practice for some time. He returned to Bethel and again established himself in his profession, remaining here until the arrival of Dr. Ormon Terry, to whom he sold his practice. Several amusing stories are told of Dr. Woodworth. At one time one of his patients who had been very sick, asked the doctor if it would do any harm to eat some cheese. He said they could have some if they wished. After eating the cheese, the patient grew worse and the doctor was called in. "Oh! Doctor, I feel terrible," said the patient; "Well," said the Doctor, "Now you know you can't eat cheese." At another time on leaving the house of a patient, he was asked by one of the neighbors how his patient was progressing. He informed her that the invalid was convalescent, whereupon she exclaimed, "Oh! Heavens, then she'll die sure, wont she?" Dr. Woodworth sold his practice to Dr. Ormon Terry and moved to the east part of the town where he died.

Dr. HENRY PALMER was in practice here about 1840, and resided in the house called the White River House, then located on the premises now occupied by the Arnold block. A few years later he gave up his practice in Bethel and moved to Woodstock, Vt.

Dr. FARNUM came to Bethel about 1840 and opened an office in his profession, residing in the house where Oscar Shaw now lives. He remained a short time and moved to other parts.

DR. ——— FISK, a Thomsonian physician came to Bethel about 1846, but did not remain long, as he received but little business, and he did not succeed in making himself popular among the people.

Dr. ASAHEL BURBANK resided in Bethel for some time, about 1848, and was one of the leading physicians of this place. He resided on the farm now owned and occupied by Alexander Morse on the Randolph road.



Dr. ASAHIEL KENDRICK was born in Hanover, N. H., December 25, 1806, and was a student in Troy, N. Y., and at Dartmouth College. He practiced at Warren, Vt., and about 1840 located at West Randolph, where he followed his profession for several years. In 1850 he came to Bethel and three years later returned to Randolph where he died. In his profession, he was a careful and reliable physician, a man of sound, practical judgment, admired and appreciated by the people who knew him best.

Dr. PHILANDER D. BRADFORD was born in Randolph, April 9, 1811, and was the son of John and Lucy (Brooks) Bradford. He received his education in the Orange County Grammar School, and was graduated from the Woodstock Medical School in the class of 1834. He first practiced at Braintree and afterwards moved to Randolph, where he had an office for some time. He came to Bethel late in the forties but moved from here to Northfield in 1854 where he resided until his death which occurred July 16, 1892. He was an active, energetic man, and although an excellent physician and devoted to his profession, he found time to devote to the affairs of his country. He was a strong "Abolitionist," and an active worker in the Free Soil Party of Vermont at a time when that Party was far from popular. It was enough for him that he believed the principles of his party to be founded on right and justice. He was elected to several public offices of the State, filling the same faithfully.

Dr. JOHN M. MORSE was a native of Bethel and was born October 13, 1823, the son of Calvin and Elvira Morse. After attending the public schools, he studied medicine in the office of Dr. Walter Carpenter, at Randolph, and attended the Castleton Medical College and the Woodstock Medical College, from the latter of which he was graduated. He immediately came to Bethel and began practice at his profession, living in a house which was on the premises now occupied by the James J. Wilson residence. He is remembered as a live and hustling business man and an able physician. He moved from Bethel to Galesburg, Ill., in 1854, where he died.

Dr. GEORGE NICHOLS was in practice here in 1860, and had an office in town for about three years. He married Helen Stearns of this place and moved west, but returned to Vermont, and was settled at Northfield for some time.

Dr. GEORGE VAN DUSEN had an office in Bethel village about 1865, and resided in the house now owned by Albert Stearns on Main street. He was a popular man in the community, and a successful man in his profession. He moved to New York State in the latter part of the sixties.

Dr. ORMON TERRY, a native of Bethel and a graduate of Castleton Medical College came to Bethel from Saranac, N. Y. in 1865 and practiced medicine in the town until his death September 10, 1880. He lived in the house now occupied by Chester Foster on Main Street. Dr. Terry was a pushing energetic physician, and met with gratifying success in his business. He was not a man that courted popularity, but depended almost entirely on his ability as a physician, rather than the friendship of his townsmen. He succeeded Dr. James Woodworth, and during his residence in Bethel was the leading doctor in the place. (See Terry sketch.)

Dr. M. C. SPAULDING, a graduate of the Medical Department of University of Vermont in the class of 1873, located in Bethel during the latter part of that year. He succeeded in gaining a lucrative practice and remained here until 1877, when he sold to Dr. L. M. Greene and moved to Wilmot. He is now in practice in Ashland, N. H.

Dr. C. C. PERRY came to Bethel in 1877 and began the practice of his profession. He was born in South Pomfret, Vt., June 2, 1849, and attended the common schools until he was twenty years old. He then commenced the academical course at Perkins' Academy at South Woodstock, Vt., and in September, 1871, entered the Goddard Seminary at Barre, Vt., from which he was graduated July 9, 1873.

He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. C. C. Ellis of Somerville, Mass., and later he was a student with Drs. O. W. Sherwin and J. S. Richmond of Woodstock. He attended medical lectures at Dartmouth

Medical College and was graduated in the class of 1876. His first office was in South Pomfret, Vt., where he remained one year, and then moved to Bethel. Here he was engaged in his professional work for thirteen years, and in 1891 sold his practice to Dr. L. W. Clough and moved to his present home in West Rutland, Vt.

He is a member of the Vermont State Medical Society, the White River Medical Association, the Rutland County Medical Society and the Rutland Medical Club of the City of Rutland.

Dr. ROLLA MINER CHASE, born in Royalton, Vt., September 4, 1854, came to Bethel with his parents when he was three years of age. After completing his studies in the schools of Bethel, he began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. F. M. Celley of this place, and was a graduate of the Boston Dental College in the class of 1876. He has since been in practice in Bethel and in 1889 entered the Baltimore Medical College, having taken up the study of medicines. He was graduated from that institution in 1890. Since his return to Bethel Dr. Chase has established a large and lucrative practice in both branches of his profession, and has met with the greatest success in his work. (See Chase sketch).

Dr. L. W. CLOUGH, born in Hopkinton, N. H., July 17, 1863, is now one of the medical staff of Bethel. After attending schools at Warner, N. H., he entered the office of Dr. G. P. Conn at Concord, N. H., and in 1885 attended the Medical Department of the University of Vermont at Burlington, from which he was graduated in 1887. He practiced at Bradford, N. H., for a short time and came to Bethel in 1891, where he is now enjoying a successful practice. (See Clough sketch).

Dr. ELIZABETH J. CHILDS, born in Bethel July 1, 1840, attended the Medical College at Ann Arbor, Mich., and was graduated from that institution. She immediately returned to Bethel where she is now in practice. (See Child sketch).

L. M. GREENE, son of Milton and Aurora (Goodno) Greene was born at Rochester Vt., October 14, 1852. He attended the pub-

lic schools of his native town, took a course at the Normal School at Randolph Center, and entered Dartmouth Medical College in 1874. After a two years course there he entered the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, and was graduated in the class of 1876.

He began practice in Rochester, but after one year there he came to Bethel and has since made this place his home. He is a member of the White River Lodge, No. 90. of Bethel, and the Whitney R. A. Chapter of Randolph, F. and A. M. In medical societies he has been prominent, and is a member of the Vermont State Medical Society and the White River Medical Association. Dr. Greene was chosen town representative in 1894, and has served on the school committee for ten years in succession.

On April 2, 1873, he married Ella Durkee of Pittsfield, and their son, Otto V., was born May 14, 1880.

OLIN D. GREENE, son of Milton and Aurora (Goodno) Greene, was born in Rochester, Vermont, September 21, 1856. After completing his studies in the public schools, he began the study of medicine in the office of his brother, L. M. Greene at Bethel and later he took a course in the Medical Department of the University of Vermont at Burlington, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1879. He first opened an office in Hancock, Vt., and for the next two years he practiced between that place and Rochester. He then moved to Warren, where he was engaged in his profession for fourteen years, selling out his practice in May, 1895, to Dr. Frank C. Angell of Randolph, and coming to Bethel, where he entered into a partnership with his brother, and is now engaged in practice.

In politics Dr. Greene is a Republican, and he was chosen town representative of Warren, Vermont, in 1888.

On March 4, 1879, he was married to Miss Emma Bee, daughter of Richard and Clara (Raymond) Bee, and their only daughter was born in Rochester, February 28, 1880.

Other physicians who have practiced in the town of Bethel, are Dr. ——— Angier, Dr. ——— Slocum, Dr. Thomas P. Russell, Dr. O. D. Cummings and Dr. Abel Childs.

## MANUFACTURING.

### THE BETHEL TANNERY.

One of the leading industries of Bethel is the tannery of G. & E. G. Place, which is the largest establishment of its kind in Vermont. This business which was first started in 1865, with only a few employees, has steadily increased in size and trade until it stands at the head of Bethel industries.

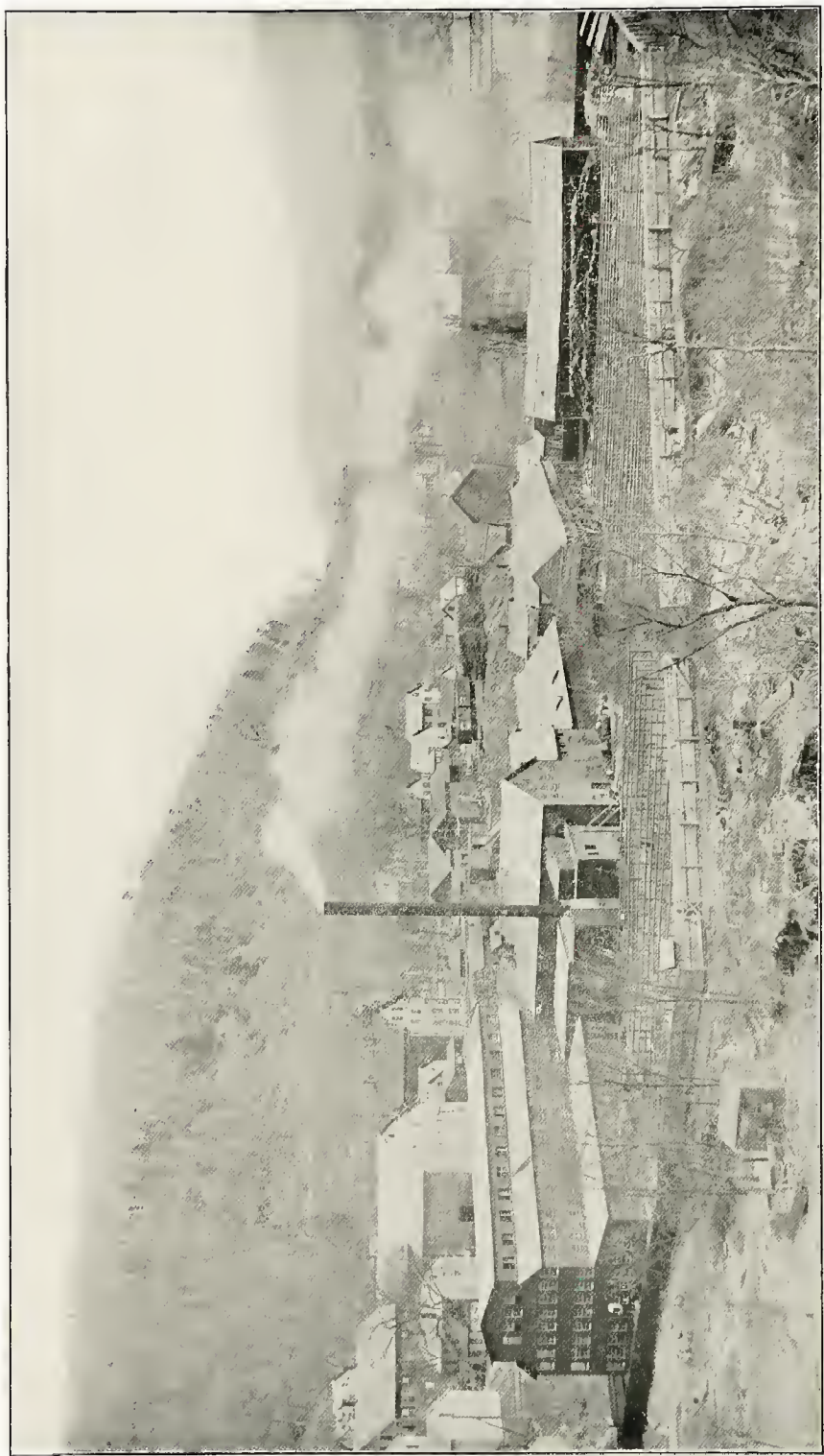
same year Eustice Cummings of Woburn, Mass., was taken in as a partner, and the business conducted under the firm name of J. D. Cushing & Co. Mr. Cummings afterwards sold back his interest to the Cushings, who continued to carry on the business until 1882, when they leased the plant to John B. Alley & Co., for five years. This firm is one of the foremost among the manufacturers and dealers in all kinds of finished leathers, hides, etc., having several tanneries in other



A GROUP OF TANNERY EMPLOYEES.

The main building was erected in 1865 by E. T. Bugbee & Co., and is a substantial wood structure, thirty by one hundred feet, three stories high with an attic, making nearly twelve thousand feet of floor space. The business was carried on by this company for a few years, and afterwards sold to other parties, the firm name being Nelson Ellison & Co. This firm sold the business to J. D. Cushing of Bethel and Henry Cushing of Woodstock in 1873, and during the

parts of the country, and with headquarters at 73 and 75 South Street, Boston, Mass. At the expiration of their lease in 1887, they purchased the entire property, and immediately on taking possession commenced making extensive repairs, improvements and additions, making it the largest and best equipped tannery in the state. Among the many improvements made was the crection of a new building 50x70, covering the liquor pits or yard, which were built new; the con-



WORKS OF THE G. & E. G. PLACE TANNERY.



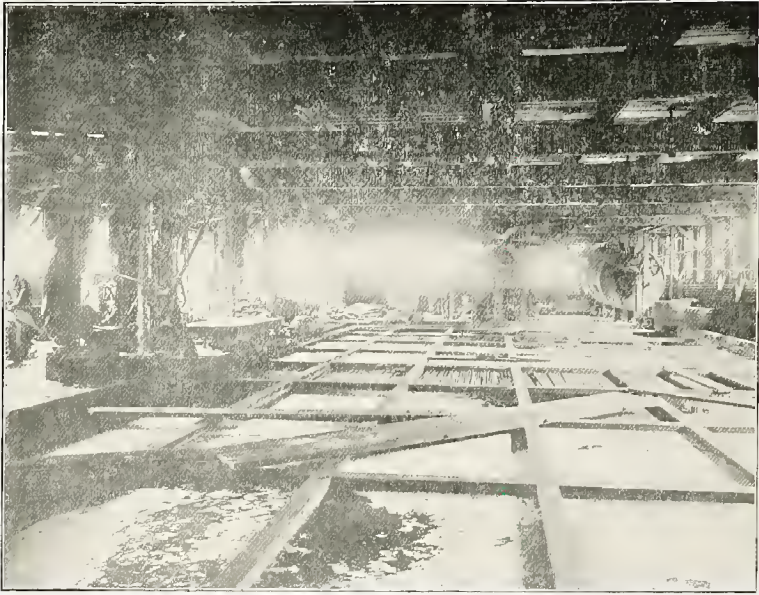
SORTING SKINS.

struction of a beam house 30x70, a hide house 30x80, a leach house 30x40, a bark shed 30x300, and a new office building. Among the new machinery added was one of Ott's Patent bark shaving machines, which cuts the bark one third faster than the

old grinding machines, and it is estimated that twenty per cent more liquor is extracted than by the old process. They also added a tan press for extracting the water from wet tan bark, leaving it nearly dry, and this is used as fuel. A machine for removing the



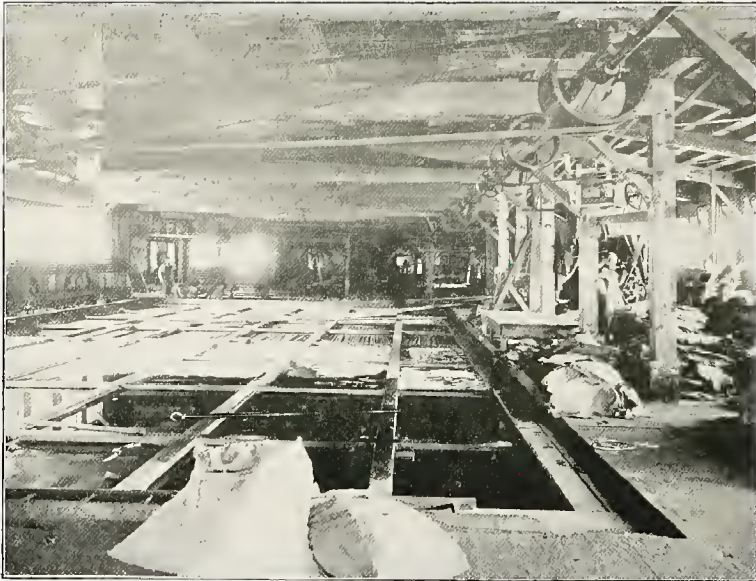
WEIGHING SKINS.



YARD AND SPLITTING ROOM, NORTH END.

hair from the hides was put in and an elevator placed in the main building, with a combination car, and with the movable tracks, heavy loads were easily transferred to any part of the building.

The company continued under the same name until 1888, when a new partner was taken in to the firm, and the name was changed to Alley Brothers & Place, Mr. Griffin Place being the new member of the



YARD AND SPLITTING ROOM, SOUTH END.

firm. In 1892 the firm name was again changed, and the present style of G. & E. G. Place was adopted.

When the firm of John B. Alley & Co., took possession in 1882, C. S. Gould was appointed superintendent, and continued in that position until his death in 1884. During the next year E. G. Place was superintendent of the business, and he was followed by C. L. Frank of Curwensville, Pa., who had charge of the business until 1887, when the present superintendent, M. G. Safford of Sutton, P. Q., took charge of the work and has now managed the business for seven

business is conducted upon a liberal scale; cash is furnished to buy stock and two thirds of the amount of invoice advanced upon receipt of bill of lading from any transportation company. All the leather produced by this tannery is finished on the premises, and it may be interesting to many to read of the different processes through which the leather is carried before being ready for shipment.

#### SORTING AND WEIGHING SKINS.

When hides are received at the tannery they are first counted to see that the number



FINISHING ROOM IN RUSSET DEPARTMENT.

years. Mr. Safford had been in the employ of this firm since 1883, a greater part of this time traveling on the road buying hides.

The company now employs 125 men, and tan on an average, 900 hides a week, which are bought from the butchers and dealers from all parts of New England and in New York state, who by dealing with the consumer direct, without the intervention of middlemen, are assured of a permanent market and the highest cash prices at all seasons of the year. Shipments are solicited from butchers and dealers everywhere. The

corresponds with the invoice. The skins or hides are piled at one side of a table, at which two men are standing, one at each end. Each skin is then passed over the table separately, and closely examined, and piled in different piles, according to the grade, running in numbers 1, 2, 3, and cults. These are then weighed and sorted according to weight, and at the same time looked over for cuts, scores or imperfections of any kinds. Each kind is then classed by weight, which runs as follows: Four to five pounds, five to seven pounds, seven to nine pounds,



A PART OF EAST SIDE OF FINISHING ROOM.

nine to twelve pounds, twelve to seventeen pounds, and seventeen pounds and over. Thus every hide and skin is bought on its individual merit, which is not only of advantage to the consumer, but to the butcher or

dealer, who on an average, receives better pay for his stock.

After this thorough sorting, counting and classifying, the hides are taken to the beam house, where they are fleshed and limed and



A PART OF WEST SIDE OF FINISHING ROOM.



put through a machine taking off the hair, and then subdivided into two lots, one of which is used for russet leather, and the other for black leather, as a large number of skins show up imperfections after the hair is removed from them, that cannot be detected in the first sorting. About fifty per cent of the hides are used for perfect leather, and this process requires two weeks before the hides are ready to go into the liquor yard.

#### YARD AND SPLITTING ROOM.

This is a covered building containing about 200 vats, which contain liquor from six to twenty degrees in strength, and in which the hides are handled daily for a period covering about thirty days. When taken from the liquor yard, the leather is taken to the splitting room, where the grain is split off, and the stock is again re-sorted, the skins that are not perfectly tanned being put back into the retanning vats, the perfect leather going into the mills and bleached to obtain an even color, and from there to the coloring room.

#### FINISHING ROOM.

The next and last process is in the finishing room, where sixty men are employed in setting, polishing and tying up the leather ready for market. The average time used in the care of a hide from its first sorting to the finishing room is twelve weeks. The leather taken from the splitting room for black leather, which is not quite perfect as to color and will not make colors, is taken to the black leather department, where it is stuffed, set, snuffed and blacked. It is polished and put through a process called soft boarding, which makes it soft and pliable, and it is tied up and ready for the market. About 125 hands are employed at this tannery, and the average amount of work turned out is 900 hides per week.

#### VERMONT HAIR COMPANY.

An outcome of the Bethel Tannery is the Vermont Hair Company, of which Mr. M. G. Safford is also manager. The hair taken from the hides is thoroughly washed and dried to cleanse it of lime and other foreign substances, and after being separated and spread, it is put up in packages ranging from 135 to 170 pounds, ready to ship to the trade. A large part of the hair is bought from other tanneries, but this is put through the same

process in order to have all shipments of a uniform grade and quality. The hair shipped by this company is preferred by masons and builders for its freeness from dirt and lime, and the demand which formerly only extended through New England, now reaches into the southern and western states. Traveling men have been employed to some extent, with gratifying success, but as their business enlarges, and the reputation of their goods extends, it is expected that there will be more demand for the hair put on the market by the Vermont Hair Company than they can supply.

#### GRIFFIN PLACE.

GRIFFIN PLACE, senior member of the firm of G. and E. G. Place, was born in St. Law-



GRIFFIN PLACE.

rence county, New York, in 1835, and served a regular apprenticeship at the tannery business, and was afterwards employed in a currying shop in Massachusetts. He accepted a position as manager of a tannery in Woburn, Mass., where he remained two years, leaving there to take charge of the then largest tannery in Woburn, stocked by Alexander Moseley & Co., and for five years was manager of this place. On July 1, 1865, he became a partner in the firm of Cummings, Place & Co., which partnership lasted

but a short time, and in 1867 he entered the firm of J. B. Winn & Co., one of the best known and most successful business houses in the city of Woburn. This business con-



CHESTER S. GOULD.

nection continued until 1873, when the death of the two older members of the firm, dissolved the firm and the business was closed. Mr. Place entered the firm of John B. Alley & Co., in 1875, having the principal management of that business until 1892, when the firm name was changed and the business carried on under its present title. The business of John B. Alley & Co., was one of the most extensive of its kind in the country, and consisted in the manufacture of buff, glove, grain and split leather, and a sole leather business amounting to from one and one-half to two million per annum. Since 1892 Mr. Place has been interested in business with his son under the firm name of G. and E. G. Place, with tanneries at North Wilmington, Mass., and at Bethel, Vermont.

CHESTER S. GOULD.

CHESTER S. GOULD, was born in Northampton, Mass., July 10, 1851. He was a graduate of the college at Northampton, and afterwards moved to Springfield, Mass.,

where he was employed as traveling salesman for the Meridan Britannia Company for several years, when he located at South Royalton, Vt. Here he married November 10, 1876, Hattie, daughter of H. M. Doubleday of that place, and for the following four years was in the employ of Mr. Doubleday. At the end of that time, he accepted a position in the tannery of J. B. Alley & Co., at Bethel, where he was employed at the time of his death, which occurred in Burlington, July 23, 1886, after a brief illness.

Mr. Gould was very popular among his fellow men, and in his position as superintendent of the tannery was greatly admired by the men over whom he had charge, as well as by the members of the firm in which he was employed. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Knights of Pythias at Springfield, Mass. His widow now resides in Boston with her daughter.

M. G. SAFFORD.

MYRON G. SAFFORD son of Garret and Audra (Spencer) Safford, was born in Sutton,



MYRON G. SAFFORD.

P. Q., June 8, 1863. He attended the public school and Sutton Academy, and at the age of eighteen he began farming, beginning work shortly after in the employ of H. M.

Doubleday, as book-keeper in his business of buying and selling bark. He remained there two years, and then came to Bethel, Vt., to learn the trade of tanning in the tannery of J. B. Alley and Co., now E. & E. G. Place. Only one year was spent in learning the business, and Mr. Safford started on the road buying hides, and continued in this line for two years, when he returned to the tannery and was employed as bookkeeper for a short time, and was promoted to the position of

#### BETHEL SHOE COMPANY.

Among the leading manufacturing interests of Bethel is the Bethel Shoe Company. This company was organized in 1891, and incorporated with a paid up capital of \$21,000. The successful completion of the organization of this company is largely due to the enterprise and energy of Dr. R. M. Chase, who first enlisted the co-operation of the leading business men, succeeded in getting an efficient



FACTORY OF THE BETHEL SHOE COMPANY.

superintendent and manager, which position he now holds. Mr. Safford is also manager of the Vermont Hair Company, which deals in hair for plastering purposes. He is a member of the Sutton Lodge, No 31, F. and A. M. of Sutton, P. Q.

He was married September 3, 1888, to Miss Penelope T. Hamilton of Sutton, and their two children are: Harry H., born July 11, 1889; and Marion M., born May 14, 1891.

manager, and has taken an active part in the advancement of this industry.

The first officers chosen were as follows: A. A. Brooks, president; Dr. R. M. Chase, vice-president; J. G. Sargent, treasurer; and George H. Tupper, H. H. Gilson, Myron Safford and C. D. Cushing, directors. A building was constructed near the railroad track, opposite the Central Vermont Railroad depot, containing four floors, each with an area of seventy-five hundred feet, or in all

thirty thousand square feet. The factory was equipped with the best machinery in every department, and the business started with fifty employees, with W. H. Creamer in charge.

The business has rapidly advanced, and in place of fifty hands, with a daily output of five or six cases, there are one hundred and fifty employees, turning out on an average twenty cases per day.

At the last election of officers, George W. Berry, S. M. Washburn and W. H. Creamer were chosen as directors in place of George H. Tupper, H. H. Gilson and Myron Saford. The present capital of the company is \$25,000, with a surplus of \$7,000, mostly controlled by the citizens of Bethel. This company manufactures a medium grade ladies' shoe, which is sold mostly in the south and west, and the demand for these goods is continually on the increase.

Mr. W. H. Creamer, who has been in charge of this factory since it started, was formerly manager for Keene Brothers of Lynn, Mass., at their factory in South Berwick, Maine. Before coming to Bethel, he had been located in Lynn, or been connected with shoe firms in Lynn since 1878.

## FAMILY HISTORY.

CONTAINING HISTORIES OF THE OLD FAMILIES OF THE TOWN, TOGETHER WITH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE PRESENT BUSINESS MEN.

In the following pages will be found brief histories of the old families of the town of Bethel, biographies of the present citizens, illustrated with portraits of many of the people who have made this place their home at some period during the existence of the town. For the first eighty years after the town was incorporated, the principal industry was farming, which was carried on successfully, many of the people acquiring a competence, which was increased as following generations took up the work. At the present writing the farming community of this section feel that the farming industry is on the wane, and that there are other lines of business, which for the capital invested,

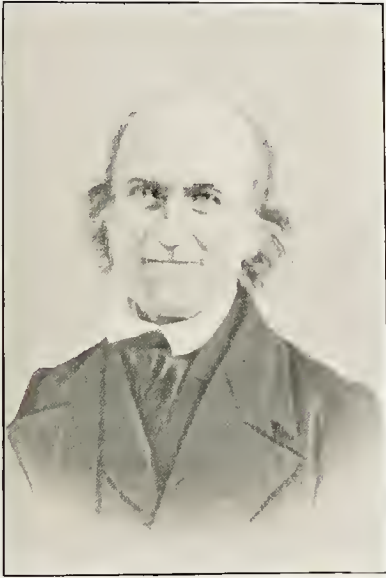
yield more wealth in a given time, but this seems to be more from a lack of unity, or incompetent management, rather than decline of the farming industry, as many of the present farmers add yearly to their income, and their prosperity is shown by the improvements in their buildings and around their premises. The farms of Bethel are equal to others in the State, and with the shipping facilities offered, should stand with the first as regards prosperity. Within the last few years, there has been a gradual increase in the manufacturing interests, and a corresponding increase in the mercantile trade in the village. The merchants are a hustling and enterprising class of men, ready and willing to aid in anything for the prosperity of this place, recognizing the fact that public improvements are to the advantage of all. The portraits which follow are of people who have helped to build up the town in the past, and also of our present enterprising and public spirited citizens.

### SMITH.

BENJAMIN SMITH, one of the earliest settlers of Bethel, was born in Cornish, N. H., December 6, 1753, and was married to Lois Chase, second daughter of Dudley Chase of Cornish, December 9, 1779. She was born August 16, 1756, and died in Bethel, January 4, 1832. They came to Bethel in the early part of 1780, and settled on the farm (then a wilderness) now occupied by Squire Bowen on the Randolph road. When the town was settled Deacon Dudley Chase, one of the original proprietors, gave to his eldest son, Simeon, and his two daughters, Alice and Lois respectively, three farms adjoining, this being one of them. Benjamin Smith carried on this farm until his death, which occurred September 12, 1822. There were twelve children born of this marriage, viz :

(1) ASA SMITH, born September 6, 1780, was the first white child born in Bethel. He worked on the farm with his father until the death of the latter, when he took the farm and carried on the same, taking care of his mother, several of his brothers and sisters having already moved to other parts of the country, and the others following with the following exceptions: Jehosheba, who lived and died in the old home; Olivia, who

spent the most of her life in Bethel; and Daniel Corbett, who always lived in this vicinity, and died in West Randolph. The original log cabin where Mr. Smith was born was located on the meadow, near the west branch of the White River, and there were only two or three families in Bethel at that time. On account of the depredations of the Indians, there was a general feeling of alarm throughout the country. It was increased by the burning of Royalton about this time, and Deacon Dudley Chase came to Bethel to take his daughter home with him to Cornish, N. H., till the danger should be past. There were no roads in those days, and it would have been necessary for her to ride on horse-



ASA SMITH.

back behind her father on a pillion, which she was in no condition to do. After the birth of her son, however, she was taken about four miles to the fort at the mouth of the first branch, and remained there for some time. Asa Smith was married April 13, 1823, to Unity Richmond of Bethel, who bore him one daughter, Lois Smith, born February 17, 1827, who now resides in Boston, the only decedent of this line of the Smith family. Asa Smith was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church his father

having been one of the founders of Christ Church, the first edifice, now called Old Christ Church, being located about three and one-half miles northwest of the village, on the Randolph road, near the three Chase farms. Asa Smith died in Bethel on the same farm where he was born May 17, 1859, seventy-nine years old.

(2) Narcissa Smith, second child of Benjamin and Lois (Chase) Smith was born July 21, 1782. She married Dr. Lucius Lee, and they moved West where she died leaving a family of sons and daughters.

(3) Addison Smith, born April 17, 1784, married Nancy Fitzgerald Hicks of Hopkinsville, Ky., and died in Shelbyville, Ill., January 21, 1846.

(4) Jehosheba Smith, born January 15, 1786, died on the farm where she was born July 18, 1844.

(5) Marcia Smith, born September 30, 1787, married Martin Pratt, and they went to Holland Purchase, N. Y., where she died.

(6) Lucia Smith, born April 2, 1783, married Horace Russell, and went West, where her husband died leaving her with one daughter. She followed the fortunes of Bishop Chase in Ohio and Illinois, and died at a good old age in Jubilee, Illinois.

(7) Benjamin Smith, born January 14, 1791, died in the West, unmarried.

(8) Ransford Smith, born May 8, 1792, went to Kentucky, where he died, having married the sister of his brother Addison's wife, and raised a family of children.

(9) Olivia Smith, born December 2, 1795, married Paul Flynn of Bethel, June 1, 1820, and died at Coldwater, Mich., January 26, 1878.

(10) Dudley Chase Smith, born December 22, 1796, married and lived in Bloomington, Indiana, where he died, leaving a family of sons and daughters.

(11) Heber Chase Smith, born December 8, 1798, lived with his brother Dudley, and died unmarried.

(12) Daniel Corbett Smith, born October 14, 1802, married Caroline Kinney, who bore two sons, both of whom died unmarried. Daniel Corbett died in West Randolph in 1873.

## MARSH.

Joel Marsh, with his wife Ann, to whom he was married in 1770, came to Bethel in 1780. Their seven children were born as follows:

Jonathan, born in Lebanon, Conn., April 5, 1771; Peleg S., born at Hartford, N. Y., October 18, 1775; Mary, born March 26, 1777; John born in Hartford, Vt., (formerly New York) April 25, 1779; Ann, born December 30, 1781; Joel, born October 28, 1783; and Mason, born at Bethel, Vt., May ——1786.

Jonathan Marsh married Irene Ainsworth January 8, 1806, and they had six children, viz: Mary Marsh, born in 1806; Irene, born in 1808; Albert G. born in 1810; Almeron, born in 1813; Augusta C., born in 1820; and Aura A., born in 1827.

Mary married Rollin Richmond of Barnard in 1832, and died in 1842.

Irene Marsh married William Adams in 1834. (See Adams Sketch).

Almeron Marsh married Susan Pearson in 1842, and died in Bethel December 17, 1844. A son, Charles Almeron, born August 10, 1844, now lives in Needham, Mass.

Augusta C., married George Townsend, and their daughter Augusta C., married Charles A. Marsh, and died October 8, 1867.

Aura died in 1842.

Peleg Marsh married Mary Mills, who bore nine children, viz: Harriet, Jane Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Joel, Augustus, Charles, Sarah, Ellen Sophia and Laura.

Harriet, born November 12, 1813, married Solon Cummings, and died in Grand-de-tour, Ill.

Jane Elizabeth, born January 29, 1815, married Luke Heminway, and died in Moline, Ill.

Mary Ann, born August 28, 1816, married Jacob Smith and died in East Bethel in 1893.

Joel, born January 29, 1818, married Maria Jones and died in 1862 at Bethel Village.

Augustus, born January 30, 1820, married Rosetta Meserve, January 31, 1858. His early days were spent in the mill with his father, and after reaching his majority, he carried on the business until 1850. He afterward entered into partnership with Myron Burnett in the mill and lumber business which

business they conducted for several years. Mr. Marsh has been interested in farming during the greater part of his life, and still owns and carries on a farm near the village. A mason by trade, he occupies some of his time at that line of work. He has been active in town affairs, and has served several terms as selectman. He was chosen town representative in 1869, and was re-elected for two years in 1870.

His two sons are Fred, born November 7, 1858, and George, born January 4, 1860. They both reside in Bethel.

Charles, born April 7, 1822, married Elizabeth Farley, November 18, 1851, who bore three children, viz: Ellen, born July 18, 1853, married Nathaniel Whittier of Barre, and they have two children, Charles and Florence. Elizabeth, born June 6, 1855, died November 30, 1889, and James P., born January 5, 1860, married Lucy Williams, April 10, 1886, and they have two children, viz: Laura, born June 29, 1888, and Ralph, born April 21, 1893.

Sarah Marsh, born January 16, 1824, married John Morse, and they now reside in Galesburg, Ill.

Ellen Sophia, born March 15, 1826, died in Bethel.

Laura Marsh, born in 1830, married Leonard R. Saunders, and they now reside Kansas.

## RICHARDSON.

PATTY (FLINT) RICHARDSON, daughter of William and Patty (Randall) Flint, was born at Hampton, Conn., February 1, 1801. She married Samuel Vinton, September 1, 1820, and they had four children, viz: Samuel N., Zopher, Harvey L., and Althera M. Samuel Vinton died February 25, 1826, and his widow married March 12, 1830, Godfrey Richardson, who died April 1, 1854, without issue.

Samuel N. Vinton, born in Braintree, Vt., March 25, 1821, died at the age of eleven.

Zopher Vinton, born July 5, 1822, married Melissa I. Harding, June 27, 1847, who bore him one daughter Ella, now Mrs. Walter Sorden. Zopher died in Elm, N. J., May 6, 1889.

Harvey Vinton, born September 13, 1823, married Clara F. Stevens, June 13, 1850, en-

listed in the civil war, and died in a rebel prison from starvation. His children were Samuel and C. Douglass.

Althera M. Vinton, youngest child of Samuel and Patty (Flint) Vinton, was born November 9, 1825, married P. C. House, October 13, 1846, and died in East Bethel January 14, 1887, leaving two sons, Harvey P., born March 12, 1849, and Clayton P., born August 18, 1857. Patty Richardson now resides with her son-in-law, P. C. House at East Bethel, and is the oldest person living in the town, now in her



Mrs. PATTY RICHARDSON.

ninety-fifth year, and with the exception of being deaf, is in possession of her faculties, and able to remember and tell of interesting events which happened in her childhood. When she was two years old her parents moved to Braintree, Vermont, and for many years this place was her home, as she did not move to Bethel until 1832, twenty-nine years after coming into the state. She experienced religion in the great reformation of 1840, and since that time, has been a member of the Christian Church. Her health is good, her appetite perfect, while she seldom misses a good night's sleep. During pleasant weather Mrs. Richardson moves around out of doors, and en-

joys the visits of her neighbors and acquaintances. Godfrey Richardson was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was at the battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775. His widow is one of the very few people in the United States who receives a pension from the government for services rendered in the Revolution.

#### AINSWORTH.

Wyman Ainsworth, with his wife Elizabeth (Howe) Ainsworth, came to Bethel from Dudley, Mass., about 1800, and settled two miles north of the village. Their children were Wyman, Artimus, Eulalie, Sarah, and one daughter that died in infancy.

Wyman, son of Wyman, was a physician and settled in Milton, Vt., afterwards moving to Attica, N. Y., where he died, leaving two children, a son and a daughter.

Eulalie married Andrew Washburn, and they resided in Randolph for a short time, moving to Bethel, and thence to New York. Only one of their five children is alive, Frank Washburn, of Rochester, Vt.

Artimus, third child of Wyman and Elizabeth (Howe) Ainsworth, married Catherine Fessenden of Walpole, September 27, 1810. He carried on the original farm until the death of his parents in 1832 and 1835, when he moved to the village, and conducted a farm there. There were six children born in Bethel to Artimus and Catherine Ainsworth, viz:

(1) Catherine C., born April 26, 1812; (2) Ellen E., born June 23, 1814; (3) Amelia A., born August 12, 1816; (4) Calvin C., born September 29, 1818; (5) Martha M., born September 3, 1820; and (6) Joseph F., born August 31, 1824.

(1) Catherine C. Ainsworth married Henry Pierce in 1838, and they moved to Salem, Mass., where she died December 31, 1893.

(2) Ellen C. Ainsworth married Albert G. Marsh of Bethel and died March — 1893.

(3) Amelia N. Ainsworth married Charles S. Nichols of Salem, and they still reside in that city. Their four children are Charles F., Ella A., Harry P., and Catherine F. A.

(4) Calvin Ainsworth married Elizabeth P. Nichols of Salem, Mass., in 1868, and they now reside in Salem, Mass.

(5) Martha M. died unmarried.

(6) Joseph Ainsworth married Francis F. Gilmore in 1853, and their children were: Catherine F., born March 7, 1855; Franklin, F., born September 5, 1856, Samuel and Jessie died in infancy; Mabel, born October 21, 1865; Robert A., born April 3, 1869; and Gertrude B., born January 15, 1871.

Sarah, daughter of Wyman and Elizabeth (Howe) Ainsworth, married William Sawyer, and died leaving one daughter, Elizabeth.

#### CHASE.

Simeon Chase, son of Dudley and Alice (Corbett) Chase of Cornish, was born in Sutton, June 14, 1751, and was one of the first settlers in the town of Bethel. He married Molly March, who bore him two children, Simeon and Nancy. Mr. Chase died in Bethel, September 6, 1847.

Simeon, the eldest child of Simeon and Molly (March) Chase, born in Bethel in 1796, married in October, 1821, Olivia Brown, who was born in New York state, March 22, 1799. Simeon Chase died in May, 1827, and his wife died March 11, 1865, leaving three children, Dudley, Nancy and George B.

George Brown, youngest child of Simeon and Olivia (Brown) Chase, was born in Bethel, September 9, 1826, and was twice married. His first wife, Sophia Haile, daughter of Dr. Henry and Loisa Haile, to whom he was married June 21, 1848, bore him three children, viz.: Charles Dudley, born April 26, 1849, died August 26, 1871, at Bethel. Frank Solon, born October 14, 1851, died January 28, 1853; and Simeon Haile, born in Bethel, July 20, 1855, married Flora, adopted daughter of Simeon A. Webster of Bethel, October 23, 1883. Olivia (Brown) Chase died August 13, 1856, and George B. Chase married, second, Harriet Putnam, who bore one son, George C., born November 30, 1859, and now a resident of Detroit, Mich. George B. Chase died August 15, 1881, and his widow now resides at Randolph.

#### NOBLE.

Nehemiah Noble, born June 6, 1756, and his wife Sabra (Skinner) Noble, who was born June 1, 1754, came to Bethel in 1787,

and settled on the farm now owned and carried on by his grandson, Robert Noble. They were married November 19, 1782, and raised a family of ten children. Mr. Noble was a prominent man in the affairs of Bethel when this town was first settled, and served the town in several of the local offices. He died October 31, 1826, and his wife died December 14, 1831. Their children were as follows: William S., born May 16, 1784; Bethesda, born July 26, 1785; James, born July 21, 1786; Calvin, born April 1, 1788; Nehemiah, Jr., born September 6, 1789; John, born September 11, 1791; Perez B., born March 17, 1793; James, born October 18, 1795; Sabra, born September 1, 1798; and Alden C., born March 9, 1800.

John, sixth child of Nehemiah and Sabra (Skinner) Noble, was a farmer during his life, and the farm where his father settled has been occupied by four generations of this family. John married Amanda Shedd, January 5, 1843, and died January 31, 1880, in his eighty-ninth year. There were two children of this marriage, viz.: Willis F. and Robert. Willis F., born October 10, 1843, died October 17, 1856.

Robert Noble was born October 1, 1850, in the house built by his grandfather in Bethel in 1826. He has always made Bethel his home, and like his father and grandfather before him, he is a successful farmer, still owning and carrying on the old homestead. He has been prominent in town affairs, and although a democrat, he has served the town as selectman, and is overseer of the poor at the present time. He is a member of White River Lodge No. 90, F. and A. M.

On February 13, 1889, he married Ida Cherry Brown of Gaysville, and they have three children, viz.: John, born November 9, 1889; Austin B., born February 14, 1891; and Robert S., born October 22, 1893. Mrs. John Noble now resides with her son Robert, in Bethel.

#### BURNETT.

Averill Burnett, son of Johnathan and Abigail (Parish) Burnett was born in Bethel, January 16, 1798, and married Betsy Riggs, who was the mother of six children, four of whom lived to maturity.



MYRON BURNETT, son of Averill and Betsy (Riggs) Burnett, was born April 22, 1830. He was engaged in farming during his early life, and in 1853, in company with Augustus Marsh, he purchased a saw-mill on the White River near his home, and for several years they carried on a successful lumber business. In 1874 they met with reverses and their business was closed down. Mr. Burnett then carried on the business alone, and was engaged in the lumber trade at the time of his death. He moved with his family to the village in April, 1878, where he became prominent in the public affairs of the town. Mr. Burnett was a republican, and



MYRON BURNETT.

served the town as selectman, lister, and was representative to the legislature in 1872. Although not a member of any church, his interests were with the Universalist Society, and he was an attendant at that church. He was married February 2, 1852, to Elizabeth Bowen, daughter of Russell and Johanna (Bliss) Bowen, and they had six children, viz: Edwin A., Kate J., Frank R., John, Laura M., and Mary E. Mr. Burnett was killed by falling brick at a fire in the vestry of the Congregational Church, April 14 1892. His widow survives him, and now resides in Bethel village, with her son-in-law, Mr. Rogers.

(1) Edwin A., eldest son of Myron and Elizabeth (Bowen) Burnett, was born December 31, 1853, and married October 22, 1878, Elizabeth Chadwick of Bethel. Mr. Burnett is now a dentist in practice at Poultney, Vermont.

(2) Kate J., born October 17, 1854, married Frank P. Hunt of Brandon, Vt., October 17, 1874, and they had eight children, six now living, viz: George B., born September 26, 1876; Harry F., born October 8, 1878; Lena M., and Laura M., (twins) born August 29, 1880, Lena M., died when four weeks old; Robert W., born April 5, 1883, and died March 4, 1885; Edwin, born October 26, 1888; Myron C., born April 30, 1892; and Edith M., born July 26, 1894.

(3) Frank R., born May 2, 1857, married Ellen Bordeau of Barnard, Vermont, October 4, 1881, and their two children are: Clarence M., born December 29, 1882, and Hazel L., born February 24, 1884. Mr. Burnett is now located at Northampton, Mass.

(4) John, born September 11, 1863, married Lizzie A. Rogers of Bethel, July 30, 1885, and they had two children, viz: William, born April 5, 1887, and a son that died in infancy. John Burnett is now in Bethel village.

(5) Laura M., born April 23, 1865, married Clayton L. Saunders, March 17, 1885, and they had two children, only one living. A son born October 2, 1886, died in infancy; and Mary Elizabeth, born May 15, 1893.

(6) Mary E., born August 2, 1868, married Bert C. Rogers February 16, 1889, and they have two children, viz: Bertha K., born October 1, 1893, and Bernice Laura, born April 18, 1895. Mr. Rogers now carries on the Cleveland farm, about one mile west of the village.

James Burnett, son of Averill and Betsey (Riggs) Burnett, was born in Bethel, July 9, 1837, and follows the occupation of farming. He has been prominent in town affairs, and has held several offices under Republican administration. He was married to Annette A. Warren, January 16, 1859, who died July 27, 1872, leaving two children, viz: Daniel L., born January 12, 1866, married Grace Martin and they reside in South Royalton. Bertha A., born April 3, 1868, now at home with her father. On April 10, 1878,

Mr. Burnett was married to Adeline Lillie of Aurora, Illinois, and they have one son, Robert E., born March 7, 1879.

Hayden Burnett, son of Averill and Betsy (Riggs) Burnett, was born May 17, 1840, married Sarah Kelsey, and they now reside in Huntington, Loraine County, Ohio.

Mary Burnett, daughter of Averill and Betsy (Riggs) Burnett, was born in Bethel, June 2, 1842, married Matthew Hussey, and now resides in Rutland, Vermont.

#### MOODY.

John Moody, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Lyon) Moody, was born in Royalston, Mass., June 18, 1760, and married Hannah Copeland, November 11, 1783. John moved with his family to Bethel in 1786, and in 1794 his father died in this place. John served three years in the Revolutionary War, was at the battle of White Plains, and also was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in Bethel June 27, 1823, having raised a family of nine children.

John Moody, son of John and Hannah (Copeland) Moody, was born in Bethel, June 27, 1860, and was twice married; first to Lucinda H. Garfield, April 4, 1835, a distant relative of the late President Garfield, and a daughter of Daniel Garfield, a soldier of the Revolution, whose gun and cartridge box are now in the possession of his grandson, Marcus Moody of Bethel. She died June 18, 1842, having borne three children, Hannah, John and Marcus A. Mr. Moody was married October 14, 1847 to Emiline F. Kimball, who was the mother of two children, Lucinda H. and John. John was a farmer and owned and occupied the "Old Moody Farm" in the east part of Bethel, until his death, which occurred September 3, 1869.

Marcus A. Moody was born in Bethel, February 5, 1840. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company A, Sixteenth Vermont Volunteers, was wounded at Gettysburg, and was discharged from the service August 10, 1863. Since 1869 he has been engaged in mercantile business in Bethel. He was chosen representative for the town of Bethel in 1878. January 25, 1882, he was married to Abbie E., daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Wyman) Archer.

#### SANDERS.

Job Saunders came to Bethel from Hollis, N. H., and was one of the early settlers of Bethel. He married Mrs. Ruth Buckman, *nee* Bannister, who bore him six children, Mercy, Jeremiah, Jonas, Job, Freeman and Ann. Mr. Sanders was mail carrier from White River to Montpelier, through a country sparsely settled and without roads, during the early years of this century, and died in Bethel in 1845, at the age of seventy-two.

Mercy Sanders married Henry Lyman, and they moved West, where she died.

Jeremiah married Lucretia Wilson, and they moved to Maine, where they raised a family.

Jonas married Abigail Newell, and during the last years of his life, resided in Roxbury.

Job, son of Job and Ruth (Buckman) Sanders, was born in Bethel in 1803. He married Nancy McCullom in 1823, who bore him six children, viz: Leonard, Loisa, Kate, Cornelia, Julius and Albert. Leonard, born in 1826, was one of the business men of Bethel during his early days, but moved West when he was thirty years old, and now lives in Kansas. He married Laura Marsh, a daughter of Peleg Marsh of Bethel, and they have three children, Clara, Mary and Charles.

Loisa Sanders, born in 1828, married Lucian Chadwick (See Chadwick Sketch) and died in Bethel.

Kate, born in 1830, married Dr. Alfred Paige, Jr., and died in Bethel.

Cornelia, born 1832, married Holden Hatch, and died in Illinois.

Julius, born in 1834, went to Missouri at the age of twenty and studied law. He married Mrs. Mary Ardway, and they now live at St. Joseph, Mo., where Mr. Sanders is prominent in the legal profession.

ALBERT SANDERS, born in Bethel July 2, 1836, attended the common schools, and completed his education in the academy at Royalton. He worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-six years old, when he bought the Ainsworth farm on Christian Hill, and still owns this property. Mr. Sanders has made a success as a farmer, and although he begun on a farm that was not in

the best condition, he improved and worked on it until it is now considered one of the best farms in this vicinity. In 1877, he came to the village to live, remaining six years, returning to the farm in 1883. He has been one of the town officers during his residence in town, having served as constable, lister, road commissioner, and was elected in 1895 as selectman, which office he still holds. He married October 7, 1862, Harriet Ainsworth, daughter of Leonard and Fanny (Strong) Ainsworth, and their son, Clayton L., was born June 29, 1863. He married Laura M.



ALBERT SANDERS.

Burnett, March 17, 1885, who bore him two children, viz. . A son, born October 2, 1886, died in infancy, and Mary Elizabeth, born May 15, 1895. Albert Sanders now lives at the village, and Clayton L., carries on the farm on Christian Hill.

Freeman Sanders, son of Job and Ruh (Buckman) Sanders, married Clarinda Styles of Tunbridge, and he is now a resident of that place, the only living representative of that generation of the Sanders family.

Ann Sanders married Philander Fish of Randolph, and died in Randolph on what is known as Fish Hill.

## DAVIS.

Nathan Davis, son of Natlan and Mary Davis was born in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., August 28, 1776. At fourteen years of age his father bound him out to David Stone, a resident of Bethel, and one of the men taken prisoner by the Indians in a raid made a few years previous. He worked for Mr. Stone six years, and then started out for himself, and succeeded in amassing a comfortable property. He at one time owned the Cleveland farm, and later the farm now owned by Elmer Spaulding. He married Catherine Clark who died November 13, 1852, leaving twelve children. Nathan Davis died December 21, 1856. The children of Nathan and Katherine (Clark) Davis were Amelia, Ira, Harry, Polly, Danforth, Daniel, Betsy, Clark, Charles, Elisha and Jane.

(1) Amelia, born August 26, 1797, died April 6, 1799.

(2) Ira, born March 15, 1799, married Lydia Hall, who bore him four children, viz: Jane C., born June 1, 1827, married William Meserve of Bethel, and they now reside in Spencerport, N. Y. Augusta B., born December 7, 1832, married Frank H. Chamberlin, April 27, 1871, and they have one daughter. (See Chamberlin Sketch) Nathan A., and Nancy M., (twins) were born October 29, 1836. Nathan died in 1856, and Nancy M., married Charles Neff, and they now reside at Stockbridge, Vt. Henry, born January 26, 1840, married Julia Webster, and they now live in Spencerport, N. Y. Ira Davis died February 24, 1881.

(3) Harry Davis, born September 6, 1800, died October 19, 1804.

(4) Polly Davis, born September 8, 1802, died October 17, 1804.

(5) Danforth Davis, born July 21, 1805, married Mary A. Clark, and died in Bethel September 25, 1890.

(6) Daniel, born July 4, 1806, is now the oldest living representative of this family. He has never married, but with his younger brother now carries on the farm which their brother Danforth purchased in the early part of this century. He is well and able-bodied, and the writer who visited him in September of the present year (1895) found him digging

potatoes in the field, something unusual for a man in his nintieth year.

(7) Betsy Davis, born April 10, 1808, resided with her brothers, and never married. She died January 12, 1883.

(8) Clark, born April 2, 1810, married Arthusa Jones, and died in June, 1894. Their two children were Almer and Aaron, the latter now residing in Bethel.

(9) Charles Davis, born April 4, 1813, married Lucy M. Chamberlin, May 18, 1842, and they now reside on the old Rochester hill road about one mile from Bethel village. Their children were Eleanor, born June 14, 1843, married Samuel Wilson of Bethel; Charles M., born November 1, 1845, married Alice James, June 25, 1877, and they live on the homestead with his parents. They had eight children, six of whom are living, viz: Kate C., George H., Lena, Alice, Nellie and Fred M. Edwin Davis, third child of Charles and Lucy (Chamberlin) Davis, was born June 15, 1857. He married Clara B. James, February 20, 1879, and they live in Bethel.

(10) Elisha Coolidge Davis, born February 29, 1818, never married, and in company with his brother Daniel, carries on a farm in Bethel.

(11) Jane Davis, born in 1820, died when five years old.

#### WALLACE.

William Wallace who came to this country from Scotland early in the seventeenth century, was a lineal descendent of Sir William Wallace. John Wallace, son of William Wallace, was born in Somers, Conn., in 1750, and married Betsy Wright, who bore him thirteen children, and died in Bethel, January 5, 1834, at the age of sixty-eight. John Wallace came to Bethel in 1782, from Connecticut, traveling on horseback. After his arrival in Bethel he traded his horse, saddle and bridle with John Payne, one of the proprietors of the town, for a lot of land on Christian Hill, where he came and settled in the spring of 1785. Since that time the title of this farm has always been held in the Wallace family, and it is now occupied by E. E. Wallace. John Wallace served in the Revolutionary War, in a regiment raised in Con-

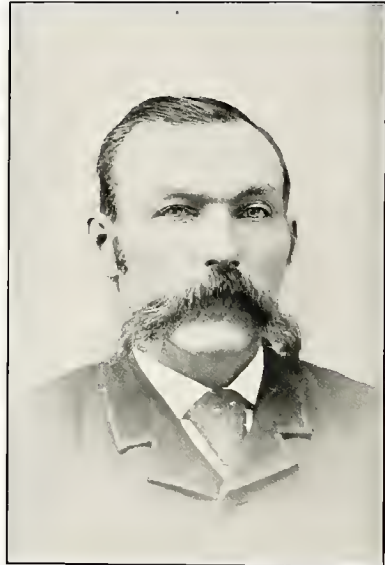
necticut and commanded by Col. Ozias Bissell. He died in Bethel, September 2, 1833.

John Wallace, son of John and Betsy (Wright) Wallace, was born in Bethel November 4, 1801, and married Mary A. Wheeler, who was born in Bethel December 25, 1809. Ten children were born of this marriage, viz:

(1) Susan, born February 14, 1827, died in infancy.

(2) Laura E., born January 10, 1834, married Oscar P. Shaw, and now resides in Bethel village (See Shaw Sketch).

(3) Minot, born July 21, 1836, died in infancy.



GARDNER J. WALLACE.

(4) GARDNER J. WALLACE, born in Bethel, October 26, 1838, received his education in the public schools of this place, and for several years was engaged in farming. He has always made Bethel his home and during his residence here, has filled various town offices. He was appointed deputy-sheriff in 1870, and held that office until 1880, when he was elected high sheriff of the county. In October, 1884, he was appointed high sheriff by the Governor of the state, to fill an unexpired term. At the close of that term he was elected by the people, serving

four years (two terms). He was elected first selectman in 1895, and his services will be remembered in the future, by the addition of new sidewalks in the village during his first year in this office.

Mr. Wallace has been married twice. On February 3, 1863, he was married to Altha L., daughter of James M., and Caroline (Dutton) Woodworth, who was born in Randolph January 18, 1845. She died March 25, 1891, leaving five children, viz: John, born August 18, 1865, married Alice J. Spaulding and has three children, Anna A., born June 20, 1886, Laura E., born April 13, 1889, and Royal A., born June 7, 1894; Kate C., second child of Gardner J., and Altha (Woodworth) Wallace, was born August 18, 1868, and married Dr. P. L. Ellis of Swanton, December 23, 1891; Archie G., born February 14, 1870, now in Bethel; Gardner J., Jr., born June 3, 1879, now in Bethel; and Helen G., born December 31, 1881, now attending school at Bethel Village. April 2, 1893, Mr. Wallace married Mrs. Emma Heath, *nee* Wilson, and they reside in Bethel village.

(5) Sarah W., born in 1841, died in 1848.

(6) Royal W., born January 7, 1843, enlisted in Company D, Seventeenth Volunteers, and died July 9, 1865.

(7) George D., born in 1845, married Ellen Edson and they had one child, Bertha.

(8) John, born in 1848, died in 1865.

(9) Elroy E., born October 14, 1850, married Kate Wynn, March 13, 1874, and their son, Frank Wallace, was born June 19, 1878.

(10) Geniveve A., born in 1853, and died in 1869.

#### WILSON.

Samuel Wilson, with his wife, Rachel (Holden) Wilson, came to Bethel about 1790. Their children were Nancy, Amanda, Rufus, Hiram, Jay, Harriet and Samuel.

Nancy Wilson married Hial Hatch and resided in Bethel. (See Hatch Sketch.)

Amanda Wilson died unmarried.

Rufus married Prudence Colburn and their children were Nancy, (Mrs. Shaw,) Aaron, R. Sullivan, Amanda (Mrs. Orville O. Rogers,) Eliza, (Mrs. William I. Rogers,) and Samuel.

Hiram Wilson married Rizpah Neff, and their children were Hiram, Julius, Augustus, Milton, Rachel and Sarah. Julius of this family was born in Bethel, Vt., May 30, 1830, and was a life-long resident of this place. He married Josephine Sargent, July 13, 1859, who bore him four children, viz: Carrie, born January 10, 1863, died April 20, 1866; Don, born July 14, 1867, now a farmer in Bethel, unmarried; a son died in infancy; and Hugh C., born August 18, 1879. Julius Wilson died in 1895, and his widow now resides with her son Don, in Bethel.

Jay Wilson married Laura Childs in 1829, and their children were Mary, James J., March, Olivia, Dudley, Laura and Harriet.

(1) Mary married Fred Parsons, and they moved to the South where she died.

(2) James J. Wilson, born May 16, 1831, attended the public schools of his native town, and the academy at Randolph, studied law in the office of Augustus P. Hunton at Bethel, and was admitted to the bar of Windsor county in 1858. A Republican in politics, he was elected senator of Windsor county in 1874. (See Legal Profession.) On November 1, 1858, he married Jane Flynn, who died April 17, 1868, leaving one son, Guy, born July 11, 1864. Mr. Wilson married Mary L. McCoy, August 5, 1869, and they have thirteen children, all living at the present time (1895). They are as follows: March, born August 25, 1870; Mary L., born February 29, 1872; John J., born December 15, 1873; Robert C., born July 18, 1875; Susan E., born September 19, 1877; Richard D., born November 10, 1879; Hugh D., born November 30, 1881; Charles C., born October 28, 1883; Geannie L., born September 16, 1885; Amy D., born December 27, 1887; James H., born October 10, 1889; Joseph, born March 14, 1891; and Lois Loretta, born January 27, 1893.

Guy Wilson, son of James J. and Jane (Flynn) Wilson, married Abbie M. Fisher, and they have two children; Gladys M., born December 29, 1890, and Paul F., born January 26, 1892.

(3) March, (4) Olivia, (5) Dudley and (6) Laura, all died without issue.

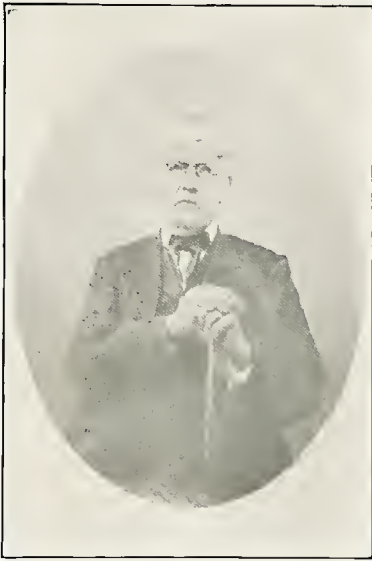
(7) Harriet Wilson is now a resident of Royalton, unmarried.

Harriet daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Holden Wilson never married).

Samuel, son of Samuel, died without issue.

#### BERRY.

ELEAZER BERRY was born in Chatham, N. Y., February 12, 1792, and was married at Poultney, Vt., January 10, 1814, to Hannah Rugg of Pownal, Vt., who was born March 6, 1788. Shortly after their marriage they came to Bethel, where Mr. Berry followed the trade of dyer and clothes dresser for some time, and was also a carpenter for several years. At one time he taught schools in Bethel and the adjoining towns. There



ELEAZER BERRY.

were six children born of this marriage, viz: Lorena, born August 4, 1814, died at the age of sixteen; William H., born September 22, 1817, died at the age of thirteen; Charles C., born July 21, 1819, and died in Bethel, October 19, 1873; Benjamin F., born October 8, 1821, and died in Bethel, June 3, 1838; George W.; and Mary A. Berry, born January 27, 1829. George W., born in Bethel March 5, 1824, received his education at the public schools, and at the age of fourteen he started out for himself, and was employed at Rochester, Braintree, and Northfield at different times.

In 1843, he was located in Boston, where he learned the cabinet maker's trade, working at his trade until 1860, when he started in business for himself as a manufacturer of furniture, and carried on the same for fourteen years, retiring from active business at the end of that time. In 1871 he built his present residence at Bethel and spends the summer months at this place. Mr. Berry has business interests in Bethel at the present time, being a stockholder and director in the Bethel Shoe Factory. On April 30, 1857, he was married to Henrietta E. Harris, a daughter of Josiah Harris of Charlestown, Mass.

#### MORRIS.

Ephraim Morris, born March 17, 1772, came to Vermont with his wife, Pamela (Converse) Morris, to whom he was married in 1796, from Stafford, Conn., and located at Roxbury in 1804. His farming venture in that locality being unsuccessful, he moved to Bethel in 1812, and purchased a small tract of land with a house on the premises, and immediately started in business at his trade of tanning hides, purchasing the yard owned by Peleg Marsh in the rear of his other property, on the banks of the White River branch. In 1830 his tan yard was washed away by the high water, and he bought and carried on the tan yards at Rochester for some time. He was one of the promoters of the first brick church built in Bethel village, and also assisted in the building of the first Congregational church built in the town. In connection with his other business, he bought sheep pelts which he carted to Danvers, Mass., and sold, returning with a load of hides for his tannery. He also retailed boots and shoes to people in this vicinity. He was selectman of the town in 1824-25 and served as grand juror in 1831-'32-'34. In 1845 he closed his business and retired from active work, but continued to reside in Bethel until his death, which occurred October 7, 1852, his wife having died February 2, 1846. Of their eleven children only two are now living. They were as follows: Sylvester, born October 23, 1797; Amanda, born September 20, 1799; Edward, born September 15, 1801; Pamela, born October 6, 1803; Jesse Converse, born August 7, 1805, at Rox-

bury, died March 4, 1806; Jessie C., born March 7, 1807, at Roxbury; Mary, born November 27, 1809, at Roxbury; Joseph, born February 4, 1812, at Roxbury; died at Bethel July 21, 1813; Julia, born at Bethel March 11, 1814, married Irvin Weston, and now resides in Bethel, (See Weston Sketch); Eliza, born in Bethel December 24, 1816; and Joseph, born in Bethel February 14, 1819, now residing in Chicago, Ill.

#### HATCH.

Judah Hatch was born in Tolland, Conn., October 11, 1764, and removed to Alstead, N. H., in 1772, with his father Joseph Hatch, who died March 6, 1802, aged eighty-four years. On November 25, 1785, Judah was married to Cate Beckwith, and they came to Bethel March 31, 1816, and settled on a farm three miles north of the village. Judah Hatch died October 28, 1848. There were ten children born of this marriage, viz: (1) Lynda, who died in infancy; (2) Hial, died when eighteen months old; (3) Lynda, born February 25, 1790, married first, Isaac Temple of Alstead, and second, Captain John Tiffany of Randolph.

(4) Alvin, born May 22, 1792, was in the mercantile business at Newport, N. H., and died there.

(5) Hial, born July 14, 1794, married Nancy Wilson of Bethel, and their three children were Alvin, Holden, and Harriet.

Alvin married Maria Wright, and two of their children grew to maturity, viz: Edward and Lizzie.

Holden married Cornelia Saunders, who died February 17, 1858, leaving three children, Harriet, now Mrs. Eber N. Smith; Hial Alvin, now a farmer in Bethel; and Nancy C., who married Albert Hutchins and died in Balco, Mo. Holden Hatch married Mary Belle and died March —, 1895, leaving three children, Edward, Anna and Ethel.

Harriet Hatch died unmarried.

(6) Judah, born January 17, 1796, married Eliza Swift Russell, January 12, 1817, who died October 16, 1854. Mr. Hatch moved from Bethel to Woodstock, Vt., in 1833, and died November 16, 1879, at the age of eighty-three. The children of this marriage were: Mary Ann, born January 12, 1819,

married Dr. Harry H. Palmer, who died August 9, 1872. Mrs. Palmer died October 4, 1893; Alvin, born December 31, 1821, married Sarah Jones, now a resident of Woodstock, Vt.

Lucetta E., born August 2, 1829, married James Miller McIntosh of Bethel. (See McIntosh Sketch.)

Caroline, born October 5, 1835, married Austin E. Simmons of Woodstock.

Tracy died when eight months old.

Oliver T., born October 10, 1840, married Mary S. Pinks, July 29, 1890.

(7) Cate, born April 11, 1799, married Benjamin Haridan.



GEORGE S. HATCH.

(8) GEORGE S. HATCH, born February 3, 1802, died in Bethel February 21, 1892. He was prominently connected with the business interests of Bethel, and during his long life served as selectman, lister and trial justice, and he had charge of the building of the White River bridge in the village. The early part of his life was spent in the farming industry, but he moved to the village about 1860, and was located on Church street up to the time of his death. He married November 24, 1830, Irene, daughter of Chester and Irene (Shepherd) Webster, who

died without issue, June 21, 1890. Mr. Hatch was a liberal and kind-hearted citizen, and during his life was always ready with a helping hand. He left, besides several bequests to his relatives, his residence on Church street to the Congregational church as a parsonage.

(9) Harry, born March 26, 1805, died at Woodstock, Vt., August 7, 1886.

(10) Philo, born March 6, ———, died at Woodstock, Vt., April 12, 1882.

#### MORSE.

Jeremiah Morse, a Revolutionary veteran, with his wife Merium (Barrett) Morse, came to Bethel from Southbridge, Mass., in 1794, and settled on the farm where Clark Davis now lives. He died December 7, 1836, and his children were Charles, Jeremiah, Eliphalet, Marion, Polly and Betsy.

Jeremiah, the second son, born August 29, 1792, was thrice married. His first wife, Hannah Frost, to whom he was married January 26, 1818, died March 9, 1841, leaving seven children, viz: Roscoe, Alexander, Laura, Alvira, Jeremiah, Orlando and Nelson. On March 14, 1842, Mr. Morse was married to Roxa Chandler, who died December 28, 1863. His third wife, Aurelia Vinton, to whom he was married September 26, 1864, died December 26, 1887. He died April 7, 1867. Roscoe Morse, the eldest child of Jeremiah and Hannah (Frost) Morse, was born December 31, 1818. He married Maria Morse, who bore him two children, only one of whom is now living, viz: Myron Morse. Roscoe Morse died August 10, 1846.

Alexander Morse, born November 19, 1881, married Sovilla Owen, November 1, 1839, who died March 28, 1893, leaving five children, viz: (1) Ellen, born November 8, 1842, married Ira Emery, February 28, 1861, who was killed in the civil war. They had one daughter, Claribelle, now Mrs. Whitney. Mrs. Emery married Augustus King of West Randolph, and their daughter Gertrude was born in April, 1878.

(2) Mariette, born November 18, 1847, married Lafayette Richardson, October 29, 1865, and now resides with her father. Her children are: Nellie M., born February 17, 1867, now Mrs. Vincent; Kate L., born April 26, 1868, now Mrs. Appleby, of Brad-

ford, Pa.; Carl Clayton, born September 11, 1870, and died April 19, 1878; Fred M., born August 9, 1874, now in Dickenson, Dakota; Minnie O., born March 6, 1876, now in Bradford, Pa., with her sister, and Stella B., born May 15, 1878, died June 13, 1878.

(3) Clara Morse, born July 29, 1853, died when eight years old.

(4) Frank Morse, born December 3, 1857, died when eight years old.

(5) Hermon Morse, born March 14, 1864, married Jennie Clogsden, and they now reside in Randolph, Vt.

Alexander Morse worked on the farm with his father during the early part of his life, and purchased the McGebeny farm, which he afterwards sold, and bought the Dana Burbank farm in 1853, and is now carrying on the same.

Jeremiah Morse, fifth child of Jeremiah and Hannah (Frost) Morse, married Emma D. Thayer, of Chelsea, Vt., and their only son, Roscoe, was born July 6, 1856. Jeremiah died December 28, 1888, and his wife died in 1891. Mr. Morse was a farmer, and with the exception of four years, always resided in Bethel. The former home of Mr. Morse is now known as the Clark Davis place, and is located on the Randolph road about two miles from the village.

Roscoe W. Morse married Emma E. Byam, February 25, 1885, and they have two children, Josephine, born December 22, 1887, and Evelyn H., born September 22, 1891.

#### MORRILL.

Samuel Morrill came to Bethel from Tunbridge, Vermont, in 1818, and settled in the East village. Mr. Morrill was a practical mason and carpenter and followed the occupation of a builder. On January 22, 1820, he married Achsa Piersons of East Bethel, who bore him three children, viz: William P., born January 15, 1821, and died October 27, 1848; Henry, born October 19, 1822, and died June 1, 1824; and Mary, born March 2, 1826, now Mrs. Kilburn Day of East Bethel. (See Day Sketch.)

William married Rosetta C. Angel of Barnard, and their two children were William W., born May 22, 1846, now residing in Kennebunk, Maine; and Williamina Rosett,

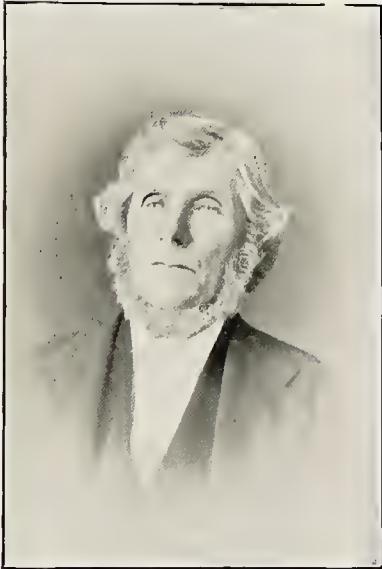


born January 30, 1849, now married and residing in Derry, N. H.

Samuel Morrill died August 14, 1872, and his wife died September 18, 1873, both over eighty years of age.

#### DAY.

KILBURN DAY, son of Danforth and Mary (Goodnough) Day, was born in Royalton, Vermont, June 20, 1815. His education was limited to the winter terms of the district schools, and at the age of ten, he went to live in the family of Deacon Leonard Fisk of East Bethel, where he remained until he was



KILBURN DAY.

twenty-one years old, working on the farm. He then began teaming between Bethel and Boston, carrying farm products to the city, and returning with molasses, sugar, and other merchandise, carrying this on for a period of twelve years until 1848, when the railroad came through the state and the prices of freighting were reduced so low that it was impossible for teamsters to make it pay. He then began to learn the trade of millwright with Don Crane, and worked at this trade and carpentering until 1861, when the war began, and Mr. Day enlisted in Company E, 8th Vermont Volunteers, and served

two years under General Butler, having been mustered out in 1863, on account of his disabilities. He first came to Bethel, but moved to Wolcott shortly after his return, and opened a hotel at that place, selling the same three years later, and moving to Montpelier, Vt., where he had charge of valuable real estate, and carried on a carpenter and building business for several years. At the opening of the Wells River railroad, he entered the employ of that company and had charge of the construction of most of the buildings built for the road, during the first part of its existence. In 1884 he again returned to East Bethel, where he opened a hotel and has since carried on business at that place. Mr. Day was married January 21, 1844, to Mary F. Morrill of East Bethel, a daughter of Samuel and Achsa (Peirsons) Morrill, and they have one adopted son, William O. Day, born January 31, 1854.

#### WEBSTER.

Moses Webster, born in Hartland, Vt., March 4, 1783, came with his wife Rhoda (Stoddard) Webster to Bethel in 1806. He purchased a farm in the west part of the town, which his brother occupied for a time. He went back to Hartland, returning to Bethel in 1821, and resided in this town until his death which occurred February 15, 1872, his wife having died a few years previous. The four children of Moses and Rhoda (Stoddard) Webster were Charles P., Sarah E., S. A., and Rosamond R.

Charles P. Webster, born November 20, 1811, married Isabelle Wellington, January 2, 1840, who bore him three children, and died in Bethel, March 16, 1891. Maria I., the eldest, born June 10, 1843, is now Mrs. A. F. Colburn of Boston, Mass. Clara J., born September 18, 1845, married W. A. Boutelle, and died in Chicago, Ill., November 20, 1894. Sarah J., born January 18, 1854, married C. A. Kershaw, and now resides in Lawrence, Mass. Charles P. Webster now lives in Bethel village.

Sarah E. Webster, born April 26, 1813, married Lewis Turner, and died in Bethel February 15, 1846.

S. A. Webster, born October 4, 1815, married Nancy Brooks, January 29, 1845,

and they now reside in Bethel where Mr. Webster is engaged in farming.

Rosamond R. Webster, born January 19, 1820, married Henry Goodale, and died in Arvada, Colorado, February 15, 1891.

#### McINTOSH.

John McIntosh, a native of Scotland, was born near Edinburgh, and at the age of nineteen was pressed into the English army, being the only son of a widow. Soon after being mustered into service, he was sent to Canada, and served during the French and Indian war. At the close of the war he settled in Bedford, N. H., where he died. His children were William, John, James, Samuel, Isaac, Isabelle and Mary. William, Samuel, Isaac and Mary settled in Bethel in 1810, and shortly after they purchased farms adjoining and lived and died in Bethel. A grandson of Isaac, Appleton I. McIntosh, now lives on the old farm.

William McIntosh, son of John McIntosh, was born in Bedford, N. H., November 6, 1776, and on February 8, 1810, he was married to Jane Patterson, who was born in New Boston, N. H., August 13, 1785. In the latter part of 1810, they settled in the northwestern corner of Bethel, on the farm now occupied by Mrs. James Miller McIntosh, widow of his only son. William McIntosh died May 6, 1863, and his wife died March 22, 1870. Their children were Martha, Gisey, Susan Mary, Isabelle and James Miller.

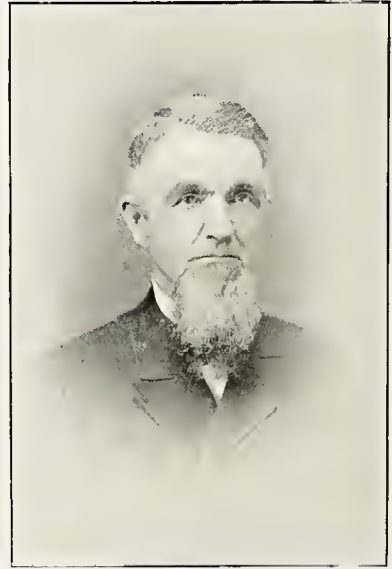
(1) Martha J. McIntosh, born October 9, 1811, married Samuel G. Granger, September 6, 1832, and died September 17, 1859, leaving six children, viz: Ellen Granger, born June 8, 1833, and died September 4, 1864; Ann Granger, born October 16, 1834; Earl Granger, born November 7, 1836; Joseph Granger, born August 28, 1843; Edna Granger, born June 26, 1850, and Rush Granger, born April 3, 1852.

(2) Gisey McIntosh, born August 16, 1814, died April —, 1815.

(3) Susan McIntosh, born April 13, 1817, married Justin Lillie, April 2, 1839, who died October 3, 1874. Their children were: George Alonzo, born March 11, 1840; William LeRoy, born January 1, 1842; James

Mills, born February 17, 1844, and died August 29, 1845; Mary Jane, born August 8, 1846, died December 13, 1867; Willis Gaylord, born September 6, 1848; Alma Aquabah born October 20, 1850; Benjamin Rush, born January 20, 1853; Dora Susan, born June 19, 1855; Rollin Justin, born January 10, 1858, and died January 30, 1881; and Martha Ellen, born March 27, 1860.

(4) Mary McIntosh, born April 29, 1819, married David S. Washburn, May 25, 1843, and died October 21, 1864, leaving two children, viz: George M. Washburn,



J. MILLER McINTOSH.

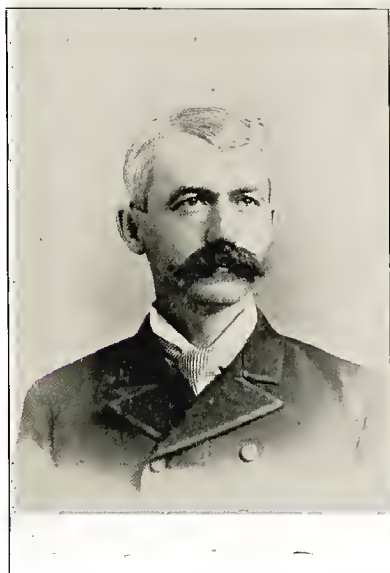
born April 21, 1845, and Lucy Jane Washburn, born July 28, 1853.

(5) Isabelle McIntosh, born March 3, 1822.

(6) JAMES MILLER McINTOSH, only son of William and Jane (Patterson) McIntosh, was born in Bethel, Vt., December 20, 1825. Mr. McIntosh was a successful farmer, and in connection with his business interests, he found time to devote to the welfare of his town and fellow citizens. During his life he was always a staunch Republican, and held many offices of trust in his native place. He was chosen selectman in 1858, and held

that office for ten years. He was lister of Bethel for a period covering thirteen years ; overseer of the poor for twenty-one years ; grand juror nine years ; town auditor six years ; and for two years was a justice of the peace. He was chosen by his party as a representative of the Legislature in 1866 and 1867, serving two years. In 1882 and 1883 he was elected State Senator and was commissioner of licenses in 1885 and 1886. He was a regular attendant at the Methodist Church, and a liberal contributor to its support.

Mr. McIntosh was married March 2, 1853, to Lucette E., daughter of Judah and Eliza



HERBERT M. McINTOSH.

(Russel) Hatch, who was born in Bethel August 22, 1829. Their two children were Ellen Jane, and Herbert Miller. Mr. McIntosh died at Saratoga, N. Y., September 6, 1887, and his widow now resides on the old homestead.

Ellen Jane McIntosh, born February 9, 1854, was married in 1893, and has one daughter.

HERBERT M. McINTOSH, born in Bethel, August 2, 1861, attended the public schools, and was graduated from the State Normal School, at Castleton in 1885. After teach-

ing school in his native town for a short time, he entered the University of Vermont at Burlington, taking a course in civil engineering, and was graduated in the class of 1890. He was employed by the Vermont Marble Company, but resigned to accept the position of city engineer at Burlington, to which he was elected by the Republican party in 1892, which office he still holds. He is a member of the Algonquin Club, and also of the Washington Lodge, F. and A. M., of Burlington.

#### BUCKMAN.

Jeremiah Buckman came to Bethel among the early settlers and here he married Ruth Bannister, who bore him six children, viz: Ruth, Joel, Lorenda, Cyrus, Calvin, and Charity.

Ruth Buckman, born in Bethel, September 23, 1788.

Joel Buckman, born in Bethel, November 6, 1790.

Lorenda Buckman, born in Bethel, January 13, 1793.

Cyrus Buckman, born in Bethel, March 22, 1795.

Calvin Buckman, born in Bethel, June 15, 1797.

Charity Buckman, born in Bethel, August 30, 1799.

Calvin married Olive Barnes, April 13, 1829, and their four children were Ellen E., Calvin C., Mary Elizabeth, and Lucia M. Calvin Buckman was a prosperous and successful farmer, and accumulated a comfortable property. He was prominent in the affairs of the town, and served as selectman for several years, besides holding other town offices. He died in Bethel December 22, 1878, eighty-one years old. His wife died September 27, 1878.

Ellen E. Buckman, eldest child of Calvin and Olive (Barnes) Buckman, was born in Bethel July 22, 1828, and married Charles Curtis. (See Curtis Sketch.) She died August 29, 1891.

Calvin C., born in Bethel February 2, 1833, married Eliza A. Terry of Bethel, and they had four children, only three of whom are living.

Hattie, born October 6, 1862, died May 2, 1866.

George C., born June 2, 1867, now a book-keeper in the employ of C. W. Reed, of Enfield, N. H.

Lucy E., born September 1, 1869, married Edward S. Rood of Bethel, March 28, 1889, and now in millinery business in Bethel.

Mary A., born June 13, 1876, married Fred G. Cox, March 27, 1895.

Mary Elizabeth, third child of Calvin and Olive (Barnes) Buckman, was born in Bethel June 16, 1835, and married Chauncey R. Chadwick, May 11, 1853, (see Chadwick Sketch) and died in Bethel February 5, 1874.

Lucia M., born in Bethel October 10, 1838, married Irwin Morse, and they now reside in Wilmington, Mass.

#### BROOKS.

Simeon Brooks and his wife, Elizabeth (Strong) Brooks, came to Bethel in 1780. Their children were Eli, who died in Braintree; Simeon, who died in Bethel; Ira, who died in Bethel; Asa; Anna, who married Ellis Fish, and died in Randolph; Betsy, who died in Bethel, unmarried; and Almira, who was drowned in childhood. Asa Brooks, son of Simeon Brooks, was born in Bethel, July 31, 1788, and was married January 16, 1814, to Lucy Stevens, who was born November 27, 1792, and died March 29, 1876. Asa Brooks died August 7, 1871. There were seven children born of this marriage, viz: (1) Lucy Hayward, born October 11, 1814, died at the age of nine years; (2) Nancy S., born May 3, 1816, married S. A. Webster, and they now reside in Bethel. (3) Asa S., born August 25, 1819, died when four years old.

(4) Albert A., fourth child of Asa and Lucy (Stevens) Brooks, was born in Bethel, October 18, 1824. His education was received in the public schools, and at an early age, he was engaged in farming, continuing in that occupation until he was eighteen years old. He then started in mercantile trade, and after working for other parties several years, he opened a general merchandise store in Gaysville, Vt., in 1856. In 1875, Mr. Brooks sold his store in Gaysville, and came to Bethel, where, in company with G. K. Montgomery, he purchased the business formerly carried on by Merrick Sylvester, and this business was conducted three years under

the firm name of Brooks & Montgomery. The present partnership was then formed, and the firm now consists of Albert A. Brooks and Seth M. Washburn, under the firm name of Brooks & Washburn.

With Nelson Gay, Chester Downer and F. P. Holden, Mr. Brooks was interested in the Gaysville Manufacturing Company, which company was engaged in the manufacture of underwear from 1879 to 1888. A stock company was formed during the latter year, and the factory was destroyed by fire during the same year. Mr. Brooks was postmaster at Gaysville from 1861 to 1873, a period of twelve years. He is a director of the White River National Bank, and president of the Bethel Shoe Company.

On December 24, 1848, Mr. Brooks was married to Miss Jennett Whitcomb, and their two children were Jennie, born September 1, 1849, married J. A. Chedell of Gaysville, Vt., and they have three children; and Kate, born July 17, 1854, married Seth M. Washburn and they have four children. (See Washburn Sketch).

(5) Samuel H., born January 29, 1827, died in infancy.

(6) Julius P. Brooks, sixth child of Asa Brooks, was born October 25, 1828, married Sarah Gambell, who bore him two children, viz: Willard J., and Charles. Julius P. Brooks died in Auburn, California, in 1861.

(7) Sophia Brooks was born October 31, 1832, married Albert F. Waterman and resides in Tunbridge, Vt.

#### SHEDD.

Abijah Shedd and his wife, Sophia (Blood) Shedd came to Bethel from Hollis, N. H., in 1816, bringing with them their eldest child, and settled in Bethel village. Mr. Shedd followed the occupation of a blacksmith, and two of his sons learned their trade of him in Bethel. The children of Abijah and Sophia (Blood) Shedd were William Farley, Rodney Sylvester, Frederick Page, Franklin Cummings, Amanda Sophia, Anjennette, Edmund Earl, and Solon Marsh.

William F. married Priscilla Jones who bore him two children, Laura and David Watson. He was a musician and died while returning from the civil war, in which he served as a member of a band.

Rodney S., born in Bethel August 16, 1818, was a blacksmith and worked at his trade in Bethel fifty years. He was married October 28, 1840, to Orilla Jones of Bethel, and their only son, Edgar Rodney, was born in Randolph November 26, 1841. He married Adelaide Fay of Royalton, and was killed by a fall from a building June 7, 1881. Rodney Shedd died December 7, 1888, and his widow resides in Bethel.

Frederick P. Shedd married Eliza Turner, who bore him one daughter, Adelia. He died in Bethel in 1845.

Franklin C. Shedd, married Francis Blandin of Camden, Maine, and their three children were Christopher, Frederick and Cora. He died in Boston, and his widow now resides at North Dana, Mass.

Amanda S. Shedd, born in Bethel January 22, 1825, married John Noble, January 5, 1843, and they had two children, viz: Willis, born October 10, 1843, and died when thirteen years old; Robert, born October 13, 1850, married Cherry Brown of Gaysville, and they have three children, John, Austin and Robert Shedd. (See Noble Sketch.) Amanda (Shedd) Noble now resides with her son Robert, in Bethel.

Edmund Earl Shedd, born in Bethel July 16, 1828, married Aurelia Thompson of London, Ohio, who bore him seven children, viz: Virginia Sophia, Franklin James, Flora, Edmund Earl, Frederick, Harry and Carlos Butler. The family now reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Solon Marsh Shedd, born January 5, 1837, married Fanny E. Miner of Columbus, Ohio, and their three sons are William Davidson, Denman Kinsell and Lester. They now reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Abijah Shedd died in Bethel September 3, 1866, and his wife died May 17, 1855.

#### SHAW.

Andrew Shaw came to Bethel from Stockbridge in 1808, and settled on the farm now owned by Myron Morse. His wife, Adelia (Abbott) Shaw bore him twelve children, viz: Amelia, John M., Triphena, Mary, Hannah, Samuel, Jane, Fanny, Harvey, Loisa, Annie and Harriet. Andrew Shaw died July 28, 1840, at seventy-five, and his wife died November 26, 1869.

Amelia Shaw married Rufus Lyon, and they moved to New Gloucester, Cumberland County, Maine, where she died.

JOHN M. SHAW was born December 31, 1801, and on November 4, 1827, he married Cynthia Potter of Schroon, N. Y., who bore him six children and died November 17, 1869. Their children were as follows: (1) Melvin born April 29, 1829, married Aurelia Gilson. They moved to New York state, where he died May 7, 1895, leaving one son, George. (2) Frank J. Shaw, born December 22, 1833, died at the age of forty, unmarried.

(3) OSCAR P. SHAW, born October 19, 1835, married Laura E. Wallace, July 18, 1857, and they had three children, viz: Flora I., Frank P., and Will G. Mr. Shaw engaged in farming for several years, and afterwards carried on a meat and grocery business in Bethel, in the same locality as the present town hall. He moved to Chelsea where he was in the same line of business, and later he was located at White River Junction. Since 1884 he has been on the road as salesman for the Norfolk Oyster Company of Boston, Mass., making his home at Bethel.

Flora I. Shaw, born September 25, 1858, is now in the millinery business at South Royalton. Frank P. Shaw, born October 5, 1860, died July 5, 1864.

WILL G. SHAW, born October 4, 1862, began his business career as traveling agent for George W. Smith of White River Junction in the candy business. He remained in this place seven years, and in 1891 accepted a position in the employ of the wholesale grocery house of Spaulding & Kimball of Burlington, and now represents this house on the road. He has been twice married; his first wife was Margaret Rhodes of Alburgh, N. Y., to whom he was married September 23, 1883. She died May 30, 1890, leaving one son, RALPH SHAW, born January 3, 1888. On December 23, 1892, he was married to Nellie Turner of Lincoln, Vt., and their home is now in Bethel.

(4) Dennis Shaw, born December 20, 1837, married Nancy Wilson June 27, 1867, and they now reside in Bethel where Mr. Shaw is engaged in farming.

(5) Emeroy, born November 10, 1842, married Nelson Chapman, and their son Frederick was born in Bethel.

(6) Helen, born September 12, 1850, died at the age of twenty-four, unmarried.

John M. Shaw has always been a farmer, although he has been interested in the lum-

Trephena Shaw, third child of Andrew and Adelia (Abbott) Shaw, married Holland Sylvester, and moved to Stockbridge, where she died.

Mary Shaw never married, and now resides in Stockbridge at the age of ninety.

Hannah, born in 1807, married Charles



FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE SHAW FAMILY.

JOHN M. SHAW.

OSCAR F. SHAW.

WILL G. SHAW.

RALPH SHAW.

ber traffic in New York state for a number of years. He is the oldest man in Bethel, and at the advanced age of ninety-four, is able to assist in the work on his son's farm, and has the life and vigor of a much younger man. He makes his home with his son, Dennis Shaw, about one mile from the village.

Wilson of Stockbridge, and they moved to Chester, where he died. His widow now resides in Chester.

Samuel Shaw, born December 31, 1811, married Saphrona Fish of Randolph, who died leaving one daughter, who now resides with her father in Ohio.

Jane married Charles Savage, and died at Granville, N. Y., leaving one son.

Fanny married Hiram Towsley, and died in Chester, N. Y.

Harvey married Ann Sanford, who died leaving one son, Dana Shaw. His second wife was ——— Collins, daughter of Harry Collins of Stockbridge. He died in Bethel, January 1, 1893.

Louisa married ——— Sholes, who died, and she afterward married ——— Fish. She is now a widow, and resides in Missouri.

Annie married ——— Albro, and now resides in ——— New York.

Harriet died at the age of two years.

#### WESTON.

Irvin Weston, born June 30, 1800, came to Bethel from New Braintree, Mass., in 1823, his brother, Daniel Weston, having previously settled in the town. He accepted a position in the employ of his brother for several years, and afterward entered into partnership with him in the manufacture of fancy wood work, which partnership was continued until the death of the elder brother. Irvin Weston then carried on the business successfully alone until his death which occurred October 23, 1874. He was married September 12, 1841, to Julia Morris of Bethel, and their son, Ephraim Morris Weston, now carries on the business left by his father. Mr. Weston was a prominent member of the Congregational Church, and after the death of his brother often officiated as deacon, although never elected to that office.

#### CHAMBERLIN.

Washington Chamberlin, born in Stockbridge, Vermont, April 23, 1796, came to Bethel about 1822, bringing with him his wife, Aseneth (Kellogg) Chamberlin, and one of his nine children. They located on the farm now owned and occupied by Melvin Chamberlin, and here four children were born. They moved from there to Lillyville, then to the farm now occupied by Warren Preston on Lympus Hill, and later they resided on the farm with their son, Francis H. Chamberlin, where they died. The children of Washington and Aseneth (Kellogg) Cham-

berlin were Lucy M., Martin J., George W., John L., Hiram M., Francis H., Nancy A., Julia A., and William. Washington Chamberlin died January 19, 1875, and his wife died November 11, 1878.

Lucy M. Chamberlin, the eldest child, born December 17, 1820, married Charles Davis, May 18, 1842, and they now reside on a farm in Bethel. (See Davis Sketch.)

Martin J., born September 8, 1822, married Jane Hubbard of Windsor, who died leaving one daughter, Jennie, since deceased. He married Kate Hubbard, and they now reside in Springfield, Mass.

George W., born September 23, 1824, married Dorcas Billings of Bethel, Vt., and they now live in Bethel, Iowa.

John L., born March 8, 1827, died August 18, 1852.

Hiram Morgan Chamberlin, born June 6, 1829, married Mary M. Kendall of Cavendish, Vt., August 4, 1856 at Weathersfield, Vt. Three children were born of this marriage, viz: Samuel K., born in Weathersfield, Vt., August 10, 1858; Luther H., born in Springfield, Mass., May 5, 1868, and died in Felchville, (Reading) Vt., July 1, 1880; and Katie M., born in Felchville, Vt., June 6, 1874.

Mary M. (Kendall) Chamberlin, died in Springfield, Mass., May 21, 1886, and Mr. Chamberlin now resides in Rutland, Vt.

Francis H., born December 28, 1831, married Augusta P. Davis April 27, 1871, and their only daughter, Mary Belle, was born March 3, 1872.

Francis H., went to Massachusetts before reaching his majority, and for fifteen years was engaged in business there, although he made yearly trips to Bethel, and always considered this place his home. He went to Windsor, Vt., from Boston, and located in Bethel permanently in May, 1874. Since that time Mr. Chamberlin has been engaged in farming north of Bethel village.

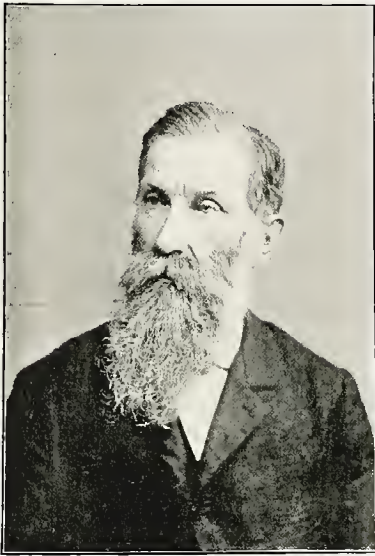
Nancy A., born October 2, 1835, resides on the farm with her brother and is unmarried.

Julia A., born September 8, 1842, married Henry Pond, and died in Bethel January 10, 1882.

William, born October 21, 1844, died March 9, 1846.

## ADAMS.

William Adams, born in Randolph, Vt., in 1810, came to Bethel in 1830, where he followed his trade as a wheelwright and cabinet maker for a number of years. He served as deputy sheriff for several years, and later he bought a farm where he resided until his death, which occurred September 17, 1852. He married Irene Marsh in 1834, who bore him three children, and died in Bethel April 11, 1872. The children of this marriage were William R., Ellen M., and Rush M.



WILLIAM R. ADAMS.

WILLIAM R. ADAMS was born in Bethel, Vt., January 26, 1835. His early life was spent on the farm with his father, and in 1863 he started in business for himself at Bethel village, dealing in books and stationery, and a few years later he added a printing office to his establishment. Mr. Adams has been in business for a longer time in this locality than any other merchant on the street. He was elected town clerk in 1865, and with the exception of two years he has held that office ever since. He was chosen town treasurer in 1865, and served for several years, and he has been justice of the peace for the last twenty years. Mr.

Adams has always been interested in the Universalist church, and for a period of nearly forty years has been a member of the choir at that church. He was one of the original promoters of the first band organized in Bethel, and was a musician in the same for over thirty years.

He was married in 1856 to Dora A. Davis, daughter of Rev. S. A. Davis, a former pastor of the Universalist church in Bethel, and they have reared a family of thirteen children, ten of whom are living, viz: (1) Leslie R., born March 11, 1857, married Clara I. Latimer of Middlebury, Vt., September 14, 1892. Mr. Adams is now with the Pennsylvania Roofing Company, in Philadelphia, Penn. (2) Rollin M., born May 24, 1858, married Cora E. Parker of Boston, September 9, 1886, and they have one son, Rollin Parker, born August 7, 1893. They reside in Boston, Mass. (3) Mary Ellen, born January 3, 1860, resides in Bethel. (4) Minnie J., born July 25, 1861, died August 25, 1864. (5) Elmer D., born April 19, 1863, died September 1, 1864. (6) Florence I., born January 25, 1865, now at Northampton, Mass. (7) Gilbert L., born August 3, 1866, and resides in Visalia, California. (8) Bennie W., born April 30, 1868, died September 23, 1868. (9) Percy R., born August 29, 1869, now living in Bethel. (10) William D., born November 9, 1870, married Iola E. Latimer of Middlebury, Vt., July 3, 1895, and they reside in Philadelphia, Pa. (11) Harry E., born January 11, 1873, in business with his father in Bethel. (12) Stella E., born February 16, 1877, at home with her parents in Bethel. (13) Arthur A., born June 13, 1878, now in Bethel.

Mary Ellen Adams, daughter of William and Irene (Marsh) Adams, was born in 1841, and died when fourteen months old.

Rush M., born June 2, 1845, and died in Crawford, Nebraska, April 23, 1889.

## GILSON.

Samuel Gilson (born in Peperill, Mass., April 13, 1795) with his wife, Fanny (Piney) Gilson, came to Bethel in 1840. He remained here a short time, and afterward located in Hartland, Stockbridge, Berlin, Conn., and New York City, from which place he returned to Bethel in 1847. He



died in Bethel August 29, 1871, and his wife died February 25, 1885. Ten children were born to Samuel and Fanny (Pinney) Gilson, viz:

(1) James Martin, born October 9, 1818, married Emily Waller, daughter of Daniel Waller, January 9, 1844, and died at Leavenworth, Kansas, April 2, 1888. His wife died April 26, 1894. Their two children were Fanny M., born May 22, 1847, now residing in Brookfield, Mo., and Durrell, born February 15, 1850, married Rilla E. Mooney, February 16, 1883, and resides in Brookfield, Mo. A daughter, Edith Emily, was born July 20, 1887.

(2) Frederick Alonzo, born in Northfield January 22, 1820, married Jane E. Chamberlin of Barnard, December 28, 1841, and died in New York June 15, 1870, leaving two children, viz: Edna Maria, born at Gaysville April 10, 1847, and an adopted daughter, Emma M. Pinney, born at Windsor, Vt., July 2, 1841, married John Crosby, June 1, 1879. Mrs. Frederick A. Gilson, with her daughter, Edna Maria, now resides at Charlestown, N. H.

(3) Maria Fanny, born at Northfield, Vt., October 4, 1823, married Merrick Sylvester, July 5, 1854. (See Sylvester Sketch.)

(4) William Henry, born in Hartland September 22, 1826, married Emma Taylor, January 3, 1859, and died in New York April 17, 1865. There were three children born of this marriage, viz: Fanny E., born in New York November 25, 1859, married November 5, 1890, to Dr. George Terriberry of Paterson, N. J.; William Henry, born October 27, 1861, now resides in New York City, unmarried; and Walter Samuel, born at Spuytendervel, N. Y., January 4, 1863, and resides in New York City.

(5) Sarah Ann, born in Hartland October 24, 1828, married Edwin Sturtevant of Bethel, October 24, 1849. (See Sturtevant Sketch.)

(6) Elizabeth Newberry, born at Barnard, October 7, 1830, married John Taylor of New York, May 28, 1857, and died April 25, 1893, leaving seven children.

(7) Hiram Harlehigh, born at Barnard January 17, 1832, married Jennie S. Gay December 25, 1862, who died May 8, 1892,

leaving one adopted daughter, Mary, born January 9, 1881. Mr. Gilson was for many years engaged in active business in Bethel, but has now retired from business life, and resides in Bethel.

(8) Carlton Simons, born in Gaysville, October 15, 1834, married Louisa M. Brink, July 10, 1861, and their three children are: Ella L., born in New York April 22, 1862, unmarried; Carl Edwin, born in Bethel, September 23, 1869, married Minnie A. Lewis, January 10, 1891, who bore him three children, viz: Raymond, born October 14, 1891; Marion, born December 9, 1892, died August 10, 1893, and an infant, Margaret Louise, born July 8, 1895; Mabel Edna, third child of Carlton S., and Louisa B. Gilson, was born at Nyack, N. Y., June 8, 1875.

(9) Francis Samuel, born at Stockbridge, Vermont, April 26, 1838, died in New York April 11, 1895.

(10) Edward Alerick, born at Gaysville, November 17, 1841, married Clara Conant February 16, 1865. Their three children are: Frank, born at Yonkers December 5, 1865, and died April 25, 1895; Edward Carlton, born in Passaic N. Y., May 14, 1870; and Gertrude Clara, born in New York April 12, 1878.

#### GRAHAM.

Alexander and Lucy (Kimball) Graham came to Bethel from Lebanon, N. H., in 1841, and here Mr. Graham purchased a farm which he carried on until his two sons took charge of the farm and still own the same. The elder son, Guy Graham, was born in Lebanon, N. H., January 13, 1825, and came to Bethel with his parents in 1841. One year later he entered the employ of George Francis in a general merchandise store at Bethel village, where he remained a few years, and then opened a store for himself. His store was destroyed in the fire of 1878, and Mr. Graham did not rebuild, although he has been quite an extensive dealer in wool and hops, which he ships to the larger markets. He was appointed postmaster during the administration of President Lincoln, and served eight years. Mr. Graham was married May 1, 1868, to Martha

Sparhawk, of Randolph, and they have two daughters, viz: Lucy M., born April 4, 1870, and Annie L., born July 27, 1878, both of whom are residing with their parents in Bethel. The Graham residence, situated on a portion of the old homestead farm, is one of the fine residences of Bethel.\*

Andrew J. Graham, younger brother of Guy Graham, was born in Lebanon, N. H., February 10, 1827, and was fourteen years old when his parents settled in Bethel. He has followed the avocation of a farmer for nearly all his life, still residing in the old home in Bethel village. He was married at Royalton, Vermont, November 3, 1854, to Susanna A. Lyman, of Royalton, and their three children are: Ada Louise, born January 14, 1855, married John Bradley, and they now reside at Ludlow, Vt. They have two children, Annie and Henry. Nellie M., born April 11, 1858, married George Tupper, of Bethel, January 25, 1882, and they have four children. (See Tupper sketch.) James, born July 16, 1869, married Nellie Terry, of Bethel, and they reside in Barre.

\* Guy Graham died at Bethel, October 25, 1895.

#### SYLVESTER.

Barzallia Sylvester, son of Lemuel and Betsy (Packard) Sylvester, came to Bethel from Stockbridge, Vermont, where he resided with his son, Merrick Sylvester, who had come here previous to that time. His wife, Julana Gay, to whom he was married in 1816, bore him four children, viz:

(1) MERRICK SYLVESTER, born May 11, 1818, after a common school education was engaged as clerk in the general merchandise store of Merrick Gay at Gaysville, for eleven years, leaving that place to start in business for himself at East Bethel, where he remained seven years. He sold his business at the end of this time and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where for the following two years he was engaged in the dry goods business. Mr. Sylvester came back to Vermont in 1855, and opened a general merchandise store in Bethel, in company with Allen Meserve. In 1857 he purchased his partners interest, and continued the business alone for several years, when he took in as a partner H. C. Smith, who remained two years Edwin Sturtevant

was his next partner, and he sold to Mr. Sylvester, who continued to carry on the business alone until 1875 when he sold to A. A. Brooks. In 1882 he accepted the position of cashier of the White River National Bank, which position he still holds. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Sylvester has held several town offices, and, with the exception of a few years, was town clerk of Bethel from 1856 to 1882. On July 5, 1854, he was married to Maria F. Gilson, and they had two children, viz: William E., born April 3, 1855, married Edith Raines, September 18, 1886, and they now reside in Brooklyn, N. Y. Francis E., born June 10, 1860, married Adele F. Fogg,



MERRICK SYLVESTER.

August 31, 1882, and their son, William M., was born January 29, 1884. Francis E. died October 15, 1886, and his widow now resides in Boston.

(2) Bazillia, born April 30, 1820, married Beulah Thacker, and they reside in Sundance, Wyoming.

(3) Elbridge, born in 1824, died March 26, 1856, at Woodstock, Illinois.

(4) Julana, born March 4, 1835, is unmarried and now resides in Bethel.

## WELLINGTON.

Abel Wellington, with his wife and seven children, came to Bethel from Walpole, N. H., in 1827, and located on a farm in the western part of the town, which was at that time wild timber land, with only a small portion cleared. Here he labored and here his children grew to maturity. Three were born in Bethel, only two of whom are living. The children of Abel Wellington were as follows: Sarah, Eben, Mary, Isabelle, William, Jane, John, Warren, Augusta, and Wallace.

Sarah R. Wellington, born August —, 1814, is now Mrs. Benjamin Abbott of Stockbridge, Vt.

Eben S. Wellington, born October 7, 1815, was twice married. His first wife was Fanny Bullard of Bethel and he married second, Anjennette Chapman. He died in 1885.

Mary E. Wellington, born June 2, 1817, married Gilman Britton, October —, 1837.

Isabelle S. Wellington, born June 16, 1819, married Charles Webster and died March 16, 1891.

William Wellington, born March 18, 1821, married Lavinia Tenney.

Jane Wellington, born March 1, 1824, married Thomas Arnold, May 1, 1845. He died March 26, 1876 (See Arnold Sketch). November 3, 1887, she married David Tolles and he died in Bethel June —, 1890. She now resides in Bethel with her son, Fred Arnold.

John L. Wellington, born November 5, 1826, married Susie Gage of Randolph, and they now reside at Eagle Bridge, N. Y.

Warren A. Wellington, born March 25, 1828, died August 3, 1833.

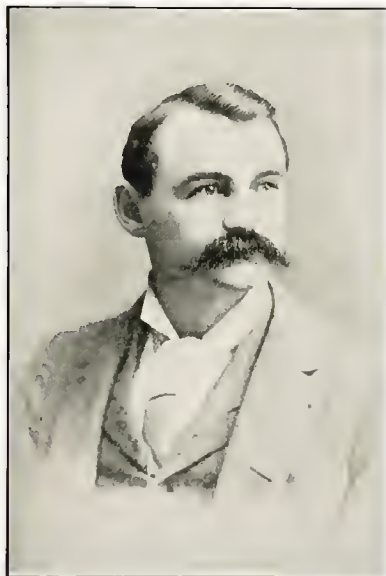
Augusta H. Wellington, born July 4, 1832, married Oliver Bullard of Bethel, and they live in Bridgeport, Conn.

Wallace C. Wellington, born January 4, 1835, married twice. His first wife was Josephine Densmore. His present wife was Fanny Tenney, and their home is at Harvard, Ill.

## CHASE.

Moses Chase, born in Sutton, N. H., moved to Williamstown, Vt., and later to Rochester, Vt., where he died leaving two children, Simeon and Abner. The latter was

twice married, first to Susan Slade, daughter of John Slade, of Brookfield, Vt., who bore him three children, viz: Lovinia, married Oliver Smith, and died in Rochester. Joel died in infancy, and Joel 2d died in infancy. The second wife of Abner Chase was Hannah Slade, a sister of his first wife, by whom he had four children, Mary, married Hiram Thurston, and died at Palatine, Ill.; Moses; Fanny, (Mrs. Lester Gay) now residing in Oregon; and Lyman, who died at the age of sixteen. Abner Chase and his second wife died in Rochester, Vt., and his first wife died in Ohio.



DR. R. M. CHASE.

Moses Chase, son of Abner and Hannah (Slade) Chase, was born in Rochester, Vt., April 30, 1821, and spent his early years in his native town. He was married November 15, 1846, at Lowell, Massachusetts, by Dr. A. A. Miner, to Rosina, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Scales) Hill, born in Sharon, Vermont, April 4, 1823. They returned to Vermont, living at Pomfret and Royalton until they came to Bethel in 1857, which place they afterward made their home. Mr. Chase, although a carpenter and joiner by trade, bought a farm about two miles out of Bethel village, which he conducted during the latter

part of his life. He died at Riverdale, Neb., April 16, 1894, having sold his farm and moved to that place in October, 1893. There were four children born to Moses and Rosina (Hill) Chase, viz:

(1) Moses Roscoe, born in Pomfret, Vt., May 10, 1849, married Eva Graves, and they have one child, Hervey, born March 21, 1884. He is now a dentist, practicing at Ludlow, Vt.

(2) Flora Rosina, born July 17, 1850, married Wallace Keyes, of Palatine, Ill.,

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have had two sons, viz: Leon C., born at Bethel, June 17, 1886; and Rolla West, born March 31, 1888, and died July 7, 1890.

(4) DR. ROLLA MINER CHASE, fourth child of Moses and Rosina (Hill) Chase, was born in South Royalton, Vermont, September 4, 1854. His early education was received in the public schools of Bethel and at the age of eighteen he commenced the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. F. M. Cilley, of



RESIDENCE OF DR. R. M. CHASE.

and now resides at Riverdale, Neb. Their three children are Jessie F., born in Palatine, Ill., February 3, 1875; Ollie Nellie, born October 16, 1883, at Palatine, Ill., died January 31, 1884; and Nathan Moses, born April 22, 1895, at Riverdale, Neb.

(3) Fannie, born October 25, 1851, is the wife of Henry C. Dunham, and they now reside at Colorado Springs, Col., at which place Mrs. Moses Chase now makes her home.

Bethel, where he remained two years. He entered the Boston Dental College in 1874, and was graduated from that institution in 1876, receiving his degree of D. D. S. He immediately returned to Bethel and opened an office in the practice of his profession.

While practicing dentistry he continued the study of other branches of the healing art, and in 1889 entered the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated

April 15, 1890, taking the degree of M. D. While the doctor has a large and extensive dental practice, he devotes some of his time to general medicine, having quite an office and village practice in this department. The Doctor is a pushing and enterprising citizen, and is always identified with anything for the advancement and improvement of the village. He was one of the originators of the Bethel Shoe Company, and is one of the directors and vice-president of that company at the present time. He is also president and one of the directors of the Bethel Electric Light and Power Company. Dr. Chase has held several minor town offices, having been grand juror for the town, and served on the school board of the Whitcomb High School for several years. He is a Mason, and was Master of White River Lodge, No. 90, for two years. He was one of the organizers of the Vermont Dental Society in 1876; was on the executive committee for several years, and served as president for one year. After the State dental law was enacted in 1882, Dr. Chase was appointed by the Governor of the State one of five constituting the Board of Dental Examiners, a position which he has since held, having been secretary and treasurer of the board until 1894, when he was made president. He has been State editor and correspondent for several dental journals; is a member of the New England Dental Society; a member of the Vermont Medical Society, and he was a member of the International Medical Congress, held at Washington, D. C., in 1888. In politics Dr. Chase has always been identified with the Republican party, and was one of the vice-presidents of the National Republican League in 1894-1895. He has been the inventor of several useful articles, both in and outside of his profession. On June 18, 1879, Dr. Chase was married to Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Berry) Newall, who was born in Bethel, June 14, 1855, and they have two children, viz: George Berry, born June 19, 1880, and Susie Newell, born April 15, 1882.

#### MESERVE.

Charles H. Meserve, with his wife Mary (Young) Meserve, came to Bethel from Thetford, Vermont, in 1890. He owned and

carried on the farm now occupied by Charter Dunham, and in connection with his farming, he bought and sold hops, doing quite an extensive business in this line. He died in Bethel, February 26, 1881, and his wife died in June, 1874. Their children were Betsey, Mary, Hannah, Mehitable, Susan, Rosetta, William, Allen, John and Elmira.

Of these ten children, seven are now living.

Hannah married Charter Dunham and resides in Bethel.

Mehitable married Chester Cooley, and now resides in Providence, R. I.

Susan married Horace Torry, and now lives in the West.

Rosetta, born September 13, 1826, married Augustus Marsh, January 31, 1858. (See Marsh sketch.)

William married Jane Davis, and now resides in Rochester, N. Y.

John married Lizzie Carey, now living in Johnstown, N. Y.

Elmira married Henry Pease, and they reside at Spenserport, N. Y.

#### CHADWICK.

Chauncey Chadwick, son of Benjamin and Olive (Fish) Chadwick, was born in Braintree, Vt., November 23, 1827, and at the age of sixteen, began the trade of carriage making. After working one year in Braintree, he went to Randolph, where he was employed at this trade in the carriage shop of W. B. Cady, moving to Rochester four years later, where he remained seven years. He then came to Bethel and in company with Charles Curtis, purchased the farm on which Mr. Curtis now lives, and for two years they carried the farm on successfully. On July 1, 1855, he purchased the Enos Bullard farm where he has since resided. His residence burned in 1871, and he immediately built his present house.

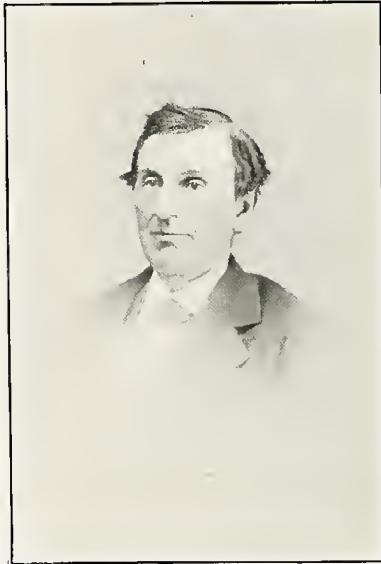
He has been twice married, first, on May 11, 1853, to Mary E. Buckman, by whom he had one son, Clarence L., born at Rochester, July 17, 1856. Mrs. Chadwick died February 5, 1874, and he married on December 17, 1874, Eliza A. Spaulding, daughter of Zebina F., and Harriet (Morse) Spaulding, and their two children are, Dana L., born December 22, 1877, and Clara, born December 21, 1882.

## CUSHING.

Willard J. Cushing, with his wife, Fanny (Ainsworth) Cushing, to whom he was married May 8, 1817, came to Bethel from Putney, Vt., in 1817 and settled in the village. Willard Cushing died August 11, 1881, and his wife died August 12, 1877.

They had eight children, viz: Daniel, Josiah Dana, Fanny, Hattie, Don, Henry, Irene and Olivia.

(1) Daniel, born in Bethel, June 12, 1818, married Amanda Woodbury, and they moved to Grand-da-tour, Illinois, where he died.



JOSIAH DANA CUSHING.

(2) JOSIAH DANA, second child of Willard J. and Fanny (Ainsworth) Cushing, was born in Royalton, August 25, 1820. He received his education in the common schools, and at an early age began farming on the farm with his father. Later he learned the trade of harness making, and for several years he was engaged in this line of business in Bethel. In 1870 he sold his harness business, and in company with Lucius B. Wright he purchased the saw and grist mill at the north end of the village, and for several years this business was conducted under the firm name of Wright & Cushing. They sold the

mill to B. C. Bagley a few years later, and Mr. Cushing started in the tannery business at Bethel, selling the same to J. B. Alley & Co., in 1882. From that time Mr. Cushing was not engaged in mercantile pursuits, but dealt quite extensively in real estate, buying and selling farms, and carrying on the same. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Cushing's public life was confined to the several town offices which he held in Bethel.

Mr. Cushing was married three times, his first wife, Harriet Jones, to whom he was married in December, 1842, bore him two children, and died September 17, 1860. Their children were Charles, born April 29, 1846, and died June 24, 1852, and Elizabeth H., born April 15, 1856, died January 30, 1861. Mr. Cushing married Mrs. Sarah E. Cooper, *nee* Rich, and she died October 27, 1867, leaving no issue. On January 7, 1859, he was married to Mrs. Martha McPherson, *nee* Perigo, who bore him one son, Carl Dana. Mr. Cushing died October 31, 1890, and his widow now resides in Bethel.

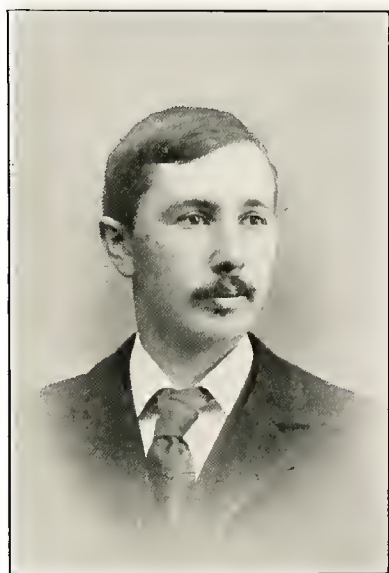
CARL DANA CUSHING, only son of Josiah Dana and Martha (Perigo) Cushing, was born in Bethel, Vt., October 3, 1869. After his school work in Bethel, he attended the Goddard Seminary at Barre, Vt., and was graduated in the class of 1888, entering Tufts College the same year. His father dying in 1890, he gave up his college work and returned to Bethel, where he took charge of his father's business and carried it on successfully. In 1894 he entered into partnership with William Wright, purchasing a half interest in the grist and saw-mill business, of Mr. Wright's former partner, C. W. Reed. The business was carried on under the firm name of Wright & Cushing until Mr. Wright's death, which occurred March 16, 1895. Since that time Mr. Cushing has been alone in the management of the mill. He is somewhat interested in real estate, and is a stockholder in the Bethel Shoe Company, one of the leading manufacturing interests in Bethel. Mr. Cushing is now one of the board of trustees of the Whitcomb High School.

On January 5, 1892, he was married to Nellie L. Harrington, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Holland) Harrington, and they have one daughter, Leila H., born June 27, 1893.

(3) Fanny Cushing, third child of Willard J. and Fanny (Ainsworth) Cushing, born December 22, 1822, married Augustus W. Bigelow, and moved to Barnard, Vt., where she died.

(4) Hattie Cushing, born August 24, 1825, married Hiram Augustus Putnam, and they now reside in Barnard, Vt. Their ten children are, Emma, Augustus, Frank A., Hattie, Sarah, Ruth A., Edwin S., Jessie B., Charles E., Libbie and Williard C.

(5) Don Cushing, born March 21, 1828, married Sarah Jaquish, who bore him four



CARL D. CUSHING.

children. The family moved to Vancouver, Washington, where they now reside.

(6) Irene Cushing, born January 29, 1831, married Monroe Whitcomb, of Woodstock, Vt., and they now reside at that place.

(7) Henry Cushing, born May 13, 1833, married twice; his first wife was Olive Ainsworth. He married Rhoda French, who died leaving four children, Anna, Fred, Frank and Kate.

(8) Olivia Cushing, born December 5, 1835, married Solon Stevens, and they now reside in Auburn, California.

## GILSON.

James Gilson, and his wife, Clarissa (Ashley) Gilson, came to Bethel from Hartland, Vt., in October, 1832, and settled on the farm now owned by L. A. Rood, on the Gaysville road. Their five children were Caroline, Martha, George, Aurelia and Jane.

Caroline, born November 6, 1822, married Jason Burbank in 1843, and they now reside in Windsor, Vt., where their daughter, Nellie C. Burbank, was born September 12, 1845.

Martha, born July 15, 1824, married Constantine Chadwick of Randolph, Vt., and died in Windsor, Vt., April 10, 1894.

George, born in Hartland, Vt., May 17, 1826, married Ellen Woodbury of Bethel, and they had four children, viz: (1) George D., born in Bethel, Vt., November 2, 1846, married Mary B. Chambers of Waretown, N. Y., December 25, 1872, and died November 28, 1879, leaving two children, viz: George William, born July 26, 1874, and Frank B., born April 17, 1878. His second wife was Belle Roderick, who bore him one daughter, Jennie. George D. Gilson with his wife and daughter, now resides in Portland, Oregon.

(2) Mary Virginia, born June 10, 1851, married Frank H. Bascom, January 16, 1872, who died November 17, 1890, leaving four children, who now reside with their mother in Boston. Kitt. H., born October 26, 1872; Nellie, born May 17, 1875; Kate, born July 26, 1882; and Grace, born February 10, 1885.

(3) Edward, born in Bethel July 16, 1854, resides in Bethel.

(4) Rollin, born in Gaysville, May 1, 1862, resides in Bethel.

George Gilson died September 20, 1885, and his widow resides with her sons in Bethel.

Aurelia, fourth child of James and Clarissa (Ashley) Gilson, was born December 25, 1829, married Melvin Shaw, and they now live in North Hudson, N. Y.

Jane, fifth child of James and Clarissa (Ashley) Gilson, born December 18, 1831, married Lemuel Putnam Gilson, June—, 1850, and they had three children, viz: Jennie Alice, born in Bethel, May 12, 1851, married March 16, 1873, Albert E. Cutter, and now

resides at Jamaica Plain, near Boston, Mass.; Willis Daniel, born in Barnard, Vt., September 7, 1853, married Ida J. Wilson of Keene, N. H., October 3, 1882, and they now live in Brattleboro, Vt.; and Carrie Estella, born at Hartland, Vt., October 26, 1860, married Edward F. Luitsinger of Brattleboro, Vt., December 31, 1880.

#### HARRINGTON.

EDWIN HARRINGTON, son of Enoch and Lucinda (Davis) Harrington, was born in Stockbridge, Vermont, April 4, 1825, and died September 23, 1891, aged sixty-six years; the second in a family of eight children. Their names were:

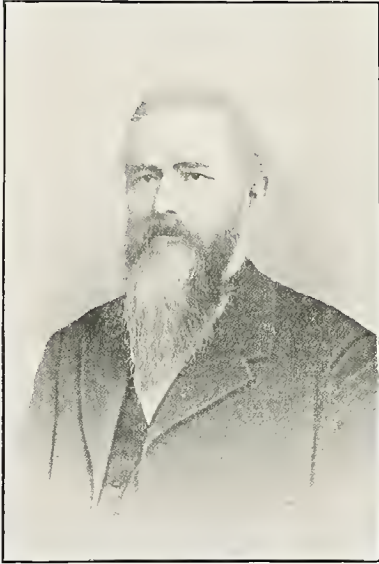
Maria, who married Alexander Packard, and died in Stockbridge, Vt.

Edwin.

Stephen, now resides in Massachusetts.

Martha, who married Lyman Parmenter and died in Pittsfield, Vt.

Sherman C., now residing in Gaysville, Vt.



EDWIN HARRINGTON.

Almira, who married Philander Packard, and died in Stockbridge, Vt.

Orwell, now a resident of Gaysville, V.

Emma S., who married Russell Woodward, and died at Barnard, Vt.

Enoch Harrington died in Pittsfield, Vt., and his wife, Lucinda, died at Barnard, Vt.

Edwin Harrington attended the district schools of his native place, staying at home on the farm until twenty years of age. He



MRS. EDWIN HARRINGTON.

first went to Fitchburg, Mass., where he worked as a general helper in a machine shop and foundry; from there he went to Clinton, Mass., but after seven years went to Worcester, Mass., where he again obtained work in a machine shop, and became a skillful machinist, and laid the foundation of a successful business career. For several years he worked as a journeyman at his trade, building machine tools. He then engaged for five years under the name of Rice & Harrington, in the manufacture of the first organ-reeds in use, and which are now so commonly in use in musical organs, for house, Sunday-schools, and other places. He sold his interest in the reed business, and engaged in the manufacture of mowing machines, under the name of Kniffen & Harrington, which were then a new invention, and from his past experience in farming, he introduced and sold a large number of what are now in general use among farmers. In connection with the business, he also, during



the late civil war, manufactured fire arms for the United States government, but the war, closing sooner than was expected, caused a serious loss and the closing out of his business.

Two years later, he again engaged under the name of Armsby & Harrington, in the manufacture of machine tools for iron work, in which he continued for several years, until the death of Mr. Armsby, his partner, which, for want of sufficient capital to continue, he

tension lathes, which are to-day, a specialty of the business.

In August, 1889, a stroke of paralysis obliged him to retire from active business, although he retained his interest up to the time of his death, at the age of sixty-six years, September 23, 1891, his sons carrying on the same under the name of Edwin Harrington, Son & Co.

On October 8th, 1848, Mr. Harrington was married to Mary E., daughter of Elisha



RESIDENCE OF MRS. EDWIN HARRINGTON.

sold out to Lucius W. Pond, a well-known manufacturer of Worcester, Mass.

In May, 1867, he removed to Philadelphia, where he again engaged in the manufacture of machine tools, resulting in the employing of two hundred men in the different departments.

He was a man of recognized ability, and many of the machines manufactured were the result of valuable improvements by him. Among them were portable hoists and ex-

and Lucy (Whitcomb) Holland, who was born in Stockbridge, Vt., March 12, 1829. Their children were Melvin H., born in Worcester, Mass., September 21, 1849; married May 16, 1877, to Mary E. Hobbs of Worcester, who bore him three children, viz: Allen H., born December 5, 1881; Arthur Melvin, born July 20, 1884; and Mary Helen, born June 17, 1890.

Edwin Leroy, born in Worcester, Mass., September 12, 1854, married Mary C. Jordan

of Philadelphia, November 21, 1883. They have no children.

Mary Ella, born in Worcester, Mass., October 12, 1857, died in Philadelphia, August 28, 1870.

Nellie Louisa, an adopted daughter, was born in Philadelphia, February 10, 1872, married Carl D. Cushing of Bethel, Vt., January 5, 1892.

Mr. Harrington was a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., having joined that fraternity in 1862. He was transferred to Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, and also was a member of St. John's Commandery of Knight Templars, No. 4, of Philadelphia, and after his residence at Bethel, became a member of White River Lodge, No. 90.

The last few years of his life, when seeking relief from the cares attendant on his business, MR. and MRS. HARRINGTON frequently visited the scenes of their earlier days, resulting in their removal to Bethel, Vt., in 1890, where they built a fine residence on the outskirts of the village, and where his widow resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were among the foremost supporters of the Universalist Church, and there are few public charities in which Mrs. Harrington has not assisted.

She has erected the second finest creamery in the State. She has also given practical assistance in the establishment of a large shoe shop at Bethel and a button factory at Gaysville.

#### SPAULDING.

Junius Spaulding, born in Windsor, married Rebecca Jordan, and she was the mother of eleven children. Those living to maturity were Rebecca, Zebina, Eliza, Vcrulum, George, Andrew, Americus V., Mary A., Julia Emiline and Charles.

Zebina Spaulding, born at Windsor, March 29, 1816, was the first one of this family to locate in Bethel, which he did in 1845. His first wife, Harriet Morse, came with him, and to them were born four children, Romanza, Eliza A., Charles and Hattie. Mr. Spaulding first settled on the farm now occupied by John Aldrich, where he remained seventeen years, when he moved to his present farm near the Finley bridge. He has been prominent in the affairs of the town,

and has served as selectman and also justice of the peace. Mrs. Spaulding died and Mr. Spaulding married Charlotte Dunham; his third wife was Mary Rowell, and his present wife was Mrs. Mary Albin, *nee* Cross, of Braintree, Vt.

Romanzo Z., oldest child of Zebina Spaulding, was born March 31, 1841, and married Melvina Bugbee, October 29, 1863. He died September 16, 1882, leaving seven children, viz: Willard, Wilbur, Clayton, Minnie, Nina, Nathan and Charles.

Eliza A., born November 2, 1843, married C. R. Chadwick, and they have two children. (See Chadwick sketch.)

Charles Spaulding, born November 16, 1845, now married and living in Deadwood, Dakota.

Hattie Spaulding, born August 24, 1859, is now in the millinery business in the western part of Pennsylvania.

The only other representative of this family living in Bethel is Charles Spaulding, youngest brother of Zebina. He came to Bethel in 1855, bringing with him his wife, Elmira S. (Johnson) Spaulding, to whom he was married April 5, 1854. They located on a farm on Camp brook, but later moved onto the farm formerly occupied by Zebina Spaulding. They now reside with their son on the old Davis farm. Four children have been born to them, viz: Ella J., born January 12, 1856, married Charles Hayward in October, 1877, and she now resides in Lowell, Mass.

Ida R., born February 27, 1858, married Clarence Messer, August 10, 1882, and died in Iowa, May 11, 1885.

Elmer E., born August 21, 1861, now owns and carries on a farm near Bethel village. His parents make their home with him.

Jessie M., born May 15, 1873, is a school teacher, and resides in Bethel.

#### WIGHT.

William Wight and his wife Isabella (Williams) Wight, came to East Bethel from Tunbridge, Vermont, in 1856, and purchased the place formerly known as the Hibbard place. Mr. Wight was a successful farmer, and carried on the farm with the assistance of his sons until his death, which occurred July 9, 1871. His wife died March 22, 1894. There were two children born to

William and Isabella (Williams) Wight, viz :

Francis W., born July 5, 1847, married April 21, 1875, Sarah Smith, of Bethel. He is a farmer by occupation, but has done quite an extensive business in house and carriage painting, a trade he has followed to some extent since his boyhood.

Howard Wight, born September 12, 1850, married Helen Gifford, of Randolph, and now resides in that town. He has one son, Clayton.

#### ELLISON.

Nelson Ellison, son of William and Rachel (Redfield) Ellison, was born at Chester, Vt.,



NELSON ELLISON.  
(FROM A PICTURE TAKEN IN 1850.)

June 6, 1813. His parents moved to North Springfield, Vt., when he was a small boy, and in the latter place he received a common school education. He went to Boston before he became of age, and was engaged for a number of years as clerk in a wholesale carpet house, then located at 164 Washington street, the largest establishment of the kind in Boston, at that time. He gave up his position a few years later and returned to Vermont, locating at Gaysville, where he married February 15, 1837, Roxana, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Barnes) Abbott. She

was born in Gaysville, February 12, 1816. They returned to Boston, but owing to the ill-health of Mrs. Ellison, came to Bethel about 1840 and purchased a farm located on the Gaysville road, about a mile from Bethel village. Mr. Ellison and his wife made several changes, and in 1850 they came to Bethel and located permanently. In 1863 Mr. Ellison built the house in the village where Mrs. Ellison now lives. He was constable of Bethel for quite a number of years, and is remembered by the older citizens as an efficient officer. He was chosen representative to the General Assembly in 1858, but did not serve. In connection with his other business, he was engaged in buying and selling real estate, and also dealt in lumber to some extent. He died in Bethel, January 31, 1892, leaving a widow, who resides in Bethel village.

#### CHAMBERLIN.

Isaac Chamberlin, son of Isaac and Arabella (Bailey) Chamberlin was born in Stockbridge, Vt., May 21, 1819, and his parents moved to Bethel, when he was but eleven months old, and settled in that part of the town known as South Limpus. He followed farming as a business, and married July 16, 1843, Abbie Bowen, who bore him three children, viz: Hattie E., born October 24, 1844, and died when two years old; George L.; and Sarah A., born December 18, 1853, married Lincoln E. Bolton, and now resides with her father. Mrs. Isaac Chamberlin died September 10, 1889, and Mr. Chamberlin now carries on a farm in the west part of Bethel.

George L. Chamberlin was born September 7, 1849, and on December 28, 1870, he was married to Nettie Harrington, who was the mother of six children, viz: Eslie, born May 13, 1874; Walter E., born April 30, 1880; a daughter died in infancy; Robert G., born April 15, 1885; Hugh I., born April 20, 1886; and Abbie L., born April 7, 1890. George L. Chamberlin is now a successful farmer in the western part of the township, near his father.

#### EMERY.

Ira Emery with his wife Betsy (Richardson) Emery, came to Bethel in 1850, bringing with them eight children, and located at

Bethel Gilead. They afterwards moved to the Church district, and from there to the Allen Dunham place, where they remained twelve years, and then moved to the farm owned by their son, Alonzo, where Mr. Emery died January 7, 1883. His wife died August 7, 1874. They had ten children, viz.: Ezra H., Emiline T., Jane G., George (died at the age of four), Lyman S., Ira, George S., Alonzo, Eliza B., and Ellen.

Ezra H., born June 6, 1831, served in the Civil War, and died in the hospital at Baton Rouge, La., October 4, 1863. He was a member of Company E, Eighth Vermont Volunteers.

Ira was a member of Company A, Sixteenth Vermont Volunteers, and was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg July 3, 1863.

Emiline T., born September 5, 1832, died at Stockbridge, October 23, 1879.

Jane G., born September 22, 1834, married Nelson Hunt, and now resides in Stockbridge, Vt.

George, born September 12, 1836, died in 1840.

Lyman S., born January 3, 1839, now resides in Washington, D. C.

George S., born December 17, 1843, now living in Washington, D. C.

Eliza B., born September 23, 1846, died at Randolph, Vt., February 21, 1887.

Ellen, born October 5, 1850, now living in Washington, D. C.

Alonzo Emery, born March 31, 1845, married Angeline J. Leach of Bethel, December 24, 1872. With his father he owned and carried on the Dunham farm until 1876, then he bought the Cotton farm, where he now resides. He has served the town as lister, grand juror, moderator, and is now serving his third term as school director. His two children are Clarence E., born August 7, 1875, now at college in Burlington, Vt., and Josephine S., born February 2, 1877, now at home in Bethel.

#### WILSON.

Theophilus E. Wilson, son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Varnum) Wilson, was born in Cabot, Vt., May 8, 1814. He married November 26, 1840, Rosetta M., daughter of Fifeild and Judith (Heath) Lyford, who was born in Cabot, February 28, 1821, and died

in Bethel September 13, 1888. The four children of Theophilus and Rosetta (Lyford) Wilson were (1) Louisa, born September 14, 1841, married August 24, 1865, Dr. Selam N. Welch, and they now reside in Sutton, N. H.

(2) Martha, born December 25, 1843, married James P. Thurber, and died April 11, 1863.

(3) Edward F., born August 8, 1848, married Ida Flint of South Royalton, September 21, 1874, and their three children were Earl, born May 13, 1876; Pearl, born September 2, 1877, and Richard, born February 2, 1881, and died March 17, 1882.

(4) Emogene, born May 22, 1854, married October 23, 1872, Westley Heath, who died December 1, 1892, leaving three children, viz: Carrie M., born May 12, 1873; Josie L., born April 9, 1875; and Frank W., born September 15, 1878.

On April 2, 1893, Mrs. Heath was married to Gardner J. Wallace, and they reside in Bethel. (See Wallace Sketch.)

Theophilus Wilson resided in Cabot until 1836, when he engaged in teaching school, and had charge of schools in Cabot, Woodbury and Peacham. He settled on a farm in Cabot in 1840, and for twenty-one years, followed the occupation of farming. He then purchased the hotel property at Cabot, and carried on that business until 1868, and two years later he sold his business interests in Cabot, and moved to Bethel, where he purchased and carried on the Wilson House, (which house still bears his name) until August 17, 1887. Mr. Wilson then sold the hotel property, retired from active business, and resides in Bethel.

#### HIBBARD.

John Winthrop Hibbard, son of Samuel and Charlotte (Fraser) Hibbard, was born August 24, 1825. He learned the wheelwright trade at Tunbridge, Vt., moving from there to Keene, N. H., thence to Peterboro, and from that place to Randolph. He afterward worked in Lebanon, N. H., at his trade, and came to Bethel in 1850. In company with Ira Maxham he carried on a successful business at house painting, and in 1852, the mill near his present home having been com-

pleted the previous year, he began work at his trade, which he has since carried on.

He was married May 4, 1851, to Laura E. Woodbury, daughter of Samuel and Electa (Buckman) Woodbury of Bethel.

#### ARNOLD.

THOMAS ARNOLD, was born in Westmoreland, N. H., October 7, 1803. He was a traveling salesman in his native state, and was the first man to sell goods by sample in northern New Hampshire. He afterward retired from the road and carried on a farm in Westmoreland for several years. On May



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1, 1845, he was married to Maria J. Wellington, and their three children were Edwin T., Charles H., and Fred. Mr. Arnold moved with his family to Randolph in 1852, and in 1867 located in Stockbridge. He came to Bethel in March, 1874, where he died March 26, 1876.

Charles H. Arnold was born in Westmoreland, N. H., January 22, 1847, now living in Stockbridge, Vt.

FRED ARNOLD, youngest son of Thomas and Maria J. (Wellington) Arnold, was born in Randolph, December 7, 1856. His early education was received in the common

schools and at Randolph Academy. He attended the State Normal School at Randolph Center, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1872. With his parents he came to Bethel and immediately commenced the study of law in the office of James Wilson, and was admitted to the bar of Windsor county in 1882. Mr. Arnold is a prominent man in the affairs of the town, and has always been among the leaders in any enterprise for the advancement of Bethel. He has held several minor town offices at different times, and has been active in the educational interests, serving as superintendent of schools for several years. He was chosen representative to the General Assembly at Montpelier in 1892, serving two years, and in 1894 was elected Senator for Windsor County for two years. He is a Mason, and a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, at Bethel, Whitney Royal Arch Chapter at Randolph, and of the Mount Zion Commandery at Montpelier.

On October 17, 1882, Mr. Arnold was married to Martha P. White of Providence, R. I. They have seven children, George Hunter, born January 20, 1884; Emma Louise, born May 6, 1885; Wallace Wellington, born December 28, 1887; Edwin Thomas, born September 10, 1888; Christopher Noble, born May 10, 1891; Alfred White, born April 6, 1892; and Josephine, born September 6, 1895.

#### CLOUGH.

Daniel M. Clough, son of Daniel M., and Anna (Hunt) Clough, was born at Bath, N. H., October 11, 1826, and after a common school education, he began work with his father, learning the blacksmith trade. He afterward went to South Troy, Vt., where he completed his trade in the blacksmith shop of James Houston, remaining there nearly two years. In 1847, he began work at his trade on the Central Vermont Railroad, which was then being built, and his headquarters were at Bethel village. He afterward opened a shop here, where he remained five years, at which time he bought the J. Wilson farm on Christian Hill. This he afterward sold and moved to the village, but bought the property back in 1885, and has since bought the adjoining farm, making it one of the largest

and best in this vicinity. In 1862, Mr. Clough was one of the first to enlist from Bethel, and was a member of Company A, Sixteenth Vermont Volunteers, serving nine months under Captain Henry A. Eaton, returning with the rank of first lieutenant. He immediately re-enlisted in Company F, Seventeenth Vermont Volunteers, in command of Captain Lyman E. Knapp. Here he found plenty of active service, and was at the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, and was wounded at the battles of Poplar Grove in front of Petersburg and at Spottsylvania. At the former place he was taken prisoner on September 30, 1864, and was exchanged December 24, of the same year. He was laid off on account of disability, and after being sent from Annapolis to Montpelier, he was mustered out June 12, 1865. Mr. Clough has always been a democrat and was chosen selectman in 1889, serving three years. He is a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M. On June 19, 1850, he married Laura L. Brooks of Bethel, and they had four children, two of whom are living, viz: Fred M. and Laura E. Fred M., born June 30, 1853, married Kate Ferguson of Stillwater, N. Y., and their two children are Daniel Allen, born March 4, 1886, and Ralph, born December —, 1893.

Laura Elva, born March 5, 1857, married James Welch, who died leaving one daughter, Ella Laura, born December 12, 1880. On May 15, 1887, Laura E. married E. G. Carpenter of Bethel.

#### SARGENT.

Moses Belknap Sargent, born at Chester, N. H., March 7, 1812, with his wife, Louisa (Grant) Sargent, came to Bethel in 1841, and bought a farm in the town near the line between Bethel and Randolph, where he remained until 1889, when he came to the village where he now resides. His wife died December 17, 1892. They had six children, viz:

Moses B., born August 31, 1836, married Tammie, daughter of Dr. James Woodworth, November 28, 1866. He died November 18, 1870, leaving one son, James B., born February 3, 1869.

Josephine M., born March 29, 1838, died May 25, 1838.

Josephine Louise, born July 29, 1839, married Julius Wilson, July 13, 1859. (See Wilson sketch.)

Joseph G., born in Bethel, August 6, 1841, after completing his studies in the common schools, attended the academy at West Randolph, and finished his education in Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1866. His first position as a clerkship in the general merchandise store of G. E. Graham, at Bethel, where he remained four years. He purchased the tin and hardware store of S. T. Coy, and in partnership with his brother, carried on the same for several years. In 1873 he sold out his interest in the hardware business, and returned to his old position in the employ of G. E. Graham, remaining here until the great fire of 1877, which destroyed this store and its contents. He then started a general merchandise store which he has since carried on. In politics Mr. Sargent is a Republican, and has held several town offices, among them that of town treasurer, having held that office since 1884. He was appointed postmaster in April, 1868, and served about eight years. Mr. Sargent is a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M., and of Whitney R. A. Chapter, No. 7, at West Randolph. On June 18, 1872, he was married to M. Frances Messer, of Rochester, and their only son, Francis Joseph, was born in Bethel, February 18, 1884.

Ann, born in Bethel June 27, 1844, is unmarried and resides with her father in Bethel village.

Abraham S., born October 9, 1853, died at Springfield, November 27, 1875.

#### WILLIAMS.

Thomas Williams, with his wife, Olive (——) Williams, came to Bethel from Cornish, N. H., among the early settlers. Their six children were Benjamin, Thomas, Olive, Peggy, Scenia, and Mary.

Thomas Williams, son of Thomas, born May 18, 1798, married Phila Kimball of Royalton, Vt., October 15, 1820. He resided in Bethel where he carried on farming until his death, October 9, 1875. His wife died November 19, 1878, and their children were as follows: (1) Loisa G., born August 18, 1821,

married April 3, 1842, Joseph Bowen and their children were Melissa L., (Mrs. T. R. Neff,) Julia, Margie S., Julia, (Mrs. Waldo Flagg), Lulu E., Willie J., and Joseph W.

(2) Benjamin, born August 29, 1822, died April 21, 1824.

(3) Sarah Jane, born February 11, 1824, married June 28, 1846, Charles Morse. Mr. Morse was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, and his widow is now the wife of Abel Bowen of Bethel. Her four children by her first husband were LaForrest, who married Nellie Howe, and they now live in Athol, Mass.; Sumner F., now in Great Falls, Montana; Lizzie J., now Mrs. William Griffith of



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Bridgeport, Conn.; and K. W. Morse, who married Etta Raymond, and they reside at White River Junction. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are now residents of Bethel.

(4) Leonard K., born June 2, 1825, married June 10, 1849, to Nancy Morse, and died September 14, 1894.

(5) Susan A., born November 1, 1826, married Newell Batchelder April 18, 1853, who was killed by a train at Bethel village. Her second husband is Franklin Parsons, and they reside in Bethel.

(6) Amos H., born January 2, 1828, died April 16, 1848.

(7) Amplias, born April 6, 1829, married Marion Ralph of Northfield, July 2, 1854, and he now lives in Randolph.

(8) Polly A., born October 7, 1830.

(9) Charles L., born July 23, 1832, married Everelda Chamberlin, November 17, 1857. His second wife was Mrs. Mark Deering, and his present wife was Emma Kinney. He now lives in Royalton.

(10) Amanda R. born September 17, 1833, married April 7, 1855, to Chapman Morse of Rochester, Vt., where they now live.

(11) Thomas R., born January 2, 1835, married Laura Fisher March 12, 1859, and was killed in the Civil War, May 3, 1863.

(12) John K., born September 3, 1836, married Martha Barnes November 4, 1858. Their children were Frank W., Arthur, Haile, and Gertrude.

(13) Esther A., born April 17, 1838, married David Dyke, March 14, 1858, and resides in Bethel. Their children are Effie E., born December 25, 1858, married Melvin M. Cox, August 20, 1878, and died March 26, 1883, leaving one son, Glenn D., born April 9, 1880. Adelbert, born November 23, 1864, married Stella Lyman of Royalton, July 24, 1887, and their two children are Pearl, born May 18, 1889, and Mildred, born March 24, 1893.

(14) Wallace E., born December 11, 1841, married Beaumelle Parish, March 22, 1865, who bore him two children, Aggie and Parish.

#### CHILD.

Daniel Child, son of Stephen and Mercy (Chase) Child, was born at Cornish, N. H., August 6, 1779. On November 11, 1804, he was married to Apama Lyman, a daughter of Josiah and Eunice (Tiffany) Lyman, who bore him nine children, viz.: Emily, Laura, Abel, Philander, Eliza, Elijah Lyman, Lucy, Stephen and Unity M.

Elijah Lyman Child, sixth child of Daniel and Apama (Lyman) Child, was born in Rochester, Vermont, July 31, 1816, and came to Bethel with his parents, when he was two years of age. He resided in this town all his life, carrying on a farm until 1854, when he

moved to the village, where he died November 3, 1893. He married June 26, 1838, Elizabeth E. Blanchard of Pomfret, who, with two of the four children of this marriage, survive him. The children were Elizabeth Janette, born July 1, 1840, now a practicing physician in Bethel; a child died in infancy; Daniel Lyman, born June 25, 1852, married Josephine M. Clark of Bethel, April 17, 1883, and is now in the ice business in Bethel; and Mary, who died when two weeks old.

Enos Child, a brother of Daniel Child, was born in Cornish, N. H., January 10, 1783, and was married August 23, 1806, to Sarah Bemis. They moved to Bethel, Vt., about 1813, and here Mr. Child died January 30, 1839. Their son, Asaph Bemis Child, was born in Bethel, Vt., August 22, 1813, and on January 7, 1840, he was married to Eusebia Sabine. He was a graduate of the Medical College at Burlington, and practiced in Bethel for a few years. He afterward moved to Boston where he entered upon the practice of dentistry.

#### DAVIS.

Samuel Davis, son of Samuel and Sally (Coffin) Davis, was born in Weathersfield, Vt., May 25, 1812. On September 30, 1839, he married Desire, daughter of Isaac and Azubia Chamberlin, and they resided in Bethel, Mr. Davis having come to this town ten years previous. Mr. Davis died in Bethel May 1, 1886. The three children of Samuel and Desire (Chamberlin) Davis were Clark S.; James, born in Bethel, August 28, 1845, now a resident of Lowell, Mass.; and Abbie, who died when thirteen years old.

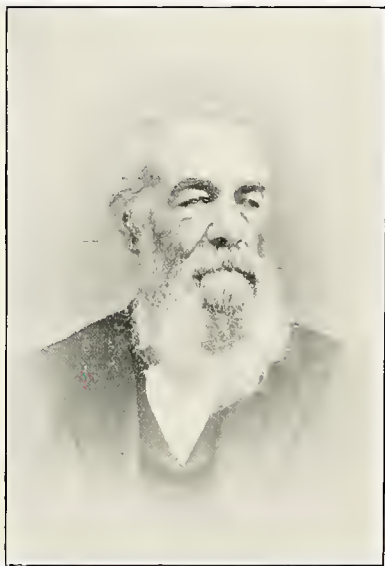
Clark S. Davis was born in Bethel July 17, 1840, and has always made this place his home. He was brought up on a farm, and has always followed that business, together with lumbering, which he has carried on quite extensively. He has been active in the affairs of the town, and has always been a firm adherent to the republican party. He served as selectman from 1886 to 1890, has been lister, and is now serving the third year as road commissioner.

Mr. Davis has been twice married. On February 25, 1863, he married Alice N. Giddings, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Boyn-ton) Giddings of Bethel, who died June 21,

1865. Their only son, Walter, born May 21, 1865, died June 3, 1865. On April 17, 1866, he married Hattie M., daughter of Enos and Martha (Holden) Town, and their three children were as follows: Willis Clark, born June 9, 1867, married Edith Hatch; Fred L., born May 9, 1871, now a farmer in Bethel; and Barton E., born December 20, 1873, now with his father, at home.

#### HUNTON.

AUGUSTUS P. HUNTON is the son of Ariel and Polly (Pingry) Hunton. Mr. Hunton's father, Ariel Hunton, M. D., was born at Unity, N. H., July 5, 1789, studied medicine



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with Dr. Long of Warner, and Dr. Howard of Springfield, and married March 18, 1809, Polly, daughter of William and Mary (Morrill) Pingry. She was born at Salisbury, N. H., September 6, 1791, and died April 29, 1874, at Bethel, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Parker.

Dr. Hunton was the son of Nathaniel and Dorothy (Thurston) Hunton. After his marriage he resided in Salisbury until 1814, when he removed to Groton, where Augustus Pingry Hunton was born, February 23, 1816. Dr. Hunton removed to Hyde Park,



Vt., July 24, 1818, and there resided until his death, November 25, 1857. He was "a practicing physician forty-three years and resided in Hyde Park thirty-nine years. He was well read and skillful in his profession, was a good citizen and neighbor, a kind husband and father. He was honest in his dealings, and punctual in his engagements; kind to the poor, and manifested a deep interest in the cause of education."

Their children were Parmenas, born at Salisbury, N. H., November 30, 1809; studied law, was admitted to the bar; married Laura Parsons of Randolph, Vt., May, 1838; died at Charleston, S. C., August 4, 1839.

Sylvanus, born at Salisbury, June 2, 1811, married September 5, 1841, Clarissa M. Bailey, of Unity, N. H. He lived many years with his great uncle, John Thurston, of Unity. He graduated at the Castleton, Vt., Medical College, and died at Carrollton, Ga., February 25, 1847.

Eudisia, born at Salisbury, May 1, 1813, died at Hyde Park, August 3, 1844.

Augustus P.

Tryphena R., born January 10, 1827.

William P., born November 24, 1832; died February 22, 1856.

Mary A., born November 24, 1832; married July 8, 1860, Rev. Sylvester A., son of William B. and Malvina (Miner) Parker, who was born June 10, 1834.

Augustus Pingry Hunton married, April 29, 1849, Caroline, daughter of Dr. Alfred and Sarah (Bigelow) Paige, who was born February 14, 1817. They had two children, (1) Mary, born April 25, 1851. Married February 1, 1877, William Brunswick Curry, son of Rev. Moses P. and Jane F. (Curry) Stickney. Their children are William, born March 6, 1878, and Mary, born November 24, 1882; (2) Albert, born June 20, 1853, died July 18, 1864. (See Legal Profession).

#### ARCHER.

Samuel Archer, with his wife, Edna (Cox) Archer, came to Bethel from Chester, Vt., in 1862. He was married three times. His first wife, Harriet Finley, to whom he was married April 5, 1844, died September 13, 1849, leaving one daughter, Jennie, born August 22, 1848. She died March 2, 1869, unmarried.

His second wife, Charlotte Wyman, to whom he was married in 1854, died January 31, 1859, leaving two children, Hattie, born March 9, 1855, and Abbie, born June 11, 1857. Hattie died February 23, 1856. Abbie married Marcus Moody January 25, 1882, and they now reside in Bethel where Mr. Moody is engaged in the grocery trade.

On May 12, 1860, Mr. Archer married Edna E. Cox of Barnard. The first two years of their residence in Bethel were spent on a farm which Mr. Archer carried on together with a lumber business. In 1864 they moved to the village, making their home at the hotels, and Mr. Archer did not again enter active business life. He died June 6, 1887, and Mrs. Archer now makes her home in the family of Mr. Moody.

#### WOOD.

Lyman M. Wood, son of Lyman and Polly (Morgan) Wood, was born in Plymouth, N. H., September 2, 1837. From his childhood he followed the occupation of a farmer. He moved to Woodstock in 1866, remaining there two years, when he came to Bethel, and purchased the Benjamin Fisk farm in the East village, where he has since resided. Mr. Wood was selectman of the town for three terms, and has also served as lister, his interests being with the Republican party. He is unmarried.

#### WEEDEN.

Samuel Weeden, son of Samuel and Martha (Cady) Weeden, was born in Hartland, Vt., October 18, 1822. He engaged in farming at Hartland until he was nineteen years old when his parents moved to Reading, Vermont. Two years later he worked in Woodstock, and moved from there to Bridgewater, where he remained until 1852, when he went to California and engaged in mining. After spending one summer in the mountains he went to Sacramento, and from there he made a trip to the southern mines, where he worked for a short time. He was taken sick in September, 1852, and was located in San Francisco from September until December of that year. He afterwards worked in Oakland, Cal., for John A. Hobart, a former resident of Randolph, Vt. In September, 1854, he returned to Vermont locating at

Bridgewater. In 1866 he came to East Bethel and bought a saw-mill which he carried on for some time but afterwards sold, and in company with his son-in-law bought the grist-mill, but sold his interest in this business in 1883.

He was married December 27, 1843, to Selemna R. Doten of Woodstock, and they had three children, only one of whom is living, viz: Rosamond, born July 5, 1849, married M. B. Brown of Lebanon, where they now reside.

#### PARKER.

REV. S. A. PARKER has lived in Bethel thirty-three years. He came here May 1, 1862, and was pastor of the Universalist parish sixteen years, and has lived in the house in which he now resides 32 years. He has led a very busy life; for thirty years he never lost a Sunday's preaching, and has never known from experience the meaning of a "summer's vacation."

Having lived so many years in this town and supplied so many different pulpits, his acquaintance is quite extensive. Through his efforts two churches have been built and six have been remodeled and renovated. He has been Secretary of the Universalist Convention of Vermont and Province of Quebec, for ten years, and still holds that office and is "special agent" for that convention. He has taken a great interest in masonry, and received the first three Masonic degrees in Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 15, in Newport, N. H., November 10, 1857—the chapter degrees in King Solomon's Chapter at Montpelier, Vt., May 3, 1860. He was the first Master U. D. of Mystic Lodge in Stowe, Vt., and gave it its name. He was elected the first Master of White River Lodge, No. 90, and held the office ten successive years. On retiring from the "chair" the lodge presented him with a Past Master's Gold Jewel, which he most highly prizes.

He is a sincere believer in the principles of Masonry and has done what he could in building up the institution. He has been Assistant Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Mr. Parker was born in the town of Lempster, N. H., June 10, 1834, and was a member of a family of five children. His

father was William B. Parker, who died in 1890 aged 80 years. He was a descendant of Abraham Parker, who married Rose Whitlock in Woburn, Mass., in 1644. They afterwards settled in Chelmsford, Mass., and were the parents of ten children. His mother was Amanda M. Miner—daughter of Benajah Ames Miner and Amanda Cary. She is still living, having reached the age of eighty-four years.

Having received a common school education he attended the academy at Lempster, N. H., Tubb's Union Academy at Washington, N. H., also the academy at Hopkinton, N. H. He was brought up in a Universalist



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home and he desired to attend school where the religious atmosphere was congenial to him. Hence he went to South Woodstock, Vt., and entered the Green Mountain Liberal Institute and graduated in the class of 1855. During these three years he was on the board of instruction as teacher of penmanship and pen drawing. He was student a short time at Tuft's College. He married, May 10, 1856, Nancy M. Greene, a graduate of his class at Woodstock. She was a daughter of Captair. Calvin and Nancy (Tupper) Greene of Barnard, Vt., and was born in Barnard,

Vt., April 3, 1836. He and his wife went to Warren County, Georgia, ten miles from Alexander Stephens', and took charge of Oak Grove Academy. They remained there through 1857 and till July, 1858, when they went to Kenansville, N. C., where his wife died August 8, 1858.

He then came back to the North. He married, July 8, 1860, Mary A. Hunton, daughter of Dr. Ariel and Polly (Pingry) Hunton of Hyde Park, Vt. She was born November 24, 1832.

The home in which he was born, the church that he attended, and the influence of his uncle, Dr. A. A. Miner, all tended to call his attention to the Christian ministry. He received the fellowship of the New Hampshire Convention of Universalists held at Enfield, N. H., June 16, 1859. He was ordained at Stowe, Vt., August 25, 1859, during the session of the Vermont State Convention. For some time he studied under the direction of Dr. Eli Ballou of Montpelier, Vt., and had access to his library. He supplied the Calais and Stowe parishes. His first settlement was in Stowe where he remained three years and then came to Bethel, where he still resides.

#### BOWEN.

David Bowen and his wife Betsy (Cushing) Bowen, came to Royalton, Vt., from Rehoboth, Mass., and located on Royalton Hill, about two miles south of Bethel village. Of their children, eight grew to maturity, viz: Patience, Letis, Russell, Olive, Cromwell, Lucy, Adeline, and Orville. David Bowen died in Bethel, Vt.; Russell Bowen moved to Ohio, when a young man, but returned to Bethel where he died in 1881.

Orville Bowen, youngest child of David and Betsy (Cushing) Bowen, was born March 23, 1810, and was engaged in farming for a number of years, after reaching his majority. He soon learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and for over fifty years was engaged in this line of work in and about Bethel. On December 25, 1833, he was married to Sarah A. Fisk of Bethel, who was the mother of seven children, viz: Roselle, Orson O., Solon, Zenus C., Mariette, Judia, and Albert.

Roselle, born at Bethel, Vt., October 23, 1834, died March 10, 1885.

Orson O., born in Stockbridge, Vt., May 13, 1837, was married twice. His first wife was Mary Spencer of Springfield, Mass., who died without issue. His second wife, Marion Williams, bore him two children, Eva and Howard C.

Solon died April 23, 1846.

Zenus C., born in Bethel, Vt., April 23, 1843, married Harriet Clark, and they have one daughter, Edna Bowen.

Mariette Bowen, born in Bethel, Vt., April 16, 1844, married Edmund C. Cushman of Windsor, Vt., and they now reside in New York state.

Julia Bowen, born in Bethel, May 16, 1845, married Edwin Henry, and they have two children, Frank, born December —, 1869, and Mary A., born October —, 1872.

Albert Bowen, born November 17, 1847, married Anna Moriarty January 1, 1877. They have three children, viz: Florence A., born October 19, 1878; Orville A., born February 2, 1880; and Edward C., born May 13, 1885. Mr. Bowen is a carpenter and resides in Bethel village.

#### CHADWICK.

Constantine Chadwick, son of Rufus and Mahala (York) Chadwick, was born in Randolph July 22, 1826. After completing his studies in the common schools, he began to learn his trade of carpenter and joiner with his father, and remained with him until 1848, when he moved to Bethel, locating in the western part of the town, and followed his trade until the Civil War. He enlisted in Company H, Eleventh Vermont Volunteers, and served under Captain J. D. Rich. He was wounded by a minnie ball at Cold Harbor, from the effect of which he lost his arm. He was in the hospital at Washington for some time, and after being transferred to Montpelier in December, 1864, he was discharged from the service in June, 1865. On September 1, 1846, he was married to Martha Gilson, who died April 10, 1894. Their children were Aurelia, born July 4, 1847; Jennie, born June 6, 1869; George, born April 5, 1871; and Emma, born May 15, 1873. Mr. Chadwick now resides in the East village, where he moved in 1875.

## ABBOTT.

Lewis H. Abbott, son of Lewis H., and Arabella (Stevens) Abbott, was born in Kingfield, Maine, September 25, 1842. He came to Vermont and settled in Roxbury, moving to Randolph, and was graduated from the Normal School at Randolph Center in 1863. He went West in 1872, and was employed as a teacher in the schools of Illinois, Michigan, and Kansas for several years, and engaged in stock raising in the latter state, returning to Vermont in 1881. He settled in Bethel, where he has since made his home. He married Louisa Jones of Tunbridge, Vt., and their two children are John B., born in Bethel January 5, 1883, and Thomas J., born January 31, 1885.

## GAY.

Paul W. Gay was born in Stockbridge, Vt., June, 1797. He married Philena Abbott, who was born in 1802, and they resided in Stockbridge until 1849, when they moved to Bethel, remaining one year. They then located in Royalton, where they remained until April, 1851, and then came to Bethel, where Paul W. died on December 1, 1860. His wife died November 4, 1887. There were four children of this marriage. Paul, the eldest, was born in Stockbridge, December 5, 1824, and his early days were spent on the farm with his father. In 1861, he left the old homestead, and moved onto the Gilson farm, located one mile above Gaysville in Stockbridge, and two years later, he moved to Gaysville village. He moved from Gaysville to Barnard, where he remained three years, and after two years spent in Bridgewater, he came to Bethel and has resided in his present location on River street ever since. From 1873 to 1881, he carried on grocery business in Bethel in company with his son, Frank P. Gay. Since the latter date Mr. Gay has been a wholesale and retail dealer in lumber, shipping to different parts of the country. He has always been a staunch democrat and a firm believer in the platform of that party. On May 27, 1847, Mr. Gay was married to Minerva, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Cox) Perkins, and they had three children, viz: Ella G., born January 30, —, now residing in Lowell,

Mass.; Frank P., born July 24, 1854, and died July 8, 1879; and Hattie L., born March 4, 1864, married Elmer C. Bradbury of Chelsea, Vt., May 25, 1893, and they reside in Bethel.

## TERRY.

Ephraim Terry, with his wife Lucena (Bugbee) Terry, came to East Bethel from Connecticut among the early settlers. They raised a family of eight children, viz: Oliver, Priscilla, Elisha, Rebecca, Polly, Lucretia and Lucena (twins), and Roxana. Of these, Elisha, born in Bethel November 21, 1786, lived and died in the town of Bethel, and with the exception of five years, resided on one farm the whole of this time. He was married four times, and died October 26, 1860. There were four children born to his first wife, viz: Abbie, born September 27, 1809; Mary, born July 9, 1811; Oliver, born May 7, 1813; and Martha, born March 6, 1815; died March 9, 1833. His second wife was the mother of six children, viz: Orville, born October 10, 1816; Zeruah, born January 5, 1818; Orvis, born October 6, 1819; Ormon; Roxana, born April 1, 1823; and George, born January 30, 1825. The two children of his third wife were Caroline, born January 27, 1835, and Laura, born October 3, 1836. Caroline married Albert Sanderson, and they now live in Brookline, Mass. Laura was twice married; first to Albert Davis, who died January 1, 1879, leaving one son, Charles Davis. She married Dana Carpenter of Randolph, and they now make that place their home. Orville Terry studied medicine and settled in New York State, where his brother Ormon afterwards studied.

Ormon Terry, born June 23, 1821, after studying medicine in the office of his brother, attended Castleton Medical College from which he was graduated in the class of 1846. He married Deborah Baker in 1853, at Saranac, N. Y., who died in Bethel in 1865, leaving five children, viz: Marcellus, Emma, Carrie, Wilmarth, and Ruth. His second wife, Jennie Demming of Cornish, N. H., to whom he was married in 1868, bore one child, a daughter, Nellie.

Marcellus married Myra Tower, of East Randolph, and they now reside in Boston, Mass.

Emma died in Tunbridge.

Carrie married Frank Kittredge, and they now reside in Massachusetts.

Wilmarth married Ella Mann of Braintree, and they now live in Randolph.

Ruth married James Coleman, and their present home is in Boswick, Nebraska.

Nellie married James Graham, and they now reside in Barre.

Dr. Ormon Terry settled in Bethel in the spring of 1865, and made this place his home until his death, September 10, 1880.

#### TUPPER.

Royal H. Tupper came from Rochester to Bethel in 1864, and located in Bethel village, residing in the house now owned by Mrs. William Wright. Although not a merchant in this place, he was actively engaged in buying and selling wool and hops in this section, and for several years was president of the White River National Bank. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah (Farrington) Tupper, died in Rochester, February 22, 1850, leaving three children, viz: John R., born December 4, 1841, married Susan Raymond of Stowe, Vt., and they now reside in Rochester; Robert, born March 26, 1843, died August 25, 1855; and Sarah Frances, born November 26, 1848, married F. P. Holden of Gaysville, Vt., and they now live in Penacook, N. H. They have one son, Royal D., born November 5, 1880. Mr. Tupper married, June 9, 1851, Martha Rogers, who bore one son, George H. Tupper.

Royal Tupper died November 26, 1881, aged seventy-one.

GEORGE H. TUPPER, son of Royal and Martha (Rogers) Tupper, was born in Rochester June 4, 1855, and received his education in the public schools of his native place, and the Goddard Seminary at Barre. After completing his school work, he returned to his home at Rochester, and was employed on the farm with his father, for a short time. He then came to Bethel, and during the years 1881 and 1882, he was employed in the White River National Bank. In the latter part of 1882, he went to Kewanee, Ill., where he remained seven months, returning to Bethel at the end of that time, and purchasing the hardware business of J. G. Fassett, which he still carries on.

Mr. Tupper is a staunch Democrat, and the family has been connected with that party through several generations. He has been a member of the Democratic County Committee for several years, and was appointed postmaster of Bethel on May 13, 1885, during the first year of Mr. Cleveland's administration. He served four years, and was reappointed October 3, 1883, the office having been changed from a fourth to a third rate office. Mr. Tupper is a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M.

He was married January 25, 1882, to Nellie M., daughter of A. J. and Susan (Lyman)



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Graham, and their four children are Grace L., born January 29, 1883; Harry A., born October 21, 1886; Frank H., born March 26, 1894, and Marion M., born May 3, 1895.

#### STURTEVANT.

Edwin Sturtevant, son of Thomas Foster and Rosilind (Taylor) Sturtevant, was born in Hartland, Vt., September 24, 1826. At an early age he became a railroad engineer, and was employed on the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain railroad for several years, having previously run on the Central Vermont railroad. In 1859 he moved to New

York city, where he engaged in business for about eight years, when he came to Bethel and here became interested in mercantile trade, which he continued until 1876. He then engaged in monumental business, which he carried on until his death, which occurred August 31, 1894. Mr. Sturtevant was a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M. He was a republican, and was elected by that party to represent the town of Bethel in 1876, besides holding several town offices.

On October 24, 1849, Mr. Sturtevant was married to Sarah A. Gilson, who survives him, and now resides on River street in Bethel village.

#### CHADWICK.

Samuel Chadwick came to Vermont from Falmouth, Mass., about 1814, and located at Randolph, where he married Polly Miles, a native of Claremont, N. H. They raised a family of seven children, viz: Catherine, Annah, Lucien, Maria, Francis, Jason and Sarah.

Lucien came to Bethel in 1849, and was twice married. His first wife, Louisa Sanders, died in 1872, leaving three children, Laura, Elizabeth and Mary. He married Saphronia Pember of Randolph, who died in Randolph in 1894. Lucien Chadwick died in Bethel in 1893. Francis Chadwick, a younger brother of Lucien, came to Bethel in 1849, where he married Abbie Flynn. They moved to Rochester, N. Y., where he now resides.

Jason Chadwick, born in Randolph, November 30, 1832, came to Bethel in 1851, where he married Sarah Bennett, who bore him nine children, viz: Lucien, born August 26, 1856, died October 4, 1889; Henry, born in Hancock, May 11, 1859, married Ida Haskins, and they reside in St. Albans; Belle, born in Bethel February 18, 1862, married Frank Beckman, and they now reside in Gardiner, Mass.; Adelle, born in Stockbridge, May 16, 1864, died August 27, 1865; Alice, born in Bethel August 1, 1867, married Charles Allen, and they reside in Bethel; Jessie, born in Bethel May 1, 1870; Freddie, born July 21, 1872, died November 4, 1876; Harry, born in Bethel July 6, 1874; and Annah, born July 16, 1879.

Jason Chadwick now resides in Bethel, where he follows his trade as a carpenter and builder.

#### SOPER.

Almon Alonzo Soper, son of Jesse and Betsy (Hunt) Soper, was born in Brandon, Vt., September 22, 1828. After a common school education, he began the blacksmith trade in Brandon, and he remained there five years. His parents lived in Leicester and Middlebury when he was a boy, but afterwards returned to Brandon. Mr. Soper came to Bethel in 1856, and opened a blacksmith shop in the village, but four years later moved to his present location on the Gaysville road. On June 6, 1858, he was married to Elizabeth M., daughter of Samuel and Electa (Buckman) Woodbury, and they have three children, viz: Clinton, born October 13, 1859, married Mabel Cox of National City, California, January 3, 1893, and their son, Fred, was born July 28, 1894. Florence, born August 19, 1866, is a school teacher, and now resides with her parents; Robert W., born January 7, 1880, now attending school at Bethel.

Mr. Soper has never been identified with politics, devoting his whole time to his business, and for thirty-five years has been located in this present shop, where he has established and carries on a successful trade.

#### CURTIS.

Asa Curtis, born January 31, 1782, came to Bethel in 1800, and here he married Lucy Fish, December 5, 1805, who bore twelve children, five of whom are living, viz: Amanda, Ellis, Abigail, Chastina, and Charles W. Asa Curtis died in 1865.

Amanda Curtis, born May 28, 1807, married Thwing Buckman, who died, and his widow now lives in Windsor, Vt.

Ellis Curtis, born May 26, 1813, married Eliza A. Richardson, and their children were Andrew J. and William.

Abigail Curtis, born May 29, 1815, married Edmund Chadwick and they had one son, Frank Chadwick. Mr. Chadwick died, and his widow now lives with her son, in Randolph.

Chastina Curtis, born October 7, 1819, married Orvis Terry, who died leaving six

children, viz: Eliza A., Alma, Ella, Marion, Fred and Sarah. Chastina (Curtis) Terry now resides in Randolph, Vt.

Charles W. Curtis, born March 7, 1824, married Ellen Buckman, who died August 29, 1892, leaving three children, viz: Adelbert, born November 11, 1855, died February 7, 1858; Carrie A., born April 3, 1860, now assistant principal in the graded schools at Lancaster, N. H.; Nettie B., born February 4, 1863, now Mrs. Charles Davis.

Charles W. Curtis is now a successful farmer about one mile north of Bethel village on the Randolph road. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several town offices in Bethel.

#### STEARNS.

Charles Curtis Stearns, was born at Strafford, Vt., October 2, 1829. He enlisted in Company E, First Vermont Volunteers, in 1862, serving three months. This company was organized at Northfield, and was the first regiment out of Vermont. In 1867 he came to Bethel, where he was employed as station agent by the Central Vermont Railroad and continued in that position for fourteen years. He was a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M.; also a member of the Episcopal Church of Bethel, in which he served as warden for several years. Mr. Stearns was married twice. His first wife, Helen M. Shaw, to whom he was married April 29, 1856, died ————. Their only son, William G. Stearns, born July 1, 1857, married Helen Pease of Hartford, and their children are Allen P., Charles N., and Helen A.

Mr. Stearns was married March 19, 1862, to Adelaide R. Blodgett, at Randolph Center, and died in Bethel September 5, 1881. Their two children were Charles B., born June 28, 1865, and died March 4, 1887; and Mary A., born August 24, 1870. Mrs. Stearns and her daughter now reside in Bethel village.

#### CHADWICK.

Theodore A. Chadwick, born July 28, 1845, came to Bethel from Braintree, Vt., in December, 1863. He was first employed by J. D. Cushing in the harness business, and worked for him until he sold his business to

Henry A. Fairbanks in 1870. He continued in the same shop under Mr. Fairbanks, Horton & McCulloch and George Wallace, and on March 5, 1875, he started in business for himself, which he still carries on. At the call for men in the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Chadwick enlisted in Company F., 12th Vermont Volunteers, serving nine months, and was mustered out in July, 1863. He is a charter member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M.

He was married May 2, 1869, to Ellen Blake of Bethel, and their only son, Lynn T., was born June 2, 1873.

#### WHITCOMB.

ALBERT WHITCOMB, son of Branch and Olivia (Baker) Whitcomb, was born in Stock-



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bridge, Vt., December 2, 1815. Although he received only a common school education, he spent much of his spare time in reading and study. His early life was spent on a farm, and with his brother he purchased a part of the old farm, over which a debt was standing, earning the money to pay for the same by working out, the greater part of the work being done at night. His first investment in the way of speculation, was the

purchase of a calf, which he raised to a cow, and afterward let out, thus laying the foundation of his large fortune. He moved to Bethel, where he died January 7, 1890, leaving large bequests to public charities. The High School at Bethel, which bears his name, was remembered with thirty thousand dollars, and twenty thousand was bequeathed to the town of Stockbridge, to be paid after his sister, Mrs. Nancy Houghton has the use of it through her life. Mr. Whitcomb was a member of the Burlington Commandery of Knight Templars.

He married Miss Etta Northup of Fairfield, Vt., who died December 18, 1885, leaving no issue.

#### WHEELER.

Minot Wheeler, born in Hollis, N. H., in 1777, was one of the early settlers in Bethel, coming here in the beginning of this century. He married Sarah Farley, who bore him ten children.

The children of Minot and Sarah (Farley) Wheeler, were, (1) Sarah, born in Hollis, N. H., June, 1800, and died 1801. (2) Sarah, born in Hollis, N. H., April 19, 1802, died August 18, 1804. (3) Royal, born at Royalton, Vt., July 4, 1804, died January 20, 1869, unmarried. (4) Rebecca, born in Hollis, N. H., October 10, 1806, married Joel Day, and died October 25, 1893. (5) Mary Ann, born at Royalton, December 25, 1808, married John Wallace and died January 25, 1880. (6) Susan, born August 11, 1810, died March 25, 1816. (7) George, born February 15, 1812, died June 29, 1816. (8) Minot, born February 5, 1814, married Sarah Page, and died February 5, 1882. (9) George, born April 16, 1821, married Emma Locke, and died April 12, 1873. (10) Gardner Wheeler, born January 26, 1824, began life as a farmer with his father in Bethel, and followed that line of business until 1866, when he sold his farm, moved to the village and bought the place where he now resides. In connection with his farming he was a cooper, and continued in this line until 1889, when he was obliged to give up active work on account of poor health. He was a musician during his younger days, and for fourteen years played in a local orchestra during the winter months.

Mr. Wheeler married March 15, 1843, Jane E. Woodbury of Bethel, and they reside in Bethel on Main street. Their children were Wilbur G., born September 23, 1844, died October 25, 1862; Charles M. born June 17, 1846, died February 3, 1866; Ella E., born June 23, 1848, died February 26, 1867; Orren, born January 16, 1852, died March 12, 1866; Frank, born June 30, 1858, died February 11, 1859.

#### LINCOLN.

Spencer Lincoln, son of Abijah and ———(French) Lincoln, was born in Westmoreland, N. H., April 11, 1803. His parents died when he was only five years old, and he came to Bethel to live with an uncle at what is called South Limpus. Here he grew to maturity, and here he received a common school education. He worked on the farm with his uncle for several years after reaching his majority, and afterwards bought the Gilson farm on the Gaysville road, now owned by L. A. Rood, where he remained for several years. He did a large business here, and carried on an extensive dairy. He decided to give up farming and moved to the village, where he bought the house in which Mrs. Lincoln now lives, then in process of construction. After he settled in the village he was engaged at carpenter work for several years, but finally gave that up on account of ill health. He died in Bethel November 19, 1881.

On May 4, 1834, he married Eunice R. Warren of Charleston, Vt., who survives him. Their children were Adeliza H., born January 21, 1839, died at five years of age; Gilbert, born June 16, 1840, was drowned in the Connecticut River at Norwich, Vt., August 2, 1862; Albert, born December 18, 1842, married Martha Connell, and their daughter, Lola, was born October 23, 1881; Ella M., born September 21, 1850, now resides with her mother, and is unmarried.

#### FISHER.

Edwin Fisher, son of Marcus O., and Fanny (Hall) Fisher was born in Cabot Vt., June 15, 1825. He fitted for college in the school at Danville, but did not continue his school work, but returned to Cabot, where he learned the trade of tanning with his



father. He continued in this line of business until 1869, his father having died, and for several years he carried on the business alone. At the close of his work in Cabot, he came to Bethel, where he became interested in the tannery of E. T. Bugbee & Co., and for one year was a partner in that firm. He later carried on business alone, dealing in leather findings. This he followed four years, and in 1875, he was chosen postmaster holding that office for ten years. Mr. Fisher is a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M.

He has been a deacon in the Congregational Church at Cabot, and has also served in that office in the Congregational Church at Bethel. He was elected by the Republican party to represent Cabot in the legislature of 1863 and 1864, and was representative of the town of Bethel in 1886.

He has been twice married. On May 17, 1848, he married Mary L. Collins of Danville, who died July 17, 1863, leaving three children, viz: a son, born February 13, 1853, died in infancy; Francis H., born September 17, 1854, married Lizzie Green of Burlington, and of their five children, three are living, viz: Wilson H., Louis, and Florence.

Kate C. Fisher, born March 4, 1858, married January 1, 1878, Herman H. Dewey of Plainfield, Vt. They have one son, Ralph Dewey.

Edwin Fisher married Emiline N. Putnam of Cabot, Vt., May 4, 1864, and they have had four children, viz: Edwin P., born November 10, 1867, married Annis Dickey, January 25, 1894, and they have one daughter, Ruth E., born August 18, 1895. William M., born November 8, 1869, married Lucy Dunbar of Hartland, Vt., March 24, 1892. Their only son, Allen D., born July 20, 1893, died July 3, 1894. William M. Fisher is now in the employ of the United States Postal Service, traveling between Springfield, Mass., and Newport, Vt. Fanny M. Fisher, born October 23, 1871, married H. K. Wing of Boston, July 10, 1894, and died November 24, 1894.

#### BROOKS.

Reuben Brooks and his wife, Annie (Terry) Brooks, were among the first families to locate in Bethel when this town was almost a wilderness, and settled on a farm on

Christian Hill, now owned and occupied by Anson Marsh. Ten children were born to them, viz: Osmand, Pardon, Fanny, Thora, Mary, Nancy, Sabrina, Reuben, James and Harrison.

(1) Osmand married Polly Perham, and their five children were Alonzo, George, Laura, Frederick and Eugene.

Alonzo married Ursula Burt, and their five children were Frederick, Ida, Hattie, George and Emma. Of this family, Hattie married Charles Coy, and Ida married Monroe Kendall. (See Kendall Sketch.)

George Brooks, son of Osmand Brooks, married Betsy Corey, who was the mother of five children, viz: Birdsell, Elizabeth, Will, Eugene and Celia. Birdsell is now a carpenter and builder in Bethel village; Will is a farmer, and resides on Christian Hill; Elizabeth married Albion Spices, and their home is at Greenfield, Mass.; Eugene and Celia both reside in Bethel unmarried.

Laura Brooks, daughter of Ormand, married Daniel Clough. (See Clough Sketch.)

(2) Pardon Brooks married Lavinia Lillie of Bethel. They moved West where four children were born to them, viz: Fannie, George, Albert and Hattie. His widow now resides in Independence, Iowa.

(3) Fanny Brooks, daughter of Reuben and Annie (Terry) Brooks, married John Perham.

(4) Thora went West where she married and resided until her death.

(5) Mary married Eleazer Burt.

(6) Nancy married Timothy Richardson.

(7) Sabrina married ——— Walker.

(8) Reuben Brooks, born July 18, 1803, married Philena Burt of Walpole, N. H. Four children were born of this marriage, viz: Mary, born May 26, 1842, now resides in Bethel, unmarried; Helen, born August 31, 1845, married Aaron Davis of Bethel, and died September 8, 1886; Walter, born September 26, 1847, died April 5, 1893. Jennie, born March 26, 1850, married Lewis S. Bird of Bethel. (See Bird Sketch.) Reuben Brooks died January 6, 1878, and his wife died September 8, 1889.

(9) James Brooks married Irene Reed of Bethel, and they moved to the West.

(10) Harrison Brooks moved West when he was eighteen years old, married, and raised a family of children. His home is now at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

#### BIRD.

John Bird was a pioneer in the town of Bethel, and many of his decedents reside in this vicinity. His children were Thomas, Hannah, Sarah, Abigail and Alonzo B. and Buzzell (twins).

(1) Thomas Bird never resided in this vicinity after his boyhood, having moved to Canada when eighteen years old.

(2) Hannah Bird married Joshua Bates of Natick, Mass., and they afterwards resided at that place.

(3) Sarah Bird married —— Stone, and they moved to Michigan.

(4) Abigail Bird married —— Nott, and moved to Ware, Mass. They returned to Vermont, locating at Brandon, where she died.

(5) Buzzell, born May 13, 1819, married Cordelia Bryant, and they moved to Stockbridge, Vt.

(6) Alonzo Bird, born May 13, 1819, married Sarah Bugbee, who bore him eight children, as follows: Lorenzo, born December 15, 1842, died February —, 1893. Calista, born June 20, 1843, married Perley Blanchard, and they now reside in Rutland.

Lewis Bird, born May 18, 1846, married Jennie Brooks, March 25, 1872. They had three children, viz: Blanche L., born September 19, 1873, died January 1, 1895; Jessie M., born February 26, 1875, died May 18, 1895; and Robert B., born July 25, 1886, now attending school in Bethel. Mr. Bird now resides in Bethel village.

Ellen, born April 11, 1849, married Merritt Brink, and they are now residents of Bethel.

Lorette, born June 22, 1850, married Charles Wright.

Addie, born December 15, 1852, married M. H. Boynton.

Julia, born —— —, 1854, married Charles Cutler and they live in Bethel village.

Walter, born —— —, 1856, died when ten months old.

Mrs. Alonzo Bird died January 6, 1891, and Mr. Bird married Mrs. Flint of Chester, Vt., and they now reside in Lilyville in Bethel township.

#### KIMBALL.

Richard Kimball and Henry Kimball, two brothers, were probably the ancestors of most of the numerous families of the name of Kimball in New England.

On the 10th of April, 1634, O. S., they embarked at Ipswich, in the county of Suffolk, Old England, in the ship Elizabeth, William Andrews, Master, for Massachusetts, and landed at Ipswich, in New England. Richard first settled in Watertown, but soon after removed to Ipswich, where it is recorded February 23, 1637-38, that he was granted by the town "a house lot next adjoining to Goodman Simmonds at the west end of ye town." There came with him his wife, Ursula (Scott) Kimball and seven children.

Richard Kimball, son of Capt. John and Jerusha (Mecham) Kimball, the seventh generation descended from the above Richard, born in Pomfret, Conn., August 21, 1762, and his wife, Susanna (Holden) settled in Randolph, having bought the farm about one mile north of Randolph post office, owned since 1837 by Luther Granger, of James Tarbox, November 1, 1796, where he lived until his death, November 23, 1828. They had fourteen children, nine of whom died in infancy, the oldest being less than six years. Those reaching mature age were John Holden Kimball, born May 1, 1796, and died August 5, 1875, at West Randolph, Vt. Hiram Kimball, born December 18, 1803, and died April 23, 1865, at West Randolph, Vermont; Lloyd Kimball, born October 16, 1805, and died March 21, 1865, at McIndoes Falls, Vt.; Aveline (Kimball) Beers, born July 23, 1807, and died May 5, 1887, at Syracuse, N. Y.; Melora Kimball Hobart, born May 6, 1810, and died November 19, 1884, at Vineland, N. J.

John Holden Kimball married June 11, 1828, Katherine Williams, who was born at Plainfield, N. H., and died in Vineland, N. J., January 7, 1878. Their children were:

(1) Susan, born in Marshfield, November 14, 1820, married Norman W. Healey March

1, 1848, and died at Vineland, N. J., November 6, 1887, leaving two children, viz: Carlton K., born at Bridgewater, September 23, 1858, and Evelyn Healey, born at Hartland, Vt., October 14, 1849.

(2) Sarah, born in Randolph, Vt., October 13, 1831, and died at Gaysville, October 14, 1852.

(3) Emily W., born at Bethel, Vt., August 1, 1835, and died at Gaysville, May 7, 1873.

(4) Hiram A., born in Stockbridge, Oct. 1, 1837, married Caroline Wainwright, Janu-



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ary 17, 1865, and died at Vineland, N. J., February 16, 1890.

(5) Elburt B., born in Stockbridge, November 1, 1839, married Ursula Lazelle, October 24, 1862, and they now reside in Burlington, Vt. Their two children are Frederick E., born at Stockbridge, August 19, 1869, and Clara L., born July 16, 1876, died at Gaysville, April 30, 1885.

(6) GEORGE H. KIMBALL, son of John H., and Catherine (Williams) Kimball, was born in Stockbridge, Vt., April 23, 1843. At the close of his public school studies the civil war broke out, and Mr. Kimball, then a lad of eighteen, enlisted and served in Co. C, 6th

Vermont Volunteers, from which he was discharged in December, 1862. He returned to Vermont, and for a short time attended the Orange County Grammar School, then located at Randolph Center. In 1863 he went to Philadelphia; where he spent the next five years in the employ of his brother of the firm of H. A. Kimball & Co., manufacturers of artificial limbs. After his return to Vermont he owned and carried on a grocery business in Randolph, where he remained until after the death of his father and mother, and in 1875, closed out his business interests and accepted a position in the employ of his brother, E. B. Kimball, in a general merchandise store at Gaysville, in the town of Stockbridge. He remained here until 1890, when he purchased the grocery and meat business at Bethel owned by E. A. Burnett, and has since conducted the same. He is a member of Daniel Lillie Post, No. 61, G. A. R., and is a Colonel on the Staff of Department Commander B. Cannon.

On November 16, 1865, he was married to Elizabeth M. Oliver, of Burlington, N. J., and they have eight children, viz: Emily C., born November 16, 1867, married George Wyman, December 26, 1889, and their daughter Alice was born February 9, 1892.

Kate O., born March 23, 1870, married W. E. Webster, December 5, 1893; John S., born June 6, 1872, married Grace Moreland, October 3, 1894; Anne F., born June 25, 1876; Mary E., born March 28, 1879; Lizzie O., born October 25, 1880; Robert H., born August 19, 1886; George E., born December 7, 1888,

(7) Hannah Ella, born August 21, 1847, married C. W. A. Putnam, August 21, 1865, and died at Vineland, N. J., July 26, 1880, leaving two children, viz: George K. Putnam, born at Randolph, August 8, 1865, and Edward H., born November 27, 1868.

#### CADY.

Samuel C. Cady, son of Chester and Betsey (Stevens) Cady was born at Barnard, August 30, 1830. At the age of seventeen, he went to Troy, N. Y., where he learned the trade of harness-making, remaining three years; he then went to Albany, working at his trade there for seven years. He returned to his native place in 1857, and opened a

harness store on his own account, and for nearly seventeen years did an extensive business. In 1875, Mr. Cady came to Bethel and opened a harness business in the building now used as a grist and saw mill on Main street, and moved to his present location in the Arnold Block in 1891. He is a member of the White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M., and also of the Whitney R. A. Chapter, No. 7, at Randolph. Mr. Cady was married in Albany, N. Y., July 29, 1852, to Miss Eliza A. Hood, who died October 24, 1858, leaving one daughter, Annie W., born June 25, 1853, who married George I. Abbott of Stockbridge, June 10, 1879, and they have three children; Samuel Lee, born November 4, 1882; Mary Lucy, born April 13, 1885, and George I. Jr., born April 21, 1892. Mr. Cady was married to Angela W. Wood of Barnard, August 21, 1859, who died May 6, 1875, leaving one son, A. Lee, born February 8, 1868. On September 7, 1879, Mr. Cady was married to Laura J. French of Barnard, and their only daughter, Maud E., was born September 17, 1882.

A. Lee Cady, son of Samuel C. and Angela (Wood) Cady, was a student at West Randolph High School, after completing his studies in the schools of Bethel, and after working for a short time as clerk in the grocery store of M. A. Moody, he entered the service of G. N. Tupper in the hardware business, and has since been in his employ. He is interested with his father in the harness business, and the firm name is Samuel C. Cady & Son. He is a member of White River Lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M.

On June 5, 1894, he was married to Lillian C. Martin, daughter of Frank L., and Lena (Campbell) Martin of Bethel.

#### MAXHAM.

Edgar W. Maxham, son of William and Amanda (Abbott) Maxham, was born in Quechee, Vt., January 21, 1833. After completing his studies in the common schools and the academy at West Randolph, he entered the service of Skinner & Blodgett, as clerk in their general merchandise store at Royalton. Two years later he left the store and attended the academy at South Royalton. He started in the drug business at Royalton in 1855, which he carried on for

nine years, moving to South Royalton at end of that time. Here he remained six years, and came to Bethel in 1870, and carried on the drug business in this place for twenty-three years. This business he sold to J. T. Sisco & Son in July, 1894, and has not been in active business since that time.

While in Royalton, Mr. Maxham was Superintendent of Schools for two years, and he was chosen by the citizens of Bethel to represent them in the General Assembly at Montpelier in 1882. He was married October 21, 1857, to Ella E. Dow, and their son Frank Maxham, was born in Bethel, December 19, 1860.

#### BULLARD.

Oliver Bullard, born in New Hampshire, married Abigail Gay of Stockbridge, Vt., and they had nine children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were Luther; Mumford, a Methodist minister, died in Northern Vermont; Andes, a Methodist minister, died in Randolph, Vt., October 12, 1889; Abigail (deceased) married Abijah Twitchell; Betsy, (deceased) married John Baker; Fanny, (deceased) married Mark Chamberlin; Azuba (deceased) married Ephraim Twitchell. Luther Bullard, born in Francistown, N. H., January 5, 1801, married Nancy Greenleaf, who was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1805. They had eight children: Pamela resides in Bethel; Penfield; Oliver, died in Bethel; Christina, (deceased) married Andes Twitchell; Martha, (deceased) married Moses Dustin; Calvin, died in Bethel; Frank, now living in Stockbridge; and Nancy, wife of Christopher R. Noble of Bethel.

#### PARKER.

Joseph Parker, a native of Braintree, Mass., came to Bethel, moving from here to Braintree, Vt., where he died. His children were Joseph, Abraham, Nathan, Enos, John, Stephen, Lemuel, Ephraim, and two daughters, one of whom married a Goodno, and the other a Lewis. Nathan Parker, born in Braintree, Mass., April 4, 1787, died May 26, 1864. He was married three times. His first wife was Lucinia Razie. His second wife, Bethiah Jackson, *nee* Peck, bore him

four children, viz: John, Lucinia, Mary and Nathan. His third wife, Polly Janes, left one son, George, now a resident of Royalton, Vt. Nathan Parker, son of Nathan, was born in Bethel, October 20, 1820, and married Mary L. Bliss, who died January 19, leaving two children, Amma Lida, now Mrs. Myron Morse, and Sophia Rebecca, widow of Frank W. Harding, and now residing in Royalton, Vt. Mr. Parker carried on farming all his life, and for over fifty years resided on one farm in Bethel. He has served the town as lister, and has been selectman for six consecutive years. He died in Bethel.

#### O'CONNELL.

Peter M. O'Connell was born June 21, 1829, at Balleyshire, Ireland. He attended the village schools until he was fourteen years old, when he began an apprenticeship with his brother at the wheelwright trade, and continued in that place for five years. On August 11, 1848, he sailed from the city of Limerick for America on a sailing vessel, landing at Quebec September 18, 1848. He went from that place to Randolph, Vt, where an older brother was living at that time. The first six months he worked on the farm of Solomon Hobart, and afterwards was employed on the farm of Joel Mann for a short time. He did carpenter work for Monroe Colburn and later entered the carriage shop of Samuel Howard, remaining in that place five years. He came to Bethel in 1858 and commenced work in the shop of Irvin Weston at carriage making, living in his family until May 1, 1868, when he was married to Joanna Keily of Randolph. Mr. Weston was succeeded at his death in 1875, by his son Ephraim Weston, Mr. O'Connell having been in his employ up to the present time.

Two children have been born to Peter and Joanna (Keily) O'Connell, viz: Mary, born February 14, 1869, now Mrs. John Rourke of Somerville, Mass., and Josephine, born May 3, 1870, now Mrs. Edward A. Davis of Bethel.

#### MILLER.

George M. Miller was born in Roxham, Canada, August 16, 1843. Before reaching his majority he was employed as a clerk in the clothing business at Champlain, N. Y.,

and here he completed his education in the public schools. He remained in Champlain ten years and then returned to Roxham, and from there to Hemmingford, Canada, where he carried on the drug business for a period of about ten years. He came to Bethel, Vt., in October, 1888, and purchased the drug store then owned and carried on by Greene & Chase, and still carries on same. Mr. Miller has always been an earnest worker in religious affairs, and his interests are now with the Congregational Church at Bethel.

He has been twice married. His first wife, Amelia E. Hammond, to whom he was married May 20, 1868, was the mother of four children, viz: J. Wesley, born in Roxham, March 31, 1869, now in business with his father at Bethel; Annie L., born June 9, 1872, now teaching school; Julia B., born November 21, 1879; and Emma M., born May 14, 1884. Mrs. Miller died September 6, 1884, and on September 24, 1885, Mr. Miller married Chastina M. Norton.

#### BAKER.

Wesley F. Baker was born in Vergennes, Vt., February 10, 1843. When he was four years old, his parents moved to Ripton, Vt, and here he received a common school education, leaving school when only thirteen years old to accept a position in a machine shop at the latter place. Three years later he came to Bethel where he was engaged in farming the following two years. He enlisted in 1861 in Company A, Sixteenth Vermont Volunteers, serving nine months, returning to Bethel at the end of that time. One year later he re-enlisted in Company K, Seventeenth Vermont Volunteers with the rank of Sergeant, served until the close of the war, and was mustered out August 23, 1865. After he returned to Bethel he engaged in farming until 1889, when he began carpentering, a trade he had followed to some extent when a small boy, his father having been a carpenter and builder.

On January 27, 1867 he was married to Sarah Neff, who bore him one son, Walter H. Baker, now in the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad Company at Bethel. Mr. Baker now resides on Church street in Bethel village.

## WRIGHT.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, son of John and Mary (Huntoon) Wright, was born in Hanover, N. H., February 16, 1832. He received a public school education, and was employed in a grist mill in Etna during his early manhood. He bought the grist mill at Lebanon in 1862 and carried it on for several years, doing a successful business. Several years after, he sold his milling property and became interested as a partner in the Sturtevant Manufacturing Company, and for eighteen years was a member of this firm, Mr. Wright traveling in the interests of the



WILLIAM WRIGHT.

business the greater part of that time. This company manufactured sash, doors, blinds, and furniture, and their goods were sold in most all parts of the United States. When Mr. Wright closed his labors in this concern, his health was much impaired, but he improved and gained in strength, although he never had his former vigor and health again. He was interested in the firm of Mead, Mason & Co., for a number of years, and came to Bethel in 1888, where, in company with his son-in-law, C. W. Reed, he leased the mill property of Hiram Gilson in the north

part of the village, and did a successful grist and lumber business. Two years later they bought this property and their business was carried on under the firm name of Wright & Reed. In 1894, Mr. Reed sold his interest in the business and the firm name was changed to Wright & Cushing, Mr. C. D. Cushing being the junior member of the firm. Mr. Wright died of pneumonia March 16, 1895, after a brief illness.

He was a member of Franklin Lodge No. 6, F. and A. M., and of Mascoma Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. He was not a member but a constant attendant of the Methodist Church and a liberal contributor to that cause.

Mr. Wright was married October 10, 1851, to Sarah J. Corey of Hanover, N. H., and their only daughter, Mary E., was born April 26, 1865. On December 22, 1886, she was married to Clarence W. Reed, and they had two children, only one of whom is living, viz: Florence W., born August 19, 1888; and Ikey May, born June 11, 1894, and died February 25, 1895. Mr. Reed is now in business in Enfield, N. H., and there Mrs. Wright makes her home.

## WASHBURN.

Seth M. Washburn, son of Levi and Prudentia (Flint) Washburn, was born in Randolph, May 23, 1849. His education was begun in the common schools of Randolph, and he was graduated from the Normal School at Randolph Center in the class of 1868. After completing his studies he taught school for several seasons, and in 1874 he accepted a position in the Alaska Commercial Company, at Alaska, and there he was located four seasons, returning to Vermont in 1877. He settled in Bethel and purchased the interest of George A. Montgomery in the firm of Brooks & Montgomery, and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Brooks & Washburn. Mr. Washburn was married May 22, 1878, to Kate S. Brooks, of Bethel, and their four children are: Mary A., born February 15, 1879; Lucy J., born July 23, 1884; Ben M., born June 1, 1886, and Albert B., born January 24, 1891.

Mr. Washburn is a stock-holder and a director in the Bethel Shoe Company.

## [WALDO.

JOSEPH H. WALDO, son of J. W. Waldo, 2d, and Nettie (Woodworth) Waldo, was born in Royalton, Vt., October 15, 1864. He attended the public schools and the Roy-



JOSEPH WALDO.

alton Academy, and completed his education in the graded school at West Randolph. He was first employed in the office of the Central Vermont railroad at South Royalton, but came to Bethel shortly after and was telegraph operator of the Bethel office for a period of three years. He was then promoted to agent, and stationed again at Royalton, but after three months service in that place he was transferred to Bethel, and has been agent of the Central Vermont at this station since December, 1890.

Since his connection with Bethel he has been interested in real estate, and has built several houses which he now owns. He is a member of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, F. and A. M., at South Royalton, of the Randolph Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F., and of the Patriarch's Militant, at White River Junction.

Mr. Waldo was married October 24, 1888, to Fannie A. Flowers, of Sharon, and they have one daughter, Mabel G., born April 14, 1890.

## KENDALL.

Monroe N. Kendall is the son of Allen C. and Diantha (Newton) Kendall, and he was the oldest in a family of nine children, five of whom are now living. The children of Allen C. and Diantha (Newton) Kendall were Monroe N., Albert A., Abbie D., Mary Frances and Martha, (twins), Minerva A., Lillian S., Jennie C., and Frank I.

MONROE N. KENDALL was born in Barnard, Vt., November 23, 1843, and during his boyhood worked on the farm with his father, attending the public schools of that place. He was nineteen years old when the Civil War broke out, and he enlisted in Company G, 16th Vt. Volunteers, September 4, 1862, serving under Capt. Harvey N. Bruce. His regiment saw considerable active service, and he was present and took part in the battle of Gettysburgh. He was discharged from service August 10, 1863, his time having expired, and he then returned to Bethel. Shortly after he began work at freight team-



MONROE N. KENDALL.

ing which he followed eighteen years, leaving this to carry on the meat business in which he is still interested. Mr. Kendall is a member of the G. A. R., is Past Commander

of Daniel Lillie Post, and has served as Officer of the Day for the past five years.

He was married September 20, 1865, to Ida L. Brooks, of Bethel, a daughter of Alonzo D. and Ursula S. (Burt) Brooks, born in Eden, Peoria County, Ill., September 12, 1847. Of their four children three are now living. The children of Monroe and Ida (Brooks) Kendall were Jennie M., born February 16, 1867, now living with her parents; Kate M., born February 10, 1869, married February 14, 1894, John H. Miller, proprietor of an art store in Springfield, Mass.; Frank M., born February 28, 1871, now in the meat business with his father, and Fred B., born November 19, 1876, died February 18, 1882.

(2) Albert A. Kendall, born February 8, 1845, married Sarah L. Collins, a native of Royalton, Vt., August 1, 1874, and they reside in Stowe, Vt.

(3) Abbie D. Kendall, born August 18, 1847, married O. J. Wood, of Barnard, and and they have two children, Mabel and Allen C.

(4) Mary Frances Kendall, born October 27, 1849, died October 9, 1875.

(5) Martha Kendall, born October 27, 1849, died December —, 1869.

(6) Minerva A. Kendall, born January 19, 1851, married William Andrews, of Hinesburgh, Vt., May 1, 1889, and they reside in Hinesburgh, Vt.

(7) Lillian S. Kendall, born March 28, 1853, married Edward Gilson, of Barnard, Vt., and they have no children.

(8) Jennie C. Kendall, born October 30, 1855, died — 1863.

(9) Frank L. Kendall, born April 14, 1857, died — 1863.

Diantha (Newton) Kendall died December 10, 1862, at the age of forty-four, and Allen C. Kendall now lives in Bridgewater, at the age of seventy-five.

#### MARTIN.

Frank Leslie Martin, son of Shuman B. and Emeline (Clafin) Martin, was born at Hancock, Vt., May 21, 1852. He attended the public schools of Hancock, and took a short course at Goddard Seminary, in Barre,

Vt. On his return from school, he entered the employ of F. F. Washburn, at Rochester, remaining there four years. In company with W. H. Campbell he started in the hardware business, and for four years the business was carried on under the firm name of Martin & Campbell. At the end of this time he sold to Mr. Campbell his interest in the business, came to Bethel and entered into partnership with George H. Tupper in the hardware business, the firm name being Tupper & Martin. He sold his interest to Mr. Tupper in 1889, having been appointed postmaster by President Harrison. At the close of his term of office, he entered into the grocery business at his present location, carrying a line of general merchandise.

Mr. Martin was married May 20, 1871, to Miss Lena Campbell, of Rochester, Vt., and their only daughter, Lillian C., was born October 24, 1873, and on June 5, 1894, she was married to Lee A. Cady, of Bethel. (See Cady sketch.)

#### ROGERS.

Edward C. Rogers, son of Robert H. and Abigail (Allen) Rogers, was born in Orwell, Vt., January 4, 1841. He received a common school education, and was first employed in a cabinet shop at Ciota, N. Y., where he remained until he was seventeen years old. He then began farming which he followed until 1861, when at the call for soldiers he enlisted in Company F, 5th Vermont Volunteers, and was mustered in August 4, 1861. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out June 29, 1865, having participated in nearly a hundred battles. He returned to Orwell, Vt., and remained there until 1877, when he went to Michigan, and for thirteen years was a farmer in Mecosta county in that State. He returned to Vermont in 1890, settled at Shoreham, moving to Middlebury three years later. He came to Bethel in 1894, and is a partner in the grocery firm of Smith & Rogers. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of Post French, No. 28, G. A. R., since 1879. On April 24, 1868, he married Nellie B. Smith, who was born at Mooers, N. Y., October 21, 1850. Two of their children are living, viz: Robert W., born September 1, 1873, and Willard C., born October 15, 1874.



## CLOUGH.

L. WILLARD CLOUGH, son of Moses T. and Mary O. (Bean) Clough, was born in Hopkinton, N. H., July 17, 1863. His primary education was obtained in the district schools



DR. L. W. CLOUGH.

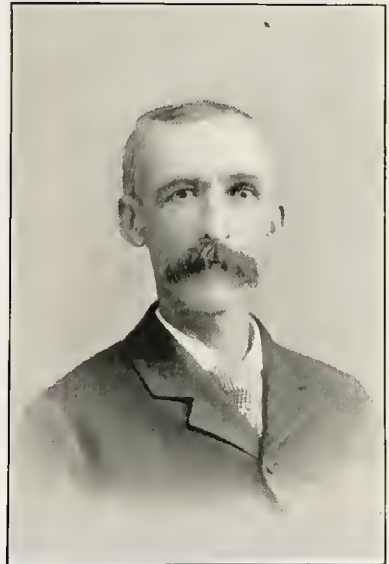
and in his twelfth year he entered Contoocook Academy, taking the Dartmouth College preparatory course and graduating therein four years later, just previous to his 16th birthday. The two remaining years he devoted to teaching, and in 1881 he entered upon the classical course in the Simonds High School at Warner, N. H., from which he was graduated in the class of '83. To become a physician had been a constant passion from boyhood, and after completing the course at Warner, he entered the office of G. P. Conn, M. D., of Concord, N. H., where he began his medical studies. In the spring of 1885 he entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, taking therein two primary and three regular courses of lectures. He graduated in the class of '87, being one of five to receive a special honor diploma for excellence in all the departments of study. Immediately after graduation he began practice in Bradford, N. H., and in the fall of 1891 he removed to Bethel, where he now

has a lucrative practice. Dr. Clough is a member of the N. H. Medical Society, the Center District Medical Society, Bethel Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., White River Encampment, No. 19, I. O. O. F., and is Secretary of the Board of Examining Surgeons for pensions at Randolph, to which office he was appointed in 1893.

Dr. Clough married Mary Elsie Ballou, of Burlington, Vt., October 20, 1886, and their children are, Gladys P., born May 4, 1888, and Lee, born November 24, 1893.

## STEARNS.

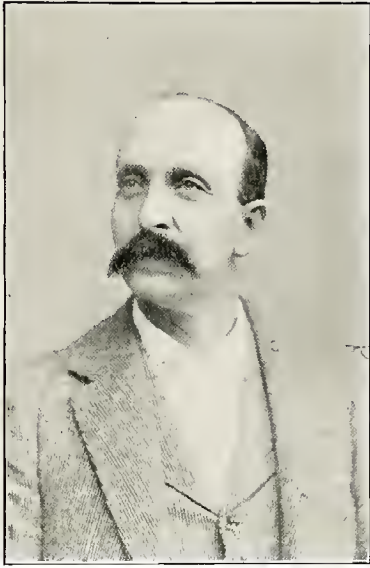
ALBERT L. STEARNS, son of Benjamin H. and Selina (Keff) Stearns, was born in Rockingham, Vermont, November 6, 1845. He attended the public schools, and after completing his studies, began farming with his father, which occupation he followed until 1872, when he came to Bethel. He bought the livery business formerly conducted by Rollin Gurnsey, then located on the land where the



ALBERT L. STEARNS.

Brook & Washburn store now stands. One year later he moved to his present stand where he continues to do a large business in fine livery teams.

Mr. Stearns was married November 15, 1868, to Miss Josephene N. Loomis, of Roxbury, Vt., and their only son, Roy L., was born in Bethel, May 24, 1875.



EBER N. SMITH.

SMITH.

EBER N. SMITH, son of William C. and Mary (Allen) Smith, was born in Mooers, N. Y., August 27, 1854. His parents moved to Nashua, N. H., when he was a small boy, and here he attended the common schools, completing his education in Mooers, N. Y., to which place his parents afterwards returned. When he was twenty-one years old he began work as an employee of the Wisconsin Central railroad, and later in the employ of the Northern Pacific railroad, following this line of business for a period of eighteen years. He came to Bethel in the spring of 1894, and here he entered into a business partnership with Edward C. Rogers. They purchased the grocery business formerly owned by C. H. Rood, and still carry on the same, located in the Bascom House Block on Main street. Mr. Smith is a member of Star Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F., at Billings, Mont. He has been twice married.

First to Alzada Averill, of Mooers, N. Y., on October 19, 1880. She died June 23, 1892, leaving one son, Guy, born in Verdale, Minn., December 10, 1884. On September 23, 1894, he married Mrs. Hattie Wheeler *nee* Hatch of Bethel.

EDSON.

JOHN HASKELL EDSON, son of Edwin G. and Anna (May) Edson, was born in West Randolph, Vt., January 30, 1864. He attended the public schools of Randolph, and at the age of twenty-one he entered the employ of L. F. Sparhawk, beginning the trade of photography, which he has since made his line of business. He remained with Mr. Sparhawk three months, when he accepted a position in the studio of H. H. H. Langill, at Hanover, N. H., where he was employed for nearly four years. He came to Bethel in January, 1889, and opened a photograph gallery and is still carrying on the same in the Child block. Mr. Edson has gradually improved in workmanship until his photographs now stands with the leading artists.



J. H. EDSON.

of this section. Many of the pictures of this book was taken from his photographs. Mr. Edson was married July 2, 1887, to Lillian E. Brown, of Bethel, Vt.

## ADAMS.

R. SCOTT ADAMS, son of John Quincy and Philena (Roberts) Adams, was born in Pomfret, Vt., January 6, 1861. His educational advantages were limited to the public schools,



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and at the age of fourteen he was engaged in farming, although he attended school during the winter for several years later. He first worked for H. N. Bruce where he remained eight months, and he was employed in several places at farming until he was nineteen years old. He then went to South Acton, Mass., where in the store of L. C. Baldwin he began his trade of jeweler. He moved to Worcester three years later, and there he was employed in the jewelry store of J. P. Wexler for two years, and he was in the store of E. Sagendorph, of Worcester, for one year. In January, 1887, he came to Bethel, taking and carrying on the jewelry business formerly run by L. H. Edson. A granite quarry has recently been developed in the eastern part of Bethel and Mr. Adams has taken an active part in the advancement of the same. A company has been formed called the R. S. Adams Granite Company, and Mr. Adams now divides his time between these two lines of business.

He was married June 18, 1887, to Fanny Chadwick, of Norwich, Vt., and their only son, Robert, was born December 19, 1891.

## FISH.

WILLIS L. FISH, son of Leonard and Belinda (Carpenter) Fish, was born in Ira, Vt., December 30, 1858. He completed his education in the select school at Middleton, Vt., and worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-one years old, when he started out to work for himself. He carried on farms on shares at Castleton and Rutland and afterwards went to Hinesburgh, Vt., where for four years he had charge of a large stock and dairy farm, closing his labors there to come to Bethel and enter the creamery business on an extensive scale. New buildings and machinery were put in by Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, and everything necessary for a thorough equipped creamery were added, and the business carried on under the name of the Harrington Creamery. At the start only a few of the community were patrons of this



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enterprise, but by diligent labor and honorable dealing, Mr. Fish has succeeded in gaining the good will and confidence of the people, and the industry has nearly a hundred

patrons on the list at the present time, and the amount of milk handled has increased fourfold. This industry is now one of the solid business enterprises of Bethel. Mr. Fish was married February 25, 1885, to Miss Maria L. Esterbrooke, of North Sherburne, Vt., and their only daughter, Ruby Holland, was born September 14, 1889.



C. W. MARSTON.

#### MARSTON.

CHARLES W. MARSTON, son of Ezra and Louisa (Flowers) Marston, was born in Cornish, N. H., March 17, 1860. When he was six years old his mother died and his father moved to Warren, N. H., where he lived with his grandparents and attended school for a time. He afterwards attended the Newbury Seminary, and the New Hampshire Commercial College, and was graduated from the latter institution in the class of 1882. For the nine years following his graduation he taught school, filling positions in Rumney, Orford, Plymouth and Haverhill, and for two years was an officer and teacher in the Rhode Island State Industrial School at Cranston.

In 1892, while visiting his sister in Barnard, Mr. Marston was attracted to Bethel by the splendid business outlook offered

by this place, and leased the store on Main street now occupied by Frank L. Martin, where he opened a large department store. Eight months later his health failing, he sold his stock to Frank L. Martin, and returned to New Hampshire. In February, 1893, he returned to Bethel and opened a store in the southern part of the village, removing to his present location in October, 1895. Mr. Marston has one of the largest variety stores in the State, carrying nearly everything found in a house furnishing store, and a complete line of five, ten and twenty-five cent goods.

Mr. Marston was married January 15, 1891, to Jennie H. Clark, of Rumney, N. H., and they have one daughter, Maud, born November 30, 1891.

#### STOCKWELL.

KILES PAUL STOCKWELL, son of James P. and Emily A. (Gleason) Stockwell, was born in Rochester, Vt., October 30, 1870, and after a complete course in the public schools of his



K. P. STOCKWELL.

native town, he attended the State Normal School at Randolph Center, from which he was graduated in January in the class of 1892. During his course of study he taught school a year in Rochester, and at the close of his school work, he accepted a position in

the general merchandise store of Brooks & Washburn, at Bethel, Vt. He remained with them until July, 1894, when he accepted a position as clerk and general manager of the mercantile business of the W. A. Jones estate of Waitsfield, Vt., where he remained one year and came back to Bethel in July, 1895. He purchased the drug and variety store formerly occupied by J. T. Sisco & Son, successors to E. A. Maxham, and has refitted and stocked the same, making it the best equipped drug store in Bethel, combining with the same a line of boots and shoes not surpassed by any stock in town. Mr. Stockwell was married July 5, 1894, to Emily S. Dickey, of Washington, Vt.

#### JOHNSON.

Bent V. Johnson, son of Francis and Fanny (Haven) Johnson, was born in Benson, Vt., November 17, 1877. His parents moved to Brandon, Vt., and he completed his education in the public schools at that place. At the close of his school work, he began work in the store of J. H. Talbot, of Northfield, Vt., learning the tailor's trade. He first came to Bethel, September 1, 1895, and here he started in business for himself as a custom tailor. His store is located on Main street, in the Wilson House block.





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