

mer in Saybrook, Conn., went to New York City, where his death occurred in 1896.

Reared in his native land, John Bunting obtained his education in its public schools. Determined to try his fortune in the New World, where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious young men, he sailed from Liverpool, England, May 1, 1863, on a sailing vessel and landed in New York July 5, the day following the great riot. The following December he came to Meriden, Conn., where he worked at farm labor for Deacon Allen twelve years, and in 1877 he purchased the well-known Beach farm in Cheshire, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies. He is engaged in general farming and fruit-growing, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors.

In Meriden, in 1882, Mr. Bunting was united in marriage with Miss Ida Alenkirk, a native of Holland and a daughter of Louis A. and Ellen (Amelinxeen) Alenkirk, who emigrated to America in 1881 and located in Meriden, Conn., where the father died in 1891, but the mother is still living there. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting have one child living, Elizabeth; Anna died Jan. 2, 1896; and Robert died Jan. 4, 1896.

GEORGE F. PECKHAM, one of the highly respected and well-known retired business men of New Haven, is a native of this city, having been born here Aug. 8, 1836, a son of Charles W. and Elizabeth P. (Coggeshall) Peckham, and a grandson of George Peckham, a cooper of New Haven, where he married a Miss Merwin, of Milford.

Charles W. Peckham was a cabinet-maker and resided in New Haven all his life, dying there in October, 1842. His wife was a native of Milford, Conn., a daughter of Capt. Freegift Coggeshall, and died on May 16, 1882, the mother of nine children: Charles, born May 14, 1829, died Dec. 13, 1831; Caroline E., born January, 1831, died Dec. 26, 1831; Charles W., born in 1833, now resides in West Haven; Sarah E., born Oct. 23, 1834, married William H. Lawrence, of New Haven; George F., our subject; Harry W., born Aug. 1, 1838, died Oct. 18, 1842; David H., born July 8, 1839, died Sept. 2, 1843; Martha C., born April 26, 1841, is the widow of Albert E. Barnett, of New Haven; Mary C., born June 16, 1843, died on Oct. 6, 1843. The father was a Whig in politics, and the family were Congregationalists.

George F. Peckham grew to manhood in his native city, attending the excellent public schools, as well as the private one of Amos Smith. After finishing school, he took up harness making, and followed that calling for three years and then learned the trade of carriage trimmer under Ribert Sizer, continuing with him three years. His knowledge of the harness maker's trade was of great help to him in taking up the carriage trimmer's trade, which he learned rapidly, as after but one month he was

put at trimming a carriage. Ordinarily an apprentice was supposed to work two or two and a half years before he was put on such work. He took contracts in carriage trimming, and before he was twenty years old, his net profits were at times as high as \$60.00 per week. He then spent three years in the freight department of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Mr. Peckham next became a clerk in a grocery establishment, continuing in that capacity for about eight years. Having learned all the details of this line of business, in 1872, he established a grocery store on the corner of Howard and Congress avenues, where he remained until February, 1890, when he retired with a comfortable competence. He began mercantile business on small capital, but his credit was good, and all during his eighteen years of business his credit remained gilt edge. In 1891 he built his excellent home at No. 412 Howard avenue, in which vicinity he owns some valuable real estate.

On March 1, 1859, Mr. Peckham married Mary A. Glennon, a native of Ireland, who was reared in New Haven, and to this marriage seven children were born: Ella L., born Dec. 17, 1859, died Jan. 16, 1900, married Joseph McGuire, of New Haven, and had one son; Mary E., born July 17, 1862, died July 13, 1865; George F., born Oct. 8, 1864, died March 9, 1867; Charles W., born Dec. 18, 1866, died May 10, 1871; George H., born Oct. 23, 1872, is an electrician, married, and has a son, George N.; Albert W., born Sept. 16, 1874, died Aug. 26, 1880; Martha B., born March 11, 1869, married Joseph F. Hubon, of New Haven, and has four children. In political affiliations, Mr. Peckham is a Democrat, and fraternally is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; also with the Knights of Honor, Sherman Lodge. Both he and his estimable wife have many friends, whose good will they have gained through their excellent qualities and pleasing personalities, and are justly numbered among the representative people of New Haven.

CHARLES A. ROBERTS (deceased), who during his life was a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Meriden, was born in the town of Middletown, Conn., March 3, 1828, and was a descendant of an old and deservedly famous family of Connecticut.

Ambrose Roberts, his father, was born in Middlesex county, Conn., and in his lifetime sustained a good name as a citizen of Middletown, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and where he died.

Charles A. Roberts was educated in the public schools of his native town and grew up on the homestead farm. While still a lad he learned the tinner's trade with P. J. Clark, of Meriden, with whom he worked many years. Later in life he began in business for himself as a manufacturer of novelties, securing a large patronage. His death occurred in Meriden, Oct. 29, 1872, and his

remains were laid to rest in the West cemetery of that city. He was noted for his honesty and upright character, and was well-known and highly respected. His spirits were genial, and his manners pleasant and attractive. A devoted husband and an upright citizen, his personal standing was beyond question. He was a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Meriden, and was also a member of the Meriden City Council. In politics he belonged to the Democratic party. In fraternity circles, he was a Master Mason, and was affiliated with Center Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M. Domestic in his habits, he was broad-minded and well-read, being thoroughly posted on all the leading events of the day. He and his wife attended the Universalist Church.

Mr. Roberts was married in 1853 to Miss Belinda Shailer Adams, who was born in the town of Suffield, Conn., a daughter of John and Betsy (Snow) Adams, both of whom were natives of Suffield, where they lived and died. None of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts grew to maturity.

LINUS MEAD, president and sole owner of the Crystal Ice Co., of New Haven, was born in Lewisboro, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1835, son of Richard and Hannah (Keeler) Mead. The family was early settled in Greenwich, Conn., where two brothers of the name, of English birth, settled in 1660.

Solomon Mead, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born there. He was the first minister of the Presbyterian Church in South Salem, N. Y. His son Clark, the grandfather of our subject, married Lois Gilbert, of South Salem, and they had a family of four sons and three daughters, all now deceased. Clark Mead died at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died at the age of seventy-nine years.

Richard Mead, the father of our subject, was reared on a farm, and received a part of the old homestead as his portion of his father's estate. He died there at the age of eighty years. He married Hannah Keeler, a daughter of Ammi and Phoebe (Strang) Keeler, the former of whom was a farmer in Lewisboro. Mrs. Keeler, who was one of a family of thirteen children, lived to be over eighty years of age, as did all the family except one. She had two children: Hannah, the mother of our subject; and Henry, who was during his life a prominent man, well known in his section of New York State. The parents of our subject reared five children, all sons, and all of whom survive: Solomon, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; Clark, who resides near the old homestead in South Salem; Linus, our subject; Henry, a resident of New Haven; and Stephen S., who formerly resided in New Haven, but now lives on the old home farm in New York State. The beloved mother still survives at the advanced age of ninety-six years,

in good health and in full possession of all her faculties. In 1832 she and her husband became members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as trustee.

The early years of Linus Mead were spent on the farm and in attendance in the common schools of his locality. At the age of eighteen years he came to New Haven, but two years later returned to South Salem and engaged in farming and other kinds of work in that neighborhood. Some two years later he married, and then bought a farm of his father-in-law, but some time later sold it and removed to Bedford, N. Y., where he was foreman on a stock farm, and was also engaged in the business of buying and selling cattle and poultry, successfully conducting this enterprise for some time. He then went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was engaged as a farm manager on the farm of one Burell, a grandson of John Jacob Astor, remaining for two years, and then spent two years in the same capacity on the land of M. S. Beach, editor of the *New York Sun*, near Poughkeepsie. He then removed to New Haven and built his present residence, entering into the foundry business with his brother, Solomon Mead. Later Mr. Mead returned to Salem, where he spent one year. Later he managed a business west of New Haven, at Tyler's Shore, Conn., for Mrs. Tyler. Here, in 1877, Mrs. Mead died, at the age of forty years. Her maiden name was Sarah E. Bouton, and she was born in Lewisboro, a daughter of Linus and Laura (Pardee) Bouton. Linus Bouton was a farmer, and died at the age of sixty years; his widow survived until the age of ninety-two, dying in 1900. They had three children, the survivor being Mrs. Laura V. Bennett, of Pulteney, N. Y. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Frederick L., who was educated in the public schools, and at the age of eighteen engaged with his father as book-keeper. Later he was made secretary of the ice company, and now assists in a general way. In 1886 he married Alice L. Russell, a native of the town of Orange, and a daughter of William M. Russell, who is a prominent man in that town, and the present assessor. Two children have been born of this marriage, May E. and Walter Llewellyn.

About 1878 Mr. Mead went into the ice business, beginning in a small way, and gradually increasing—employment being given at present to some thirty-five men and from twenty-eight to thirty horses, during the busy season. The harvest consists of some 20,000 tons of ice, which is sold both retail and wholesale. A track has been constructed for the transportation of the ice, and every modern method is used for expeditious handling. The first ice-house was fifty feet square, and the ice was put in by hand. Soon after four other houses were erected, each 25x60 feet in dimensions, and still another 40x60 was soon required, and another 35x60. Two years later another—50x75—was added, and two years later the business was so extended

and removed with his parents to Killingworth, now the town of Clinton, where he became a land owner and farmer, and died there Aug. 7, 1717. John Griswold was a man of intelligence and influence and was a deacon in the church. On Oct. 27, 1671, he was married to Mary (surname unknown), and after her death to Bathsheba (surname unknown), who died March 19, 1736, and he was the father of these children: Mary, born in February, 1673; Margaret, in December, 1675; Hannah, in October, 1677; John B., Sept. 22, and died Dec. 27, 1679; Dorothy, born in May, 1681; Bathsheba, in December, 1682, married Daniel Clark, Dec. 1, 1708; Samuel, April, 1685; Lucy, in July, 1686; Martha, in June, 1689, died in March, 1690; Joseph and Benjamin (twins), Sept. 26, 1691; Dorothy, in September, 1692; Martha, in June, 1694; Daniel, in October, 1696; and Walter, in March, 1700.

Joseph Griswold, twin brother of Benjamin, and son of John, of Killingworth, like his father and grandfather, spent his days in the town of his birth, where he was influential, and a worthy member of the church, and died April 18, 1770. On Dec. 27, 1714, he married Temperance Lay, who died in September, 1772, and their children were: John, born Oct. 12, 1715; Joseph, Oct. 22, 1716; Martha, April 28, 1719; Giles, June 3, 1725; John; Daniel, who married Lydia Hull; and Jedediah.

Giles Griswold, son of Joseph, was born in Killingworth, June 3, 1725, and on Nov. 17, 1746, married Mary Chatfield, and their children were: Mary, born April 18, 1747; Giles, Oct. 28, 1748; Mercy, Oct. 19, 1751; Lucy, Oct. 15, 1753; Jesse, Aug. 28, 1756, died Sept. 21, 1777; Zenas, born May 10, 1759; Abner, March 31, 1762; Drusilla, Jan. 21, 1764, died in March, 1764; Drusilla (2), May 21, 1766; David, Nov. 20, 1768; and Charity, Feb. 12, 1774.

Zenas Griswold, grandfather of Nathan Fowler Griswold, was born May 10, 1759, in Killingworth, where he grew to manhood, and where he became a farmer and landowner. He participated in the war of the Revolution, having enlisted Jan. 3, 1777, in Capt. Stevens' company, and was discharged Dec. 21, 1779, re-enlisting May 3, 1781, and served in Capt. Nathaniel Edwards' company. By an act of Congress, passed March 18, 1818, he was made a pensioner, and died in his native home, full of years and honors, in 1836. Zenas Griswold was twice married. His first wife, Mary Lane, was born in 1758, and died in May, 1803. Her children were: Philip, born in January, 1786, settled in Genesee, N. Y.; Jesse, born in February, 1788, settled in Lockport, N. Y.; Deborah, born Aug. 2, 1790, married William Hill, and died Oct. 15, 1873; Rachel, born in January, 1793, died in 1809; Martin married Sally Fowler; and Sarah married Elias Norton. For his second wife Zenas Griswold married Mary Pettibone, a widow, who died in 1843. Two children were born to this union:

Amasa Pettibone, who married Charlotte Chatfield; and Rachel, who married Louis Chatfield.

Martin Griswold, father of Nathan Fowler Griswold, was born on the old Griswold homestead in Killingworth, where he grew to manhood, and where he married Sally Fowler, daughter of Nathan and Chloe (Davis) Fowler. After his marriage he removed with his wife to Lockport, N. Y., where his brother Jesse was also located, and engaged in farming for some time, but after the death of his wife, which occurred shortly after the birth of our subject, he sold out, and returned to Connecticut, locating in Middletown. There he engaged at gun-making for several years for the United States Government, and then went West, locating in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he bought a farm and spent the remainder of his days. Mr. Griswold was a hard-working, honest man, well known for his integrity and for his fair and honorable dealings, a man who made the Golden Rule his life motto and steadily endeavored to follow it. His happiness was only found when he was square with the world and his fellow men. In his younger days he was a Democrat, but held anti-slavery views, and at the formation of the Republican party associated himself with it, ever after being a strong partisan, although no office seeker. For his second wife he wedded Mary Post, of Westbrook, Conn., who died in Ohio. She became the mother of several children, all of whom are dead except Anne and Willard M. Griswold, a railway agent, residing in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Nathan Fowler Griswold, the subject proper of this sketch, was only three days old when his mother died, and he was thus early deprived of her tender, fostering care. While still a babe he was taken by his bereaved father from his native New York home to Connecticut, and there placed under the care of his maternal grandparents, in Durham, and there attended the district schools. When he was but eleven years of age he started out to make his own way in the world, trying one season on a farm. This life did not entirely please him, and he then engaged to work in the store of Uriah A. Ayers, of East Haddam, where he remained four years, receiving as compensation his board and clothes. While filling this position he managed to attend school during the winters, but the greater part of his education was received through study at home, through reading, and in the severe school of experience. The desire to learn a trade first brought him to Meriden, and he worked first with Pomeroy & Ives, learning the tinning trade, and during his four years with that firm he received for the first year \$25, with an increase of \$5 every year. After completing his trade within one or two months of his apprenticeship, he purchased his remaining time, and started for the West, with Cincinnati as his objective point. The trip was an interesting one, filled with variety and

excitement. By canal he reached Buffalo, thence by boat he went to Toledo, thence again by canal, and here the canal gave way and the passengers suddenly found their boat high and dry on land in the woods. Each one had to do the best he could, Mr. Griswold finally reaching the Queen City by team. He soon found employment at his trade, with Greenfield & Winchell, and there for a period of three years worked as a journeyman. Returning to Meriden, he worked for Pomeroy & Leonard, and later removed to Holyoke, Mass., where he first started in business and remained two years, and then returned to Meriden. In 1854 he started in the tinning business for himself, first with George F. Searles as partner, who later sold out. With Henry J. Lewis, son of the well-known citizen, Isaac C. Lewis, the business was conducted under the firm name of Griswold & Lewis, until 1876, when Mr. Charles C. Glock became a partner, and the firm became Griswold, Lewis & Glock. Mr. Lewis later sold out to Mr. J. L. Richmond, the firm thus becoming Griswold, Richmond & Glock. In 1889 the firm changed into a stock company, known as the Griswold, Richmond & Glock Co., of which Mr. Griswold is president and Mr. Glock is superintendent.

Mr. Griswold has conducted a successful business for nearly half a century, succeeding on account of his ability, energy and keen foresight. A man of kind and genial disposition, large-hearted and generous, he is very frequently called upon for aid for charitable purposes, and liberally responds. In his religious views Mr. Griswold avows himself an agnostic, declaring his belief to be founded on facts and science, in the place of superstition and faith, which has been opposed to progress. Mr. Griswold believes there is much wisdom in Paine's "Age of Reason" and in Ingersoll's "Age of Truth," and closes his testimony with the gentle assertion, "with malice toward none, and charity for all, I simply confess that I don't know." Mr. Griswold's spotless private life and his untarnished public reputation disarm all criticism, and he is in every way a citizen of whom his city is justly proud.

In Meriden Mr. Griswold married Eliza Williams, a native of that town, where she died, and her remains rest in the West cemetery. She was a consistent and valued member of the Universalist Church. The children born to this union were: Ella A., who married Eugene H. Ray, superintendent of the Silver City Plate Co.; Charles, who died in young manhood, and now sleeps in the West cemetery by his mother; Frank, who died while a resident of Chicago; and Lewis F., who is a designer for the Charles Parker Co. For his second wife Mr. Griswold wedded Mira Rockwell, who was born in Hartford, a daughter of Capt. Samuel Rockwell, and is a lady of high culture and of fine attainments. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold reside in their beautiful home on Lincoln street, where they offer a bounteous hospitality.

The Rockwell family, of which Mrs. Nathan F. Griswold is a descendant, is one of the oldest in Hartford county. William Rockwell, the first of the family in America, was born in Dorchester, England, April 14, 1624, was married in his native country to Susannah Capan, a daughter of Bernard Capan. They came to America in 1630, locating first in Dorchester, Mass., where he was one of the twenty-four freemen who took the oath of fidelity on May 18, 1631, was a deacon in the church there, and was one of the jurors in the first manslaughter case tried in the Colony. In 1637 he removed his family to Windsor, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his days, dying May 15, 1640. William Rockwell was also a deacon in the church at Windsor. On May 29, 1645, his widow married for her second husband Mathew Grand, and she passed away Nov. 14, 1666. The children were: Joan, born April 25, 1625, in England; Samuel, July 18, 1627, in England; John, March 28, 1631, in Dorchester, Mass.; Ruth, in August, 1633, in Dorchester; Sarah, July 31, 1634, in Windsor, Conn.; and Joseph, in 1635, in Windsor. Ruth married Christopher Huntington, and removed to Saybrook in 1660, and later to Norwich, where they were early settlers. Sarah became the wife of Walter Gaylor.

Sergeant Samuel Rockwell, son of Deacon William, was born in England, came to America with his parents, and removed with them to Windsor and was one of the early settlers of what is now East Windsor, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1711. On April 6, 1662, he was admitted to membership in the Windsor Church, and on April 7, 1660, he married Mary Norton, of Guilford, a daughter of Thomas and Grace (Wells) Norton, and to them were born these children: Mary, baptized in January, 1661, married, Oct. 23, 1683, to Josiah Loomis; Samuel, baptized Oct. 19, 1667; Joseph, May 22, 1670; John, May 31, 1673; Abigail, April 11, 1676, married, Nov. 9, 1704, John Smith, and died Oct. 12, 1741; and Josiah, baptized March 10, 1676.

Lieutenant Joseph Rockwell was born in East Windsor, where he grew to manhood and was engaged in farming all his life, dying on June 26, 1733. His marriage was to Elizabeth Drake, born Nov. 4, 1675, a daughter of Job and Elizabeth (Alvord) Drake, and to them were born six children: Joseph, Nov. 23, 1695; Elizabeth, Dec. 12, 1690, died in infancy; Benjamin, Oct. 26, 1700; James, June 3, 1704; Job, April 13, 1709; and Elizabeth, July 24, 1713, married Jonathan Huntington.

Benjamin Rockwell, son of Lieut. Joseph, was born in East Windsor, Oct. 26, 1700. At the age of nineteen years he removed to Stafford, Tolland county, where he became engaged in farming and passed the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Park, a daughter of Robert Park, of Preston, Conn., and their children were Margaret, Samuel and Elizabeth.

Samuel Rockwell, only son of Benjamin, was

owner. There he died in 1690. He and his wife, Mary, had three children: Francis, born June 3, 1676; Richard, Nov. 26, 1678; and Joseph, Nov. 1, 1680.

Joseph Nichols, son of Isaac, Jr., was born and reared in Stratford, whence he removed to Long Island, and in 1728 came to Waterbury, New Haven county, where he owned property. Here he died March 10, 1733, and was buried in Waterbury cemetery. He married Elizabeth Wood, of Stratford, and they had a family of eight children: James, born on Long Island, June 27, 1712; George, born at the same place, July 14, 1714; Elizabeth, who was married, in 1740, to Ebenezer Wakelee; Richard; Joseph, born in 1724; Maria; Isaac, who was born May 4, 1729, and died in the British army in 1776; and Benjamin, born May 14, 1731.

Joseph Nichols, Jr., son of Joseph, was born on Long Island, and came with his parents to Waterbury, where he subsequently owned and operated a farm until called from this life Jan. 24, 1773, at the age of forty-nine years. On Sept. 6, 1750, in Waterbury, he married Tamar Bronson, daughter of Lieut. John Bronson, and to them were born two children: Simeon, mentioned below; and Eunice, who was born Sept. 6, 1753, and married to Michael Bronson. The mother of these children died Nov. 14, 1755, and on Dec. 15, 1757, the father married Annie Webster, by whom he had one child, Lucy, who was born Dec. 5, 1758, and who married Luke Adams.

Simeon Nichols, son of Joseph, Jr., was born April 20, 1751, in Waterbury, where he spent his entire life as a farmer, land owner and highly respected citizen. On June 15, 1775, he married Martha Hotchkiss, and to them were born ten children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Joseph, April 21, 1776, died Oct. 27, 1825, aged forty-nine; Tamar (wife of James Chatfield), Dec. 25, 1778; Humphrey, Nov. 23, 1781, died Jan. 5, 1853, aged seventy-one; Abigail, March 2, 1784; Chloe, July 30, 1786; Amy, Nov. 25, 1788; William, August, 1791, died March 5, 1817; Chauncey, February, 1794, died April 6, 1795, aged fourteen months; Simon, 1796; and Philo, June, 1798, died Dec. 14, 1849, aged fifty-one years.

Humphrey Nichols, son of Simeon and father of our subject, made his home throughout life in Waterbury, where he owned a farm, and like his ancestors engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died Jan. 5, 1853, and his remains were interred in the old cemetery where the Bronson Library now stands. He had two wives, Esther and Phebe Hotchkiss. Esther Hotchkiss was a native of Waterbury, a daughter of Stephen Hotchkiss, and died Oct. 29, 1837, aged fifty years. Humphrey Nichols was the father of the following children: Harriet, born Feb. 3, 1810, married G. A. Hall; Emeline, born May 20, 1811, married David Terrell, and died Nov. 4, 1834, aged twenty-three; Stephen H. was born April 25, 1813; Isaac, born

Sept. 27, 1814, married Lydia Frisbee; William, born Jan. 27, 1817, married Elizabeth Atwater; Ann, born Feb. 8, 1819, died May 12, 1835; Nancy, born June 15, 1821, married Marvin Mills; Eli, born Sept. 15, 1822, married Jane Mann; Esther married Fred Holmes; David died Sept. 27, 1865, aged thirty-seven; and Joseph N. is our subject. Franklin, a son by his union with Phebe Hotchkiss, died Sept. 23, 1848, aged six years.

Joseph N. Nichols grew to manhood in Waterbury, and became a prosperous farmer and land owner of that town. He owned the homestead farm at Hopeville and also the large Hull farm on Town Plot, Waterbury, upon which he made many improvements. It was the Benjamin Moore tract of eighty acres, and has since been divided into lots for building purposes. He was united in marriage with Miss Lucena Clark, of New Milford, a daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Hawes) Clark, and by this union were born seven children: (1) Daniel Humphrey, who died March 18, 1890, aged thirty-three years, first married Mary C. Gladding (who died Feb. 28, 1887, aged twenty-nine years), by whom he had two sons, Frank Bacon and Arthur W.; Arthur was a member of St. John's Church choir. For his second wife he married Albertie Lobdell, by whom he had one child, Harry Humphrey. (2) Clark Holmes is a resident of Waterbury. (3) Joseph Hayden, who resides on the old homestead, first married Nellie Jackson, by whom he had two children, Louis Hayden and Carl Humphrey, deceased, and for his second wife married Alice Farmer, by whom he had one child, Nellie Alice. (4) Lucy Esther was educated in the high school of Waterbury and resides on the town plot near the old homestead. (5) Emily C. died April 1, 1885, aged twenty years. (6) Anna L. died March 26, 1886, aged eighteen years, six months. (7) William Francis, who is connected with the United States mail service and resides in Waterbury, married Annie O'Rourke, and they have had four children, Gertrude E., Charles (deceased), William and Elizabeth. Our subject died April 21, 1878, aged fifty-three years, his wife Sept. 14, 1887, aged fifty-nine years, and both were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. They were faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church, and were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. In his political affiliations Mr. Nichols was a Democrat, and ever took a commendable interest in those enterprises calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his town and county. He was a kind father, a loving husband and true friend.

ANTON REUSS, who in his lifetime was one of the best-known and most highly-respected German citizens of Meriden, was born in Bomberg, Bavaria, Germany, March 20, 1825. While he was in his infancy his father died, and this made it necessary for him to early take up the responsi-

bilities of life. When still a boy he learned book-binding, but this trade, while a fairly good one, was not sufficiently lucrative to satisfy the ambitious youth. Wishing to better his condition, and seeing no opening in his native land, he determined to come to America. Accordingly he made preparations for the trip, and boarding a sailing vessel in 1850, made the voyage to New York, where for a time he engaged in making pocket-books and similar goods. After a short time he came to Meriden, Conn., where in connection with Walter Hubbard he engaged in the manufacture of morocco leather cases. Later the firm branched out, adding to their list of products plush and chamois cases. Mr. Reuss conducted the business for a long time on Butler street, and had as his assistant Julius Knell, who later conducted a similar business on his own account. In 1890 Mr. Reuss sold out to C. E. Schunack, and passed the remainder of his days in retirement. His death occurred Nov. 6, 1893, at his home on Butler street, and his remains were buried in the West cemetery.

Mr. Reuss was one of the first German settlers in Meriden, and was held in high esteem by his countrymen, as well as by all who knew him. In his religious belief he was a faithful and consistent follower of the teachings of the immortal Luther. In politics he was a Republican, but in no sense an office seeker. Fraternally he was a member of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar. He was also a member of the German Mutual Aid Society, and was a staunch supporter of German schools.

Mr. Reuss was twice married. His first wife, Katharine Magdalena Mueller, was born March 2, 1826, in Germany, and passed away June 5, 1890. They had three children, Charles, Anton and Julius, all of whom died young. For his second wife Mr. Reuss wedded, on June 8, 1892, Mrs. Catharine Mueller, widow of Joseph Mueller, and daughter of Philip and Barbara Stephans. No children were born of this marriage. Mrs. Reuss resides at her home in Butler street. She is an active worker in Esther Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, of which she is the only living charter member, and is a noble woman, highly respected for her many good qualities of head and heart.

JOSEPH MUELLER was born June 15, 1828, in the city of Nassau, Germany, where he grew to manhood. In 1854 he came to America and located in Meriden, where he was engaged in the burnishing business, being several years employed by the Meriden Britannia Co., and for several years superintendent of the burnishing department of C. Rogers & Bros. His death occurred Jan. 6, 1891. In 1857 he married Catharine Stephans, who was born Oct. 18, 1831, in Bomberg, Germany, and of this union two children were born, Catharine and Joseph, Jr. Catharine was married June 29, 1899,

to James B. Smith, who was born in New Haven in 1872, son of James B. and Emily (Plumb) Smith, the former a wholesale grocer in New Haven, where he and his wife died. James B. Smith is engaged in the banking and brokerage business in New Haven. Politically he is a Republican; fraternally a thirty-second-degree Mason, being a Knight Templar, and a member of chapter and council; and religiously a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Smith is a member of Esther Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah. In religious faith she clings to the church of her ancestors, the Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one child, Kathryn Miller. Joseph Mueller, Jr., was born Aug. 8, 1860, and was educated in the public schools. For a time he was bookkeeper for C. Rogers & Bros., was subsequently in Ballardvale, Mass., in the employ of Craighead & Kintz, and later in Pittsburg, Pa., with the Pittsburg Lamp Co., and in Allegheny, Pa., in the manufacture of the "1890 Varnish Removing Fluid." In 1890 he returned to Meriden to look after his father's estate. He died Oct. 31, 1897, at his father's late home, and his remains rest in Walnut Grove cemetery. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. in Pittsburg, and like the rest of his family was a member of the Lutheran Church.

In his political faith Joseph Mueller, Sr., was a Democrat, and a staunch supporter of his party. Fraternally he belonged to Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., of Meriden. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran. In his business relations he was a man of highest integrity.

JAMES HENRY FOY. Among the list of distinguished and imperishable names of those who passed from life during 1900, that of James H. Foy brings to the people of New Haven a feeling of deep regret, that so wise and generous a man should no longer be in their midst.

James H. Foy was born at Gardiner, Maine, and died at his home in New Haven, Conn., in November, 1900, in his seventy-second year. The beginning of his business career was in Worcester, Mass., but he removed to Boston in 1861. There his business was known as D. B. Saunders & Co., manufacturers of corsets. In 1871 he came to New Haven, and immediately engaged in manufacturing under the firm name of Harmon, Baldwin & Foy, this business being later removed to New York. At the time of his death he was a member of the R. A. Tuttle Co., of Boston, dealers in corset materials.

Both Mr. Foy and his wife were members of the Davenport Avenue Congregational Church, becoming connected with it in 1872, and he was a member of the board of trustees, in which capacity, on account of his business sagacity and generous liberality, he was of the greatest service to the church. Of a retiring disposition, he always shrank from any prominence, but always could be found at the post of duty. Mr. Foy was a life member of

Joel and Isabella. The second marriage resulted in four children: John, Betsey, Charles and Edmund, all of whom are now deceased, except the venerable Charles Parker, one of Meriden's oldest and most respected citizens, a full sketch of whom, together with the Parker family, will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Zeri Parker was born on the family homestead in Cheshire, where he grew to manhood and here he passed the greater part of his life engaged in farming. His latter days were spent with his sons, Julius and Stephen. Liberal in his views, he found good in all, and lived an honest, upright life, and held the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He was married in Cheshire to Tryphena Munson, who was born in that town and who was a daughter of Peter Munson, and two children came of this union: Julius, who married Mary Richmond, is now deceased, having had two sons, George Wallace, who died in 1895, and Charles L., of Meriden; and Stephen L.

Stephen L. Parker was born in Cheshire Oct. 12, 1824, and during his life was a well known and highly respected citizen. He passed his early days after the manner of young men of the time, attending the district school and working on the home farm with his father. Until attaining manhood he continued at home, going then to Meriden, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. This he followed for a number of years, when he became foreman in the Charles Parker shop, where he spent a short time. His next venture was as a lock manufacturer, in which he was successfully engaged for about five years, after which he accepted a contract of making coffee mill boxes for the Charles Parker Co., with which he continued up to the time of his death, which took place in Meriden, Jan. 7, 1870. His remains rest in the West Cemetery. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but never had any desire to hold public office; in religious belief a devoted Methodist, giving liberally to the cause he loved, and at the date of his death, held the office of trustee. Socially he was identified with the I. O. O. F.

On Nov. 23, 1845, in Meriden, Stephen L. Parker wedded Martha M. Andrews, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., a daughter of Hiram and Martha M. (Hotchkiss) Andrews. Mrs. Parker was educated in the district schools of Cheshire, and taught one term in Meriden. She is a noble, Christian woman, dearly beloved for her many good deeds and kindly disposition. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker were born five children: Stephen Olin, of Meriden, born April 22, 1847; Imogene, born April 6, 1850, died in July the same year; Martha Ella, born Aug. 14, 1853, married (first) George Ashdown, and (second) Henry Booth, and resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. (she had two children by her first marriage, Edmund Parker, born April 4, 1874; and Edna Ella, born Feb. 1, 1878); Jennie, born Oct. 13, 1856, died

in 1861; Annette May, born March 24, 1859, resides at home.

Stephen Olin Parker obtained his education in the district schools of Meriden, also in the Meriden academy. At the age of sixteen years, he began to assist his father in the making of coffee mill boxes, continuing until his father's death, when he took charge of the business and successfully conducted it for one year. In 1871 he learned the trade of pattern maker, and for the past thirty years has been in the employ of the Charles Parker Co., filling the position of foreman of the pattern department with great ability.

On Aug. 8, 1871, Mr. Parker was married in Coventry, N. Y., to Algierose Wylie, who was born in Coventry, Chenango Co., N. Y., a daughter of Erastus and Mary Wylie, of Coventry, of Scotch descent, a full sketch of the family being found in the sketch of Luman F. Parker, elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Parker is a lady of culture and refinement and received a liberal education in her native State, where for one year she was a very acceptable teacher. Socially she is prominent in Meriden and is a member of the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has served on the official board of Ruth Hart Chapter. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker has been born one daughter, Mabel Claire, who has been educated very thoroughly, first in Meriden and then in Wilbraham, Mass. Mr. Parker is a member of the Home Club, the Royal Arcanum and the A. O. U. W., of Meriden. As a Republican he has long been prominent, and has represented the third ward in the city council, served two years as alderman, being on the committees on License and Claims, of which latter he served as chairman, and for two years was clerk of the Police committee. The family attend the Methodist Church. By his pleasant, genial manner, good judgment and wise discrimination, Mr. Parker has won his way to the front in his business and enjoys not only the high esteem of his employers, but also the respect and affection of those over whom he is placed.

GEORGE C. PETTIS, treasurer of the Hoggson & Pettis Mfg. Co., manufacturers of "chucks" and a large variety of small machinery in New Haven, and also interested in several other manufacturing concerns and enterprises, was born in Plymouth, March 8, 1833.

George Pettis, his father, was born in Westville, Conn., where he spent his life engaged in farming, dying at Terryville at the age of fifty-two. He married Sally Ford, a native of Thomaston, Conn., where her father lived before the founding of that city. Seth Thomas, of the famous clock company, bought the ground from him on which to build the clock factory. Of the three children born to George and Sally Pettis, two are now living: George C., whose name appears at the head of this sketch; and

ing: Mrs. Mary E. Ives; William H., of Orange, Conn.; Anna, who married Charles Emerson. Mrs. Fisher died at the age of forty-one. Both she and her husband attended the Methodist Church. Mrs. Ives attends the Christ Church.

Mrs. Ives began a tour of the world Feb. 6, 1895, and was away from home two and a half years. She spent one month in Ceylon, three months in India, three months in Japan, and made a prolonged stay in Italy, where her health was much improved. In 1895 Mrs. Ives gave \$10,000 to build the chancel of Christ Church, and in 1899, before her last trip to Europe, gave \$2,000 for the furnishing of the new Maternity Hospital. In August, 1901, she made a donation of \$10,000 to the Y. M. C. A. for the library, and the interest on \$5,000 with which to buy books for the library, this money to be given them at her death. She is a woman of high character and generous spirit, and possesses a host of friends in the community who appreciate her good qualities.

AUGUST MASCHMEYER, one of the leading German-American citizens of Meriden and at the present time a member of the General Assembly, was born near Hildesheim, Hanover, Germany, Jan. 14, 1843, son of Edward Maschmeyer. The father was born in that place, and was there engaged in a general mercantile business very successfully until 1854, in which year he disposed of his store and other property and sought a home for himself and family in the United States. He located in Hanover, in the southern part of the town of Meriden, where he was employed by the Meriden Cutlery Co., and later in the Parker shops at Yalesville. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, 6th Conn. V. I., and was killed Sept. 3, 1862, by the bursting of a cannon; he was buried at Hilton Head, S. C. His good qualities, industrious habits and manly character won him the respect of his employers and all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Maschmeyer never saw his wife and children after his departure for the United States. He was married in Hanover, Germany, to Augusta Horre, who was born in the same province and was a daughter of Carl Horre, surgeon. The widowed mother came to this country in 1866, two years after the arrival of her son, was cared for by her children until her death, and was buried in the West Cemetery, Meriden. A good Christian woman, she bore her many sorrows patiently and reared a good family all of whom are living in this country, as follows: August; Hermine, who married August Melchoir; Adolph, an engraver, of Meriden; Johanna, who married Christian Fisher; and Emilie, housekeeper for August and Adolph.

August Maschmeyer received a good education in Germany, attending public and private school. There he learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed same until his coming to America. He was six weeks on the voyage to New York, which he

made on the sailing vessel "Neptune." For about a month he worked as a mechanic, securing employment at once through the influence of friends. Mr. Maschmeyer had relatives in Yalesville, and he made his way to that point, where he was employed with the Meriden Cutlery Co. six years. For five years he was in the Charles Parker factory, and in 1877 began business as a wholesaler and retailer of bottled beer and other goods. This business he carried on very successfully for eight years, and then sold out to retire from active business. Mr. Maschmeyer still takes an active interest in his property investments, and successfully handles his own affairs. He has a fine residence in North avenue, Meriden, where he is making his home at the present time. His mother was cared for there and there also other members of the family have made their home.

Mr. Maschmeyer was a Republican up to the time of Horace Greeley, and since that time has been a Democrat. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Meriden city council, and is now a member of the board of education and is serving his second term as police commissioner. In 1900 he was elected to represent Meriden in the General Assembly. Mr. Maschmeyer is highly respected in the city of his adoption. At one time he was a member of the German-American board of education, and he is now a member of the German Aid Society. He belongs to German Order Harugari and to the Saengerbund.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS, a prominent agriculturist and influential citizen of Cheshire, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of New England. The first to come to America was William Andrews, a native of Hampsworth, England, and a carpenter by occupation. He was one of the fifty-three persons who shipped with Capt. William Cooper on the "James," of London, from Hampton, England, in April, 1635, and landed in Boston, where he was made a freeman the same year. He came to New Haven with Rev. John Davenport and others, and built the first meeting house there in 1644. He spent the remainder of his life in this county, and died in East Haven, March 4, 1676. He was twice married, the second time, on Dec. 7, 1665, to Anna Gibbands, daughter of William Gibbands, who was colonial secretary in 1657. She died in 1701. There were six children born of the first marriage, but the names of the daughters are unknown. The sons were William, who was born in England, and died Jan. 3, 1663; Samuel, born in England in 1632, and died Oct. 6, 1704; and Nathan, who was born in Boston in 1638.

(II) Nathan Andrews, son of William, accompanied the family on their removal to New Haven, and in 1670 was one of the first to locate in the town of Wallingford, his home being on Main street, where he owned a house and land. He was a good citizen and an upright, honorable man, who died in

six children, namely: Henry Whitney, the eldest, is the only survivor. Gustavus B. died young from whooping cough. Robert P., who never married, was drowned in Guilford, Conn., when about forty-nine years old. Eunice L. married George H. Gorham, of Hamden, where she died leaving one son, Henry J. Catherine T. was twice married, her second husband being Cornelius Warner; she died in Hamden leaving two children, Warren C., and Catherine T. Warner, twins. Mary T. married John H. Platt, of New Haven, and died at Saratoga, N. Y., leaving no children.

Henry W. Munson spent his early life in the manner of most boys of his time. He attended private schools and completed his education in the old Temple, corner of Orange and Court streets, in New Haven, under the instruction of Prof. Mills. From boyhood he was handy with tools, seeming to inherit the mechanical skill of his father, and his practical training was almost entirely along mechanical lines. At the age of twenty-one he became a stockholder in the concern of Munson, Morse & Co., New Haven. Four years later he removed to Bridgeport and entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., remaining at that place until 1871. While there he did considerable contract work as a gun maker. He then returned to New Haven, and in 1871 was made superintendent of the gun department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.'s plant at that place, which responsible position he most capably and acceptably filled until 1885. Since then he has done considerable contract work in New Haven, sprinkling the streets of the city for twelve years, but is now living retired, having by years of activity acquired sufficient capital to enable him to lay aside all business cares, and to spend his remaining days in ease and quiet. He was always a wide-awake, energetic business man, generally carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. His success in life has not consisted merely in amassing worldly possessions, but in doing at all times and doing well the duties, as he sees them, of a good citizen. Whatever trust he has held, has served only to bring forth the noble qualities of the man. Plain and approachable, success has not changed him personally. His capital in life when he began the struggle consisted only of his mechanical skill and energy, with which equipment he has won a position of affluence and respectability, and although his business affairs have demanded much of his time, he has never shirked the duty of a generous citizen. Mr. Munson is a well preserved man, in mind and body. He has retired at an age when he is able to enjoy the fruits of a busy and much more than ordinarily successful life. He has a pleasant home in Hamden.

Mr. Munson was married, May 16, 1860, to Miss Lottie A. Thomas, a native of New Haven, born Sept. 3, 1838, daughter of Gen. Amos Thomas, a prominent officer in the Connecticut State militia. To this union two children have been born: Jennie

A. died at the age of six and a half years. Codie May, born Feb. 21, 1870, was married May 2, 1889, to John Orrin Shares, and they have one son, Lester Munson, born Jan. 16, 1892. They reside in Hamden with our subject. Mr. Shares is a son of Horace P. and Charlotte (Ives) Shares, and is a prominent young manufacturer of Cheshire; in 1897 he represented Hamden in the Connecticut Legislature, serving as clerk of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges.

In political sentiment Mr. Munson is a staunch Republican, and has served his town as selectman, and in 1885 was a member of the Legislature. Fraternally he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden, and of the Knights of Honor, and religiously he has been an active member of Whitneyville Congregational Church for over twenty years, and a deacon of the same since about 1882. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him.

WILLIAM G. GALLAGER, Messenger of the United States Senate, and one of Meriden's most respected citizens, was born in Newark, N. J., Aug. 9, 1846, of ancestors who were among the earliest settlers of New Jersey.

Jacob Gallagher, the great-grandfather of William G., was a brave soldier in the war of the Revolution and lost his life at the battle of Germantown. His son, Jacob Gallagher, made his home in Philadelphia, where he married a daughter of Dr. J. Durang, a native of France, who had come to the United States in 1767 and later joined Gen. LaFayette; during the Revolutionary war he accompanied the army as surgeon. The Doctor's two sons, Ferdinand and Francis, participated in the war of 1812, and it was the former of these, Ferdinand Durang, who put the citizens of the United States under lasting obligation to him, for he was the talented musician who set to music the "Star Spangled Banner."

James Gallagher, the father of William G., son of Jacob, and grandson of Jacob Gallagher and Dr. Durang, was born in Philadelphia, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of cooper. For the most part he was self-educated, but during his attendance at school he was a schoolmate of Edwin Forrest, the actor. Later Mr. Gallagher became a minister in the Universalist Church, and preached through Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut, while in Meriden holding his services in Odd Fellows Hall. From Meriden he removed to Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, and preached there a short time, but his useful career was ended at the early age of forty-six years; his remains were taken back to Newark and laid beside those of his wife in Fairmont cemetery. His death deprived the world of a good man and an excellent citizen, who fulfilled every duty of life in a most exemplary manner.

Rev. James Gallagher married for his first wife

Frances Oliver, a daughter of Rev. D. Oliver. She died in 1847. To this union four children were born: Charles is a member of the firm of Tower & Lyon, Chamber street, N. Y.; Leona married B. S. Pelton, of Meriden, and is now deceased; Marie Louise died in 1896; and William G. is our subject. For his second wife James Gallagher married Jane Brown, who resided with our subject, and died at his home; she is buried in West cemetery.

William G. Gallagher removed to Ohio with his father, and after the latter's death returned to Meriden, where he attended the common schools, much of his education being acquired in later life. At the age of fourteen years, he entered the Britannia shop of I. C. Lewis, and worked there for four years. During the Civil war, although still a youth, he responded to the call for defenders of the flag, in March, 1864, enlisting in Company F, 15th Conn. V. I., under Col. Upham and Capt. R. Waterman. He was transferred with other recruits to the 7th Regiment, and his discharge bears date August, 1865. Previous to his enlistment Mr. Gallagher had attempted to join the army several times, but was rejected on account of his youth. Returning to work in the shop, for eleven years Mr. Gallagher continued in the metal business, and then opened up a business of his own in partnership with George Pelton. The firm conducted same successfully for twenty years, dealing in meats in Meriden and vicinity, both partners gaining the high regard of the community on account of honest dealing. In 1896 Mr. Gallagher retired from activity in the business.

Throughout his life Mr. Gallagher has been an active Republican, and for many years has been a hard worker for the Republican party, both in local and national affairs, enjoying the full confidence of its best elements. In 1896 he was elected to the State Legislature, which body he served faithfully, being chairman of the committee on the Putnam Memorial, and also had the honor of presenting the name of Senator Platt for his fourth term in the U. S. Senate, to which he was unanimously elected. In 1900 he was appointed a Messenger of the United States Senate, which position he fills with ability.

In 1870 William G. Gallagher was married in Meriden, to Clara E. Savage, a daughter of Elliott Savage, and to this union six children have been born: James P., a civil engineer, resides in Oklahoma; he married Effa Wickerson, of Meriden. Charles Durang is engaged in the meat and poultry business; he married Lydia McCormick, of Meriden, and has one child, William Charles. Elliott Savage is in the United States navy. William died in infancy. Leona and Horace are at home. Mrs. Gallagher possesses both domestic and social graces; she is prominently identified with the Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Gallagher is a member and past commander of Meriden Post, G. A. R., and is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and the A. O. U. W. The religious connection of the family is with the Universalist Church. Mr. Gallagher's standing

in this locality, whether in social or business circles, is high, and he is justly regarded as a truly representative citizen.

GEORGE T. BRADLEY needs no introduction in the business world of New Haven. As a member for over twenty years of the firm of Benedict & Co., coal merchants, and in other important commercial relations, he has commanded a wide acquaintanceship in the city, and his reputation is without a blemish. Mr. Bradley has sustained the good name of his ancestors, who have been identified with New Haven for many generations. We extract the following from a paper now in the possession of the subject proper of these lines:

"William Bradley, who took the oath of fidelity in New Haven, Conn., in 1644, was the ancestor of this branch of the Bradley family. Tradition, confirmed by research, according to the Hon. Charles W. Bradley, who was at one time secretary of the State of Connecticut, and a resident of New Haven, states that William Bradley came from the West Riding of Yorkshire, England.

"(I) William Bradley married Alice Prichard, daughter of Roger Prichard of Springfield, Mass., and Milford, Conn., Feb. 18, 1645. His will was recorded in the New Haven Records, Vol. II, page 110. He died probably in 1690. She died, as it is thought, in 1692. They had issue: Joseph, baptized Jan. 4, 1646, died Jan., 1705; Martha, Oct., 1648, died Jan. 9, 1707; Abraham, born Oct. 24, 1650, died Oct. 19, 1718; Mary, born April 30, 1653, died Oct., 1724; (II) Benjamin, born April 8, 1657, died 1728; Esther, born Sept. 29, 1659, died —; Nathaniel, born Feb. 26, 1661, died Aug. 17, 1743; Sarah, born June 21, 1665.

"(II) Benjamin Bradley, called sergeant, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Thompson, of New Haven, Oct. 29, 1677. She died Nov. 3, 1718. His will was recorded in the New Haven Probate Records in Vol. V, page 446. Their issue: Elizabeth, born Sept. 11, 1678; Sarah, born June 7, 1680; Hannah, born April 18, 1682; Susanna, born July 10, 1684; Mary, born April 15, 1687; Benjamin, born Oct. 1, 1692; Desire, born April 29, 1690; Abner, born March 6, 1695; (III) Caleb, born 1700.

"(III) Caleb Bradley married Dec. 30, 1731, Thankful Gilbert, of New Haven. He died probably in 1783. Their issue: (IV) Jonah, born Oct. 26, 1732, died March 6, 1814; Elizabeth, born May 3, 1737, died Feb. 8, 1815; James, born Nov. 9, 1739.

"(IV) Jonah Bradley married Aug. 12, 1759, Rachel, daughter of James Atwater, born April 26, 1737, died Oct. 2, 1809. Their issue: Caleb, born July 20, 1760; Lydia, born Dec. 29, 1761, died Oct. 12, 1847; Phebe, born Jan. 9, 1764; Esther; Huldah; Betsey; (V) Justus, born Jan. 20, 1772, died Dec. 28, 1857; Sarah.

"(V) Justus Bradley married April 12, 1797,

Never a personal claimant in the distribution of the spoils of political meetings, but always a warm advocate of the principle that a "public office is a public trust," and that office should seek the man, rather than the man the office, he gave liberally of his means to campaign funds, and during Grover Cleveland's first canvass for the presidency, it is understood that Mr. Lynch contributed \$1,000 to Mr. Cleveland's election.

The tall, spare form of Mr. Lynch and the frank friendliness of his manner will be missed on our streets. His death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends in this city, New Haven, Hartford, and Waterbury.

On July 3, 1859, Mr. Lynch was married by the Rev. Father Matthew Hart, to Ellen Maloney, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, a daughter of John Maloney, who died in Westport, Connecticut. Mrs. Lynch is a woman of strong character, and was greatly attached to her husband, to whom she was, in very truth, a helpmeet and companion. Their happy marriage was blessed with eleven children: (1) Francis W., born April 5, 1860, was educated in Meriden, and now resides in Hartford, where he is engaged in the cigar business. Under President Cleveland, he held the office of deputy collector. He married Mary A. A. Noland, who was born in Portland, Conn., a daughter of Peter and Bridget (Keeley) Noland. One child, Ellen, was born to this union, but she is now deceased. (2) John, born March 23, 1864, is a cigar manufacturer in Hartford. He married Frances Bennett, of New York, daughter of Fennimore Bennett, and has one child, Francis Fennimore. (3) Ellen, born April 23, 1866, died Feb. 23, 1867. (4) Thomas J., born Nov. 24, 1867, was educated in Meriden, and was graduated from Yale Business College in 1888, and died April 16, 1899. (5) Bernard C., born Feb. 22, 1870, is government storekeeper at Windsor Locks. He married Mary Batten, daughter of Thomas Batten of Meriden, and has two children, Ellen and Francis. (6) Mary, born March 20, 1872, died July 26, 1873. (7) William, born Nov. 11, 1873, died Nov. 22, 1874. (8) Anna C., born Sept. 28, 1875, was educated at St. Rose's school in Meriden, and graduated from Mount St. Joseph's, Hartford, in 1894. She is a fine musician, thoroughly proficient in both instrumental and vocal music. (9) James, born Feb. 10, 1878, attended New York City College of Pharmacy. (10) Catharine, born Jan. 20, 1881, was educated at St. Rose's school. (11) Edward, born Jan. 28, 1887, is at home.

CHARLES L. WEIL, one of the prominent business citizens of New Haven; who is also identified with its public, educational and social life, was born in this city, Dec. 19, 1863. Paul Weil, his father, was a native of Berlin, Germany.

Charles L. Weil was the second in the family born to his parents, and he spent his boyhood days in this beautiful city. Mr. Weil enjoyed superior educational advantages, passing from the Eaton school into the Yale Business College, and gaining a commercial training by associating with his father in the cigar business in this city, for a period

of five years. Then, in partnership with his brother, Louis P. Weil, he took charge of this business for your years, under the firm style of Louis P. Weil & Brother, conducting it on State Street. He then became connected with the Springfield Brewery Co., being financially interested from 1889 to 1899. When this business was absorbed by the trust, Mr. Weil became connected with the Manilla Anchor Brewing Co., of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

On Sept. 20, 1894, Mr. Weil was married to Miss Delia Zunder, daughter of Maier Zunder, a complete biographical sketch of this prominent family being found on another page. One little daughter has been born to this marriage, Regina Zunder. Mrs. Weil is a lady of superior educational and social graces, and is known and valued in educational enterprises and benevolent activities in New Haven.

Mr. Weil is one of the prominent members of the Democratic party, in this city, and has served in a number of positions where he has greatly benefited the city. From 1890 to 1892 he was councilman from the Sixth ward, and served for two terms as alderman from the same ward. In 1897 he was appointed fire commissioner, for a term of three years, by ex-Mayor Farnsworth, and was re-appointed by Mayor Studley. Mr. Weil is one of the leading members of the Synagogue, the Jewish Temple; is a director of the Hebrew Benevolent Society; secretary of the Harmonie Club; member of the A. O. U. W.; Yale Conclave of Heptasophs; Connecticut Commercial Travelers' Association; and the order I. O. B. B. In all these orders and organizations, covering the religious, social and business circles of the city, Mr. Weil is deservedly popular.

RICHARD WILLIAM MUELLER, proprietor of the Vienna Bakery, and one of the leading citizens of Meriden, where he is regarded as one of the most prominent German-Americans of the city, was born in Spremberg, Prussia, Sept. 5, 1853, a son of William Mueller, and a brother of William C. Mueller, a well-known attorney of Meriden.

William Mueller, the father of Richard, was born in the same Prussian town as his son, and there he grew to manhood, becoming engaged in a wool manufacturing business, at which he spent many years, securing a large patronage, and forming many associations with all parts of the business world. He was president of a corporation, in which he was a very large stockholder. The affairs of the company, which was a large exporter of manufactured cloth, suffered greatly from the unsettled condition of Europe, especially from the Franco-Prussian War, and in 1870 they suspended business. Mr. Mueller left Germany in 1873, not wishing that his sons should be compelled to serve in the army, and came to this country by way of Holland and Liverpool. He landed at Boston, and went from there to Meriden, where he found employment in the Malleable Iron Company's Works. After a short illness he died in 1879, and his remains were interred in the

West Cemetery. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and was noted for his integrity and honesty.

Mr. Mueller was married in Germany, to Caroline Wilhelmina Senkel, who is still living, and has her home in Meriden. In 1874 she came to this country with four children, to make her home in Meriden, where she has lived to the present time. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, and reared her children to be upright and useful members of the community. She was a devoted wife, and of her only the best and kindest words are spoken. She is the mother of the following family: Richard W.; Emma, who married Lewis Krober, of Meriden; Frederick J., who is connected with the International Silver Company, of Meriden; Helen, who married Otto George Hirschfeld, of Meriden; and William C., an attorney of Meriden.

Richard W. Mueller attended school in his native town, where he received a good German education. He was also given a good business school training, and was employed in the office of his father until the removal of the family to Meriden. There young Richard was employed for a time in the finishing department of the Woolen mill, where he rose to be assistant foreman. For a short time he was employed in Philadelphia, and also at Holyoke, Mass. In 1878 he turned to the grocery trade, buying out the establishment of W. Balzer, which he conducted for seven years with somewhat indifferent success. In 1885 he bought the interest of George Stuck, who was engaged in a bakery business on East Main Street. There Mr. Mueller was located until 1890, when he built his present place, a large brick structure on East Main Street, which cost over \$10,000. It is one of the finest bakeries in New England. Here Mr. Mueller has carried on his work to the present time and has built up a very extensive patronage. His supplies are bought in car load lots from the flour mills, and all his transactions are on a most extensive scale. He also has a confectionery business of considerable importance.

Mr. Mueller was married in 1878 to Tina Tartter, of Meriden, a native of Bavaria, Germany, where she was born, a daughter of Frederick Tartter. To this union have come four children: (1) Emily, who married George F. Winslow, a foreman of the International Silver Company, at Wallingford, where he has a very pleasant home; (2) Lucy, who died young; (3) Helen died young; and (4) William F., who is at home, and is engaged in the bakery business with his father.

Socially Mr. Mueller is a member of Alfred H. Hall Council, No. 1423, R. A., Meriden; of Meriden Lodge, No. 276, D. O. H.; of the local Turnverein and Saengerbund; and of the Cosmopolitan Club. He takes a lively interest in the welfare of the German-American School, and for ten years was its treasurer. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family belong to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Mueller has reason to felicitate himself upon

his career. Starting poor, he has steadily worked himself up through his own pluck and energy to a very commendable place in the world. Men respect him for his integrity and business ability, and like him for his manly qualities and kindly disposition. Domestic in his habits, he sticks closely to his business, and gives to the world a most inspiring example of true worth and character.

WILLIAM C. MUELLER, brother of Richard W., is a lawyer, and a man of mark in Meriden. Born in Spremberg, Prussia, April 27, 1864, he came to this country with his parents when ten years old, and here he continued his education in the Corner and Prattsville District Schools of Meriden. From 1878 to 1884 he clerked for Howard Brothers, applying his leisure moments to the study of law at home. Fitting himself for entrance, he became a student in the Yale Law School in 1884, and was graduated from that institution in 1886. Immediately he became associated with W. F. Davis, forming the law firm of Davis & Mueller, which still exists. At the age of twenty-three, Mr. Mueller was elected collector of town taxes, defeating the occupant of the office for the ten years previous by the handsome majority of 534, and carrying the strong Republican ward in which the candidate resided by 60 votes. In 1888, and a third time in 1889, he was again elected to that office, which then became appointive. In 1890, 1891 and again in 1892, he was chosen by the board of selectmen to fill the position. In 1888, 1889, and in 1892 and 1893, he was city collector, over a million dollars passing through his hands without the slightest blunder or mistake. For eight years he was a ward committeeman in the Third ward, and he also served two years as chairman of the Democratic town and city committees, having full charge of the campaign of 1892. The following year he was appointed by Judge J. P. Platt, city attorney, a position which he had not sought, but which he has so admirably filled, that he is still retained therein, and his conservative and careful administration of the affairs of the office is recognized and highly commended. In 1900 Mr. Mueller was appointed water commissioner by Mayor West, and for two years has filled that position with dignity and marked ability. Mr. Mueller has built up a good private practice in his profession, and in the management of the cases which have been intrusted to him has been very successful. Socially he belongs to the various German societies, and he is also affiliated with several of the Masonic bodies of the city.

Mr. Mueller was married in June, 1895, to Miss Agnes Yost, a daughter of August Yost, a well-known citizen of Meriden.

FREDERICK S. WARD, one of the prominent business citizens of New Haven, and a member of a family distinguished in the Revolutionary war, successfully conducts a business in real estate and insurance in that city.

Allen, born Nov. 30, 1858, who, with his mother, is now living at the old home, which is surrounded by Yale College. This land, or allotment, was where Yale College was first founded, and for thirty years was the only land owned by the Yale Association; in fact it was one of a long series of purchases extending through a period of one hundred years. This land has been in the possession of only five parties since its original purchase from the Indians, William Tuttle being the last before it went into the possession of Yale College.

CHARLES ALLEN TUTTLE, son of Charles F. Tuttle, was born Nov. 30, 1858, and educated at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., from which institution he was graduated in 1878. He was a member of the class of 1884 at Yale College. In 1882 he was one of the founders of the *New Haven Morning News*, and was associated with that paper three years; then was engaged as a general broker in New Haven from 1885 to 1889, after which he was associated with his father in business. He is now retired.

Charles A. Tuttle has been twice married. On April 1, 1888, he wedded Florence I. Graham, of New Haven, who died Jan. 12, 1890. On Oct. 15, 1893, Mr. Tuttle married (second) Juliet Vibbert Gibbons, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Tuttle has traveled extensively, and is of a literary turn of mind, very popular, and, withal, public-spirited and generous.

ALBERT FORBES, a well-known market gardener and dairy farmer of East Haven, was born in that town on the farm where Alexander Richmond now resides, July 15, 1825, and is a son of Samuel Forbes, who was also born in East Haven, in 1790. The grandfather, Samuel Forbes, Sr., was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a sea captain, commanding a vessel running between this country and the West Indies. He married Elizabeth Auger, and was lost at sea when the father of our subject was but eight years old. In his family were three children, the others being Amy and Mary. Throughout life Samuel Forbes, Jr., followed the occupation of a farmer, and soon after his marriage removed to the farm where our subject was born. He married Betsey Forbes, daughter of Eli Forbes, both of whom were natives of East Haven, and she was third in order of birth in a family of five children, namely: Morris, Isaac, Betsey, Almira, and Sally, who died young. She died in 1873, at the age of eighty-three years, and her husband in 1874, at the age of eighty-four. They had five children: Albert, our subject; Sarah, wife of Isaac Culver, living near Fair Haven; Jennette, who died in 1883; Jerome, who died young; and Jerome (2nd), who died in 1884.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of East Haven and Joseph Rodgers' private school on Townsend avenue. He remained with his father upon the home farm until thirty-

two years of age, and in 1854 erected the house which he still occupies. He has successfully engaged in market gardening and dairy farming, and in 1849 was owner of the sailing vessel "Friendship," which was destroyed by fire at sea while on a voyage to the Sandwich Islands that year.

Mr. Forbes was married, April 8, 1857, to Miss Harriet C. Hemingway, of Fair Haven, who was born in 1832, and they had two children: Elizabeth A., now the wife of Clifford Street; and Sarah, who died in 1882, at the age of thirteen years. Politically Mr. Forbes is a Jacksonian Democrat, and has filled the office of selectman in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Honorable and upright in all his dealings he has met with well-deserved success in life, and can say what few men can, that he has never borrowed a dollar during his entire life. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him for his sterling worth and strict integrity.

JAMES TOOTHE, foreman of the soldering department of the Meriden Britannia factory, is one of the city's best known and highly esteemed citizens. A native of England, he was born Feb. 12, 1842, in the great industrial city of Birmingham, son of Thomas and Jane (Ward) Toothe, the former of whom was a son of James Toothe, also of Birmingham, who in turn was a son of a Thomas Toothe, who followed the trade of shoemaker in that city, where he was known as a respected citizen and consistent member of the Church of England.

Thomas Toothe, son of James, was born in 1802, and learned the trade of metal spinner, at which he worked for a number of years. In his native city he married Jane Ward, who was born in Birmingham, daughter of William Ward, a bricklayer, both of whom died in Birmingham. There were ten children born to Thomas and Jane Toothe, namely: William, who is vice-president of the Nathan Manufacturing Co., of New York, whose daughter, Jennie Ward Toothe, married Dr. O. J. D. Hughes, consul general at Coburg, Germany; Charles, who is a metal spinner and resides in Wallingford; James, of this biography; Henry, a traveling salesman, who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Thomas, who died in infancy; Thomas (2), who died in infancy; Mary, who died young; Sophia, who died unmarried; Sarah Maria Elizabeth, who died at the age of eight years; and Alfred, who died young. The mother of these children was a consistent and worthy member of the Church of England, and was ever a devoted wife and loving mother. After her death, in her native city, Mr. Toothe with his sons emigrated to America and located in Meriden, Conn., where the remainder of his life was passed. Here he died in 1882 after some years of retirement from active life, and his remains repose in West cemetery. He was a devoted member of the Established Church

abeth Winspur, who was born in Birmingham, and they had five children: William J.; Joseph H., a silversmith in Wallingford; George, also a silversmith in Wallingford; Samuel, a painter in New York; and Alice, wife of Charles Chaucer, of Meriden, Connecticut.

William J. Hodgetts acquired his education in his native city, and early in life applied himself to moldmaking. When he had mastered this trade he turned to the making of Britannia ware, in which work he was engaged until coming to this country, in 1866. He made his way directly to Wallingford, and was given employment in the factory of the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., with whom he remained twenty-five years. He very soon rose to the position of inspector of goods. In 1878 he began the making of boxes, which was at first managed by his wife, but the business grew to such an extent that in 1891 Mr. Hodgetts gave up his position with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co. and has since given his entire attention to the box factory. He is a man of genial disposition, and has a host of friends who admire his manly character and exemplary business methods. Temperate in his habits, and upright in his dealings with the world, he is much respected in his community, and is regarded as one of the most valued citizens of the borough.

In 1867 Mr. Hodgetts married, at Newark, Miss Sarah Hobson, who was born in Birmingham, England, a daughter of Edwin Hobson, one of the prominent men of Wallingford. To this union have come six children: Harold William, a die sinker and moldmaker; Eva A., a forewoman in her father's factory; Effie, a trained nurse; and Edwin, Nellie and Bessie, who are in school. Mr. Hodgetts is a Republican, and an active worker for the party. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

CHARLES EMIL SCHUNACK, one of the rising young manufacturers of Meriden, was born in the city of Spremberg, Germany, Nov. 15, 1859, son of Gustav Schunack, a native of the same community, who was a manufacturer of woolen cloth. In Spremberg Gustav Schunack married Louisa Lange, by whom he had two children, Charles Emil and Emmy. Gustav Schunack and his family left the old country in 1873, and came to the United States, locating at Webster, Mass., where he spent a year in the woolen trade. He then came to Meriden, where the remainder of his life was spent, and he died in 1889 and was buried in the West cemetery, Meriden. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion liberal and broad-minded in his views. His widow is still living, and is cared for in the home of her son Charles E. She is a devout Christian woman, faithful and loving in her duties as a wife and mother.

Charles Emil Schunack attended the schools of

his native town. He was thirteen years old when he left Spremberg with his parents to make his home in America, and at Webster, Mass., went into the mills, so that he has had no schooling save that of work and experience since his arrival in this State. In 1874 he came to Meriden, and for some five years worked in the bronze department of the Meriden Malleable Iron Works. For the following five years he was connected with the bronze department of the factory of Hart, Bliven & Mead, at Kensington, Conn., as a contractor. When this period had expired he came back to Meriden, and took a place with the Charles Parker Co., in the lamp department of its extensive factories. For nineteen years he has had charge of this department.

Mr. Schunack began business for himself as a box manufacturer in 1891, locating on Randolph avenue, and beginning in the most modest fashion. He attended strictly to his trade, and it has steadily increased, demanding enlarged facilities and improved machinery, until he now has a plant that is about as complete as any to be found anywhere in the State. Here he makes a vast variety of paper boxes, as well as plush, chamois and leather cases for silverware, and employment is given to more than seventy people, the products selling in remote parts of the country, as well as at home. Our subject's only sister, Miss Emmy, has charge of this branch of his business; she is a lady of much business ability, thoroughly understanding the work, and very popular. Mr. Schunack is a progressive and enterprising citizen, wide-awake and vigorous, energetic with his work, and anxious to give perfect satisfaction to every customer.

Mr. Schunack belongs to the A. F. & A. M., being controlled in Meridian Lodge, No. 77; to Pilgrim Harbor Council, Royal Arcanum; and to the Invincibles of Meriden. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as a member of the city council in Meriden for two years. He and his wife find their religious home at the Congregational Church. Mr. Schunack was married in Kensington, Hartford Co., Conn., to Miss Rhoda Baldwin, a lady of much refinement, and they have two children, Mildred and Elsie. Our subject and his wife are excellent people and command the respect and confidence of the community to a very marked degree.

MICHAEL D. RUSSELL, comptroller of the city of Waterbury, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1865, and is a son of John and Catherine (Dwyer) Russell, the former of whom is an extensive farmer and both of whom still have their home in County Tipperary. To their marriage were born twelve children, nine of whom are still living, viz.: William, a doctor of medicine; Helen, a widow; Thomas, farming the old homestead; Michael D., the subject of this sketch; Katie, single; John, a Catholic clergyman in England; Mary, a Sister of Mercy in Dublin; Matthew, a physician

but during the last years of his life supported the Democratic party. He never sought or accepted any political office. Both Mr. Murdock and his wife belonged to old Congregational families and were members of that church but in later life joined the Episcopal church.

He married Harriet M. Bronson, daughter of Judge Bennet and Anna (Smith) Bronson, of Waterbury, to whom three children were born: Mary E., October 8, 1843; George Bronson, February 25, 1846, and Charles Z., May 1, 1850. Mr. Murdock died January 30, 1874, and his wife survived him twenty years, passing away in 1895.

George B. Murdock, oldest son of Zina K. and Harriet M. Murdock, attended the Meriden public schools, Meriden Academy and the Russell Military Academy at New Haven. He grew to manhood on the farm where he has always remained engaged in general agriculture.

Mr. Murdock is one of the directors of the Meriden Savings Bank and was one of the organizers of the Meriden Grange, the first three years of which he was master. He was married in Meriden in 1896 to Harriet Elizabeth Graves, of New Haven. Their children are George Peter, born May 11, 1897; Harriet Josephine, born October 22, 1898, and Bennet Bronson, born January 15, 1901.

Charles Zina Murdock, youngest son of Zina K. and Harriet M. (Bronson) Murdock, was born on his father's farm May 1, 1850. He attended

the Meriden public schools and the Meriden Academy and also the Russell Military Academy at New Haven.

He remained upon the home farm until he was thirty-eight years old, previous to which he was engaged in general agriculture and dairy farming. In 1888, by agreement with his mother and brother, he took one hundred acres of his father's estate on Paddock avenue, upon the highest elevation of which he has erected his present modern residence.

He is a member of the Meriden Grange and belongs to no other society; is domestic in his tastes, well versed in the topics of the day and is an extensive reader of the best literature.

He was married March 6, 1889, to Miss Alice C. Carter, who is remembered as a woman of marked beauty, a warm and generous heart and cultivated mind, with a keen appreciation of the highest and noblest in daily life, and who died April 25, 1891, and was buried in the West cemetery at Meriden. But one child was born to the union, Carter Z., Feb. 12, 1891.

REV. HARVEY MILLER.

One of the clergymen of the town who enjoyed the esteem of the community in a marked degree was the late Rev. Harvey Miller, who was for eighteen years pastor of the First Baptist church.

He was born in Wallingford, the son of Samuel Miller. His father was a preacher before him and like

BELA CARTER.

It is true of many citizens that the esteem in which they are held is due to their conscientious discharge of duties whether of a civic or business character. Of such a type was Bela Carter, a descendant in the sixth generation of Rev. Thomas Carter, the first pastor of the church of Woburn, Mass. This clergyman, who was born in England and laid the foundation for his future career at St. John's college, University of Cambridge, where he received the degrees of B. A. and M. D., emigrated to America in 1635 in the ship "Planter." He went to Dedham, thence to Watertown and in 1642 was ordained at Woburn. A further study of Mr. Carter's ancestry reveals interesting characters, men who inherited from the pioneer his zeal, his honesty of purpose, his conscientiousness.

Bela Carter, son of Silas Johnson and Ruth (Vining) Carter, was born February 6, 1828, in Hardwick, Mass., where he received a common school education. His natural ability manifested itself at the early age of sixteen when he began teaching penmanship. Not long after his attention was directed to the trade of painting and interior decorating, which he followed in Palmer, Mass., and Springfield, Mass., directly after, locating in Meriden in 1850, where he established himself in business two years later. He soon became interested in real estate in which he dealt extensively up to the time of his death

and was considered to be an expert on Meriden realty, one of his largest transactions being the sale of the property known as "The Flats," upon a part of which stand the buildings now known as Factory E of the International Silver Company. He also acted as agent for several out of town savings banks for the placing of loans and incidental business. For twenty years he was a director in the First National bank of Meriden. In early life he was a Whig, but later became identified with the Republican party.

The qualities which he displayed in his business relations gained for him the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen so that during the Civil war in 1862, he was elected first selectman of Meriden and was re-elected twice thereafter. For four years he was treasurer of the military fund. He served for three terms in the Court of Common Council as councilman or alderman and served for six years as chairman of the Corner School District committee. For several years he was a member of the Board of Assessors. He undoubtedly could have had higher political honors had he evinced a willingness to accept them.

In 1850 Mr. Carter married Mary J., daughter of Captain Butler and Polly (Converse) Barrett, of Belchertown, Mass., who survives her husband and is a loved and honored resident of Meriden. Of their eight children, Henry Johnson, Agnes Smith and Wilbur Barrett, died within one week of diphtheria. The others are: Elmer Bela, a sheep rancher



Bela Carter

man in Montana, who married Laura M. Edwards, of Billings, Mont.; Mary C., widow of the late Edward H. White, of Meriden; Bertha C., wife of Frederick E. Bemis, of Meriden; Robert William and Annie Z., both of Meriden.

Mr. Carter, after retaining his fine hold on Meriden interests for forty-three years, died September 28, 1893, before old age had really claimed him. He was buried in West cemetery.

J. T. POMEROY.

The ancestry of the late James Tibbals Pomeroy embraces Connecticut families who helped to lay a solid foundation for the Nutmeg state's greatness. Many of the men were rugged tillers of the soil who derived their physical endurance and mental firmness among the rocks and loam where they labored as in God's vineyard.

The Pomeroy name is as old almost as the hills and its bearers have no cause to feel ashamed of their forebears.

His father, Noah Pomeroy, was by turns a farmer and an itinerant tin peddler in those days when this occupation was lucrative, highly honorable and full of the charm and spice of life. He was likewise a manufacturer of tin and again a farmer. That he was held in the highest respect by his townsmen is evidenced by the public offices he filled, all that were in the gift of the people. The Universalist church of this city was

organized in his house and Mr. Pomeroy was one of its most able supporters. The greater a man's mental caliber, the greater the duties that are borne by him; it is quite natural, therefore, to find Mr. Pomeroy one of the first directors of the Meriden bank and later its president.

James Pomeroy was born in this city and turned naturally to agricul-



JAMES TIBBALS POMEROY.

ture, owning and operating his father's large stock estate in East Meriden. His knowledge of rural methods and his comprehension of a situation which called for unity of thought, purpose and action among the farming element led him to organize the Meriden Grange, a society to which he gave largely of his time