

HISTORY
OF
ERIE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.

CONTAINING A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY; ITS TOWNSHIPS, TOWNS,
VILLAGES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, INDUSTRIES, ETC.; PORTRAITS OF
EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN; BIOGRAPHIES;
HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA, STATISTICAL AND
MISCELLANEOUS MATTER, ETC., ETC.

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Mile Creeks, in Mill Creek Township; Cascade and Garrison Runs in Erie City; Five Mile Creek, Elliott's Run and Scott's Run, in Harbor Creek Township; Spring, Spafford and Averill Runs, in North East Township; and several rivulets, the titles of which are variously given.

TRIBUTARIES OF THE ABOVE.

The tributaries of the above streams are as follows, the terminus of each being in the township indicated:

French Creek.—In Greenfield Township, a number of creeks and runs; in Venango Township, Middlebrook Alder Run and Fritts Run of the West Branch, and Spafford Run of the East Branch; in Amity Township (East and West Branches unite), the Outlet of Lake Pleasant, Jones' Brook, Henry Brook, the **Hubbell Alder Run**, Deerlick Run, the Hatch Hollow Alder Run and Duncombe Run; in Waterford Township, Davis Run; in LeBœuf Township, the South Branch, LeBœuf Creek, Trout Brook, Colt Run, Mill Run, Moravian Run, Gill Brook and Mallory Run.

Le Bœuf Creek.—In Waterford Township, the West Branch, Boyd Run, Trout Run and Benson Run. (Boyd and Trout Runs empty into Lake LeBœuf, which is really no more than an expansion of the creek).

The South Branch of French Creek.—In Concord Township, Scotch Run, Spring Brook, Lilly Run, Beaver Dam Run, Spencer Run, Baskin Run and Slaughter Run; in Union Township, Scotchman's, Wilson, Mulvin, Carroll, Pine, Tolbert and Benson Runs.

Conneaut Creek.—In Conneaut Township, the East Branch, the West Branch and Marsh Run. The tributaries of the East Branch are Frazier's Run in Elk Creek Township, and Crane and Jackson Runs in Conneaut Township.

Elk Creek.—In McKean Township, the South Branch; in Fairview Township, Fall Run and Little Elk; in Girard Township, the West Branch, Hall's Run, Brandy Run and Spring Run.

Walnut Creek.—In Mill Creek Township, McNair and Nece Runs; in Fairview Township, Bear and Beaver Dam Runs.

Mill Creek.—In Mill Creek Township, Bladen's Run.

Four Mile Creek.—In Harbor Creek Township, McConnell Run.

Sixteen Mile Creek.—In Northeast Township, the Borough Branch.

Hare Creek, the only tributary of the Brokenstraw flowing from the county, joins that stream in Warren County, below Corry. Its chief inlets are Bear Creek and Scioto Run.

The Conneauttee is joined by the Little Conneauttee a short distance across the line, in Crawford County, and by Pratt and Herbert Creeks in Washington Township.

PRINCIPAL SETTLEMENTS, RAILROADS, ETC.

Most of the cities, towns, villages and important settlements are located upon these streams, having originated in numerous cases in consequence of the early establishment of mills. Mill Creek, Cascade and Garrison Runs flow through the city of Erie, and Hare Creek with two of its branches, through the city of Corry. Belle Valley is located along the banks of Mill Creek; Wesleyville on Four Mile Creek; Harbor Creek Village on Elliott's Run; Moorheadville on Twelve Mile Creek; North East and Freeport on Sixteen Mile Creek; East Springfield on a branch of Crooked Creek; West Springfield on Turkey Run; Greenfield Village and Lowville on the West Branch of French Creek; Wattsburg at the junction of the East and West Branches of the latter

1857—John Masters and Joe McBride were indicted for the murder of Dennis Sullivan. Masters was acquitted and McBride was never found.

1858—In Mill Creek Township, Joseph Botonelli, keeper of a little hotel above the almshouse, was shot dead by George H. Rerdell, who, being convicted, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

In this same year, Jacob Faust was tried for the murder of Capt. Matthew Densmore down at the dock. Faust was convicted and sentenced to eleven years and nine months in the penitentiary.

1859—Charles Fisk, of Waterford, was arraigned for shooting John Fenno through the heart. He got two years and five days in the penitentiary.

1860—Mallisa Sprague was indicted for the murder of her child, but the jury found her not guilty.

1862—Daniel Cummings was tried for the murder of Johanna Cummings, and was sent to the penitentiary for eleven years and three months.

1863—There were three murder trials in this year. Nathaniel Cotterell, of Waterford, was charged with the killing of William Burt, and was acquitted. Mary Quinn was tried and acquitted of the murder of Patrick Cutler, killed with a brick, and Peter Carrier, for the murder of William Thompson, was sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

1865—Erastus Stafford was stabbed to death, and Jacob A. Tanner was tried for the murder. He got four years. In the same year, William Greer was shot dead in front of a North East drug store. An indictment for murder was found against one Dr. Lucius Mott, but he was never found.

1866—Mary Mulholland was charged with the murder of her illegitimate child, and Michael Corcoran with the murder of Dennis Twoby. The grand jury threw out both bills.

1872—The murder of Hugh Donnelly by James Nevills, resulted in a verdict of not guilty on the grounds of insanity.

1874—Fred Cooper and Jane R. Cooper were tried for the murder of Caroline Cook. Both were honorably acquitted. In the following Quarter Sessions, Charles J. Cowden was tried for the murder of Jane Cowden, and was acquitted.

1876—George C. Adams was indicted for the killing of William H. Clemens. The case was *not pressed*.

1880—Philip Schwingle was charged with the murder of his brother Charles, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

1883—Mary Jane and Samuel Young were accused of the murder of their brother. They were held for trial, but the grand jury ignored the bill.

CHAPTER XXI.

POLITICAL HISTORY—ANNUAL RECORD.

1788 to 1800.

IN 1788 and 1792, Allegheny County, which embraced Erie County, gave a unanimous vote for George Washington for President, who was elected without opposition. John Adams was chosen Vice President.

In 1796, the Jefferson Electors received 392 votes, and the Adams Electors 77 in Allegheny County. The State cast 1 electoral vote for Adams, 14

Prohibition—Prothonotary, W. R. Davenport, Erie, 228; Register and Recorder, N. R. Luce, Union, 313; Director of the Poor, H. E. Ladd, 220; County Commissioner, Isaac R. Taylor, Edinboro, 211; James D. Smith, Wayne, 219; Coroner, L. G. Hall, North East, 282.

Greenback and Prohibition—Auditors, J. G. Perry, Venango, 479; W. T. Everson, Wattsburg, 699.

1882.

State Candidates.—This year there was a formidable revolt in the Republican party of the State against the control of Senator Cameron and his associates. It was led by United States Senator Mitchell, Charles S. Wolfe, and a number of the most prominent men in the party. The following were the respective candidates for the several State offices. The figures show the vote received by each candidate:

Governor.—Robert E. Pattison, Philadelphia, Democrat, 355,791; James A. Beaver, Center County, Regular Republican, 315,589; John Stewart, Franklin County, Independent Republican, 43,743; A. C. Pettet, Lawrence County, Prohibition 5,196; Thomas A. Armstrong, Allegheny City, Greenback-Labor, 23,484.

Lieutenant Governor.—Chauncey F. Black, York County, Democrat, 353,642; William T. Davies, Bradford County, Regular Republican, 317,614; Levi K. Duff, Allegheny County, Independent Republican, 43,577; Alvin Williams, Chester County, Prohibition, 4,662; William Howard, Greenback Labor, 19,475.

Supreme Judge.—Silas M. Clark, Indiana County, Democrat, 355,935; William H. Rawle, Philadelphia, Regular Republican, 315,163; George Junkin, Philadelphia, Independent Republican, 41,990; J. A. Cake, Northumberland County, Greenback-Labor, 19,285; S. B. Chase, Susquehanna County, Prohibition, 4,457.

Secretary of Internal Affairs.—J. Simpson Africa, Huntingdon County, Democrat, 353,752; John M. Grier, Butler County, Regular Republican, 317,408; George W. Merrick, Tioga County, Independent Republican, 43,096; J. L. Dewoody, Venango County, Greenback Labor, 19,941; Ezra Crossman, McKean County, Prohibition, 5,497.

Congressmen at Large.—Mortimer F. Elliott, Tioga County, Democrat, 351,043; Marriott Brosius, Lancaster County, Regular Republican, 323,255; William McMichael, Philadelphia, Independent Republican, 40,995; Robert K. Tomlinson, Bucks County, Greenback-Labor, 20,400; I. Newton Pierce, Philadelphia, Prohibition, 4,642.

The vote of Erie County for Governor was as follows: Pattison, 5,727; Beaver, 5,218; Stewart, 575; Armstrong, 772; Pettet, 265.

City Candidates.—John W. Walker, Democrat, 2,723; David T. Jones, Republican, 1,328; J. J. Sepple, Greenback-Labor, 244.

County Candidates.—Republican—Assembly, H. A. Traut, Girard, 4,290; Isaac B. Brown, Corry, 4,471; A. W. Hayes, Wattsburg, 4,379; Sheriff, Frank E. Staples, Union City, 6,081; Clerk of the Courts, Robert S. Moorhead, Erie, 6,604; Director of the Poor, O. J. McAllister, Wattsburg, 5,879; Jury Commissioners, George J. Russell, East Mill Creek, 5,934. J. W. Hays, D. P. Ensign and M. Griswold were elected Trustees of Erie Academy; William Judson and A. D. Johnson were elected Trustees of Waterford Academy.

Democratic—I. N. Taylor, Girard Borough, 2,945; F. E. McLean, Union City, 3,077; A. B. Heard, North East Borough, 3,267; Sheriff, Frank J. Moore, LeBeuf, 5,819; Clerk of the Courts, A. C. Miller, 5,297; Director of

the Poor, L. W. Savage, Springfield, 5,463; Jury Commissioner, James D. Phillips, Union City, 5,709.

Prohibition—Assembly, H. P. Malick, Girard, 216; A. L. Haskell, Amity, 196; L. G. Hall, North East, 215; Sheriff, James Shreve, Union, 187; Clerk of the Courts, C. S. Carr, Erie, 231; Director of the Poor, H. E. Ladd, Amity, 262; Jury Commissioner, Eaton Gross, Amity, 265.

Greenback-Labor—Assembly, B. Mason, 546; George W. Barr, 501; S. L. Kennedy, 354; Sheriff, W. E. Hubbell, Erie, 480; Director of the Poor, Charles Drake, Washington, 733; Jury Commissioner, William Davis, Waterford Township, 598.

This is known as the second tidal-wave year. The Democrats carried a majority of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, and the Governors and State Legislatures of some sixteen States.

The candidates for Congress were S. M. Brainerd, of Erie County, Republican; Henry C. Plumer, of Venango County, Democrat, and W. T. Everson, of Erie County, Greenback-Labor and Prohibition. The vote of the district was as follows:

	Brainerd.	Plumer.	Everson.
Erie County.....	6,201	5,448	855
Venango County	2,604	2,960	975
Warren County.....	2,365	1,839	1,162
Total.....	11,170	10,247	2,992
Brainerd's plurality.....	923		

1888.

Auditor General, Jerome B. Miles, Tioga County (Rep.), 319,106; Robert Taggart, Warren County (Dem.), 302,031; J. B. Fordham, Lackawanna County (Pro.), 6,602; T. P. Rynder, ——— County (Gr.), 4,452.

State Treasurer, William Livsey, Allegheny County (Rep.), 321,050; Joseph Powell, Bradford County (Dem.), 300,989; I. E. Howard, ——— County (Pro.), 6,687; A. T. Marsh, Erie County (Gr.), 4,431.

County Candidates.—Republican—County Treasurer, John L. Wells, Erie, 5,881; Director of the Poor, Joseph Henderson, Erie, 5,876.

Democratic—County Treasurer, J. M. Dewitt, North East, 4,418; Director of the Poor, Uras Schluraff, West Mill Creek, 4,374.

Prohibition—County Treasurer, H. E. Ladd, Amity, 350; Director of the Poor, Amos Burch, North East, 370.

The Greenback party made no county nominations.

LIST OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

[Democrats in Italics; Opposition in Roman type].

UNITED STATES OFFICERS.

Congress—1800—*Albert Gallatin*, Washington County. District—Washington, Allegheny, Greene and Crawford. Resigned to become Secretary of the Treasury.

1801—*William Hoge*, Washington County. Elected to serve out the term of Albert Gallatin.

1803—*John Hoge*, Washington County.

1804—*John B. C. Lucas*, Beaver County. District—Erie, Warren, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Beaver and Butler. Resigned.

1805—*Samuel Smith*, Erie County. Elected to serve out the term of Mr. Lucas; re-elected in 1806 and 1808. Allegheny added to the district.

COMPANY K—RECRUITED AT ERIE.

Captain—John Kilpatrick.

First Lieutenant—Thomas C. McLane.

Second Lieutenant—Edward Coughlin.

The regiment was accompanied by Mehl's Band during the entire period of its absence.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

On the return of the three months' regiment, Col. McLane immediately announced his purpose of raising another regiment for three years. Authority for this purpose was received on the 24th of July, 1861, and in less than five weeks the full complement of 1,000 men had enlisted, mainly from the counties of Erie, Crawford, Warren and Forest. Of these, nearly three hundred had been members of the three months' regiment. The rendezvous was on the old fair grounds east of Erie, and the regiment was mustered into the United States service on the 8th of September. It left for Washington on the 16th of September, accompanied by Mehl's Band, where it was assigned to the Third Brigade of Porter's division, under command of Gen. Butterfield. The regiment soon attained to a high reputation for drill and soldierly appearance. On one occasion, Gen. McClellan said to Col. McLane: "I congratulate you upon having one of the very best regiments in the army." Gen. Butterfield also congratulated and commended the regiment in a general order. It was also awarded one of the French uniforms and equipments that had been specially imported to be presented to the regiments found the most proficient in a competitive drill. The regiment remained in camp in front of Washington until the 8th of March, 1862, when orders were received for the whole army to move. It took part in the reconnoissance toward Big Bethel and the siege of Yorktown, and was prominently engaged in the battles of Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mill, Malvern Hill and most of the desperate encounters along and in the vicinity of the Chickahominy. At Gaines' Mill on the 27th of June, Col. McLane was killed, lamented not only by his own men but by the whole corps. On the 11th of August, Mehl's Band, which had been with the regiment to that date, was discharged by general order, and came back to Erie. When the army moved north, the Eighty-third accompanied it, and participated in Pope's campaign, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, and, in fact, nearly every battle that was fought down to the closing scene at Appomattox. Col. Vincent, who had succeeded Col. McLane, and who was at the time in command of the brigade, fell, mortally wounded, at Gettysburg on the 2d of July, 1863. He had been appointed a Brigadier General, but the news of his promotion did not reach the regiment until after his death. After Gettysburg, the regiment, which had been reduced by losses in battle and sickness to but 200 of its original members, was enlarged to the extent of some 400 drafted men and substitutes, and it received accessions from time to time sufficient to swell its total roll to about 2,600. It was mustered out of the service at Washington on the 28th of June, 1865, and formally disbanded on the 4th of July at Harrisburg. The members of the regiment returned to their homes in small bodies, but their welcome was none the less warm and cheering. In the official history of Pennsylvania volunteers, published by the commonwealth, it is stated that the Eighty-third Regiment was engaged in twenty-five battles, "more by two than any other Pennsylvania Infantry regiment." The surviving members formed a civil organization in September, 1867, which has assembled each

year at some town within the limits of the territory in which it was recruited. Below is a list of the principal officers of the regiment:

FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonels—John W. McLane, Strong Vincent, O. S. Woodward, Chauncey P. Rogers.

Lieutenant Colonels—Strong Vincent, Hugh S. Campbell, Dewitt C. McCoy, Chauncey P. Rogers, William O. Colt.

Majors—Louis H. Naghel, William H. Lamont, William O. Colt, W. H. Dunbar.

Adjutants—John M. Clark, B. M. Frank.

Quartermasters—James Saeger, Daniel W. Clark, George M. Boal.

Surgeons—William Faulkner, E. P. Allen, J. P. Burchfield.

Assistant Surgeons—David E. Belknap, Isaac Walborn, Michael Thompson, Jonathan Wotring, William S. Stewart, Jared Free, T. C. M. Stockton.

Chaplains—Josiah Flower, Orson B. Clark.

COMPANY A—RECRUITED AT TITUSVILLE.

Captains—Charles B. Morgan, David P. Sigler, David P. Jones, William O. Colt, E. L. Whittelsey.

First Lieutenants—David P. Sigler, David P. Jones, James M. Hunter, Martin V. Gifford, Wilkes S. Colt.

Second Lieutenants—David P. Jones, James M. Hunter, Wilkes S. Colt, William H. Lamont, Pierce Hanrahan, David R. Rogers.

COMPANY B—RECRUITED AT MEADVILLE.

Captains—John F. Morris, David A. Apple, Daniel G. Saeger, Israel Thickstun, Andrew J. McKee.

First Lieutenants—James Saeger, Daniel G. Saeger, Orrin A. Hotchkiss, David A. Apple, Andrew J. McKee, A. C. Montgomery, Harrison Raymond.

Second Lieutenants—David A. Apple, Daniel G. Saeger, Orrin A. Hotchkiss, A. C. Montgomery, Harrison Raymond, Charles W. Smith.

COMPANY C—RECRUITED AT ERIE.

Captains—John Graham, John H. Borden.

First Lieutenants—Aaron E. Yale, John W. Vannatta, Abner B. Edson, **Charles H. Hubbell**.

Second Lieutenants—James R. Farrell, Bethuel J. Goff, Joseph B. Grimler, John W. Vannatta, Samuel L. Fluke, **Charles H. Hubbell**, Daniel B. Foote.

COMPANY D—RECRUITED AT EDINBORO.

Captains—O. S. Woodward, Chauncey P. Rogers, John P. Kleckner.

First Lieutenants—Chauncey P. Rogers, Isaac Keck.

Second Lieutenants—Plympton A. White, Isaac Keck, Abijah H. Burnett.

COMPANY E—RECRUITED AT WATERFORD.

Captains—Hugh S. Campbell, Amos M. Judson, Benjamin A. Smith, Peter Grace.

First Lieutenants—Amos M. Judson, William O. Colt, Peter Grace, William H. McGill.

Second Lieutenants—William O. Colt, James H. Barnett, Peter Grace, William H. McGill, Alex B. Langley, E. L. Whittelsey, James C. Percival.

brothers, Benjamin and Leonard, had gone some two years before. He there purchased 200 acres of land, to which he afterward added 150 acres more. Returning to New Hampshire, he brought his family on in 1826, the party consisting, besides Mr. and Mrs. Greeley, of Barnes, their oldest son, and their three daughters, Esther, Armina and Marguerite. Horace, who had apprenticed himself in a printing office at Poultney, Vt., did not accompany the family, although pressed hard to do so. During the ensuing four years, he visited them twice in their wilderness home, walking most of the way, and remaining about a month each time. In 1830, he came on again, and after remaining home awhile, found employment for a short period at Jamestown, and in the *Gazette* office at Erie. Some time during the summer of 1831 he left Erie, called to see his parents in Wayne for a few days, and then started on foot for New York, where he arrived on the 17th of August, with exactly \$10 in his pocket. Years after, when he had made a reputation through the *New Yorker*, he again paid a visit to the township, remaining for a brief period only. It was during this stay that he wrote one of his best poems, "The Faded Stars," beneath the trees near the home of his parents. Zaccheus Greeley and Mary, his wife, both lived the balance of their years on the farm in Wayne and were buried near by. Mrs. Greeley's death occurred about 1854. The father died in 1867, at the age of eighty-seven. Horace Greeley was born on the 3d of February, 1811, in Amherst, Vt., and died in Pleasantville, N. Y., November 29, 1872. Esther, his sister, married Orestes Cleveland, long a partner in the *New York Tribune*. Barnes remained on the homestead farm. Armina was wedded to her cousin Lovell, and Marguerite united herself to a writing master named Bush, from whom she parted.

CHAPTER XIX.

AMITY TOWNSHIP.

THE township of Amity was created out of Union in 1825, and embraces 16,149 acres. Amity had a population of 385 in 1830, 560 in 1840, 739 in 1850, 1,016 in 1860, 924 in 1870, and 1,033 in 1880, of whom all were whites and few if any of foreign birth. The township lines are straight on all sides. Its length from east to west is about six and three-quarter miles, and breadth from north to south about four and one-fourth miles. The township is bounded on the north by Venango, on the east by Wayne, on the south by Union, and on the west by Le Boëuf and Waterford. Its post offices are Hatch Hollow and Lake Pleasant (Milltown). The township has no settlements of any size, the only places that can be called villages, even by courtesy, being Milltown and Hatch Hollow. There is no railroad within the township, and the nearest station is at Union. The main portion of Amity was embraced within the Tenth Donation District. The assessment of 1883 gave the following results: Value of real estate, \$365,329. Number of cows, 678; of oxen, 27; of horses and mules, 279; value of the same, \$28,252; value of trades and occupations, \$2,351; money at interest, \$1,660.

STREAMS AND BRIDGES.

The chief stream of Amity Township is French Creek, of which all the

others within its limits are tributaries. The East and West Branches unite on the north line, just outside the borough limits of Wattsburg, and the joint stream flows across the township in a southwesterly course into Waterford, leaving a triangular strip of territory on the upper side known to the inhabitants as "Canada." Its total length within the township is nearly seven miles. The most important tributaries on the north side are the outlet of Lake Pleasant, Jones' Creek and Henry Brook; and on the south side the **Hubbell Alder Run**, the Hatch Hollow Alder Run, Deerlick Run and Duncombe Run. The outlet of Lake Pleasant rises in the lake of that name in the southwest corner of Venango, has a length of about three miles, and empties into French Creek on the farm of L. A. Stow. Jones' Creek heads near the south line of Venango, and falls into the chief stream on the Thomas Ashton place, having a course of about four miles. Henry Brook also takes its rise in Venango, is about two miles long, and joins French Creek on the farm of L. Northrop. **The Hubbell Alder Run** begins on land of the late **J. G. Hubbell**, at the Wayne line, flows about five miles and ends near Wattsburg, after a course of some five miles. On the farm of W. C. Maynard it receives Lowe Brook, a small stream which rises in the northeast. The Hatch Hollow Alder Run heads in Union Township, and becomes a part of French Creek on the G. W. Baldwin place, close to the mouth of the outlet of Lake Pleasant. It has a length of about five miles. Duncombe Run takes its rise on the S. W. Hayes farm, directly south of Wattsburg, and falls into French Creek on the place of W. T. Everson. The head of Deer Lick Run is on the north edge of Union, and its length is not far from four miles. It unites with the main stream on the farm of C. E. Duncombe. The only bridge over French Creek proper, within the township, is the iron one at Baldwin's Flats, which has a span of 100 feet and cost \$2,340. Another iron bridge, with eighty feet span, crosses one stem of the East Branch near Wattsburg, built at a cost of \$1,439. Both of the above are open bridges. Those over the other streams are ordinary in character.

MILLS AND ROADS.

French Creek once gave power to several mills in Amity, but all have been abandoned. Those on the other streams are as follows: On the **Hubbell Alder Run**, Schoaf's steam saw mill, near the Wayne line; on the Hatch Hollow Alder Run, Doolittle & Chaffee's steam saw mill, and Wheeler's water saw mill; on the outlet at Milltown, Donaldson's steam saw mill and water shingle mill; Richard's water grist mill and saw mill, Cox's steam saw mill. W. R. Palmer has a creamery just south of Wattsburg, which was built in 1872. John Elletthorp has a blacksmith shop, and Mr. Williams a wagon shop at Milltown. There is also a blacksmith shop at Hatch Hollow. There is no store in the township. The first saw mill in Amity was put up above Milltown on the stream which runs through the Eaton Gross place and empties into the outlet of Lake Pleasant. The second mill was erected by Capt. James Donaldson on the outlet at Milltown in 1822 or 1823. It was a grist and saw mill combined.

The main roads are the Waterford & Wattsburg, along the south side of French Creek; the Lake Pleasant & Wattsburg, which is merged into the former on Baldwin's Flats; the Union & Wattsburg, passing through Hatch Hollow; the Beaver Dam & Wattsburg; the Corry & Wattsburg; the Lake Pleasant & Union; and the Lake Pleasant, Hatch Hollow & Union. The Erie & Lake Pleasant road terminates at the Stow bridge on French Creek, and is designated above that as the Lake Pleasant & Wattsburg.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The township schools are the Young, in the southeast; Inman, on the Venango line, in the northwest; Hubbell, near the mouth of Lowe Run; Ladd, near Wattsburg; Hayes, on the Union & Beaver Dam road; Hatch Hollow, in that settlement; McGee, on the line between Union and Amity; Hill, near the northwest corner of Wayne Township; Phillips, near Wattsburg, on the line between Venango and Amity; Duncombe, on French Creek, in the southwest; and Baldwin, on Baldwin's Flats. The Ladd building is used as the town house and election place. The McKee School is maintained jointly by Amity and Union, and the Phillips by Amity and Venango. In addition, there is a school at Milltown, belonging to the Lake Pleasant District, which embraces the corners of Amity, Waterford, Greene and Venango. Of the early schools of the township, mention may be made of a log schoolhouse that was built about the year 1825 by the neighborhood, and stood probably one-half of the distance between the residence of J. Chaffee and the borough of Wattsburg. The first teacher in this building was James White, and the next was Margaret Rouse. Some years later, a schoolhouse was built at Hatch Hollow. Polly Berry and Sallie Chaffee were the early teachers in this house. This was the first schoolhouse at Hatch Hollow, the one now located there being the second. In 1835, a small log schoolhouse was standing on Baldwin's Flats, near Alder Run, in which, about this date, a summer school was taught by Mrs. Lucetta Baldwin. She had been preceded by Miss Polly Donald. The winter following the summer school of Mrs. Baldwin, A. Duncombe taught in the building named. Later, this house was burned, and another (of frame) was erected on nearly the same site. Both were built by subscription. Artemus Tracy and Robert Middleton were early teachers in the latter building. This building also burned down after a few years of service. Another was built near Baldwin's soon after, which was used until the erection of the present one there.

LANDS, VILLAGES, ETC.

Amity is in general a hilly township, but there are some magnificent flats along French Creek, the outlet of Lake Pleasant, the Hatch Hollow Alder Run and Deer Lick Run. The valley of French Creek ranges from half a mile to two and a half miles in width, reaching its greatest extent at the outlet of Lake Pleasant. The township as a whole is more suited for grazing than anything else. Great quantities of butter are made, and the raising of cattle is an important industry. It is doubtful whether as much wheat is reaped as the people consume, but oats, corn and potatoes are produced in excess of home needs. Apples thrive vigorously, but other fruits do not succeed so well. Valley lands are held at as high a rate as \$75 an acre, but some swampy spots are not valued at more than \$20. On the hills, the price of land ranges from \$30 to \$40. Perhaps one-third of the township is still in a wild state and covered with timber.

Milltown is a place of about thirty buildings, and nearly a hundred people, situated on the outlet, about a mile and a half below Lake Pleasant, and fourteen and a half from Erie. It got its name from the number of mills located there. The settlement possesses a schoolhouse but no church. Its post office title is Lake Pleasant. Half a mile west in Waterford Township, is a Baptist Church, of frame, which was built in the summer of 1877. Until recently, there had been an organization of the United Brethren in Christ, on Baldwin's Flats, which society was formed about the year 1857, by Rev. Michael Oswald, but was disbanded in the summer of 1883.

Hatch Hollow, in the valley of the lower Alder Run, on the Union &

Wattsburg road, is a place of less size than Milltown. In addition to the mills and schoolhouse, there is a Methodist Episcopal Church, a frame structure, which was completed and dedicated in 1859. The congregation was organized some years prior to 1835, and has, excepting a short period, been an appointment on the Wattsburg Circuit, of which it now forms a part. It was for a time connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Union City. Hatch Hollow derived its title from the numerous Hatch family in the neighborhood. It is the post office of the south part of the township.

The cemetery at Hatch Hollow embraces about three acres. It has been in existence about twenty-five years. There is a burying ground of about an acre on the T. Ashton farm, and a number of family graveyards are kept up in various parts of the township.

William Sanborn was elected to the Assembly in 1846 and 1847, and Francis F. Stow, County Auditor in 1867.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The first lands taken up in Amity Township were by William Miles, the founder of Wattsburg, who located 1,200 acres on the outlet of Lake Pleasant, in 1796, but made his home in Concord. About the same time John Fagan cleared up a piece of land near Hatch Hollow, and a man named McGahan went in the same year. Fagan remained until 1807, when he changed to Mill Creek. Hazen Sheppard and wife located in the township in 1812; the old lady was still living in 1880, at the age of ninety-two. John Carron is said to have been the first permanent settler, but the year he went in is unknown. In 1816, Benjamin Hinkston settled in Greene Township from Vermont, but changed to Amity in 1818. In 1819, Charles Capron moved in from New Hampshire, and was joined the same year by Seth Shepardson and Timothy Reed. Capron's father and mother accompanied him. James McCullough and Capt. James Donaldson became residents of the township in 1820, the latter locating near Lake Pleasant. Capt. Donaldson was from Cumberland County. He went first to the P. H. Yost place in Venango, where he lived with his family a number of years. From there he moved to Milltown. Other settlers went in as follows: In 1829, Jabez G. Hubbell, of Otsego County, N. Y., with his wife and sons, Hiram and David, Royal D. Mason and Jacob Rouse; in 1830, the Duncombes, Pliny Maynard and Elias Patterson; in 1831, William B. Maynard, son of Pliny; in 1833, George W. Baldwin; in 1847, John Allen, from Otsego County, N. Y.

CHAPTER XX.

GIRARD TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGHES OF GIRARD AND LOCKPORT.

THE township of Girard was carved out of Elk Creek, Fairview and Springfield in 1832, receiving its name from Stephen Girard, the Philadelphia millionaire, who owned a large body of land in the adjoining township of Conneaut, on which he had arranged just before his death to put up mills and make other important improvements which were expected to benefit the whole country around. The old line between Fairview and Springfield ran through the township parallel with the present line dividing Elk Creek and Conneaut.

25, 1865, with Ellen F., daughter of Hiram Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes settled in the spring of 1866 on their present farm, which was then wild, but by industry and good management they have now a fine place of 190 acres, notwithstanding their misfortune in having the house and contents burned April 11, 1877. To this union have been born five children—Sarah Elizabeth, Nanie I., Myrtle G., Phillip S. and Zachariah M. Mr. Hayes is a Republican in politics. He has held various local offices, and is now School Director of Amity Township, and Treasurer of the board.

JONATHAN A. HILL, farmer, P. O. Wayne, was born in November, 1810, in Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., son of James and Ardalissa (Angel) Hill, natives of New York and Exeter, Otsego County, N. Y., respectively, who reared a family of thirteen children, and died in Madison County. Our subject was united in marriage, January 17, 1833, with Betsy D., daughter of Warren and Betsy Palmer, who settled in Wayne Township, Erie County, in 1833. They reared a family of six children, four surviving—Mrs. Betsy Hill, Warren, Neb.; Henry B., of Elgin, this county, and Mrs. Hulda Hill, of Meadville, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Hill lived in Madison County for four years after their marriage, coming to Erie County in 1837. They resided in Wayne Township five years, then moved to present place in Amity Township in 1843. They have been industrious and successful, and have cleared and improved their farm, which now consists of 100 acres of well-improved land. They reared four children—Eunice Hill, Bertha Jeannette Palmer, Myron A. Palmer and Louis Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are pious members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The former has been a life-long Democrat, and has held the offices of Justice of the Peace, Constable, two terms, and Collector, two terms. He is a man of strict integrity, and enjoys the respect of the community.

JABEZ G. HUBBELL (deceased) was born in Weston, Conn., November 19, 1794, son of Ebenezer Hubbell. About 1809, his parents moved to Otsego County, N. Y. There our subject married, about 1822, Maria Benedict. They came to Erie County, and settled in Amity Township in 1828. They and their goods were brought the entire distance—three hundred miles—by a yoke of oxen. Mr. Hubbell bought 100 acres of wild land, which he cleared and added to until he had acquired over 400 acres. Mrs. Hubbell departed this life April 11, 1851. Their children are: Hiram, of Amity Township; David, of Union Township; Mrs. Eliza Clark, of Minnesota. Mr. Hubbell married Mrs. Harriet M. Ballard, August 31, 1833. She was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., November 22, 1818, a daughter of Thomas Baker. She married Edward Ballard, February 4, 1845, who died March 15, 1851. Their children are Mrs. H. L. Smiley, Mellie L. Terry and Judson (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell lived on the home place, and to them were born three children, viz., Mrs. Mary E. Kent, Eva I. and Jabez B. Our subject died November 8, 1879. Mrs. Hubbell now lives on the homestead. She is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and is respected and esteemed by all who know her.

HANNIBAL E. LADD, farmer, P. O. Wattsburg, was born January 26, 1828, in Dalton, Coos County, N. H., a son of Hiram and Aurelia (Palmer) Ladd. The latter a native of Castleton, Vt., was a sister of Dr. David Palmer, a celebrated physician who lost his life by an accident. Their children are Hannibal E.; William S., A. M., an attorney of Lancaster, N. H.; Mrs. Mary Abbott, of Vermont; Mrs. Lucy Stratton, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Kate G. Smith, of Erie, Penn. Mrs. Ladd died May 11, 1858. Mr. Ladd subsequently married Mrs. Sarah Allen, and came to this township in 1877, and died from the effects of a fall November 28, 1877. His widow still survives. Our subject visited Montgomery County, N. Y., while a young man, and there married Martha Sammons, September 19, 1855. In 1858, they came to Erie County, and located in Veauango Township, but in 1864 they moved to their present farm in Amity Township, which comprises 270 acres of finely improved land. To this union have been born five children, two surviving, viz., Anna A. and Mary A. Squire Ladd was an old-time Democrat, but now advocates prohibition. He has held various township offices, and was Justice of the Peace ten years, and Secretary of school board seven years. He, with his family, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a supporter of all mental and moral improvements in the community.

JAMES A. McCULLOUGH, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Wattsburg, was born February 4, 1827, on the farm he now occupies in Amity Township. His father, James McCullough, a native of Fulton County, N. Y., was reared in Chenango County, N. Y. He was a son of James McCullough, a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, who served under Washington, and was one of the defenders of Bunker Hill. He married Rebecca, a daughter of Judge Casper M. Rouse, who moved to this county with family in 1819. They reared a family of seven children—Mrs. Emily Johnson, of Grundy County, Ill.; James A., Mrs. Phebe Hubbell, Caspar, John P., Henry A. and Mary (deceased). Mrs. McCullough departed this life April, 1875, and Mr. McCullough March 13, 1879. They were a strong-hearted, courageous people. James A. McCullough, our subject, was reared in this township, attending the schools of Wattsburg and the home district. He married, in 1854, Frances A., daughter of Col. J. H. Bennett, by whom he had two children—Mariett (deceased) and Mary Jane. Mrs. McCullough died December 13, 1867. November 25, 1874, Mr. McCullough married Catherine Drown, of Greene Township. Mr.

1767, in Lancaster Co., Penn. He was first commissioned as Captain in the 7th Battalion Lancaster Co., Penn., militia, Oct. 12, 1792, and Sept. 11, 1794, was commissioned as Captain in the 2d Reg. Lancaster Brigade. In the spring of 1795, he came to this county in charge of a company, remaining until about 1798, in which year he went to York Co., Penn., and married Alicia, daughter of Thomas Cooper. Returning with his young wife, they settled in this township on the farm now occupied by his grandson, George Reed, our subject, where he died June 8, 1845. His family numbered 7 children, 2 sons and 5 daughters, all buried—father, mother and children—under a pine tree planted by Mrs. Grubb on the old farm, when they lost their first child. Hon. John Grubb was commissioned Major in the State militia Dec. 26, 1798; Justice of the Peace, April 15, 1797, and again May 16, 1801; County Commissioner, 1813 to 1815, and County Associate Judge Jan. 8, 1820, which last office he held till March 13, 1841. His wife was born in 1770, died Aug. 18, 1844. Benjamin Grubb, brother of the above, was born in March, 1777, married in June, 1800, and moved in that year to this county, settling in McKean Township on the farm now owned by John Pfeffer, where he died in 1845. His widow, who was 2 years younger, moved to Mercer Co., Penn., in 1856. She died at the age of eighty-six. George and John G. Reed, of Mill Creek Township, are the only descendants of Judge Grubb now remaining in this county. Mr. Reed, the subject of this sketch, is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Erie, in which he has held an eldership for 10 years.

CHRISTOPHER RILLING, of Mill Creek Township, Erie Co., was born Feb. 7, 1820, in Southern Germany. He was a son of Stephen and Mary (Young) Rilling, who came to America with their family in 1834, and settled in this township. Stephen Rilling, by trade, was a millwright, he died March 12, 1864; his wife died in 1843. They were parents of 12 children, 5 of whom are dead and 7 now living—Jacob and Christina, of Waterloo, Mo.; Barbara, wife of S. Speidle, and Mary, wife of H. Sherman, both of Richland, Wis.; Catharine, wife of J. Welmer, and George, both of this township, and our subject, who was married, in 1846, to Elizabeth, daughter of Valentine Ackerman. He worked for some time with his father as a millwright, but he soon abandoned his trade to engage in the manufacturing of oil cloths, which business he carried on quite extensively for a long time, but finally abandoned to become a farmer.

CHRISTIAN RIPLEY, merchant, Belle Valley, was born in 1842 in Summit Township, this county, son of David and Annie Ripley, who came to this county from Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1833, settling in Summit Township. They were parents of 10 children—David, in Greene Township, married to Mary A. Kuhl, have 7 children; Jacob in Erie City, married to Julia Barton, have 4 children; Sarah, wife of William Urch, of Greene Township, had 5 children, 3 deceased; Isaac, married to Elizabeth Robinson, have 2 children; Mary, wife of S. Kuhl; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Shields, of Greene Township, have 5 children; Abraham; John, in Erie City, married to Elizabeth Smith, have 2 children; Anna, wife of Charles Graham, have 6 children; and the subject of this sketch, who was married, in 1867, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Whiteford. To this union were born 6 children, 5 now living—Berdella J., William D., Edward C., Hattie E. and Minerva M. Mr. Ripley came to this township in 1881, locating on a piece of land in 1883. He has recently erected a commodious store in Belle Valley, which he has stocked with every article requisite for a general country store, and in exchange for which he takes all kinds of produce.

NATHANIEL WILLARD RUSSELL, the first-born of Hamlin and Sarah (Norcross) Russell, was born in Erie Co. March 11, 1812. His father came to this county from Connecticut in 1802, and was married here in 1811. Our subject had very limited educational opportunities, and did not attend school after he was fifteen. He remained with his father (his mother having died when he was nineteen years old) until March 10, 1833, when he began to earn money for himself by working on a neighboring farm and teaching school. His first purchase of land was 40 acres from his father at \$10 per acre. Oct. 19, 1836, he left for Harrisburg, Penn., where he had obtained a position as clerk and bar-keeper in Buehler's Hotel. In April, 1836, by the aid of Gen. Simeon Cameron, he was appointed a conductor on the railroad between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, and in June following was promoted to U. S. Mail Agent at an increased salary. During the winter of 1838, he was induced to return to Buehler's Hotel and given general charge of the house. This was during the period known as "the buckshot war," one of the most eventful in Penn.'s history. March 23, 1839, Mr. Russell was made Capt. of the packet boat, Thomas Jefferson, of the fast passenger line between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, a position he held for 4 seasons. During the entire term of his residence in the East, he made annual visits to his parents of a few days each. The winter of 1840-41, he spent with his relatives in Erie Co., and during this period was married to Miss Eleanor S. Osborn, of Erie. The date of this interesting event was Jan. 14, 1841. March 1 he resumed his place on the canal, Mrs. Russell accompanying him to the State capital, and spending the summers with Mrs. Buehler. While in Harrisburg she was seized with bilious fever, which terminated in quick consumption, and Mr. Russell was obliged to bring her back to Erie, where she died on the 6th of January, 1842. In November of the same year he resigned his place on the canal and returned permanently to his old home. Soon

after he purchased a farm of 90 acres within 3 miles of Erie. Sept. 1, 1843, he was married to Miss Frances A. Hubbell, of Troy, N. Y., and they went to housekeeping immediately after. A son was born in July, 1844, to whom the name of Henry Buehler was given. Mrs. Russell died on the 30th of January, 1849, and in January, 1851, Mr. Russell was married (for the third time) to Miss Emily Davison, of Mill Creek. Their only child is a daughter born May, 1853, who was named Ella Frances Russell. In April, 1855, Mr. Russell purchased and moved on the tract of land where he was born, and on which he still resides. The post office at Belle Valley was mainly established through his efforts. In 1849, he was appointed Aid-de-Camp to Gov. Johnston, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and, in 1868, he was elected Justice of the Peace, an office he has held continuously ever since. Mr. Russell is known in every part of Erie Co. as one of its wealthiest farmers and most intelligent citizens. He is remarkable for his wonderful memory, and is the standard authority on all matters connected with the early settlement of Erie Co.

J. C. RUSSELL (deceased) was born May 13, 1827, in Belle Valley, this county, son of Hamlin and Sarah (Norcross) Russell, who were among the pioneer families of the county. Our subject, in his youth, united with the Presbyterian Church of Erie City, Rev. Dr. Lyons being then pastor. Beginning life with a purpose, he lived an upright, useful and influential citizen. Mr. Russell married, in Feb., 1856, Miss O. A., daughter of James Chambers (see his biography). To this union were born 3 children, 2 now living—Albert L. and Ruth A. Our subject died Nov. 9, 1874, deeply lamented. He was a leading business man, and held the offices of Collector and Assessor, also School Director. Mrs. Russell occupies the home farm, which is well regulated and nicely located.

URAS SCHLURAFF, farmer, P. O. Erie, was born in Switzerland Nov. 18, 1818, son of Joseph and Maria (Stech) Schluaraff, also natives of Switzerland, who had a family of 7 children—Catharine, Mary Ann, May and Uras surviving. Joseph came to America in 1833, settling in McKean Township, where he purchased 310 acres of land, and died in 1840. His widow removed to Waukesha, Wis., where she died about 1853. Uras Schluaraff, our subject, was married, Jan. 30, 1844, to Rosannah, daughter of George and Panny Waidley, natives of Lancaster Co., Penn.; 5 children were born to this union—Levi W., Sarah J., Louisa D. (deceased), George R. and Franklin S. Mrs. Schluaraff was born Aug. 24, 1824, and died March 16, 1878. Mr. Schluaraff, who is by trade a carpenter, worked at the same at intervals for 25 years. On the death of his father, he became owner of the home farm, which he sold in 1859, removing in 1860 to West Mill Creek, where he purchased his present farm of 75 acres, 8 miles from Erie, which is well stocked and has excellent farm buildings. Mr. Schluaraff served as Road Commissioner of McKean Township 1 term, and of Mill Creek Township 3 terms; he was also School Director of the former and Assessor and Auditor of the latter. For some time he was President of the Humboldt Trust & Deposit Co. of Erie. In politics he is a Democrat. Levi W., residing on the home farm with his father, was married, April 17, 1867, to Polly A., daughter of John and Hannah (Burr) Buys, natives of N. Y. State and Penn. respectively. She was born July 20, 1846, and was the mother of Minnie I., Ossie R., Maggie U. (deceased), Burr U., Orr L. and Wade Winfield. Levi W. Schluaraff owns a farm of 63 acres in Crawford Co. He has held the office of School Director 3 terms and Assessor of Mill Creek one term. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics is a Democrat.

JACOB SHUE (deceased) was born Dec. 25, 1812, in York Co., Penn., and came to this county with his uncle, Mr. Hinkle, in 1828. He married, in 1842, Anna, daughter of Jacob Rhoades, who bore him 4 children—William H.; John, married to Margaret Waidley; Jacob C., deceased; and Tillie, deceased. Our subject died in 1877. He was a successful farmer of Mill Creek Township and had accumulated an excellent property, located in the central portion of the township, on which the surviving members of the family now reside. His widow has in her possession a German Bible over 100 years old, which she prizes very highly, the property at one time of her great-grandfather.

G. N. STARK, farmer, P. O. Belle Valley, was born at German Flats, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1828, son of Jeremiah R. and Lucy (Champion) Stark, natives of Connecticut, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. They were the parents of 9 children, 2 sons and 7 daughters, of whom C. N., our subject, is the eldest now living. His early education was received in the State of New York, and in Sept., 1850, he was married to Dora, daughter of G. W. Turner, of Oswego Co., N. Y. He then came with his wife to Erie Co. and bought land of the Population Co. Their family numbered 7 children, 5 sons and 2 daughters, of whom 4 are now living—Irving N., married Mary Smart, have 1 son, Thos. N.; Edwin E., married Deborah Foutch, have 2 children—Jasper and Edna; Rosamond E., wife of Virgil Foote, have 1 child, Mamie; and Stukely A.

ALEXANDER J. STEWART, farmer, P. O. Erie, was born Feb. 26, 1816, in this township, son of John and Eleanor Stewart. John, a native of the North of Ireland, came to America alone in 1809, and took up 800 acres of land in North East Township, this county, where he resided until 1816, when he moved to this township. His family numbered 9 children—Mrs. Mary Stewart; Mrs. Eleanor Browley, deceased; Mrs. Eliza McCreary, deceased; Jane, wife of William Browley, in Crawford Co., Penn., their sons are in Washington Territory, and wealthy; Margaret, a widow, in McKean Co., Penn.

his degree, he practiced his profession at Mill Village, Erie Co. June, 1888, the Doctor came to Union City, and opened an office, and is doing a large and lucrative practice, being unusually successful with all cases brought to him. He married in Mercer Co., Penn., in 1874, Sarah E. Dilley. The surviving children born to this union are Bertha M. and William E. The family are members of the M. E. Church. Dr. Biles is a member of the State Medical Association of Penn., and President of the Northwestern Medical Association. He was for years a member of the Penn. State Police, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H. and R. T. of T.

W. O. BLACK, Postmaster, Union City, was born in Meadville, Penn., in 1823, and is the 3d child of William and Phebe (Jones) Black. The mother, a native of Meadville, was a daughter of Robert Jones, of Scotch descent, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and who had 3 sons in the war of 1812, one of whom now resides in Crawford Co., Penn. William Black, born near Pittsburgh, was a son of John Black, who, with his brother, James, emigrated to America, from Ireland, at an early date. James went South, and his whereabouts are not known. John settled in Penn., served in the war of 1812, and resided at Meadville until his death. William Black in early life farmed, and traveled on horseback from Pittsburgh to Warren, Penn., carrying the mail. Later, he engaged in mercantile trade at Meadville. In 1859, he moved to Union City, where he lived in retirement until he was accidentally killed while walking on the rail of the P. & E. road, in 1870. His wife and mother died in Ill., but are interred here. Five of their children survive—Caroline, Margaret, Katie, John D. and our subject. W. O. Black, though reared on a farm in early life, was a salesman in Meadville and in Erie City, to which he came in 1844. In 1847, he opened a stock of goods for a Buffalo house, running a grist mill and saw mill in connection. He then farmed for 8 years in this township. In 1866, he sold this farm, and manufactured oil barrels. He also largely engaged in stock-dealing until 1880, when he was appointed Postmaster. Mr. Black took an active part during the late war, assisting to raise the 83d, 111th and the 145th Regs., and also served as a Surgeon, doing active work at Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, where his brother John was pierced by 3 bullets. Mr. Black married, in this county, Elizabeth R., daughter of Judge M. Sterrett, of Erie City, by whom he has the following-named children: Ada, Emma, Mary, Jessie, Nettie and William. Mr. Black served as County Treasurer (in 1859), in the City Council, as Commissioner and in various local offices, always giving satisfaction to his constituents.

G. W. BRAKEMAN, dry goods, boots, shoes and carpets, Union City, was born in Venango Co., Penn., in 1847, son of Lorenzo and Sarah (Thompson) Brakeman, natives of the same State. They moved from Mercer Co., Penn., to York Co., Neb., in 1870, where Mrs. Brakeman died. Our subject came to this city in 1870, engaging as a salesman until the spring of 1882, when he opened his present place of business in the Gillett Block. Possessing good business qualifications and carrying a good stock, he does a large and increasing business. Mr. Brakeman married, in Mercer Co., Penn., in 1870, Almira C. McCutcheon, a native of same. Three children blessed this union, all living, viz., James D., Frank E. and William. Our subject is connected with the M. E. Church, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H. and Royal Templars. He is a highly esteemed business man of Union City.

CHARLES W. BREED, farmer, P. O. Union City, was born in Hawley, Franklin Co., Mass., in 1822, son of John and Catherine (Fish) Breed, the former a native of Conn., the latter of Vt. They migrated to Crawford Co., Penn., in 1834, but after a year's residence there moved to Union Township, Erie Co., Penn. He was one of the pioneers in the wilderness, entering 100 acres of land in Crawford Co., and 60 in Wayne, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They reared a family of 11 children, 8 now living—Maria, John, Eunice S., Charles W., Catherine and Henry. Our subject was married, in this county, June 17, 1847, to Emma, daughter of Jacob Shepard, a distinguished pioneer of this county, where she was born. Six children were born to this union, but one surviving—Alta, wife of Willis Hubbell, who resides on the homestead. Mr. Breed settled on his present farm of 100 acres in 1849, which at that time was an unbroken wilderness, but which he has cleared and improved. He erected a commodious, substantial residence, and is living a quiet, unostentatious life. Mr. Breed is a member of the M. E. Church.

FERDINAND CARROLL was born in the North of Ireland in 1757, and spent his boyhood days with his widowed mother. He served a 7-years' apprenticeship at the weaver's trade, and when twenty-four married Isabella Johnson, who bore him 12 children. In the spring of 1801, he, with his wife and 10 children, set sail in an old war vessel for N. Y. After a stormy voyage of 8 weeks (during which his daughter Isabella died and was buried), he landed at New Castle, Del. Their destination was Chillicothe, Ohio, but, on arriving at Pittsburgh and hearing of the inducements offered by the Holland Land Co., Mr. Carroll, with his sons Samuel and George, came to Erie Co., where he purchased for \$30 in gold, a Dutch pioneer's claim to Land Tract No. 159, on which was a rude hut, and brought the family on pack-horses from Pittsburgh. He departed this life, Feb. 1, 1831, his wife Sept. 30, 1830. He bequeathed his estate to William, his youngest son. William married Hannah Slauson in 1820, by whom he had 10 children. She died in 1872. Wm. Carroll died in 1882, leaving the greater part of the homestead to George W., who, by will

daughter of Evans W. and Catherine Y. (McElwee) Shippen, a prominent family of Meadville, Penn.

DAVID HUBBELL, farmer, P. O. Union City, was born in Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1827, son of Jabus and Maria (Benedict) Hubbell, both natives of Otsego Co., where they were married. Jabus came to Erie in 1830 and settled upon 250 acres of land in Amity Township, where they lived till the close of their lives. They reared a family of 8 children, all now living, viz., Hiram, David and Eliza (she married Maj. Geo. H. Clark, of Mankato, Minn.). The second wife of Jabus was Maria Peck, who bore him 3 children, all now living—Mary, Burtis and Eva. Our subject was married in Amity Township in 1851 to Phebe C., daughter of James McCullough, a pioneer family. Charles A. and Willis N. are the living issue of this union. Mr. Hubbell settled in 1856 on his present farm in Union Township, consisting of 125 acres. He also owns a farm of 50 acres in this township. Mr. Hubbell comes of pioneer stock, and for many years has been an officer and supporter of the M. E. Church, of which he is also one of the Trustees, and is widely and favorably known.

GARRETT B. JOHNSON, proprietor of the Johnson House, Union City, was born in Federal Hill, Madison Co., N. Y., Dec. 24, 1822. His father, a native of Holland, entered the navy as a cabin boy when fifteen years old, rose to the rank of Captain and fought in the war of 1812. He subsequently became agent for an East India tobacco house. He married Sally Bingham in Madison Co., N. Y., who bore him 8 children, of whom are now living—Catherine, widow of Chas. Clark; Garrett B.; John; and Sarah M., wife of Thomas Woods. They removed to Oneida Co., N. Y., where they both died. Our subject was married in 1847 to Charlotte E., daughter of Orange Hopkins; their surviving children are Garrett W. and C. Edith. Mr. Johnson was Postmaster 12 years, and in mercantile trade 9 years at Prospect, N. Y. Thence he came to Union City in 1863, and established himself in business. He was succeeded in his store by his son Garrett W. and Smiley. In 1881, Charles E. Hunter was admitted as a partner in the concern, which is one of the most active in this city. In 1870, Mr. Johnson purchased the lots and erected the Johnson House, at a cost of \$25,000. This hotel, the largest in the county, outside of Erie, has 4 stories and a basement, with modern improvements, and has 30 rooms, finely furnished throughout. As a landlord, Mr. Johnson bears an enviable reputation. He has served many years as a member of the Council of Union City.

JOHN LANDSRATH, hardware, Union City, was born in 1822 in Wiesbaden, Germany, and in 1847, with his brother, Henry, emigrated to America. During the Mexican war, John enlisted at Philadelphia, under Lieut. Pleaston, seeing active service under Gen. Taylor. Returning in 1848, he worked at his trade, tinner, at Dunkirk, N. Y.; there, in 1852, he married Lydia H. Burnham, of Chautauque Co., N. Y. He then went to Jamestown, where he remained until 1853, when he came to Union City; of their children, E. B. only survives, and is with his father in business. The deceased are John A., the eldest son who died Feb. 24, 1880, a promising young man, married only a few months to Mary Hill; Clement and Grace. Mr. Landsrath worked at his trade till 1860, when he opened the first hardware store here, and by perseverance and frugality, he has increased in wealth with the growth of the city. In 1861, he aided in raising, and was made Captain of, Co. H, McLane's Reg. V. I., which went to Pittsburgh, and remained inactive till the expiration of its time. Our subject purchased half an acre of land on Main street, from which he sold 2 lots, retaining the remainder on which he built. In 1868, he erected his present commodious place of business, the largest store of the kind in Union City. He carries a stock valued at \$10,000, and is doing a large trade. Mr. L. was one of the building committee and raised funds to build the Presbyterian Church in 1873. He is a member of the Masonic order.

F. H. LAWRENCE, dentist, Union City, was born in Greene Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1851; son of Erastus and Jane R. (Hilborn) Lawrence, residents of this county. His grandfather, Joseph Lawrence, was one of the distinguished pioneers of the county and lived to be ninety-eight years of age. Our subject began the study of dentistry in 1871, under the instructions of Dr. C. H. Hawey, of Erie; two years later he entered the Philadelphia Dental College and there completed his studies. He then took charge of Dr. Fisher's dental office, of Warren, Penn., and in 1874 opened dental rooms at Albion, Erie Co. Dr. Lawrence came to this city in 1881, where he has since conducted a large and lucrative business. From a long study of dentistry, he has attained a thorough knowledge of his profession and has the reputation of being a skillful and superior operator. Our subject was married at Albion, Feb. 25, 1874, to Clara Belle Palmer, of this county. This union has been blessed by the birth of Lille M. and Gena M.

A. J. LILLEY, farmer, P. O. Union City, is of Scotch descent. The first of the family to settle in this country was his grandfather Phenias, a native of Scotland, and a soldier in the war of 1812, who settled in Sandy Creek, Oswego Co., N. Y., where he died. The family have since become numerous there. His children who survive are Abner, Alford, Olive and Diantha. Abner was among the pioneers of 1838 to locate in Concord Township, Erie Co., where he erected the Lilley Mill, which he successfully conducted 35 years. In 1859, he sold his farm and moved to Va., but returned at the breaking-