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Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. He married, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, in July, 1870. Flora, daughter of Charles Huntley, who survives him, a member of the Presbyterian church of Bradford, her home. Children: 1. Adda, of previous mention. 2. Grace E., born at Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, now resides at Palo Alto, unmarried. 3. Charles W., born November 11, 1878, married Effie Smith, resides at Independence, Kansas, and has Elizabeth, born June, 1907. Grandfather Laney lived and died in Bremen, Germany, where his children were born. Charles Huntley was of Welsh descent. He married ——— Catlin; he died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, leaving two children: Flora, married William K. Laney, and Elsie.

The emigrant ancestor of the

POTTER Potters of Bradford, Pennsylvania, was John Potter, born in

England in 1607, died in Fairfield, 1643. He came to America in 1632. He was granted a tract of land in Fairfield, Fairfield county, Connecticut, provided he would build a mill and grind mace. His widow Elizabeth married (second), in 1646, Edward Parker.

(II) John (2), son of John (1) Potter, the emigrant, was baptized at New Haven, Connecticut, October 17, 1641, died December 24, 1706. He married, 1661, Hannah Cooper. Children, all born at East Haven: Hannah, born 1661, died young; John, born June 13, 1663, died August 10, 1664; Hannah, born June 26, 1665; John, of whom further; Samuel, born July 23, 1669, died November 16, 1669; Samuel, born December 25, 1670, died January 1, 1671; Samuel, born February 1, 1672, died same month; Mary, born March 6, 1673, died in childhood; Samuel, born January 2, 1675, died November 26, 1707, married Abigail Hill.

(III) John (3), son of John (2) Potter, was born at East Haven, Connecticut, August 14, 1667, died March 12, 1712. He married, February 23, 1691-92, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Holt. Children: 1. Joseph, of further mention. 2. John, born June 14, 1695; married Abigail ———. 3. Elizabeth, born September 12, 1697, married John, son of William and Mary Luddington. 4. Gideon, born June 3, 1700, died December 30, 1756; married Mary, daughter of Nathan and Mary Moulthrop. 5. Daniel, born June 15, 1701-02, died January 20, 1747; married, Sep-

tember 12, 1728, Hannah Holbrook, who died 1742. 6. Enos, born December 12, 1706, married (first) Hannah Robinson, (second) Sarah Henningway. 7. Samuel, born 1708, married, 1738, Dorothy, born 1712, daughter of Nathan and Mary Moulthrop.

(IV) Joseph, son of John (3) Potter, was born at East Haven, Connecticut, October 6, 1691. He married, March 11, 1729, Thankful Bradley. Children, born at East Haven: 1. Joseph, born August 9, 1730, died April 10, 1800; married Jemima Smith, who died 1801, aged sixty-six years. 2. Timothy, born February 17, 1732, died aged sixty years; married, August 2, 1765, Susanna Penderson. 3. Titus, born April 1, 1734. 4. James, of whom further. 5. Philemon, born March 31, 1738. 6. Thankful, born August 6, 1739. 7. Sybil, born September 1, 1741. 8. Jesse, born May 21, 1743. 9. Elizabeth, born August 1, 1745.

(V) Dr. James Potter, son of Joseph Potter, was born at East Haven, Connecticut, September 26, 1736, died February 10, 1804. He was a practicing physician of Fairfield county and prominent in the public life of his town. He married Abigail ———, born 1744, died 1817. Children: 1. Meranda, born November 2, 1760, died December 21, 1782. 2. Milton, born March 6, 1763, died July 2, 1840. 3. Armido, born June 4, 1765, died August 7, 1798. 4. Abigail, born July 27, 1767. 5. Libertus, born August, 1769, died December 8, 1769. 6. James Addison (Honorable), born January 23, 1771, died January 11, 1809. 7. William Cicero, of whom further. 8. Philomela, born January 28, 1776, died August 17, 1836. 9. Joel Baldwin, born October 20, 1778, died October 7, 1806. 10. Jared C., born June 18, 1781, died 1857. 11. John Lock, born December 27, 1783, died July 28, 1784. 12. Herman B., born October 23, 1785, died January 30, 1804.

(VI) William Cicero, son of Dr. James Potter, was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, August 22, 1773, died August 21, 1856. He married, July 20, 1793, **Nancy Anna Hubbell, born 1776, died 1854, daughter of Eleazer and Anna (Noble) Hubbell.** Children, all born in Sherman, Connecticut: 1. Charles F., born March 8, 1795, died February 3, 1881; married (first), March 20, 1816, Hettie, born 1793, died 1843, daughter of David and Jerusha (Bull) Noble; married (second), April 17, 1844, Caroline Noble, born 1803, died 1864; married (third), August 27, 1864, Amelia Stewart. 2. Lucretia Emma, born February

27, 1797, died November 14, 1857; married, January 8, 1818, Simon, son of John Lyman. 3. James Addison, born July 10, 1798, died November 25, 1878; married (first), December 11, 1821, Phoebe Gelton, born 1803, died 1841, daughter of Rev. Maltby Gelton; married (second), August, 1841, Mrs. Mary (Denio) Atkin, daughter of John A. and Harriet (Stiles) Denio. 4. Laura Ann, born November 18, 1800, died February 12, 1837. 5. Mary Abby, born September 27, 1802, died March 13, 1868; married, April 20, 1828, Matthew Gregory. 6. Herman B., born June 9, 1804, died March 19, 1880; married Mary La Homidee. 7. Eleazer, of whom further. 8. William Burr, born May 11, 1808, died February 17, 1877; married, February 17, 1836, Marcia, born 1808, died 1879, daughter of Amos and Mary Gregory. 9. Joel Baldwin, born July 25, 1810, died November 30, 1880; married, July 13, 1836, Adeline, born 1813, daughter of Adgate and Martha (Moss) Lathrop. 10. Henry N., born October 28, 1812, died November 3, 1814. 11. Jane Eliza, born October 27, 1814; married, June 14, 1855, Henry, born 1804, son of Adgate and Martha (Moss) Lathrop. 12. Henry Noble, born April 16, 1817, died September 3, 1862; married, June 12, 1854, ——— Fontaine. 13. Mark Milton, born May 2, 1819, died October 5, 1863; married Helen S., daughter of Judge John F. Errett.

(VII) Eleazer, son of William Cicero Potter, was born in Sherman, Connecticut, April 23, 1806, died at Rockford, Illinois, September 1, 1861. He was educated at Medina, New York, moving from there to Rockford, where he engaged in mercantile business until his death. He was a Republican and a Congregationalist. He married (first) Adeline, born 1806, died 1839, daughter of Edward and ——— (Williston) Eells. He married (second) Mary Morrell, born in New York City, died at Oak Park, 1899. She was educated in New York City and moved to Rockford, Illinois, in 1840. Children by first wife: 1. Edward Eells, born in Medina, New York, May 9, 1833. He entered the navy as a midshipman, February 5, 1850, served on the "Decatur" of the home squadron and on the "Constitution" and "Marion" on the African Station, promoted past midshipman, June, 1856; master, 1858, and lieutenant, June, 1858. He served on the coast of Brazil on the brig "Perry" in the Paraguay expedition, and came home in the "Atlantic," 1859, ordered to the

steamer "Fulton," which was wrecked in September, 1859, on the Santa Rosa Island; ordered to the "Pensacola," which went out of commission in 1860; ordered to the "Rhode Island," Admiral Palmer's flagship. When the "Rhode Island" went out of commission he was detached and ordered to the "Franklin," Admiral Farragut's flagship, and promoted commander; ordered to the "Shawmut," which went to the West Indies; detached and on leave and various shore duties until ordered to the "Constellation" to take supplies to famine-stricken Ireland; promoted captain and ordered to the New York navy yard; detached and ordered to the European squadron. After sixteen months' service the "Lancaster" was ordered to the South Atlantic Station; ordered home and on continuous duty until his retirement, May 9, 1895, after forty-five years' service. He married (first), 1861, Harriet L. (Raymond) Blackmer, born 1833, died 1873, daughter of Lyman Blackmer; married (second), March 18, 1875, Harriet L., born 1849, daughter of William C. Grant. 2. Sarah Adeline, born March 19, 1836, at Medina, New York; married, June, 1857, Hon. William Lathrop, born 1825, son of John and Martha Lathrop. Children by second wife: 3. Andrew Morrell, born in Rockford, Illinois, March 8, 1843, died March 30, 1900; veteran of the Seventy-fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry; enlisted September, 1862; severely wounded at the battle of Mission Ridge; promoted to the adjutancy of his regiment with rank of first lieutenant; after the war he came to the oil region and died in Bradford, Pennsylvania. He married, October 21, 1869, Clementine S. Perkins, born 1850, died 1888, daughter of Henry Perkins. 4. **George Hubbell, of whom further.** 5. Mary Elizabeth, born Rockford, Illinois, November 27, 1849; married, October 29, 1875, Cedric G. Marsh.

(VIII) **George Hubbell, son of Eleazer and Mary (Morrell) Potter,** was born at Rockford, Illinois, July 12, 1847. He was educated in the public school at Rockford, and in 1864 enlisted in the United States navy, serving about one year on the "Winnebago," of Admiral Farragut's fleet; and fought with him at Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864. After the war he came to the oil region of Pennsylvania, and in 1867 settled at Petroleum Centre, where he remained five years, going from there to Butler county, and in 1877 settling in Bradford, his present home. He has been very success-

ful as an oil producer and ranks as one of Bradford's most respected and substantial citizens. He is a director of the Bradford National Bank, president of the Bradford Electric Light and Power Company, and president of the Bradford Garage Company. In politics Mr. Potter is a Democrat, and has given much of his time and ability to the service of his city. He has served on the poor board, the board of health and from 1902 to 1905 was mayor of the city. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Merchants' Club. He married Elizabeth Mickels, born 1859, daughter of William M. and Louisa R. Mickels. William M. was a farmer of Lawrence county and a veteran of the civil war, serving three years. He died 1907. Only child of **George Hubbell** and Elizabeth Potter, Louisa, born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1880, resides with her parents in Bradford.

The Fishers of Bradford, Pennsylvania, descend from Joseph and Catharine (Minegar) Fisher, natives of Germany, he born April, 1734, she August, 1746. They were married June 5, 1764. They came to America and settled near the site of Catawissa, in what is now Columbia county, Pennsylvania, but prior to that they evidently lived in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, as their son Henry was born there July 25, 1767. Their other children were born in Columbia county. Children: Catharine, married Nicholas Shipman; Henry, built a grist mill and tavern in Columbia, which he operated for many years, died 1825; Mary, married Samuel Mutchlu; Hannah, married Caleb Farlee; Elizabeth, John, Moses, David, Jacob, Joseph, of whom further.

(II) Joseph (2), son of Joseph (1) Fisher, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, near Catawissa, about 1780. He located in Northumberland county, near Milton, Pennsylvania, where he died. He was a farmer and a man of some means and influence. He married Sarah Heatherton, and among his children was a son Tunis, of whom further.

(III) Tunis, son of Joseph (2) Fisher, was born near Milton, Pennsylvania, 1801, died at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, 1877. He was educated in the district school, and worked at farming several years. He left home and eventually became the owner of and ran a line of boats on the Pennsylvania canal. He was a

Lutheran and a Democrat. He married Elizabeth, born at Reading, Pennsylvania, died 1899, daughter of Daniel Strohecker, of German descent, who was a farmer and owned a tract of land, part of which is now opposite Lewisburg. He married Leah Garrer. Children of Tunis Fisher. 1. Jasper S., of whom further. 2. Frank, born at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, died in childhood. 3. Louisa, married ——— Maynard, at Rome, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and now resides at Haddon Heights, New Jersey; has one son, William, also a resident of Haddon Heights. 4. Sarah J., born at Lewisburg; married H. F. Mann, resides at Sunbury, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania; children: Jesse M., of Williamsport, and Grace M., of Sunbury. 5. Clara, born in Lewisburg; married Wilbert Wendell, of Montgomery. 6. Mary, died young. 7. Joseph G., born at Lewisburg, died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1899. 8. Charles S., born at Lewisburg, died at New Orleans, 1901. 9. Tunis, born at Lewisburg, died at Brooklyn, New York, 1908.

(IV) Jasper Strohecker, son of Tunis Fisher, was born at the homestead on the banks of the Susquehanna at Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1836. He was educated in the public school at Lewisburg and attended a private academy one term. At twelve years of age he was driving a team on the Pennsylvania canal, and later spent a year in Georgia, located at Atlanta, clerk in a boot and shoe store. At the outbreak of the civil war he came north and secured a position with the Pennsylvania railroad, first as clerk, later as station agent. He was located at Titusville, Pennsylvania, with the Pennsylvania railroad until the New York Central secured control of that branch in 1865. He then went to Pitthole, Venango county, Pennsylvania, then to Petroleum Centre in the employ of the Ocean Oil Company, remaining until 1866. He then purchased an interest in the firm of Fisher, Norris & Company, manufacturers of tools used in the production of oil, continuing until 1870. He then spent a year in Butler county; then located in Bradford and took a position with Howe & Cook. He remained with them three years, then established a hardware store with T. M. Griffith as partner. He was so engaged until 1878 when the firm dissolved. He then spent a year in New Jersey, returning to Venango county, Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of his old partner, T.

nedy, born February 6, 1800, died April 4, 1866; married, April 8, 1823, Isaac Moore, and had; Jacob, born May 5, 1825, died June 6, 1831; Amy, born January 14, 1827; Frances, born October 22, 1828, died April 11, 1845; Isaac, born October 10, 1831; Mary, May 20, 1833; Jacob, December 28, 1835; Caleb, April 1, 1840, who was major of Eighth New York Volunteer Cavalry, and died March, 1869. 5. Joseph Bayard, born January 11, 1802, died March 24, 1883; married, April 2, 1828, Caroline A. Bush, and they had; Caroline Louise, born June 15, 1829; John Brown, December 1, 1830; Theodore Edwin, March 3, 1833; Edwin Charles, October 22, 1834; Harriet B., 1837, died 1839; Caroline Frances, born August, 1839, married W. H. McCourtie. 6. Olive Goodwin, born February 4, 1804, died February 5, 1869. 7. James Orville, born November 14, 1805, died December 4, 1869; married, November 11, 1834, Eliza Ann Lockwood, and they had: Sarah Louise, born August 4, 1835, died November 22, 1853; Henry Lockwood, born November 23, 1836, married Annie Moore; Charlotte Sophie, born September 16, 1838, married, March 25, 1868, Rev. James A. Daly, and had Grace Bloss, Merwin Taylor, Warren Cox; James Orville, born June 19, 1840, died November 23, 1847; Charlotte Finney, born January 9, 1842, died young; John Jay, born October 11, 1843, was quartermaster sergeant in Eighth New York Cavalry, and was killed in the battle of Winchester, Virginia, September 19, 1864; Celestia Angenette, born September 1, 1845, married, February 2, 1875, Louis P. Gage; James Orville, born September 30, 1847; Harriet Eliza, born December 28, 1849. 8. Charlotte Maria, born July 11, 1808, died June 20, 1885; married, February 3, 1836, Ezra Rosebrugh. 9. Theodore Edwin, born January 18, 1811, died February 4, 1811. 10. Celestia Angenette, born March 17, 1812; married, March 12, 1849, Isaac Brewster; she was principal of Clover Street Seminary, Rochester, New York, and a woman of considerable literary ability, having written "Bloss' Ancient History," a valuable textbook, also "Heroines of the Crusades."

(VII) William Clough, son of Joseph and Amy (Kennedy) Bloss, was born January 19, 1795, at West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, died April 18, 1863. He was a man of great strength of character, and for years previous to the civil war was prominent as one of the anti-slavery party, esteeming it no dishonor to

be called a "Black Republican." He was also a person of deep religious convictions, and in his later years devoted himself to preaching to the prisoners in the jail at Rochester. For three terms, 1845-46-47, he was a member of the assembly of New York from Monroe county. He married, June 19, 1823, at Brighton, New York, Polly Bangs Blossom. Children: 1. Harriet Wentworth, born June 22, 1824, died October 16, 1825. 2. Elizabeth House, born June 24, 1826, died March 3, 1863; married, October 24, 1850, George C. Buell, and had: Edward Norton, born September 20, 1851, died May 28, 1870; Mary Blossom, born June 9, 1853; Paul Clifford, born September, 1857, died young; George C., born July 3, 1859; Elizabeth B., born February 19, 1863, died October 9, 1864. 3. Caroline Augusta, born September 6, 1828, married September 20, 1849, Charles H. Webb, and had: William Watson, born September 16, 1850; Charles Howard, born July 2, 1854, died October 23, 1859; Florence Elizabeth, born June 3, 1856, died October 15, 1859; Amy Caroline, born April 23, 1858, died October 24, 1859; Caroline Bloss, born February 1, 1872, died September 28, 1875. 4. William Wirt, born March 25, 1831; married, June 2, 1855, Louise Kate Skinner; they had: William Wirt, born October 7, 1856; **Harry Hubble**, January 10, 1860; Violet, June 11, 1869. 5. Henry Culver (see forward). 6. Joseph Blossom, born November 22, 1839.

(VIII) Henry Culver, son of William and Polly Bangs (Blossom) Bloss, was born at Rochester, New York, July 16, 1833, died in Titusville, February 15, 1893. He studied law and was admitted to the bar of Rochester, but followed it as a profession only a few years. Later he was admitted to the Crawford county bar. In 1865 he moved to Titusville, and in company with his brother, Major W. W. Bloss, founded the *Morning Herald*, the first daily paper in the oil regions. In 1883 he became sole proprietor of the paper, and sought always to maintain a sheet free from all innuendoes and aspersions. He was president of the common council and school board, and was interested in every measure which had at heart the advancement of Titusville. He was a graceful and accomplished writer, few excelling him when he set his well stored mind to the task, in producing an article tersely expressed and full of power. He was fond of art, and had a keen eye for the beautiful when-