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Scriba lies upon Lake Ontario and the east bank of the Oswego river. It is admirably located with reference to railroad and other accommodations and is in close proximity to the city of Oswego. It is crossed in the north by the Rome, Ogdensburgh and Watertown railroad station of North Scriba, being located within its limits, while along its western part, parallel to the river runs the Oswego canal, which, except in the winter months, affords the citizens abundant competitions in the carrying trade, of which they have availed themselves, much to their profit, as shown by the increased prosperity of the agriculturist.

The early settlers were mostly from Herkimer county in this State, with a sprinkling of the Puritan element of New England, representing that restless, industrious class which can best draw out the hidden resources of a virgin country. A people prosperous and intelligent, they are justly noted for hospitality and the social virtues, while their broad charity and public spirits find them foremost in every enterprise conducive to the general welfare. The first pioneers who penetrated the wilds of Scriba at the close of the last century and the dawn of this, found an interminable forest of hemlock, beech, and maple, interspersed with cedar, beneath which was a dense undergrowth, the home of the deer, the wolf and the deadly rattlesnake, where even the treacherous crept and watched for his prey. To add to the unpleasantness of pioneer life in this section, the settlers were subject to the intrusions of the Indians, who often frequented it while on their hunting and fishing excursions.

With an axe and gun, with sturdy arms and iron will, the grand work of carving out the civilization of today was commenced. Trees were felled to make room for the little cabin in the forest, which was laid up of logs and covered with bark; the floor consisting of basswood hewed on one side; the window and door of small openings, generally covered with blankets, skins, or boards, though it is said of the more aristocratic that instead of glass "they sometimes used greased paper." The only substitute for a stove was the old-fashioned stone fireplace, taking in logs

of wood eight feet long, with an opening in the roof for the passage of the smoke. Let us imagine furniture in accordance with such a house, and we have a fair picture of the forest home of 1800. When the scattered clearings began to admit sunlight, the stagnant pools made by obstructed watercourses, and many swamps, sent forth in the heat of summer malaria impregnated with disease and fruitful of suffering.

This town, it is needless to say, was named in honor of George Scriba, whose career has been described in the general history of the county. The name was conferred by the legislature, although at least a portion of the people were dissatisfied with it, and forwarded a petition that the town should be called Boston. Scriba was formed April 5, 1811, from Fredericksburg, (now Volney), which was then a part of Oneida county. Since then, quite a portion has been taken off, and is included in the city of Oswego.

The soil is a gravelly and sandy loam, moderately fertile, pretty well supplied with stone, and best adapted to the raising of fruit, apples being the staple product of the town. Grain and potatoes are raised to a considerable extent. There is also a growing interest in the dairying business, both butter and cheese being produced. At present three cheese factories are in operation. The surface is rolling, the ridges extending north and south with a general inclination each way from the centre, and most of the land is well adapted to agriculture. It is sufficiently well watered for all farming purposes, springs being abundant in every part, and numerous streams with their small tributaries flowing both north and south. Some of these, Black creek in particular, afford valuable mill privileges. Of the twenty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-four and a half acres composing the area of the town, seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine and a half acres remain unimproved.

To encourage immigration and the rapid development of the country, land was sold to the settlers for two dollars per acre, and on indefinite time, by paying the cost of executing the contract, keeping up improvements, and paying the annual interest. Lots were also given for church buildings to religious societies that wished to build, and in some instances mill-sites for private mills.

SETTLEMENT

The standard of civilization was first planted in this town by Henry Everts, who came in here with his family in 1798. He selected and purchased a farm in the southwest part of the town, on the bank of the river. Here he felled the first tree cut by a white man, and while it was falling, although he was entirely alone, with no white person within several miles, he took off his hat, swung it around his head and made the forest ring with his cheers. It is said of him that, having no seed with which to start a meadow, he went farther down the stream, cut up sods from some grassy spots there and transplanted them on to his own land. The first birth in Scriba was that of his child, Henry, Jr. Mr. E. remained here but a few years, when he moved across the river into the town of Oswego.

In 1801, Asabel Bush and Samuel Tiffany, each with a family, migrated from the east, bringing their "all" on two sleds drawn by oxen and took up land in the vicinity of Everts. They were the first settlers who lived and died upon their places. Mr. Bush preached occasionally, and

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was unquestionably the first to advance the teachings of the Scriptures in the town, which practices he continued more or less for many years.

The families of William Burt and Heil Stone, each consisting of husband and wife, six sons and four daughters, and each largely identified with the early interests of this town, migrated from Ovid, Seneca county, in the spring of 1804, and took up large farms near the centre of the town; the former occupying the two western and the latter the two eastern lots at Scriba Corners. The journey was made by way of Cayuga lake, Seneca and Oswego rivers, in a kind of vessel known as a "Durham boat," which was either rowed or pushed as occasion required. Mr. Stone brought with him three cows, a yoke of oxen, and a few sheep, which were driven along the banks of the streams. Upon arriving at the mouth of the Oswego river, arrangements were made to stop in the old fort until the spring following, which they accordingly did. In the mean time the above-named place for location had been selected, log houses built, and the State road cut out thus far. Burt's cabin was situated on the site now owned and occupied by David Stone; Stone's on the village lot, recently purchased by the Grange society. Clearings were made, and crops planted among the stumps and logs, neither plow nor drag being used. The orchard on the farm now owned by B. C. Turner was set out by Mr. Stone. This he continued to enlarge until it became quite extensive, and being the only one for miles around, it became very celebrated.

The first inn was kept by Mr. Stone, who made an addition to his house in 1806, and was the only person to take the responsibility of host in this vicinity for many years. His log hotel gave way in a few years to a larger one, situated on the village lot now owned by Frank Stone, which was constructed of brick made by Mr. Stone himself. This building was recently burned. Mr. Stone was a major in the war of 1812, and Mr. Burt was Scriba's first justice of the peace. John, Daniel, Harvey, and Calvin, sons and Grace Ann, a daughter of the latter, also Mrs. James Church and Sally Parkhurst, daughter of the former, are still living in town.

Joseph Worden located on lot 81 in 1806. On his death the property passed into the hands of his sons, P. H. Worden, who now occupies the homestead. The farm across the road was purchased about the same time by Oliver Sweet, and that adjoining by John Coon. This same year Ludwick Madison took up a farm on lot 104, which he sold in 1807 to Whitman Church, and moved to Volney. The latter was originally from Otsego county. He first migrated to the pine woods. Where he remained but a short time, and then came on to Scriba. During the war of 1812 he returned to Otsego. A son, James, hale and hearty at the ripe age of eighty-one, resides at Scriba Corners. He has been justice of the peace for fifteen years, and has occupied other positions of trust in the town.

Lot 94 was settled by Joseph Myers, who remained but a short time, and returned to the east. The first settlement on lot 78 was made in 1806, by Daniel Hall, a native of Herkimer county. The following year he sold to Joseph Turner, who occupied the place until his death, since when it has been in possession of his son Russel. Samuel Jacks purchased, in 1805, a farm on lot 89, the possession of which he retained but a short time. This place was owned as early as 1805 by Solomon Madison, whose descendants still retain the title to it. Merritt and Justin Hall, brothers, early located on lot 103. They came from Connecticut in a wagon, drawn by a yoke of oxen and a horse hitched on before, bringing along a supply of pewter buttons to defray their traveling expenses. This place was sold to Simon Phillips, and by him to E. Robinson; it was afterwards purchased by I. Parkhurst, its present owner.

George Cyrenius located on lot 90 in 1806, and the place has remained in possession of descendants of the family until recently. In the spring of this year, Paul Shelden, accompanied by his son, Paul, Jr., then sixteen years of age, came in on foot from Herkimer county, making the journey in three days, and commenced improvements on one hundred acres of land, situated on the State road, within the present city limits, which he had purchased for three dollars and seventy-five cents per acre the year previous. The father and son, during the summer, cleared two acres and forty rods of ground, which was planted to corn and potatoes. After harvesting a splendid crop in the fall, they returned to Herkimer. The winter following, the family, consisting of himself and wife and eleven children,

came back, bringing with them a cow, a hog, and a pair of steers. Mr. S. lived on the place until his death. Paul, Jr., early located on lot 41, where he now resides, being the only surviving member of the family.

He informs us that the settlers considered themselves well accommodated when a grist mill was put up at Mexico, as previous to this the nearest one was at Camden, Oneida county. When the meal was manufactured at home, one method much in vogue was as follows:

"The pioneer felled a good solid maple-tree at a convenient point near the front door of the log mansion, cutting off the top of the stump as squarely and smoothly as possible. He then cut a hole in the top of the stump as deep as could be made with an axe, and as near round as might be. This being done, a few good coals were placed in the cavity and the hole burned out smoothly and evenly until it was of the proper shape and size. After this the proprietor, who could now almost boast that he owned a corn-mill, with a peculiar tool scraped out the charred and burned wood until the hole aforesaid presented a smooth and even surface, and was about twelve or fourteen inches deep and ten inches across. Then a spring-pole was erected to which a wooden pounder, nicely rounded on the lower end, was attached. All being thus in readiness, the miller seated himself upon the stump astride the pole, which being filled about a third full of corn, he proceeded to pound until it was sufficiently broken and crushed to make his johnny-cake."

In 1807, Dr. Deodatus Clark, from Onondaga county, located in what was afterwards the town of Scriba, but is now Oswego city. He was the first physician who had any considerable practice in town.

Hiram Warner, a wheelwright, was the pioneer on the farm now owned by J. Randall, as early as 1807. Ephraim Parkhurst settled on lot 70 in 1807. His brother Daniel was a pioneer on lot 66. Three sons of the former,

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Nelson, Rufus, and Charlie, also two sons of the latter, Isaac and Sylvester, are yet living in town. Silas Bacon, a soldier in the war of 1812, settled on lot 16, where he resided until his death. The place is now owned by his grandson, George Bacon. As early as 1810, Geo. Potter had commenced improvements and lived in a log house on lot 88. He was accidentally shot at a training prior to the war of 1812.

Other early settlers were Eliphalet Parkhurst, on lot 108; Holden and Daniel Corp. on lot 17; Henry Potter, on lot 90; Harvey and Abel Butler, on lot 31; Chapman Morgan,

on Lot 43; James Farley, on lot 44; Reuben Seeley, on lot 95; Samuel Frazier, on lot 105; Daniel Burt, son of William, on lot 96; Aaron Parkhurst, a short distance east of the corners; William Woolson, on lot 91; Also Erastus Stone, son of Hiel, took up a large tract on lots 23, 24, and 44. We also find the following, whose names should appear on the roll of pioneers: Rev. Samuel Baldwin, T. S. Morgan, Daniel DuBois, Alfred Sabins, Joshua Miner, Hezekiah Lathrop, John Shapley, Orlo Steele, Joseph F. Sweet, Philo Fowler, J. Meacham, Peter D. Hugunin, Amasa Newton, Mr. Pickett, and Mr. Whitney.

THE FIRST SCHOOL AND POST-OFFICE

The first school-house was erected in this town, in 1807, a short distance west of Scriba Corners, on land then owned by Wm. Burt, and now by his grandson William. It was a log structure, one and one half stories high, and very small. The seating accommodations was limited to five short benches, made of slabs and one chair. The first school was kept here by a Mr. Edgecomb, who lived in the school-house with his wife and two children. For two summers Mr. E. labored here imparting instruction to the aspiring youth. In the spring of 1809 a larger and more commodious school-house, accommodating perhaps sixty pupils, was built on the four corners north of Scriba. For a number of years the only school in town was kept in it. Others among the pioneer teachers were James Taggart, John and Francis Dean, Levi Reed, Hezekiah Lathrop, Wm. Rasmussen, and a Mrs. Loomis. Among surviving pupils of those schools are Mrs. P. Potter; Philo, Wm. And Anson Stone; John and Daniel Burt; Mrs. A. Parkhurst, James and Mrs. Church; Polly Burt; Mrs. S. Adams; Mrs. T. Hall; Russell, Benjamin C., Morris, and Sylvester Turner; Alvin, Cyrenius, Nelson, Rufus, and Isaac Parkhurst.

The first post-office was established at a very early day, and received the name of Scriba post-office, which it has ever since retained. Heil Stone became the first post-master, which office he held for many years. The post-office was on the old mail-route between Oswego and Utica, and the only mail-carrier for a long time was Joseph Worden, who made the journey on horseback.

MARRIAGES AD DEATHS

The first marriage was that of John Master and Elsie Baldwin, in 1806. It is believed that this ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Baldwin, the bride's father. The second marriage was that of Walter Reed and Susan Morrow, who were joined in wedlock in 1807, by Wm. Burt, justice of the peace. The parties came on foot from near the lake shore to his house, a distance of about two miles. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wife returned home, and the husband, having urgent business in Utica, continued on the journey. The frequency of matrimonial alliances was regulated by the influx of the marriageable, and it is to be regretted that no record has been kept by justice or

Minister.

The first cemetery was that known as the Burt burying ground, at Scriba Corners, and the first interment therein was that of a son of Hiram Warner, in 1807, this being the first death in town. Phoebe Pickett, George Potter, Fannie Shelden, Mrs. Joseph Sweet, and several members of the Whitney and Lathrop families were among the early burials here. This place was succeeded for mortuary purposes by the Worden burying ground, which was used as early as 1820.

Early roads were rare, usually consisting of an enlarged foot path at first, but keeping range with the advance of other improvements. The first one in this town was the old State road, the main thoroughfare from Oswego to Utica, which became passable as early as 1812. At this time it ran north from Scriba Corners, and thence east on the middle road. It has since been used as a plank road.

Much more might be written without our being able to make the reader realize half the privations and difficulties of the early inhabitants; yet, that very simplicity of fate and life laid the foundation of great vitality. Food was made of the squirrel that depredated upon the growing crop, and the housewife found the gooseberry, cranberry, and wild-plum no poor substitute for the sauces and preserves of the east. Sickness was added to hardship, and the fever and ague kept them alternately shivering and burning throughout the summer. The women did their carding by hand, and colored with bark of the butternut. Summer clothing was made from the fibre of flax, and for males homespun was the only wear.

Orrin Stone and Aaron Parkhurst kept the first store, in 1819. It was situated a short distance from the log tavern, and for at least twenty five years was the only store in town. It was a small frame building, the first in the vicinity, one story in height, and a "pocket concern," as it has been termed, in every respect.

VILLAGES

Scriba Corners (Scriba post-office) is a small village with a population of about three hundred, and is located near the centre of the town, on the plank-road, four miles east of the city of Oswego. It contains two stores, two physicians, - Drs. A. C. Taylor and G. W. Synder, -one church (Methodist Episcopal), a school, a cooper, and blacksmith shop, and other minor interests.

This place commenced with Stone's tavern. W. Woolson kept a shoe-shop and Amos Grafton a blacksmith shop here at an early day.

North Scriba is a hamlet and station on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburgh railroad, and is situated north-east of the centre of the town. It contains a post-office, two stores, a harness shop, a blacksmith shop, a school, and two churches (Methodist and Baptist). The population is about two hundred.

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South Scriba is a hamlet situated in the southeast part of the town, and has a post-office, grocery, saw-mill, and blacksmith-shop.

Lansing, situated two and one-half miles southwest of Scriba Corners, contains a post-office, a grocery, a harness-shop, a church (Methodist), a school, and about twenty-five houses.

CIVIL HISTORY

From the old town-book it appears that the first town-meeting in Scriba was held March 3, 1812, at the house of Hiel Stone, agreeable to an act of the legislature passed April 5, 1811. The following officers were chosen: Captain Henry Potter, supervisor; John King, town clerk; Samuel Tiffany, Joshua Miner, and Heil Stone, assessors; Samuel B. Morrow, collector; Hiel Stone and Walter Read, poor-masters; Joshua Miner, Walter Read, and Hiel Stone, commissioners of highways; and Orrin Stone, pound-master.

It was further voted at this meeting, -

"First. That a lawful fence shall be four and on-half feet high, and well wrought from bottom to top.

"Second. That Canada thistles shall not be left standing on any man's or woman's land after three day's notice is given by any person. Any landholder neglecting this forfeits the sum of five dollars to the good people of this town, to be recovered with costs.

"Third. That any wolf caught within this town by any inhabitant of the town, and if said person kill it, he or they shall be entitled to the sum of ten dollars each wolf."

The following is a list of the principal officers of the town since its organization, with the time of their election:

Date	Supervisors	Justices of the Peace
1813	Henry Potter	
1814	" "	
1815	Samuel Tiffany	
1816	" "	
1817	T. S. Morgan	
1818	" "	
1819	" "	

(Date	Supervisor	Justices of the Peace
1820	T. S. Morgan	
1821	" "	
1822	" "	
1823	" "	
1824	Peter D. Hugunin	
1825	T. S. Morgan	
1826	" "	
1827	" "	
1828	Joseph Turner	
1829	" "	
1830	T. S. Morgan	
1831	Charles King	
1832	Peter S. Smith	
1833	" "	Ambrose Morgan
1834	Henry Fitzhugh	Orla Steele, Jesse Cook
1835	John C. Hugunin	Geo. Wales, Solomon Mattison
1836	Elwin C. Harte	James Church, Daniel Card
1837	" "	P. F. Parsons
1838	John. H. Edwards	W. Barnes
1839	Lucius Van Schanck	John C. Hugunin
1840	James Lyon	James Church
1841	Daniel Hall	W. Rice
1842	Samuel B. Morrow	J. W. Pallen
1843	Jacob Richardson	Ambrose Morgan
1844	George Wales	James Curtis
1845	Jacob Richardson	Ambrose Morgan
1846	Orville J. Harmon	Robert Simpson
1847	E. C. Harts	John W. Smith
1848	Daniel Hall	John Dunham, Wm. Congdon, Amos Kingsbury and John Remington
1849	" "	Jacob Whitmarsh I. R. Parkhurst, and Amos Kingsbury
1850	Thomas Askew	Benjamin Renedlet
1851	" "	Wm. Congdon
1852	" "	Charles Lamb
1853	Daniel Jones	James Whitmarsh
1854	" "	Robert Simpson
1855	Wm. H. Wales	Wm. Congdon
1856	Robert Simpson	Charles Lamb
1857	" "	Ebenezer Jerrett
1858	" "	Robert Simpson
1859	" "	Wm. Congdon
1860	" "	Joel Baker
18661	" "	V. H. Burch
1862	" "	Robert Simpson
1863	" "	Wm. Congdon
1864	" "	Joel Baker
1865	" "	V. H. Burch
1866	" "	Robert Simpson

Date	Supervisor	Justices of the Peace
1867	Robert Simpson	Wm. Congdon
1868	Joel A. Baker	Amos Kingsbury
1869	Robert Simpson	W. E. Blossom
1870	" "	Robert Simpson Jacob Whitlock J. E. Vincent
1871	Joel A. Baker	Wm. Congdon and Silas Baker
1872	John B. Sewell	Silas Baker
1873	" "	Jacob Whitmarsh
1874	H. L. Hart	I. R. Parkhurst
1875	John B. Sewell	E. J. Lawton
1876	H. L. Hart	Joseph Otis
1877	" "	J. Newton Peck

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

Contemporary with settlement, begins the history of religion. It is needless for us to say that the efforts with which our forefathers aided every means of mental or moral instructions have been greatly blessed. They labored for the right, for their own good, and for that of posterity, and their works attest their zeal. Below we give a history of the different church organizations as obtained from the records and from the older members of the churches.

METHODIST CHURCH, SCRIBA CORNERS

The first movement towards the organization of a society at this point was made by William Kilburn; he advocated the formation of a Methodist church here. An interest having been aroused in the neighborhood, Rev. Burris Holmes, who became its first pastor, was called to organize a society of that denomination, which he did in 1841. It consisted of seven members, viz: William and Margaret Kilburn, Mrs. James Adams, Isaac Sewel and wife, and Mr. Knight and wife. Previous to the building of the church edifice, which was in 1853, the meetings were held in the school-house. "The Scriba society was made a station, agreeable to request of the quarterly conference of the New Haven circuit, during the session of the Black River conference, held at Camden, Oneida county, new York, commencing May 31, 1854."

It will be seen by the above extract from the church records that it had belonged to a circuit until this year. Among the preachers prior to this we find the names of Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Hiscock; Benjamin F. Brown and E. A. Munson; Reuben Reynolds and Rev. Mr. Chapin.

At the time of the building of the church, M. M. Rice was the pastor. Since then the following persons have officiated in that Capacity: Rev. Messrs. Isaac Turner, J. L. Adkins, M. D. L. B. Wells, William Jones; C. Phillips, Addison Wheeler, J. H.

Buck, H. M. Danforth, S. B. Crozier, O. H. Holton, H. W. Howland, J. G. George, and the present pastor, W. F. Purrington.

The church edifice is a wood structure thirty-five by sixty feet in size, nicely furnished, with good basement and gallery. The church property is valued at six thousand dollars. The present organization of the Sunday-school was effected in 1871, and Dr. A. C. Taylor chosen superintendent.

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It has an average attendance of about one hundred and twenty-five scholars, and a library of one hundred seventy-five volumes.

THE METHODIST (PROTESTANT) CHURCH OF NORTH SCRIBA

This society was organized in 1843 by a Rev. Mr. Fowler, and at that time contained, but very few members. For a while it was prosperous, but was finally allowed to run down. The early meetings were held in the town-line school-house. This church was until recently a part of the Richland circuit. By the annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church, held September 9, 1875, this class was made a station, and Rev. C. M. Boughton was appointed pastor. The church building is located at North Scriba Station, and was dedicated by Rev. J. J. Smith, of New York, January 20, 1875. It is a wood structure thirty by forty-eight feet in size. The society has a membership of sixty-seven. There is a Sunday-school in connection with it.

THE LANSING METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This, with the society of the same denomination at the centre, forms on charge. Meetings were held here for many years, but there had been no regularly installed pastor, or real organization of the society until the spring of 1873. Samuel Du Bois, Mrs. Ann King, Zachariah Allport, Daniel Bronson, Oliver Hall, Hugh Downs, David Whitaker, and Galen Hall were among those who early represented the religious interest at this point. In 1873 a movement was made towards the building of a church, whereupon all members of the different denominations united in a general and successful effort. It was agreed that it should take the name of the "Lansing Methodist Episcopal Church," on condition that the seats should be free and open to all religious denominations for worship. The building is thirty-six by fifty-six feet in size, has a good basement, and is nicely located.

It was dedicated December 10, 1873, by Bishop Jesse Peck. The church property is valued at four thousand five hundred dollars.

At present the church has sixty members and a Sunday-school of fifty scholars.

THE FIRST FREE BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH SCRIBA

This society was organized January 7, 1828, by the Rev. David Marks, and received the name of the "Free Communion Baptist Church." The original number of members was seven, viz: Daniel Knapp, Daniel and Lucy Gorsline, Stephen Krumb, William Coon, Samuel Frazier, and John Sweet.

On the thirteenth day of December, 1831, this organization was dissolved and the present society formed. Meetings were held at the homes of its members and in school-houses until 1848, when a plain wooden meeting-house was built, forty-four by thirty-two feet in size, and located on the north road, six miles east of Oswego. The present handsome church building, occupying the old site, is, of the Gothic form of architecture. The stone basement contains two commodious rooms, well furnished, the second floor being divided into three apartments, viz.: a lecture, an audience, and a class-room, arranged with folding doors. This church was dedicated December 1, 1875, by Rev. G. H. Ball, D. D.

There is a good parsonage in connection with it. The present value of the church property is about seven thousand dollars, and membership one hundred and thirty two.

The following named persons have filled the office of pastor since the institution of the church, viz: Rev. William Nutting, J. Wilson, A. Grifeth, and S. Krumb; and, since 1848, M. Stanley, L. Hanson, J. Noyes, J. J. Allen, C. Prescott, J. Wilson, and A. E. Wilson, the present minister, who has entered upon the seventh year of his pastoral labors. There are one hundred and thirty scholars in the Sunday-school.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

THOMAS ASKEW

was born at St. Ives Huntingdonshire, England, March 5, 8, 1802. He pursued the business of brewing in England, which he learned in his youth. In 1834, he with his wife and two children migrated and on reaching New York from the acquaintance of the Messrs. Burckle and Hawley, and by them was induced to come to Oswego, with the intention of purchasing the then newly erected brewery situated on the Burt (now Murry) farm; but not succeeding in that enterprise, he purchased a farm in Scriba, where his plain, unostentatious, and honest life was spent tiling the soil, and in the perusal of the leading periodicals



of the day, and the study of various works on farming and agriculture. His creed that "theory and practice" go hand in hand was fully demonstrated by the scientific and

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intelligent manner in which he conducted his well-cultivated farm. After having made his home in the "new world," Mr. Askew received his naturalization papers from the hands of the present Judge Allen, then in law partnership with George Fisher, Esq. During the prime of his life, Mr. Askew officiated in several township offices, and was elected supervisor for three successive terms. In the year 1852 he was the Democratic candidate for member of assembly for this district.

Through all of his useful life he was the strenuous advocate of every good cause benefiting the public. In him the free-school system found a most earnest supporter, and the "Stone school-house," on the middle road, remains a monument of his energetic influence.

His death occurred January 12, 1875, at his home in Scriba township, where his much respected widow still lives, surrounded by her children, in good health, and very active.

Mr. Askew was married October 13, 1828, to Miss Anna F. Cozzens, daughter of George Cozzens, Esq.

Anna F. Cozzens was born at the stamp-office (of stamp act notoriety), Bristol, Somersetshire, England, January 12, 1804, and is consequently now in her seventy-fourth year. She is a much respected and estimable lady, beloved by her children, and cherished by her numerous

acquaintances and friends.

ERASTUS STONE

son of the late Major Heil Stone, the first settler of the township of Scriba, was born at Norton Hill, on Provost's patent,* in the township of Greenville, Greene county, New York, in the year 1791. He moved to Oswego with his father's family in the year 1803, and in the year following they removed to Scriba (then called Fredericksburg). It was a dense forest, and he was very efficient in surveying and locating land and in construction highways in the townships of Scriba and Volney, and assisted in surveying, superintended the construction, of the first public highway from New Haven to Oswego.



Mr. Stone was a patriotic and active supporter of the war of 1812, was a "volunteer." And on guard at the time of the embargo, and used to relate some amusing incidents connected therewith..

He purchased a large tract of land, and in the year 1818 married Miss Alma Everts, daughter of the late Solomon Everts, Esq., one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Mexico. He then began to clear the then wilderness; built a saw-mill and had quite an extensive lumber business, furnishing quantities of lumber for building in Oswego, and employment for a great many men. He lived to see the growth and progress of Oswego from a small settlement, containing but a few buildings, to a flourishing city. He was very active and generous in everything for the advancement of the good of the public. He was the most extensive fruit grower in his vicinity; his home surrounded by a body-guard of fruit trees. He barreled from eight hundred to a thousand barrels of apples for many successive years.

Among the prominent traits of Mr. Stone's character was his liberality in the cause of education. The free-school law never had a warmer advocate nor firmer friend. He was unostentatious, and though a prominent member of his political party, declined all the honors which his friends wished to bestow upon him. His motto was to "owe no man," and his aim to do all the good in his power. He was industrious to a fault, and he accomplished a remarkable amount of labor, often felling trees and clearing land by moonlight, when the county was new. And yet, he found ample time for intellectual improvement. He was well informed, of sound judgment, far-seeing, and possessed of an extraordinary memory. He was a man of sterling integrity, possessed of a patriotic spirit, generous and hospitable to all, self-sacrificing, in his family affectionate, and in social circles courteous and genial. A promoter of truth and right, and just in all relations to men.

**Augustis Provost was a British officer before the Revolution and an intimate friend of Sir William Johnson*

After a long, eventful, and busy life, Mr. Stone passed to the other and nobler life, where he doubtless now enjoys the felicity of the blest, May 22, 1870. In his death the community lost a good citizen, his children a kind and loving parent, and his neighbors a true friend.

Verily, as the greatest of American poets has said, --

"The lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

ROBERT SIMPSON

Robert, son of Robert and Mary (Spencer) Simpson, was born in Dutchess county, New York, July 31, 1805. His father was a merchant and when Robert was four years old he removed to Saratoga county, where he received such educational advantages as were afforded by the school district at that time. About this period (1817) his father was accidentally drowned, and, as there was a family of ten children to be provided for, he was apprenticed to a manufacturer of woolen goods for a term of seven years, the indenture specifying that he was to receive six weeks' schooling, but by his own industry and perseverance he was allowed more, by walking two miles and a half. At the age of eighteen he was allowed his time or the privilege of working another three years at the trade. He preferred to have his indenture cancelled. For the succeeding eight years he taught school during the winter months, and the balance of each year he worked at his trade. When twenty-six years old he moved to Oswego County, where he has since resided. He lived a few years in Volney township, and three years in Oswego city, and

the rest of the time (twenty-four years) Scriba township has contained his home. He was a justice of the peace during his whole sojourn in Volney, also in Oswego, and supervisor of the Fourth ward one while there. He was engaged in surveying both in the city and county. He has held the office of justice of the peace in Oswego County in all *thirty-two* years; was supervisor for several years; justice of sessions three years, and is now town auditor.

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He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, but since coming to this county has been a Whig and Republican, respectively. During the Rebellion he held the office of supervisor, and was very efficient in filling the town quota, and thereby preventing a draft.



In 1853 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and has since been a consistent member.

Mr. Simpson has been three times married, death having twice robbed him of his wife. January 5, 1826, he married Rosamond Foster, so Saratoga county New York, by whom he had eight children; five are now living and three are dead. Mrs. Simpson died May 22, 1842. His second wife was Nancy L. Bailey, to whom he was married November 12, 1842. The issue of this marriage was ten children, of whom five survive. All the children are settled in life except the two youngest, and they reside at home. Mrs. H. L. Simpson died October 25, 1865. On the 12th of September, 1866, he married Abbie Smith, his present wife.

Mr. Simpson has passed quite a busy life. He started out with no capital save his health, his energy, and indomitable perseverance, which qualities subsequently earned him a very flattering degree. He is generally considered an upright and

honest man, a kind father and husband, and a good neighbor and friend. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people, and is deservedly very popular in the community in which he has lived so long.

GEORGE W. SNYDER, M. D.,

was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York, March 25, 1820. Of poor but highly respectable parentage, it fell to his lot, at an early age, to earn his own living. By great perseverance and a decided determination to procure an education, he succeeded in entering and graduating from an academy. At the age of eighteen, he taught a district school. His chief desire at this time was to go through college, but "time was money" to him, and he could not command either the one or the other in sufficient quantity to gratify his ambition. Every leisure hour at home found



him poring over his books, and he ultimately came to the conclusion that the medical profession would suit him. Accordingly, he entered the office of the late Dr. M. L. Lee, of Fulton, New York, and found him an able and kind preceptor. He attended his first course of lectures at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1847, and the year following he entered the Vermont medical college, and graduated the same year. After receiving his diploma he located in Scriba, this county, where he had previously taught school, and where he has since resided.

In 1853 he married Jane E., daughter of Elias and Electa Thomas, of Volney, new York. His life has been one of devotion to his professional duties, of hard and persistent labor, and of self-sacrifice. He always regards the interest of his patient, paramount to his personal pleasure or even his own welfare. Enjoying as he did a robust constitution, great powers of endurance, and an industrious disposition, he has worked at all times and in all seasons, never

allowing the call of duty to go unanswered. By economy he has procured a competence, and, what is far more, a warm place in the affections of the people. His chief characteristics are sympathy for others, benevolence, and perseverance, and he, together with his estimable wife, are noted for their hospitality. He is a model husband and father. He has ever a cheery greeting for everybody, particularly for the children, always having a kind word for the little ones whenever he meets them. As a physician he has been eminently successful. His life has been in his work, and the practice of his profession has oftentimes been a labor of love rather than one of emolument.

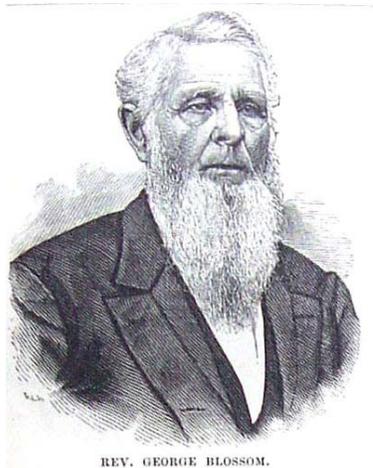
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REV. GEORGE BLOSSOM

Rev. George Blossom, son of Enos and Mary (Ellis) Blossom, of Lenox Massachusetts, was born February 4, 1800. When in his sixth year his parents removed to Onondaga county, New York, and settled on a farm, which was noted for abundance of game that existed thereon. The family consisted of father, mother, and twelve children, of which latter the subject of our sketch was the youngest. The country was comparatively new, and the family had consequently to endure the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The only educational advantages the youthful George received were those gleaned at the common school during the summer months, in addition to a few months he attended a grammar and writing school.

On the 24th of January, 1821, he was united in marriage with Harmony, daughter of Parley and Susan Canada, of Canandaigua. They were originally from Connecticut. Immediately after marriage they commenced life by renting a farm, but only remained on it one year, when Mr. Blossom engaged in the mercantile business in Seneca county, but disliking the place, he removed to Rochester and continued in business dealing only in dry-goods. Here he stayed but a year, and then returned to Onondaga county, and located in the village of Liverpool, and a favorable opportunity presenting itself, he closed out his business to Moses Johnson for eight hundred dollars, but the purchaser cheated him out of the entire amount. Being now compelled to work for some one else, he engaged with Jonathan P. Hicks as salesman and book-keeper, in which capacity he continued two years, at the expiration of which time he moved to Clay, and entered into partnership with Evert B. Dykeman in the general store business. They subsequently dissolved partnership. After meeting with indifferent success in the undertaking, Mr. Blossom, by close application to business, had impaired his health so that he found it necessary to recuperate, after which he taught music for six years. He next settled on a farm, and after three years disposed of it, and in 1837 removed to Palermo township, this county, and afterwards to Scriba. His attention at this time was not devoted exclusively to agriculture, though farming formed the greater part of his secular occupation. When in his seventeenth year he

Experienced religion, and felt a keen desire to enter his Master's vineyard as an active worker. In 1828, while residing in Clay, The Rev. Luther Myrick was holding protracted meetings under the auspices of the Independent Congregational church, and it was while attending one of these that Mr. Blossom was smitten with an overwhelming desire to devote his life to Christ. He did not, however, commence to preach until 1840, when he preached his first sermon in Cummings' mill, in New Haven, with marked success. He united with the Congregational church while in Palermo, and has since been a consistent member of that body, and has preached eleven years, during which time his efforts were crowned with abundant success. He retired from the ministry on account of ill health. Mr. Blossom has held many of the offices of trust in the townships in which he has resided, notably those of justice of the peace, assessor, supervisor, and inspector of common schools, in all of which he gave unqualified satisfaction. In 1825 he joined an independent infantry company, and was gradually promoted to lieutenant-colonel, when he resigned on account of sickness. He has been a strong advocate of the temperance cause, also an unrelenting abolitionist. He was a Clinton man in the troublous canal times, and subsequently an active Republican who always takes a commendable interest in local political affairs.



REV. GEORGE BLOSSOM.

The result of Mr. blossom's marriage was a family of seven children, of whom four survive, namely, - Henrietta, wife of John Place of Oswego township; William E., a resident of Oswego city; Lucy M., wife of Galen Hall, of Scriba township; and George D., also of Scriba.



MRS. GEORGE BLOSSOM.

Mrs. Blossom died July 15, 1875, and her remains are interred in the Hall cemetery. She was a devoted Christian Lady, a fond wife, and a loving and affectionate mother. Her death was mourned by a large circle of friends, and her memory is fondly cherished by her widowed husband and children.

After retiring from the ministry, Mr. Blossom settled in Oswego city, in 1857, where he engaged in the grocery business in partnership with Morris Place and his son William E. He retired from business in 1863, and has since resided in Scriba. Since the death of his devoted wife, - the companion of his early joys and sorrows, and of his later cares, - he has made home with his children who honor themselves in honoring their aged parent. He is now calmly awaiting the summons that shall call him to his reward, and when it comes (which we trust will be many years hence) he will depart like one who, having his duty, will.

*"Wrap the drapery of his couch about him,
And lie down to pleasant dreams."*

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PHILO BURNHAM.

Philo Burnham

This venerable octogenarian was born in Newark, Greene county, New York, September 16, 1793. He remained in his

Native county pursuing the vocation of a farmer until nineteen years of age, when he entered the service of government as soldier in the war of 1812. After enduring many of the hardships incident to his life of a soldier, he finally became sick, and from Brooklyn Heights returned to his native county, and did not afterwards enter the service.

In 1818 he experienced religion, and immediately began to live the life of an earnest, devoted follower of Christ. March 4, 1818, he married Sarah Rice, a native of Connecticut. Their family consisted of six children, -two daughters and four sons, -viz: Alma, born July 9, 1812; Sarah M., born June 23, 1825; John R., born June 24, 1827; Philo H., born January 1, 1832; Lorin A., born September 23, 1834; and Charles H., December 9, 1849. The three latter survive. Philo H. and Charles H. reside in the town of Scriba, and Lorin A. in Iowa.



MRS. P. BURNHAM NO. 1.

Mrs. Burnham died December 15, 1862. March 18, 1864, he united in marriage with Lydia Miner, a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, where she was born November 22, 1800. Mr. Burnham remained in Green county until the year 1827, when he came to this county and located in the town of Scriba. He followed the business of farming and while in active life was considered one of the progressive agriculturists of the county. As remarked above, he early sought the Saviour, and lived to see all his children brought within the fold of the blessed Redeemer of the world. He ever manifested a deep interest in religious matters, and his benevolence and Christian bearing have won for him a name more precious than gold. He has four memberships in the American Bible Society, and has bequeathed two hundred and fifty dollars to that society, and two hundred and fifty dollars to the Home Missionary Society. During sixty years he has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian or

Congregational church. In all human probability his earthly career is drawing to a close, but he can truthfully say, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course; the victory is mine!"



MRS. P. BURNHAM NO. 2.

MILITARY RECORD OF SCRIBA

Geo. W. Burt, 24th Inf. Enl'd June, 1861; disch. 1865.
L. B. Burt, 81st Infantry. Enl'd Oct. 1861; disch. Oct. 1864
Richard Dunn, 24th Cavalry, Enl'd Dec. 1863; disch 1865
H. W. Minor 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1861; pro. Corp., dish Sept., 1864.
Wm. Horton, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1861; pro. 1st serg.; wounded; discharged 1865.
Jonas Stanton, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1861; disch. for disability.
H. D. DuBois, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1861; re-enl; disch. 1865.
D. C. Wright, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug. 1864; discharged 1865.
John E. Coe, 147th Inf. Enl'd. Aug. 1862; promoted; disch 1865.
Chas. Woolson, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
Alfred E. Coe, Enlisted 1864; discharged Oct. 1864
C. S. Coe, 84th Inf. Enlisted Aug. 1864; discharged Aug. 1865.
Jas. R. Coe, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Geo. H. Darrow, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
Chas. Taylor, 147th Inf. Enl'd Aug. 1862; pro. Serg't.; disch 1865.
Amos Taylor, 16th Inf. Enlisted Jan. 1865; discharged 1865.
Jas. A. Darrow, 147th Inf., Enl's Aug. 1862; pro serg.; disch 1865.
Simeon Cryl, 21st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1862; pro. Serg't.; disch 1865.
John Duel, 98th Inf. Enl'd, Nov. 1862; pro. corp.; disch. 1865.
F. H. Morvin, 184th Infantry, Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Wm. H. Rose, 24th Cavalry, Enlisted Dec. 1863; discharged 1865.
O. M. Coon, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
H. D. Whiting, 21st Inf. Enl'd Apr., 1861; disch. 1863, disability.
W. H. Lawton 81st Inf. Enlisted, Sept., 1861; discharged 1864.
C. H. Burnham, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1861; re-enl'd; disch., 1865.
Daniel L. DuBois, 184th Inf., Enlisted Aug. 1864; discharged 1865.
R. Parkhurst, 184th Inf., Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
F. Braso, 15th N. C. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
Alex. Gugle, 110th Inf., Enlisted Aug., 1862; re-enl'd; discharged 1865.
C. O. Heath, 110th Inf., Enlisted Aug., 1861; discharged 1865.
John Kane, 9th H. Art., Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
M. France, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Chas. Holley, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; re-enl'd; disch. 1865.
A. A. Coe, 3rd Lt. Art. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
F. Coon, 81st Inf. Enl'd. Aug., 1861; corporal; discharged 1865.
W. Van Buren, 81st Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1861; re-enl'd; disch. 1865.
Wm. Sherman, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; discharged 1865.
O. S. Fish, 24th Cav. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
M. L. Wright, Infantry. Enlisted Oct., 1861; discharged 1865.
Chas. Seeley, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
M. Freeman, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; re-enl'd.; disch. 1865.
John Barton, 24th Inf. Enlisted My, 1861; discharged 1863.
David Coon, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; discharged 1863
A. Rhinehart, 1st Cavalry. Enlisted Feb., 1861; discharged 1866.
Jas. Rhinehart, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Chas. Webster, Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1864.
Henry Martin, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; disch. Sept. 1864.
J. Brotherton, 1st Lt. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1861; discharged, 1865.
D. Grenold, 1st Lt. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1864; discharged 1865.
Chas. Merlus, 1st Lt. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1864; discharged 1865

W. H. Burr, 24th Cavalry. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
Thos. Taplin, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
C. H. Barker, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
J. H. Doxtater, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
Geo. Eaton, 184th Inf. Enlisted 1865; discharged 1865.
Benj. Betern, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Geo. Cyrenus, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
C. W. Grenold, 24th Cavalry Enlisted Dec., 1863; deserted 1865.
Geo. Soper, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; disch. 1865.
N. Parkhurst, 33rd Inf. Enlisted May, 1861; re-enlisted; disch 1865.
Wm. Ormsby, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
M. Welch, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; wounded; discharged 1865.
A. Whitney, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; disch. 1865.
Geo. Hall, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., Sergeant. 1864; disch. 1865.
Wm. J. Cole, 12th Cav. Enlisted Aug., 1863; discharged 1865.
Chas. Wilkes, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
Geo. Robarge, 15th Cavalry. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
Benj. P. Coe, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1862; corp.; disch 1863. disab.
H. Knight, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
C. L. Burnwell, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; discharged 1865.
Geo. Burnwell, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Geo. D. Blossom, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
A. L. Hines, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1862; disch. 1863, disability.
F. Walker, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
J. Peterson, 24th Cavalry. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
G. A. Smith, 184th Infantry Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
Louis Laroy, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept. 1861; disch. Sept., 1865.
F. Colligan, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; disch. Sept., 1865.
S. Holliday, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
H. Newstead, 81st Inf. Enlisted Jan., 1862; discharged 1865.
Adam Faro, 81st Inf. Enl'd Feb., 1862; disch. Feb., 1863, disability.
B. F. Whitford, 157th Inf. Enlisted Feb., 1864; discharged 1865.
Wm. Whitford, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug. 1862; discharged
Jos. Baker, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged Sept., 1865.
F. Pelo. 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
Wm. T. Tabor, 2d H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
Joseph L. Hines, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
A. Sparks, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; Pro. To serg.; disch. 1865.
Wm. Hull, 21st Bat. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged Aug., 1863.
Frank W. Sparks, 55th Ohio. Enlisted Oct., 1861; wounded; disch. Oct. 1864.
H. D. Dubois, 24th Cav. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
James Oates, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
Michael Oats, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
James Farrel, 193rd Art. Enlisted Feb., 1865; discharged 1865.
Wm. Farrel, Enlisted Feb., 1865; discharged 1865.
Michael Hanan, 16th Reg. Enlisted Feb., 1865; discharged 1865.
John Murphy, Enlisted Oct., 1861; discharged Oct., 1863, disability.
Wm. Hanan, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
Samuel Frisby, Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
Jos. M. Hull, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; discharged 1865.
Chas. C. Hull, 81st Inf. Enlisted March, 1864; discharged 1865'
John Benson, 21st Bat. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865'
Samuel Benson, 110th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
D. Du Bois, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
John W. Du Bois, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
Eli Pierce, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
James Gibbins, 2d H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
John Greenman, 2d H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.

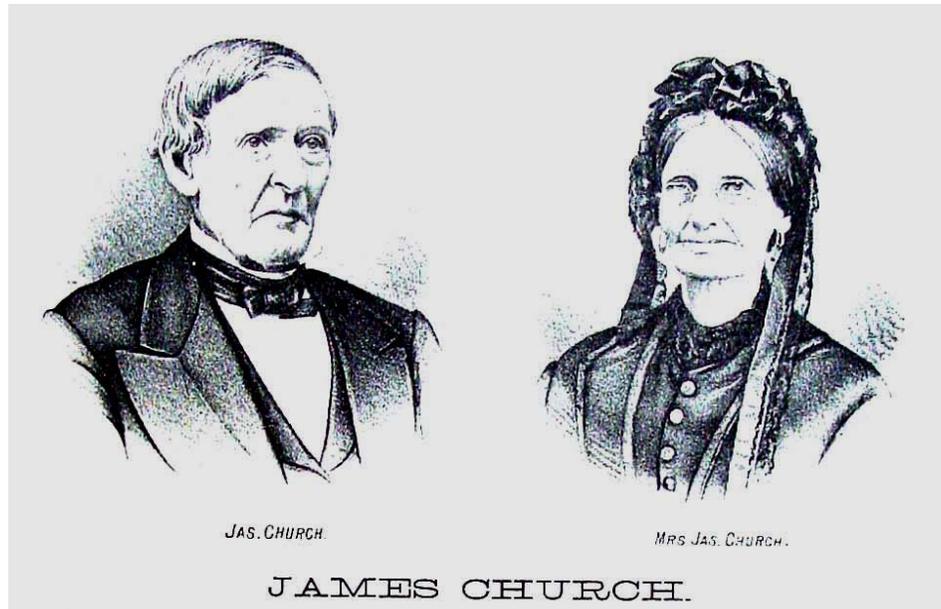
S. C. Bartlett, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept. 1864; discharged 1865.
 H. Hubbard, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Geo. M. Stowell, 24th Cav. Enl'd Dec 1863; serg't; disch. 1865.
 Milo Sweeting, 16th Regulars. Discharged 1865.
 Wm. Green, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Geo. W. Williams, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1864.
 Wellington France, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Jas. Brookmire, 24th Inf. Enlisted May, 1861; discharged 1865.
 Chas. H. Smith, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1862; disch. Nov., 1862, disab.
 Benj. Borden, 16th Reg. Enlisted Jan., 1865; discharged 1865.
 E. B. Burdick, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Edward Babcock, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; pro.; discharged, 1865.
 Abel Babcock, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 William Babcock, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept. 1861; discharged 1865.
 Smith Merwin, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 M. A. Flowers, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; Pro.; disch. 1865.
 John Looker, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1861; disch Oct. 1862, disab.
 Wm. H. Hall, 10th H. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Jas. D. Hamilton, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug. 1862; serg't.; disch. 1863.
 Chas. R. Churchill, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1864; disch. 1865.
 George L. Rice, 184th Inf. Discharged 1865.
 David Stone, 110th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Wm. Churchill, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1861; pro. Corp.; disch.. 1865.
 Geo. H. Stone, 81st Inf. Discharged 1865.
 Henry H. Hall, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Nov., 1863; discharged 1865.
 Benj. G. Sparks, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; disch. Sept., 1864.
 Amos Allport, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; Promoted; disch.
 Truman King, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 David Worden, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Daniel Carson, Jr. Enlisted July, 1864; discharged 1865.
 Daniel N. Bronson, 4th H. Art. Enlisted Dec., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Wesley Madison, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Milton Jones, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Dec., 1863; discharged 1865.
 Chas. H. Hall, 21st Battery. Enlisted Aug. 1862; discharged 1865.
 Loyd Parmitter, 4th H. Art. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Jos. Baker, Jr., 24th Cav. Enl'd Dec, 1863; died June 17, 1864.

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Joseph Pelo, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Feb. `863.
 John H. Simpson, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; pro. To sergeant; discharged 1865.
 Wm. H. Simpson, 10th H. Art. Enlisted Feb. 1861; disch. 1865.
 Robert Simpson, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
 L. O. S. Madison, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; 2d sergeant; promoted to major; discharged 1865.
 Z. Paterson, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Hiram Madison, 24th Cav. Enlisted May, 1861; disch. May 1863.
 Wm. F. Barlow, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Benj. F. Madison, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; disch. Sept., 1864.
 Joel E. Streeter, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Lucius H. Thompkins, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; disch. 1864.

Jas. W. Parkhurst, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; promoted to captain; discharged 1865.
 Byron B. Parkhurst, 184th inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; promoted three times; discharged 1865.
 A. Decory, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Benj. B. Smith, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1862; disch. Dec., 1862, disab.
 F. Gilbert, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 L. N. Borden, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1863; discharged 1865.
 John Sigourney, 147th Inf. Enlisted Auf., 1862; discharged 1865.
 John Sparks, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Frank Waugh, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; pro.; disch. 1865.
 Henry Hubbard, 147th Inf. Enl'd Sept. 1862; pro. To capt.; disch 1865.
 Colon Hall, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
 A. R. Larkin, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 David Hyatt, 24th Inf. Enlisted May, 1861; discharged 1865.
 L. L. Hall, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; disch. Dec. 1862, disab.
 Herbert Bailey, 12th Regiment. Discharged 1865.
 R. M. Davis, 184th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Alex. Gasset, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1864.
 C. M. Burt, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died July 17, 1863.
 W. H. Wright, 29th Wis. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Aug. 11, 1863.
 Chas. Coon, 147th Inf. Enlisted Jan., 1864; died June 1, 1864.
 F. H. Hamlin, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Aug., 1864
 Daniel Gugle, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; died Aug., 1864.
 Lewis B. Porter, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1861; died March 17, 1862.
 Silas Halleck, 147th Inf. Enlisted July, 1862; died July 1, 1863.
 John Manifold, 59th Ill. Enlisted Sept., 1861; died March 18, 1863.
 Jas. H. Manifold, 97th Ill. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died July, 28, 1863.
 John H. Coon, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; died Apr. 2, 1863.
 Geo. W. Coon, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Apr. 12, 1863.
 Geo. P. Holly, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; killed at Fair Oaks.
 Edgar M. Warren, 110th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1862; died July 13, 1863.
 Wm. Woolworth, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1862 died Feb. 20, 1863.
 Wm. Stevens, 14th Inf. Enlisted Nov., 1862; died Aug. 14, 1863.
 Chas. Read, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; died in rebel prison.
 Henry Read, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; died May 26, 1864.
 Thos. H. Robinson, 9th H. Art. Enl'd Jan. 1864; died July 17, 1864.
 Frank Welch, 81st Inf. Enlisted Jan., 1862; killed at Cold Harbor.
 Giles Read, 81st Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1861; died June 5. 1862.
 Luther Hall, 81st Inf. Enlisted Jan., 1864; died June 20, 1864.
 Wm. Ramsey, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Dec. 6. 1863.
 Silas Delong, 20th Inf. Enlisted Feb., 1864; died March 10, 1864.
 Wm. H. Barnes, 81st Inf. Enlisted Oct., 1861; died Feb. 1, 1864.
 Julius Davis, 119th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died May 18, 1863.
 David Mulligan, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Aug. 18, 1863.
 Jas. A. Brown, 24th Inf. Enlisted Apr., 1861; died Sept., 21, 1862.
 Joel A. Baker, 147th Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1862; pro. to capt.; disch. 1865.
 Lewis Lafaver, 193d Inf. Enlisted Apr., 1865; discharged 1865.
 Thos. W. Smith, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; pro.; disch. 1865.
 Wm. Holmes, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 John Dawson, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Edw. B. Bilkey, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Dec., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Wm. E. Long, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Dec., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Nelson Wilmot, 193d Inf. Enlisted March, 1865; discharged 1865.
 Chas. Goddard, 127th Ill. Enlisted July, 1862; discharged 1865.
 F. T. Fish, 184th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Wm. D. Gleason, 10th H. Art. Enlisted Feb., 1864; disch. 1865.
 Geo. R. Gleason, 16th Reg's. Enlisted Jan., 1865; discharged 1865.

Thomas Garity, Enlisted April, 1865; discharged 1865.
 Allen Shattuck, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
 Caleb Shattuck, 24th Cav. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865
 T. Waugh, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Washington Waugh, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; Disch. 1865.
 John Waugh, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; discharged 1865.
 John Crosier, 9th H. Art. Enlisted Jan., 1864; discharged 1865.
 John Akins, 193d Inf. Enlisted March, 1865; discharged 1865.
 John Comer, 123d Inf. Discharged 1865.
 L. Merich, 147th Inf. Enl'd Aug., 1863; pro. to serg't; disch. 1865.
 Oscar Hines, 21st Bat. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Joseph Comer, Navy. Twenty months in service.
 Patrick Malona, 2d Cavalry.
 Wm. Court, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; discharged 1865.
 Jas. A. Scribner, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; died Jan. 3, 1863.
 Chas. M. Sheldon, 18th Cav. Enl'd March, 1864; died Oct. 17, 1864.
 John. W. Mullen, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died Feb. 1, 1863.
 John P. Collins, 106th Inf. Enlisted July, 1862; killed in battle, July 9, 1864.
 Benj. B. Hart, 24th Inf. Enlisted May, 1861; died Nov. 24, 1862.
 E. H. Craft, 110th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died June 15, 1863.
 Jas. Delancey, 24th Cav. Enlisted Jan., 1864; died June 17, 1864.
 Manville Crooker, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1861; died May 31, 1862.
 Wm. H. Taylor, Enlisted Feb., 1864; died March 6, 1864.
 Wm. E. Dunham, 81st Inf. Enl'd Sept., 1861; killed at Cold Harbor.
 Jay Jewitt, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; died Sept. 11, 1864.
 Geo. W. Du Bois, 81st Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1861; died June 15, 1862.
 James Ratican 84th Inf. Killed at Gettysburg.
 Samuel Burrus, 4th H. Art. Died in Salisbury prison.
 Wm. Martin, 147th Inf. Enlisted Aug., 1862; killed at Gettysburg.
 Julius Grantier, 24th Inf. Enlisted May, 1861; died June 19, 1862.
 G. R. Jones, 147th Inf. Enlisted Sept., 1862; died Feb. 8, 1863.
 L. P. Hines, 9th H. Art. Enl'd Dec., 1862; Killed in Shenandoah valley, Oct. 1864.
 Jas. McDermon, 2d H. Art. Enl'd Jan., 1864; died Sept 1864, in Salisbury prison.
 Nicholas Cormer, 2d H. Art. Enl'd Jan., 1864; killed at Petersburg.
 Francis Bogueutt, 110th Art. Enl'd Aug., 1862; died at N. O., Apr. 24, 1863.
 John Bogueutt, 18st Art. Enlisted Aug., 1862; died June 14, 1864.



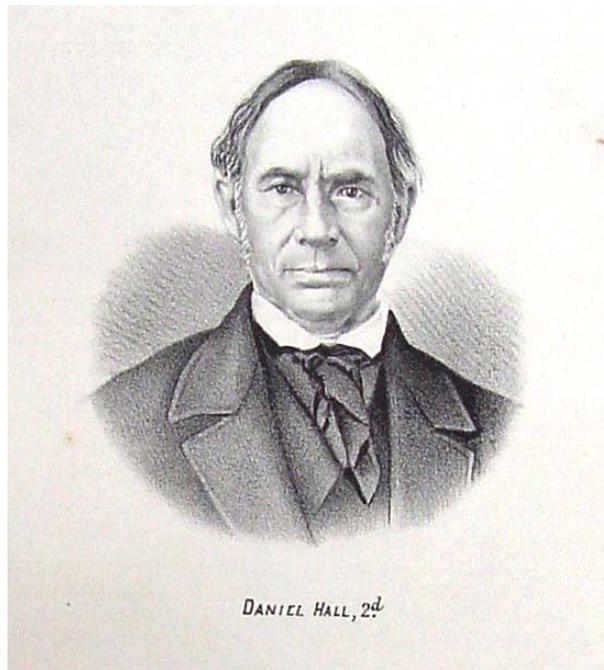
Among the prominent pioneer names of Oswego County we find that of Church. The subject of this sketch, James, son of Whitman and Phebe Hull Church, was born in New Lisbon, Otsego county, New York, February 19, 1796. At the age of nine he accompanied his father to what is now Volney, Oswego County, and settled in the wilderness it then was, where existed few neighbors other than the Indians. Not being satisfied with the title to their land, Mr. Church sold out and moved into Scriba township in 1809, and the family settled near Scriba Centre.

Young James' advantages for the acquirement on an education were meager, as he could only attend school as favorable opportunities presented themselves. The war of 1812 caused the family to remove to Otsego county, where they remained some years. While there he attained his majority, and commenced life for himself. He first embarked in the business of a boatman on the Oswego river, making a daily run from Oswego Falls to Oswego city, at one dollar the round trip. In two years he accumulated enough money to purchase a boat, and subsequently followed the occupation for several seasons, working at odd jobs during the winter.

On the 1st of January, 1823, he was united in marriage with Tenty, daughter of Hiel and Ruth (Norton) Stone, of Scriba, Oswego County. The first year after their marriage they resided at Fulton, and then moved to Scriba Corners, where Mr. Church engaged in the manufacture of potash and in the mercantile business on a small scale. He sub-

sequently followed hotel-keeping for a time. Mr. Church was appointed postmaster, and held the office several years, was also elected justice of the peace, which position he occupied for fifteen years, to the general satisfaction of the people. He has held various other offices of trust, all of which he has filled faithfully and well. Perhaps in no way is he better known to the people at large than as the pioneer violinist of this locality. His services were in constant demand at private dancing parties. Mr. Church was in the Stat militia, and served in the battle of Oswego. For the past thirty years he has quietly resided on the farm, he and his faithful wife enjoying the fruits of a busy and successful life. They are very highly respected by their neighbors and friends, and looked upon as a worthy couple in every particular. They have had three children, of whom two survive, James, who resides on the homestead farm, and Tenty, who married Edgar Sharp.

In politics, Mr. Church was a Democrat up to the nomination of Buchanan, but not being able to take the immortal James as a successor to the great and good Jefferson, he bolted the party, and has since been found with the Republicans. In religion, he is a Methodist, having been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Scriba, for many years. In character, he is a man of large benevolence and unflinching liberality. Honest and upright in his business transactions, industrious and economical in his daily life, can there be any wonder that success has crowned his efforts with an abundant reward?



Daniel Hall (second), son of John and Margaret Hall, was born in Petersburg, Rensselaer county, New York, May 22, 1789. In 1815 he came with his father to Oswego County, and located in the town of Scriba, on the farm now occupied by Galen Hall. He had worked at the carpenter and joiner trade previously to his settlement in Oswego, and upon arriving here continued to labor in this honorable calling, and the first few years were passed in erecting buildings in the city of Oswego.

Mr. Hall had been a resident of Scriba but a few years when he was called to fill various offices within the gift of his townsmen, and he discharged the duties of the various positions with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the people. We find upon examining the records that he was elected assessor in 1823, and besides other minor offices, was chosen, in the years 1841, 1848, and 1849, to the office of supervisor.

Mr. Hall married Jerusha, daughter of David and Lydia King, of Herkimer county. Their family consisted of

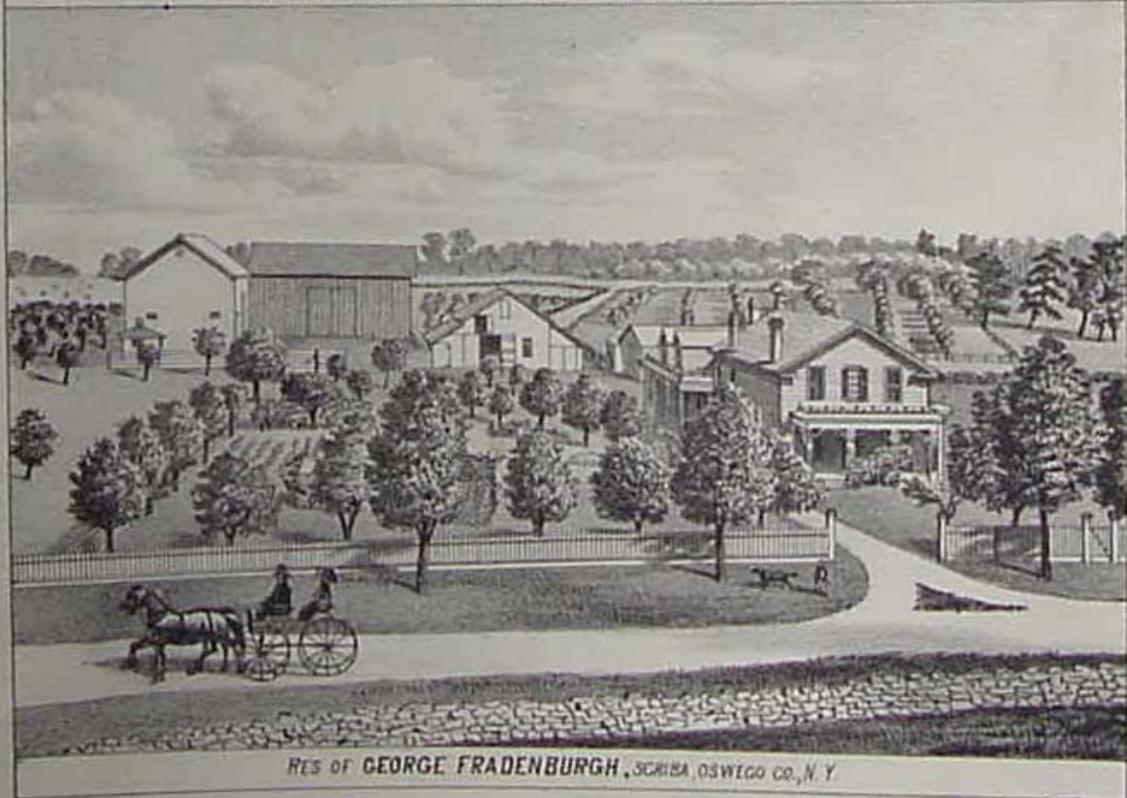
Eight children, seven of whom are living. Mrs. Hall died May 10, 1844. March 12, 1846 he united in marriage with Miriam Littlefield, who was born August 1, 1801. She died October 24, 1867.

Mr. Hall was an active member of the old Whig party, and upon the organization of the Republican party became an earnest supporter of its principles. In all matters concerning the welfare of the public generally, and the community wherein he resided, he ever manifested a lively interest. He was a consistent Christian, and a member of the Baptist church at Scriba Corners. As a father he was kind and indulgent, and as a citizen his course was ever marked with honesty of purpose. Daniel Hall will long be cherished in the memory of his friends and fellow-citizens as one who was ever ready to assist in all good works. He died January 4, 1874.

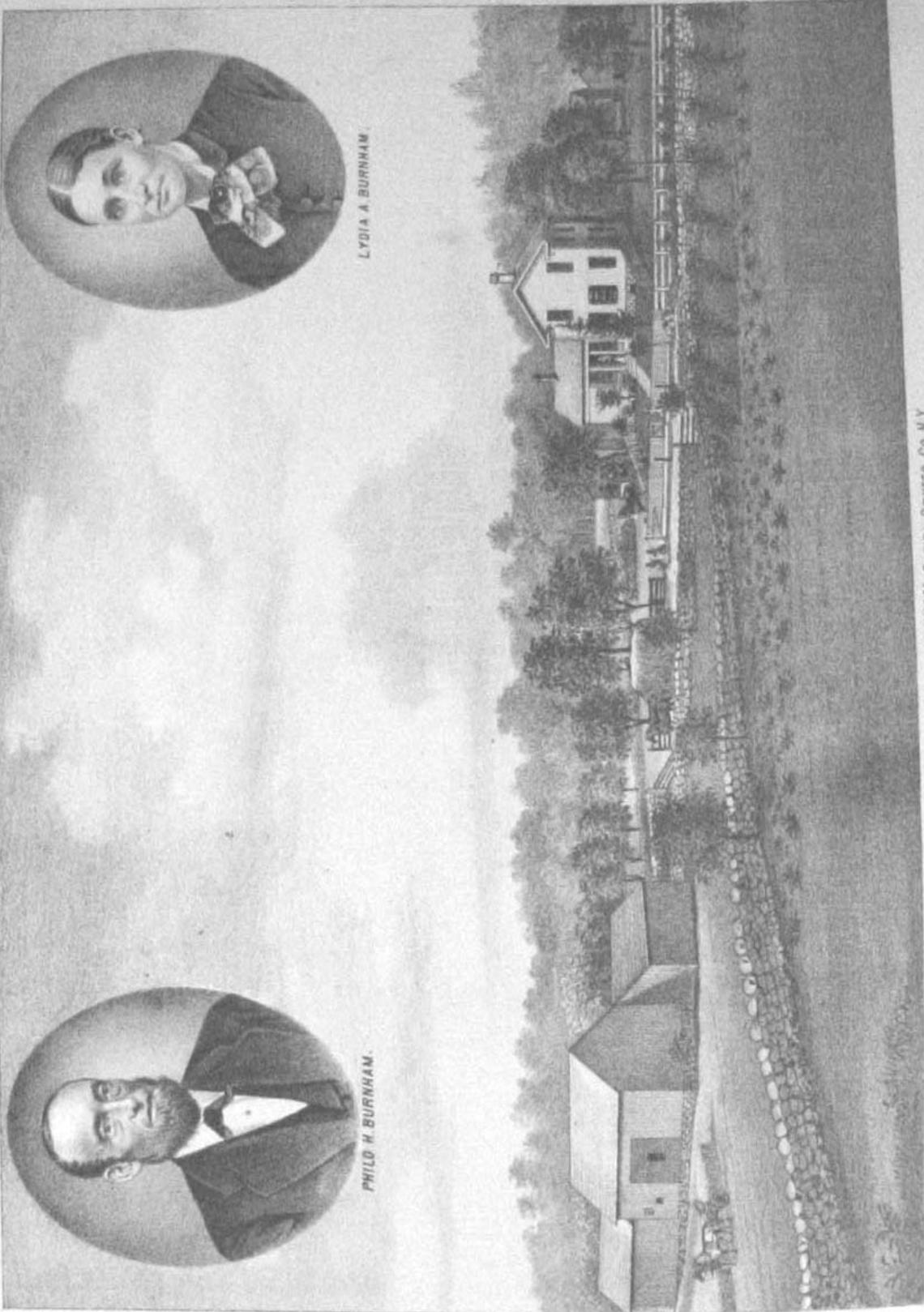
"There is no man who hath power over the spirit, to retain the spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death, and there is no discharge in the war."



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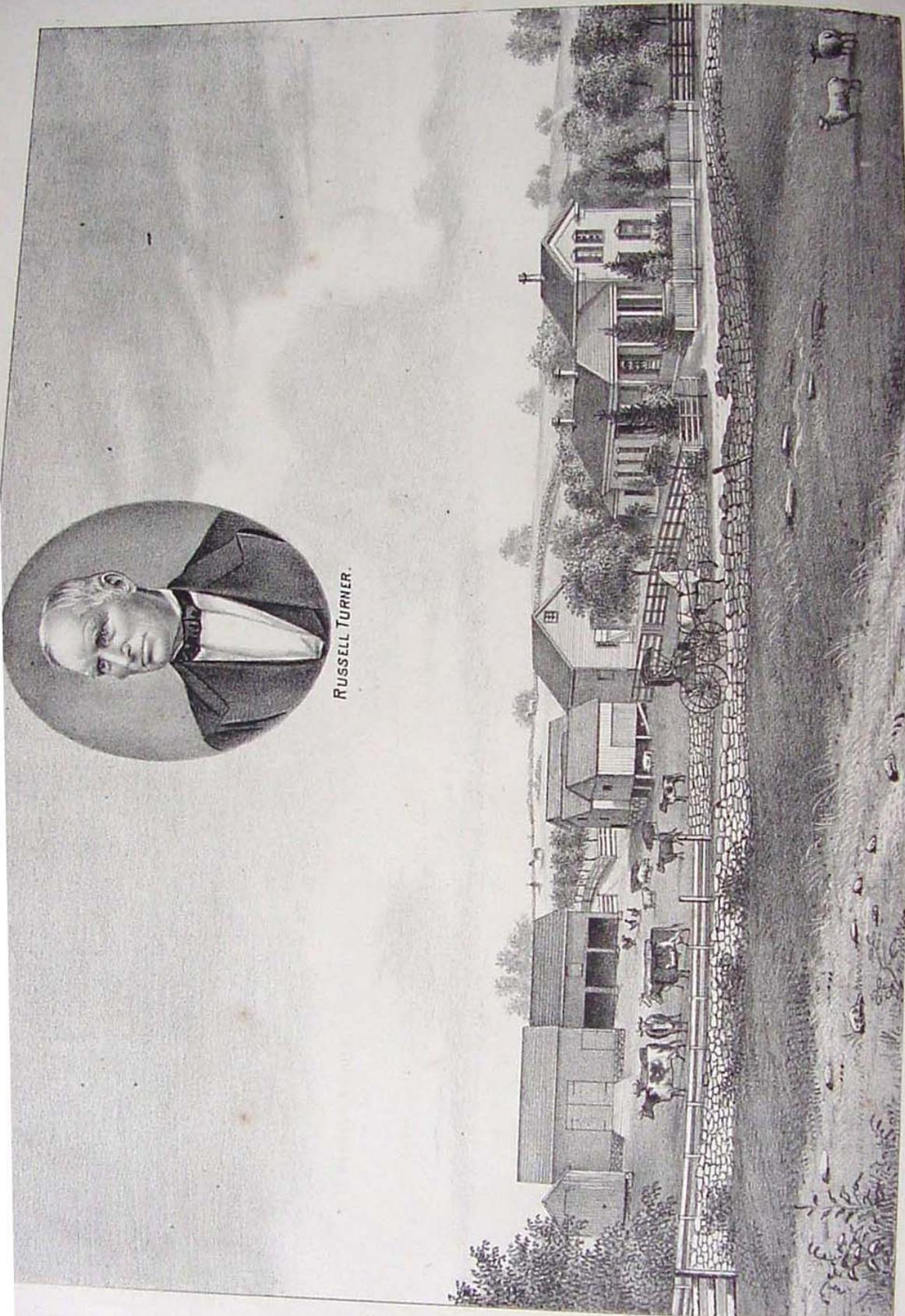


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