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THE VERY BEGINNING OF COUDERSPORT

On December 21, 1796, the Ceres Land Company, consisting of John Keating and Richard Gernor of Philadelphia and John Sigmund Roulet of New York, purchased from William Bingham of Philadelphia 297,428 acres of land lying in northern Pennsylvania for the sum of \$80,000. A portion of this land lay within the future boundaries of Potter County which was created by an Act of the State Legislature, approved on March 26, 1804, from territory lying within the confines of Lycoming County.

The site selected by the Ceres Land Company for the seat of justice was on the Allegheny River at its junction with a fork, now known as Mill Creek. They gave the future town the name of Coudersport to honor Monsieur John Coudere, a member of one of the Amsterdam banking firms which had loaned funds for the purchase of the Ceres (Keating) lands.

A survey was made of Coudersport by Francis King of Ceres Town, McKean County, Pa. His survey notes state: "Left home to commence surveying and lodged at 14½ mile tree, 22nd of the 7th month, 1807. On the 23rd went to where our provisions were left and built a camp; it being rainy we proceeded no farther.

"On the 24th went down the Allegheny to the Forks and began to build a camp at Coudersport. (On west hill near a large spring). 25th, finished the camp; went for remainder of our provisions and marked the road to the camp. 27th, split a number of stakes for the corners of lots in the town and altered some of the lines of the town. On the 18th of the 8th month the survey was completed, the Indians went home and the surveying tools were taken to Ceres Town by Sampson Crawford."

The eastern part of the site of Coudersport was covered with a heavy growth of pine trees. Several springs on west hill contributed their waters to the swamp, filled with tall laurel bushes, which lay between the foot of the hill and Main Street.

Obediah Sartwell was the first settler in Coudersport. He came from Langdon, N. H., in 1813 with his family of seven and built a log cabin on the west bank of the Allegheny River, a few rods south of East Second Street. He also built a blacksmith shop on the opposite side of the street, not far from the corner of East Street. After a year he removed with his family and located near the mouth of Sartwell Creek.

A mill erected in 1815 was the joint property of Obediah Sartwell, W. W. Whitney, Benj. Burt and David Burt. On Feb. 18, 1818, Governor Findlay commissioned Obediah Sartwell of Potter County a justice of the peace in the district which included the township of Roulet.

On Sept. 17, 1818, Obediah and Cynthia Sartwell of Roulet deeded 50 acres of land in Roulet Township to Major Isaac Lyman for \$750. On the same date Sartwell accepted a mortgage on this property to secure "payment on October 1, 1820, for 100,000 feet of merchantable white pine boards" which he had sold to Major Lyman.

When Daniel Clark Sr., and family came by ox team from

Connecticut in 1816, they found temporary shelter in the deserted Sartwell cabin until their log house was built about two miles north of Coudersport. His blacksmith shop became a commissioners' office and in his log cabin was taught the first school by a fugitive from justice, named Hurlburt. It is also recorded that Israel Merrick taught school in it in 1820. The children of Daniel Clark, of John Peet and of John Taggart, south of Coudersport, and children from Lymanville were the pupils.

In 1822 John Dingman and John Lyman contracted to clear the public square. In April, 1823, Isaac Lyman was granted \$27 for clearing land at Coudersport and in June, \$10 for clearing the town plot. Peter Knickerbocker continued the clearing in 1824.

In 1824 John L. Cartee purchased for \$16 the square on which the jail is located. He leased from the Commissioners three or four squares, sowed them to wheat, and erected the frame for a house nearly on the site of the jail. On May 10, 1825, with his wife, two-year-old son, Lafayette, and step-daughter, Mary Ann Knight, aged 15, he returned and completed the house. This was the first tavern and was the stopping place of John Keating when on his annual visits. In 1825 he was accompanied by his daughter, Eulalia, and by his daughter-in-law. All traveled on horseback. The wheat which Mr. Cartee harvested was ground in a grist mill called the Red Mill, built in 1815 by Henry Dingman at the mouth of Dingman Run.



MARY ANN KNIGHT

In 1825 Timothy Ives Jr., was elected county treasurer. In May 1826, he, with his wife and daughter, Mary, seven months old, came from his home in Bingham Township on horseback by way of Andrews Settlement and boarded at the Cartee House while he erected a dwelling house on Second Street on the site of the First National Bank. He also built a small frame store on the southwest corner of East and Second Streets which faced East Street. His store goods were brought by wagon from New York City. Factory cloth was 50 cents per yard and other goods in proportion.

Michael Hinckle, who had married Nancy, only daughter of the pioneer, William Ayers, was the next to settle in Coudersport. He purchased what is now the Court House square,

erected a dwelling house on the southeast corner of it and a log blacksmith shop north of the house where he worked for several years. It is said that he made the nails used in the construction of the first Court House. On July 4, 1826, a child was born to this family, the first birth in the village, and the following January the mother's death was the first.

The first cemeteries were on the east side of Main Street, north of the river and on the east side of North Main Street, nearly opposite the Niles Hill Road.

In 1827 Versel Dickinson built the Hickory Tavern on the northeast corner of East and Second Streets, opposite the present jail. It was a square structure with square roof. In later years when this hostelry was remodeled and improved the original part was removed to the rear and used for a kitchen and other conveniences.

In 1844 it was purchased by Asa W. Lathrop whose predecessor was Miles Thompson. By degrees Mr. Dickinson purchased the west part of this square, paying only \$8 each for two of the lots. He built a store building on the northwest corner of the square and another one on East Street, midway between Second and Third Streets.

In 1827 Luther Strong came from Allegany County, New York, and purchased 117 acres of land extending from Seventh Street northward. On a site east of the Anchor Toy factory he built a saw mill and a grist mill. He sold the property for \$2500 to Julius Crittenden by deed on January 16, 1843.

Mr. Crittenden sold 87 acres of the original tract, together with the mill property, to Dr. O. T. Ellison for \$725, having disposed of the remainder for village lots in 1873.

Henry Crittenden built a mill at the mouth of Dump Hollow which is often confused with the Julius Crittenden Mills.

Luther Strong was assisted in building his mills by Nathan Cray who made a clearing on the top of west hill and built a house, but abandoned it when he discovered that the land had been allocated by John Keating for school purposes. The hill was called Cray Hill for many years.

In 1829 Dennis Hall built a large dwelling house on the northeast corner of East and Third Streets. It was the first house to have plastered rooms.

John Peet, who, in 1811 settled on the river road one half mile below Coudersport, was the first to act in the capacity of a preacher. He officiated at funerals and frequently read sermons or preached extemporaneously. In 1825 Father Conant, a Methodist missionary, living at what now is Westfield, Pa., came by way of Pine Creek and held services in the homes of the settlers.

In 1832 the Rev. Isaac C. Bliss organized a Presbyterian Church in Coudersport. Rev. Bliss was born in Warren, Mass., on August 28, 1804. Graduated from Amherst College in 1828 and prepared for the ministry at Auburn Theological Seminary. On March 21, 1831, he married Elizabeth St. John of Groton, N. Y., who soon died. In August, 1832, he was married to Emily Curtis of Elbridge, N. Y. He left Coudersport in February, 1833, and in 1834 held an appointment at Elba, N. Y. In 1836 he was

at Virgil, N. Y. He then served in the foreign mission field in the Hawaiian Islands until 1846 when he returned to the States and settled in Moline, Ill., where he died in 1851.

On Saturday, November 17, 1832, a few prospective Presbyterians gathered with Rev. Bliss in the common room of the Carter House. This room was about 20 feet wide and 22 feet long, furnished with crude benches and candle lighted. The following were examined as candidates for membership in the Presbyterian Church: Alexander Bishop, Elizabeth Taggart, Abigail Strong (wife of Luther Strong), Joel Ross, Eliza Ross, Anner Hall (wife of Dennis Hall Sr.), Asenath Hinckle, and Laura Clary. The following day these persons publicly professed their faith in God and a belief in the doctrines of the Bible and were organized into a church, receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by the Rev. Isaac Bliss.

The names of Mrs. Lydia Bellows (daughter of Isaac Lyman), and Mrs. A. L. (Prudence) McDougall were added on January 6, 1833. On February 24, Andrew Jackson Lyman, son of Mrs. Prudence McDougall was baptized. (He was the son of Dr. Harry and Prudence Lyman.)

In 1845 the Rev. David B. Brown, a young Scotchman, who, at the age of 20, had married a young Quakeress, Miss Alice Hill Pussey, of Philadelphia, took charge of the Presbyterian Church and continued its ministry until 1853 when he resigned and entered the foundry business in Coudersport.

There are no accurate records of the Methodist Church prior to 1840. It is said to have been organized in 1832 under the leadership of the Rev. Samuel Babcock. In 1840 the Rev. John Bowman came as resident pastor and remained two years. He had five predecessors and six successors before the Rev. B. Williams came in 1848.

On the original plan of Coudersport the public buildings were to have been on the square, bounded by Fourth, West, Third, and Hill Streets. Believing that East Street would become the principal street, the Commissioners purchased from Michael Hinckle, for \$16, his square on which, in 1835, a small stone Court House was erected. Timothy Ives Jr., and Almond Woodcock were the contractors and Cornelius Cannon did much of the stone work. The first court session was held in September of that year at which time Lewis B. Cole was admitted to the bar.

In May, 1904, Samuel Haven wrote: "I came to Potter County on the 20th of March, 1835, and began clerking in the store of Versel Dickinson." (On East Street, between Second and Third). "It was then the only store in operation in Potter County, the nearest ones being at Smethport, Ceres, Whitesville, Spring Mills, and Jersey Shore.

The following persons were then living in Coudersport: Michael Hinckle, wife and a hired man; Timothy Ives Jr., wife, father, and one daughter; Ebenezer McDougall, wife, and wife's son, Jackson Lyman; William Crosby, wife, two sons, and one daughter; Lewis B. Cole, wife, one son, and one daughter; Philander Bishop, mother, and two brothers; Dr. Daniel N. Hunt, wife, and one daughter; Louisa Andrews (sister of Mrs. Versel Dickinson and Mrs. Timothy Ives Jr.); Samuel Haven. . . .

"There were two public hotels, the Cartee House and the one nearly opposite, then called the Coudersport Hotel, and kept by Isaac Strait. Two unoccupied store buildings were owned by Timothy Ives and by Versel Dickinson. There were also store rooms in the Coudersport Hotel, in Major A. L. McDougall's house, on the northwest corner of Main and Third Streets, and in the house built by Dennis Hall. Besides these there were ten other dwellings in the town, two of which were vacant."

In 1837 Dennis Hall and Philander Bishop built a small tannery on the north side of the junction of East and Fifth Streets. In 1842 it was operated by Nathaniel L. Dike and Appleton Butterworth. In 1844 Samuel Thompson became the proprietor, having purchased it from Asa W. Lathrop.

The square, north of the Court House, was among the first to be cleared. On October 4, 1813, John Keating and Company for the sum of \$37 deeded it to Louis Hector de Mons D'Orbigny of Philadelphia. On May 22, 1838, D'Orbigny deeded it to David Wilmot for \$500. On September 23, 1839, by an order of the court of common pleas, Dennis Hall, Ansel Purple, and Samuel Haven were appointed trustees of the property of Randall Wilmot, father of David Wilmot, under a proceeding, of the nature of a domestic attachment, then pending in the court.

On September 28, 1840, the square, at public sale, was purchased for \$460 by James Hall and Robert T. Woodward of New York City. On November 4, 1842, by their attorney, Samuel P. Johnson of Warren, Pa., they deeded the square to David Wilmot for \$365. On December 16, 1843, he deeded the northeast and the southeast corner lots to Timothy Ives Jr., for \$450. In that year Mr. Ives erected, on the southeast lot a house of outstanding beauty, now the property of D. E. Jacobs, M. D.

In 1838 the merchants were Timothy Ives Jr., Wales C. Butterworth, John Snow, and Nelson and Daniel Clark; the latter firm was located on the west side of Main Street, on the second lot south of Fifth Street. In 1838 Lewis Southworth began the tailoring business in the store of Ives and Snow. At this time Mrs. Mary Ann Ross, nee Knight, entered into the same business.

Dr. Amos French, who located in Coudersport in 1838, was the first permanent resident physician. Dr. J. C. Billings was another early physician; he served as principal of the academy during the spring term of 1842.

An academy was built on Hill Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, John Snow being the contractor. It opened in February 1841, with Luke Green Maxson from Alfred as principal. In 1841 a district school was also opened on the north side of Fourth Street, a little more than half the distance from Main to West Street. Miss Arminda Maxson, sister of Luke Green Maxson, was the first teacher.

In 1842 a firm named Allen and Bishop operated a wool carding machine from June 1st to September 1st. The first millinery business was opened in 1842 by Mrs. Mary Kent, the widow of a Presbyterian minister. She also taught select school and sometimes in the district school.

On June 28, 1842, John S. Mann and Miss Mary Williams King, daughter of Hannah (Clendenon) and John King of Ceres, Pa., were married and came to Coudersport to make it their future abode. Both were of the Quaker faith and were strongly opposed to human slavery. They fought against it by every means within their power.

On behalf of the Central Committee of Potter County, John S. Mann called a meeting to be held in the Court House on July 4, 1843, at which time an anti-slavery or abolition political party was organized and candidates nominated for county offices. Thereafter nearly all the disunity among the citizens of Coudersport stemmed from the moral and political issues involved in the slavery question. These differences were not reconciled until April, 1861, when the opposing factions united in the common cause of the preservation of the United States of America.

The John S. Mann home has long been noted for being an underground railroad station. William W. Thompson, in his historical sketches (1825) wrote of having seen in the rear of the second floor of John S. Mann's store, a secret room for the concealment of fugitive slaves. It was entered by a camouflaged door in the outer wall from the roof of a one-story extension on the rear of the store.

In a letter of March 22, 1859, Mrs. Mary Mann wrote: "We have had two fugitives here this winter, one only a week ago last Sunday. A collection of \$9 was taken up in church for him. Charles Judd, about to set out for a missionary field in India, preached. When Rev. Rice introduced the slave, Mr. Judd said, 'Charity begins at home.' He and Rev. Rice put the first into the collection basket." This indicates that the entertainment of fugitive slaves was not always a matter of secrecy.

Among others who are known to have aided escaped slaves were Nelson Clark who lived two miles north of Coudersport, Joseph Mann at Millport and John King of Ceres. One slave spent an entire winter in the King home. Sala Stevens was another who worked on the "railroad" as the following letter, discovered by Judge Robert R. Lewis, will testify:

Sala Stevens, Coudersport, March 14, 1859

The bearer is a Gentleman from the South, now on his first trip to the North who likes this climate so well that he desires to send for his wife and children. And having been obliged to work all his life for nothing, is obliged to ask assistance from those who have been more fortunate. I trust you will render him such assistance as you can and send him on his way rejoicing.

Ever your friend, Jno. S. Mann"

In the summer of 1844 two Millerites visited Coudersport and endeavored to indoctrinate the inhabitants with their creed, viz., that the world would come to an end on a definite date revealed only to them. The Rev. John B. Pradt, principal of the academy and also an Episcopal missionary, refuted their arguments so decisively that they soon departed.

In 1845 William T. Jones built an ashery on the southwest corner of West and Second Streets near the foot of the hill. Eli

Rees was the contractor and Benjamin Rennells assisted in the construction. In this building water was drained through wood ashes producing a lye that was boiled until it became "black salts." These were then placed in hot ovens until they were partly bleached after which they were dissolved in clear water and again boiled down and bleached until the product was pure white. It was packed in barrels and shipped to the city where it was sold for 18 to 20 cents a pound and was used in the manufacture of saleratus (soda) and soap. This ashery produced from 15 to 20 barrels each season.

COUDERSPORT IN 1848

By Act of the State Legislature, approved on February 7, 1848, Coudersport was incorporated into a borough. Its limits extended north and south from Seventh Street to Allegheny Avenue and east and west from the Allegheny River to one square west of Hill Street. There were 40 dwellings and an approximate population of 200 persons.

At the first election, held on February 18, the following officers were elected: Burgess, Isaac Benson; Town Councilmen, Lemuel F. Maynard, Nathaniel N. Dike, Wales C. Butterworth and William T. Jones; Constable Leonard M. Howard; Street Commissioner, Appleton H. Butterworth. The following Board of Education was appointed to serve until the next election: Henry J. Olmsted, Isaac Benson, William W. McDougall, Abel Aldrich, James W. Smith and John S. Mann.

There were three taverns, five stores, a small tannery, a saw mill, a grist mill, a new foundry, a furniture and wagon shop, a gun shop, two printing offices, an academy, a district school, two resident physicians, two ministers of the gospel, five lawyers, and a fashionable tailor.



ISAAC BENSON

The Coudersport Hotel, built by William Caldwell in 1841, occupied the southwest corner of Main and Second Streets. Daniel Dewey had succeeded J. Dwight as proprietor. The Old Hickory Tavern was under the management of W. W. McClelland and who had rented it. Daniel Ellsworth kept a tavern in the house built by Timothy Ives on the south side of Second Street. He was a justice of the peace with an office in a wing of the house. A third tavern stood on the southwest corner of Main

and Fifth Streets, built by Nelson Clark, but was vacant. South of it was a store building also built by Nelson Clark.

William T. Jones and brother, Arch F. Jones, conducted a general store on the northwest corner of Main and Second Streets. The building was erected by William T. Jones in 1844. In 1847 Frank L. Jones and his brother, Charles S. Jones, and Aaron Storrs purchased from Versel Dickinson for \$1500 two lots and a store building on East Street, midway between Second and Third Streets. They sold general merchandise.

James W. Smith and Mica J. N. Haskins kept the store on the southwest corner of East and Second Streets. Timothy Ives and George Barclay were advertised as merchants but their location was not designated. Goods purchased in Philadelphia came by canals to Jersey Shore and were hauled over the Turnpike to Coudersport. Goods from New York were shipped on the Erie Canal to Dansville, N. Y., and brought from there by wagon.

In 1848, 270 tons of goods were hauled from the north. The tannery was closed but the saw mill and the grist mill were in operation by Julius Crittenden. John E. Edwards and Charles Sisson had "just established a foundry at the Crittenden Mills." John Reckhow and Edwin A. Jones, brother of Frank and Charles Jones, had a cabinet and wagon shop one door west of Dewey's Hotel. Albert Goodsell had a gun shop on the north side of Second Street, east of the bridge, where he manufactured and repaired fire arms.

The Potter County Journal office was in the front room on the second floor of a store building, the second building north of the corner of Main and Second Streets. The first floor was used for the storage of saddles of venison.

Asa W. Smith was principal of the academy and his wife, Caroline, was assistant. Dr. Amos French was practicing medicine, also Dr. Hiram S. Heath who recently had come from Whitesville, N. Y. Rev. David B. Brown was pastor of the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. B. Williams had charge of the Methodist pastorate. The five lawyers were Peter Martin, Wales Butterworth, Lemuel F. Maynard, John S. Mann, and Isaac Benson. Lewis Southworth, a tailor, had been in the business since 1838.

The small Court House, in the center of the public square, faced Main Street. The second floor was used for a court room, public meetings, and religious services. The latter usually began at 6:30, or "early candle lighting." A wooden addition on the rear was for the use of the sheriff and his family.

On the south side of East Second Street, on the east bank of the river, was a barn. On the north side of East Second Street, midway between the river and East Street, was a low wooden dwelling house. The store building of Versel Dickinson stood on the southeast corner of East and Third Streets.

Above the Dennis Hall house, on the southeast corner of East and Fourth Streets, was a dwelling built by Lemuel F. Maynard. It has since been moved farther down both streets and is still in use as a dwelling house. The tannery building, at the end of North East Street, was unoccupied. On the northeast corner of Main and Third Streets was a low building then

used as a dwelling. It faced Third Street and had a door opening on the Main Street side.

On the northeast corner of Main and Fourth Streets was a double house, built by Dr. Amos French, in which he resided. North of it was another house, built by him, known as the Galusha house. On the southeast corner of Main and Fifth Streets was a dwelling house in the process of construction. It was the property of Jonas Brown of Dansville, N. Y. On the northeast corner of Main and Sixth Streets was the home of Arch F. Jones, built by his brother, William T. Jones, in 1841. On the northeast corner of Main and Seventh Streets was Mrs. Mary Kent's residence which still occupies the site.

On the north side of the Niles Hill Road, near Main Street, was the home of Rev. David B. Brown. West of this and nearly opposite West Street, two or three hundred feet from the Niles Hill Road, was the dwelling of William Crosby. On the west side of Main Street, a short distance below the Niles Hill Road, the house of Eli Rees stood flush with the street. On the southwest corner of Main and Sixth Streets was the dwelling of Charles W. Cotter, editor of the Potter Pioneer.

On the southwest corner of Main and Fifth Streets was a two-story hotel and a store building, both having been built by Nelson Clark to whom the two lots were deeded by Lewis B. Cole in May, 1840, for \$60. John S. Mann and family occupied the house on the northwest corner of Main and Third Streets, having purchased it in 1846 for \$800 from some New York parties who had come into possession of it by means of a sheriff sale, authorized by the sheriff of McKean County.

The printing office of the Potter Pioneer and the post office were in the store of John S. Mann on the southwest corner of Main and Third Streets. The office of John Mann, J. P., father of John S., was also in this store.

The dwelling of Samuel Haven was on the west side of Main Street, midway between First and Second Streets; he had removed it from the public square where it had been built by Michael Hinckle. The office of F. B. Hamlin, attorney, built in 1836, was farther south on the second lot below First Street. On the northwest corner of West and Water Streets was the home of Jacob Reckhow, now standing on the south side of Water Street, west of the railroad track.

On the second lot above the northwest corner of West and First Streets were the foundation and frame of the Methodist parsonage and on the adjoining lot on the north was the home of C. Avlesworth. North of this, on the second lot above the corner of West and Second Streets was the home of Benjamin Rennells. Next to the hill, west of Rennells', was his blacksmith shop.

On the southwest corner of West and Third Streets was a cottage house; farther north on West Street, on the southwest corner of West and (unopened) Sixth Streets, was the house, known as "The Cottage," built by N. L. Dike. On the east side of West Street, between Second and Third Streets, were two small, unpainted houses and on the south side of Fifth Street, between Main and West Streets, were three small houses. Lewis B. Cole lived on the southeast corner of West and Fourth Streets.

Edwin Haskell came to Coudersport in 1848 and was employed in the office of the Potter County Journal. In later years he was its editor and publisher. The above described locations are from his reminiscences of 1898.

The following is a list of resident taxpayers in Coudersport in 1848: C. Aylesworth, wheelwright; A. Aldrich, mason; A. T. Aldrich, blacksmith; S. E. Alvord, single freeman; Appleton H. Butterworth, shoemaker; Wales C. Butterworth, attorney; Lucien Bell Jr., wheelwright; George A. Barclay, merchant; D. R. Bennett, Isaac Benson, attorney; E. W. Bishop, Seclinda Cartee, Charles B. Cotter, editor; Julius Crittenden, miller.

Lewis B. Cole, attorney and first representative from Potter County; N. L. Dike, Daniel Dewey, landlord; Versel Dickinson, D. F. Ellsworth (assessed \$50 for a gold watch), Amos French, physician; W. C. Gray, blacksmith; Mica J. N. Haskins and James W. Smith, merchants; John M. Hamilton, Bingham Land Agent; Lysander Herring, shoemaker; James Hawley, Samuel Haven, prothonotary; William Haven, C. B. Haven, Leonard M. Howard, Noble Howland, Edwin F. Jones, cabinet maker; Frank L. and Charles S. Jones, merchants.

Cyrenus Jones, artist; Arch F. Jones and William T. Jones, merchants; Timothy Ives, merchant, elected to State Senate in 1848; Horace Leet, John S. Mann, attorney and merchant; W. G. McClelland, landlord; John Mann, William W. McDougall, editor and printer; Lemuel F. Maynard, Henry J. Olmsted, student; C. R. Pratt and Nelson Peck, carpenters and joiners; David Ross, tanner; Jacob Reckhow, John B. Reckhow, carpenter; Benjamin Rennells, blacksmith.

C. D. Rogers, harness maker; Abiathar Rounselle, carpenter, joiner and wheelwright; Delos W. Spencer, grocer; Timothy Ives Jr., H. L. Simons, G. W. Strong, cabinet maker; Miles White, sheriff; A. G. Olmsted, Sobieski Ross, surveyor and land owner.

PIONEER FAMILIES OF COUDERSPORT

THE BENSON FAMILY

Isaac Benson, who had the honor of being the first to fill the office of Burgess, was born in Waterford, Erie county, Pa., June 8, 1817. He was admitted to the Erie county bar in 1844. On June 11, 1845, he located in Coudersport at which place he continued to live. In 1856 he was elected to the state legislature and in 1859 to the state senate.

On Dec. 14, 1857, he married Eugenia Laura, the only daughter of Pierre A. and Almira (Brundage) Stebbins of Coudersport. She was born at Hammondsport, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1832. Their only child, James Benson, was born on May 30, 1863. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and was admitted to the bar in June 1884. On Dec. 3, 1884, he married Miss Katherine J. Hodskin, daughter of Albert A. and Celina (Johnson) Hodskin of Coudersport. To them were born three daughters:

1. Eugenia Celina, b Feb. 3, 1886; m Jan. 5, 1909, to Lytle Flower Perry, b May 18, 1888, and who died in an automobile accident on Nov. 30, 1927. He was a lawyer, the son of the Rev. D. E. S. and Maude (Townley) Perry, rector of Christ Episco-

pal Church, 1908-1909. 2. Frances A. Benson, b Oct. 2, 1888. 3. Eloise Benson, b May 9, 1891; married May 29, 1918, to J. L. Cole of Batavia, N. Y.

The three children of Lytle and Eugenia (Benson) Perry are: 1. Katherine Maud, married on June 25, 1938, to Herbert Allen Dorfeld, hardware merchant of Coudersport. They have one child, William Gurney, born Nov. 10, 1941. 2. David Townley Perry, born Sept. 26, 1912, married Katherine Daugherty, daughter of Frank and Ina (Conable) Daugherty. Their children are: Franklin Lytle, born Jan. 25, 1939; Patricia Ayleen, born Jan. 30, 1941, and David Townley Jr., born Dec. 5, 1947. 3. Frances Eugenia Perry, born Sept. 30, 1924, married June 15, 1946, to James Harris Seymour. They have one child, Mary Eugenia, born June 30, 1947.

James Benson died May 30, 1896, and on March 8, 1899, his widow was married to Dr. Francis Gurney Reese, son of Dr. Charles Albert and Alice (Stamp) Reese. He was born at Sinemahoning, Pa., on April 4, 1870, and died at Coudersport on Dec. 4, 1942. One child was born to this union on July 8, 1900, Dr. Albert G. Reese, a practicing dentist, of Coudersport.

THE BUTTERWORTH FAMILY

Two brothers, Wales Cheney Butterworth, b Apr. 24, 1810, and Appleton Howard Butterworth, b Aug. 24, 1812, came from Springville, N. Y., and located in Coudersport in 1836. Their parents were Otis Butterworth, b Oc. 15, 1777, d Aug. 29, 1828, m March 25, 1798, Anna Cheney, b Apr. 21, 1777, d June 4, 1831. Otis Butterworth's great, great grandfather was Deacon John Butterworth who lived in Rehoboth, Mass., in 1643. He was one of the founders of the First Baptist Church at Swansea. His wife was Sarah.

Wales Cheney Butterworth was admitted to the Potter county bar in 1842, having studied law with Crosby Ellis, a Potter county lawyer. In 1840 he m Jane Wilmot. In 1852 he built a handsome residence on Main Street, the present site of the High School building which Randall Wilmot occupied for several years. He d at his farm home six miles east of Coudersport on the Cherry Springs Road, Sept. 11, 1854.

Their children: 1. Ida Butterworth, b Nov. 10, 1840, at Coudersport, d Sept. 25, 1906, at Titusville, Pa.; m Sept. 28, 1859, at Coudersport, by Rev. H. M. Rice, Thomas Sill Chase, b Nov. 17, 1832, d June 22, 1865. Was editor of the Potter County Journal from May 28, 1857, to March 21, 1861. They had one daughter, Jennie, b Feb. 14, 1864, m Nov. 17, 1895, Andrew Krost, of Rochester, N. Y. Ida (Butterworth) Chase m 2nd, Col. Edward Augustus Leonard Roberts of Titusville, Pa., on Apr. 8, 1867. He was b Apr. 13, 1829, at Moreau, Saratoga county, N. Y., son of Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus and Deborah (Brownell) Roberts. Their children: 1. Edward Roberts, b Aug. 30, 1869, d Aug. 1, 1871; 2. Elizabeth Churchill Roberts, b Apr. 3, 1871, m Apr. 23, 1902, John Herman Barnsley. Their two sons: 1. John Herman Barnsley Jr., b Mar. 15, 1903, d in Calicut, India, Oct. 26, 1925, employee of Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. 2. Edward Roberts Barnsley, b Aug. 15, 1906. Is one of the most widely known historians of Bucks county, Pa. Was

elected president of Bucks County Historical Society, Oc., 1941. m Dec. 31, 1943, to Ruth Elizabeth Cook Smith.

Col. E. A. L. Roberts d March 25, 1881, at Titusville; his widow m T. James Phillips Thomas, b June 27, 1841, d Mar. 26, 1924; Mrs. Thomas d Sept. 24, 1906, at Titusville.

2. Mary Louise Roberts, daughter of Robert and Ida Roberts, b Feb. 8, 1873; m Charles Ebert of Old Lyme. New London county, Conn. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, b Mar. 10, 1904.

2. Imogene Butterworth, b May 4, 1843, m Mar. 3, 1862, Isaac Canfield. 3. Louise Butterworth, b Sept. 9, 1844. m Dec. 24, 1866, Addison Randall of Chicago. 4. Josephine Butterworth, b Aug. 10, 1846, m June 28, 1870, Milton Powell at Sparta, Wisc. 5. Jennie Butterworth, b Sept. 7, 1852, d of diphtheria in Coudersport, Mar. 5, 1862.

Jane Butterworth, widow of Wales Butterworth, m 2nd, Feb. 10, 1862, in Coudersport, Lucius Bancroft of Sparta, Wisc. He d in May, 1875; she m 3rd, Oct. 20, 1880, Ralph Leete of Ironton, Ohio. She d in Titusville, Pa., Oct. 15, 1894.

Appleton Howard Butterworth married April 7, 1837, Mary Wilmot, daughter of Randall and Mary (Grant) Wilmot. Appleton was a shoemaker and, in 1849, completed the house on Main Street in Coudersport now standing directly north of the North Penn Gas Office. Here they kept a tavern for several years. Their children:

1. Ione Butterworth, b Jan. 19, 1838, d Jan. 1, 1918; m Nov. 25, 1866, Major George Washington Merrick, b in Wellsboro, Pa., March 27, 1838, a son of Israel and Julia Ann (Erway) Merrick. He was a Civil War Veteran and practiced law in Wellsboro for many years. He d at his home there Feb. 11, 1916. Their daughter, Louise Wilmot Merrick, b Jan. 3, 1869, m Nov. 4, 1897, George Brown Dusenberre, b at Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1865, d July 25, 1943. Four sons were born to them: 1. George Merrick, b Jan. 30, 1899; 2. Robert Kennedy Young, b June 20, 1900; 3. Henry Warner, b Jan. 1, 1902; 4. David Wilmot, b Mar. 4, 1907.

2. Lois Ann Butterworth, b Nov. 27, 1839, d Apr. 19, 1926; m Sept. 22, 1859, Hugh Young of Wellsboro, b in Killyleagh, Ireland, Dec. 14, 1832, d Oct. 20, 1912. Came to America in 1850. Was a twin brother of Thomas Young, Governor of Ohio.

3. Rosalind Butterworth, b Feb. 28, 1841, d May 17, 1844.

4. George Howard Butterworth, b Aug. 30, 1845, d July 11, 1930, m Myra Elizabeth Wunder of Cincinnati, Ohio. Their children: 1. Lillian Butterworth, b July 7, 1876, d Nov. 14, 1907; m Sept. 6, 1906, Hugh Carlyle Young (her cousin). 2. Mary Butterworth, b April 1, 1878. Lives in Wellsboro. 3. Lois Ione Butterworth, b Dec. 3, 1879, d Mar. 25, 1938; m Hugh Carlyle Young of Wellsboro on Oct. 4, 1916. 4. Thomas Young Butterworth, b Nov. 16, 1881. Lives in Scarsdale, N. Y. 5. George Howard Butterworth Jr., b May 6, 1892. Lives in Lancaster, Ohio.

5. Kate Butterworth, b Dec. 16, 1849, d Sept. 1, 1850.

6. David Wilmot Butterworth, b Apr. 5, 1852, d Apr. 30, 1901; m Nov. 17, 1875, Elizabeth Hartrick of Pickering, Ontario, Canada. Two children were born to them: 1. Kent But-

terworth, b July 1879; m Aug. 1, 1900, Winnie Erlbeck, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erlbeck; m 2nd, Minnie Jackman, June 30, 1903, at home of bride's mother, Mrs. William Lyman of Sweden Valley, Pa. 2. Ione Louise Butterworth, b Mar. 14, 1885, d May 14, 1935; m April 7, 1903, Boyd West Fowler of Carbondale, Pa. They had 4 children: Dean Wilmot, Hilton George, Imogene Louise, and Willis Darwin.

Mrs. D. W. Butterworth m 2nd, LaDrue Horton, b Oct. 18, 1853, d June 6, 1932. Mrs. Horton was b Jan. 24, 1857, and d Jan. 1, 1945, at Coudersport.

THE COLE FAMILY

Lewis Brigham Cole was the son of Royal Cole, a Revolutionary soldier who once resided at the present site of Colesburg, Potter county, which took its name from the family.

Lewis B. Cole was b July 18, 1806, in Otsego county, N. Y., where his youth was spent. Having lost an arm when about nine years old he was unable to perform manual labor. In 1832 he came to Coudersport and on March 11, 1834, m Miss Mary Bishop, b Nov. 10, 1814, d Aug. 8, 1853, daughter of Morris and Hannah Bishop. He was admitted to the bar in Sept., 1835, at the first term of court held in Potter county. He was the first county surveyor and surveyed the northern townships in 1838. In 1839 he was chosen the first state representative from Potter county. He held the office of commissioners' clerk for 25 years and was justice of the peace from 1850 until his death on Feb. 10, 1882.

Their children were: 1. Sarah Cole, b Feb. 25, 1835, d Jan. 24, 1879; m Aaron Robinson of Coudersport, son of Zalmon F. Robinson of Harrison Valley, Pa. He d Sept. 6, 1913, age 72. One son, Zalmon Robinson, was b to them.

2. Emily Cole, b Mar. 24, 1837, d July 28, 1839. 3. Edwin Royal Cole, b Feb. 23, 1839, d Sept. 10, 1839. 4. Lewis Burnum Cole, b Oct. 6, 1843, d Sept. 3, 1907. 5. Julia Cole, b June 16, 1853, d July 30, 1853.

4. Lewis Burnum Cole, m June 17, 1867, Delilah Koon, b Sept. 27, 1847, d March 28, 1925, daughter of Harrison and Nancy (Shay) Koon. Their children:

1. Blanche Cole, b Sept. 19, 1868. 2. Fred Burnum Cole, b Dec. 9, 1872, d Oct. 25, 1938. 3. William Burdette Cole, b May 17, 1874, d Jan. 25, 1933. 4. Charles Cole, b June 9, 1876.

3. William B. Cole m May 12, 1906, Mayme Erlbeck. Their children: 1. Frederick Cole, b May 27, 1907. 2. John Cole, b Oct. 7, 1909.

THE CROSBY FAMILY

William Crosby was b Nov. 1, 1801, in the town of Homer, Courtland county, N. Y., d July 13, 1867; m June 1, 1823, Lydia Hammond, b in Cazenovia, Madison county, N. Y., Mar. 30, 1802, d July 1, 1871. About 1828 William Crosby moved with his family to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm on the Sinnemahoning, known as the William Smith farm, about a mile above Bailey Run.

From there they came to Ayers Hill and removed to Cou-

dersport on Mar. 20, 1834, the day on which occurred the great wind storm that did so much damage in Potter county. It is recorded that water was blown from the mill pond at Lymansville and boards hurled for a distance of 30 miles. He later removed to what is now Homer township to which he gave the name of the town of his birth. He built and operated a small tannery on the Abel Crosby farm which joined on the north his own farm of one hundred acres.

Their children: 1. Abel U. Crosby, b July 23, 1825, d Sept. 27, 1878. 2. Samantha D. Crosby, b Aug. 5, 1830, d Feb. 18, 1880. Never married. 3. William Alonzo Crosby, b June 1, 1833, d May 28, 1904. 4. Orson Hammond Crosby, b Jan. 23, 1835, d Feb. 24, 1920. 5. Matthew Ostrander Crosby, b Aug. 25, 1838, d Jan. 10, 1862. of typhoid fever in Alexandria Hospital. 6. Benjamin Parker Crosby, b Feb. 1, 1842, d Apr. 22, 1915.

1. Abel Underhill Crosby m Dec. 25, 1849, Mary Evens, b Sept. 30, 1828, d Apr. 8, 1899. Their children were: 1. William Herbert, b Dec. 4, 1850. 2. Austin Hamlin, b July 31, 1852. 3. Orson Hammond, b July 31, 1852, (twins). 4. Jessie Angeline, b Dec. 18, 1856. 5. Lydia Chloe, b Apr. 14, 1861. 6. Elizabeth Bernice, b July 20, 1865. 7. Fred Ostrander, b Oct. 25, 1869, d Jan. 12, 1945.

3. William Alonzo Crosby m June 1, 1870, Susan Taggart, b Feb. 26, 1842, d Aug. 15, 1876. They had one daughter, Jennie, b April 8, 1875; m Robert R. Moody, Tulsa, Okla. On June 28, 1877, W. A. Crosby m Eugenia Willard by whom he had: 1. Myrtle, b Mar. 28, 1878, m Sept. 24, 1900, Charles G. Maynard. 2. Lyman Crosby, b Dec. 25, 1879, d Aug. 11, 1880. 3. Carl Crosby, b Nov. 22, 1881, d Jan. 1, 1933; m Feb. 25, 1908, Clara Scott. 4. Guy Crosby, b Feb. 2, 1883, m Nov. 22, 1911, Esther Keith. 5. Grace Crosby, b July 8, 1885.

William A. Crosby was elected county surveyor in 1872 and to the office of prothonotary in 1881. He built and occupied the second house above the northwest corner of Main and Fourth Streets.

4. Orson H. Crosby m Dec. 1, 1858, Chloe Armstrong, b Mar. 11, 1840, d Mar. 27, 1890. Their daughter, Kate, b Aug. 21, 1859, d Apr. 8, 1928; m Dec. 2, 1877, James Lorraine Haughenberry, b Feb. 25, 1854, d Apr. 3, 1902. Their children: 1. Edna, b Sept. 19, 1878, d Nov. 27, 1933; m Aug. 16, 1899, Charles Wolverton and had two children, Lorraine and Katherine. 2. Chloe, b June 16, 1880, d Oct. 6, 1926. 3. Elizabeth, b Jan. 24, 1884, d Feb. 9, 1944; m June 30, 1920, Walter Solderholm.

Orson Crosby followed the occupation of carpentry. Was elected to office of prothonotary in 1878 and three years later became deputy prothonotary. In 1874 he built and occupied the residence now standing on the southwest corner of Main and Fifth Streets.

THE CUSHING FAMILY

The Cushing family is of English descent and trace their line back to 1327. Matthew Cushing was baptized in Hardingham, Eng., Mar. 2, 1589, and d Sept. 30, 1660. On Aug. 5, 1613, he m Nazareth Pitcher, who was baptized Oct. 30, 1586, and d

Jan. 6, 1682. She was the daughter of Henry Pitcher. Matthew, with wife and five children, arrived in Boston on the ship, "Diligent," Aug. 10, 1638, and settled at what is now Hingham, Mass. One branch of the family settled in New York State and in 1835 removed to Ulysses township, Potter county. Lucas Cushing was the son of Leavitt and Chloe (Wilson) Cushing. The former was b in Rehoboth, Mass., Mar. 13, 1773; the latter in Vermont, Apr. 30, 1772. Lucas Cushing was b in Worcester, N. Y., May 19, 1802, d Sept. 27, 1876; m Sept. 4, 1823. Chloe Wood, b Nov. 16, 1805, d Aug. 25, 1880. Both are buried in Eulalia Cemtery.

In Jan., 1851, Lucas Cushing purchased at sheriff sale the property of Nelson Clark on the southwest corner of Main and Fifth Streets in Coudersport and opened what they called "The Temperance Hotel." By a deed dated Apr. 10, 1862, Mr. Cushing transferred this property to Orson H. Crosby for \$450.00, and by deed dated May 20, 1865, became the owner of the northwest and southwest lots on the Wilmot Square, for the sum of \$800.00. In the house, built by Appleton Butterworth in 1849, now standing, the couple spent the remainder of their lives. In this house, in April, 1869, was organized the First Baptist Church of Coudersport.

Their children: 1. Ansel, b July 21, 1825, d July 28, 1825. 2. Evelena T., b at Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1826, m at Ulysses, Pa., May 14, 1846, Henry J. Olmsted, d Jan. 26, 1908. 3. Chauncey G., b in Berkshire, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1828, d Sept. 12, 1877; m at Ulysses, Mar. 10, 1850, Sarah E. Olmsted, b June 15, 1830, d June 25, 1916. She was a daughter of Daniel and Lucy Ann (Schofield) Olmsted. They had one child, Kate, b June 28, 1852, d Aug. 13, 1927; m Apr. 28, 1874, Carlos A. Lewis, b Mar. 22, 1850, d Feb. 6, 1937, son of Crayton and Caroline (Hinman) Lewis. They had two sons, Irving C., b Jan. 12, 1876, d June 21, 1918, and Arch C., b Mar. 15, 1881, m Winifred Beckley, Apr. 26, 1913.

4. Lydia Cushing, b in Canisteo, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1835, m Aug. 29, 1854, Daniel Edward Olmsted, b May 30, 1832, d Dec. 29, 1900, son of Daniel and Lucy Ann (Schofield) Olmsted. Their children: 1. Estelle, b Sept. 3, 1885, m Rev. Charles E. Creager. 2. Marion T., b Nov. 13, 1853, 3. Laura Jeanette, b Nov. 16, 1860, d Aug. 15, 1864.

THE DENT FAMILY

Henry Hatch Dent was b in Charles county, Md., Feb. 11, 1815. He was graduated from Yale College and studied law under Francis Scott Key. In Sept. 1841, he m Anna Maria Adlum, daughter of John and Margaret Adlum, the latter was b in Frederick, Md. John Adlum was b in York, Pa. His commission as Major, signed by President John Quincy Adams, is still in the possession of the family.

Major John Adlum was surveyor for William Bingham and received payment in a large percentage of the lands which he surveyed. From her father, Mrs. Dent, together with her sister, Margaret (Adlum) Barber, inherited large tracts of land in Potter and Tioga counties which at her death passed to her husband and children: 1. Margaret Katherine, b Aug. 1842, d Aug., 1917. 2. William, b June, 1845, d May, 1900. 3. Adlumnia,

b Mar. 10, 1847, d Feb. 19, 1925; m the Rev. McBride Sterrett.
4. Anna Maria Adlum, b Jan. 30, 1849, d Sept. 10, 1920; m
Thomas Hull, Dec. 12, 1876.

With his mother, Mrs. Catherine Dent, and his four children, Mr. Dent located in Coudersport in 1853. His generosity was manifested in many ways, one of which was the gift of the town clock, Aug., 1854. His politics and southern attitude toward slavery caused a great deal of friction between himself and the anti-slavery element of the village.

On Apr. 24, 1860, his mother died at the age of 71. Her remains were taken to Maryland for interment. In 1863 Mr. Dent established a home at what is now Brookland which he made beautiful by landscaping and other improvements. In Dec., 1871, he went to Baltimore for medical treatment, where he died Nov. 19, 1872. Mrs. Thomas Hull built All Saints' Church at Brookland in memory of Henry Hatch Dent, the corner stone of which was laid on July 2, 1888.

THE HAMILTON FAMILY

John M. Hamilton was b in Philadelphia in 1814 and d in Coudersport, Feb. 19, 1887. He was m to Elizabeth Flannagan of Philadelphia, b July 3, 1817, d Mar. 20, 1904, age 87. She was a daughter of Capt. Patrick Flannagan. Their children:

1. Ella Gertrude Hamilton, d Aug. 29, 1875. 2. Stephen Hamilton, b Aug. 14, 1843, d May 30, 1932. 3. Clara Hamilton, b July 31, 1847, d Apr. 30, 1915. 4. Lucy Hamilton, b June 3, 1849. 5. Walter Hamilton.

2. Stephen Hamilton m Oct. 25, 1866, Sarah Katherine Lemmon, b Feb. 9, 1843, d June 17, 1932. They had two daughters, Elizabeth Hamilton, b Sept. 24, 1880; m Francis Beach. 2. Helen Hamilton, b Aug. 1876; m Herman Fere in the 90's; m 2nd, John Albin Radcliff in Feb. 1925. Stephen Hamilton was employed in the pension bureau at Washington, D. C., for many years. He died from injuries caused by being struck by an automobile.

3. Clara Hamilton m Dec. 1, 1879, Martin Joerg, b at Belleville, Ill., Nov. 10, 1852, d at his home in Coudersport, Jan. 16, 1913. He was the son of Dr. Edward Joerg, who came to Potter county in 1853 at the insistence of Ole Bull as attending physician to his Norwegian Colony. Martin Joerg lived at Kettle Creek until 1891 when the family came to Coudersport. Their children: 1. Laura Joerg, b Sept. 6, 1880, m Dec. 26, 1903, in Cuba to Ivins Harvey. They had one child, Marguerite Harvey, b Sept. 26, 1904, in Havana, Cuba; m Apr. 20, 1926, Morrow A. Blackburn. On Aug. 7, 1936, she m Julian L. Brannan of Baltimore. She has three daughters. Mrs. Laura Harvey m 2nd, May 24, 1917, George B. Davis of Martinsburg, W. Va. 2. Walter Joerg, b Apr. 3, 1883, d Sept. 22, 1937; m Apr. 22, 1914, Edith House. Was druggist in Olean. Had two children: Edith Marie, b Aug. 7, 1918, and Walter Edward, b Sept. 10, 1925. 3. Rudolph Joerg, b Oct. 24, 1890, was accidentally drowned in Canada, Aug. 8, 1911.

4. Lucy Hamilton, m Oct. 25, 1887, Dr. William P. Moon, Civil War surgeon. He died in a Veterans' Hospital in Philadelphia, Oct. 1, 1913.

5. Walter Hamilton resided in Philadelphia and d there Mar. 27, 1891.

John Hamilton, who had received appointment as agent for the Bingham Estate, came with his wife and three eldest children in a schooner wagon from Philadelphia to Coudersport where they arrived on Dec., 1847. They first occupied the "Cottage" on West Hill, later moving into the hotel building on the southwest corner of Main and Fifth Streets where Lucy was born. They next occupied an old house which stood between the present site of the P. O. and the present home of W. F. DuBois, moving from there to the little cottage, now a part of the house on the northeast corner of Main and Seventh Streets.

In May, 1856, Mr. Hamilton contracted with William Herrod for the erection of an octagon brick dwelling house directly north of the above mentioned house. The basement contained a kitchen and dining room as well as several others for servants' use. The entire house was most beautifully furnished in the taste of cultured refinement. The family were ardent Baptists and were largely responsible for the organization of the First Baptist Church in Coudersport in 1869 and for the building of the Baptist Chapel in 1874.

THE HASKELL FAMILY

Edwin Haskell was born at Richford, Tioga county, Pa., on Feb. 3, 1829, the oldest son of Peter and Myra (Olney) Haskell. In 1833 the Haskells, with their children, Cordelia, Edwin, and Asa, came by ox team to what is now Brokland, Pa., where they made a clearing and built a home. After three years they returned to their former home.

In 1848 Edwin Haskell came to Coudersport and found employment in the office of the Potter County Journal. He also attended the academy where his admiration for Miss Laura A. Cannon, a student, led to their marriage on May 5, 1852. That year Mr. Haskell severed his connection with the Journal which he had edited and published in association with John S. Mann and removed to Waterford, Pa.

In 1859 he purchased and cleared a tract of land at Colesburg. In 1876, he rented the adjoining farm of Samuel Mills and conducted the Allegany Hotel which was located on the northwest corner of the junction of the River Road and Andrews Settlement Road. In 1882 he removed to Coudersport to fill the office of county treasurer; in January, 1883, he purchased a half interest in the Potter County Journal with which he was associated until his death which occurred on Jan. 17, 1912. Mrs. Laura Haskell died very suddenly at her home in Coudersport on July 5, 1896, in her 68th year.

Their children were: Edith Haskell, born March 30, 1862; married May 11, 1886. Mahlon J. Colcord, born July 4, 1853, died Feb. 28, 1940, son of David Dickinson and Sarah (Peet) Colcord. M. J. Colcord studied law and in 1894 became a partner with his father-in-law in the publication of the Potter County Journal; he continued association with the editorship and publication until he sold it in 1936 to Nelson E. Barton.

Their children: 1. David Harold Colcord, born May 4, 1889, married July 28, 1914, Florence Stinchcomb of Marshall, Mich.

They have two daughters, Florence and Mary. 2. Marion Colcord, born Dec. 30, 1890, married July 6, 1929, Edward Allen Brauer of Illinois. 3. Alice Belle Colcord, born Sept. 13, 1895, married Sept. 1, 1923, Reginald Shenton of Falls Creek, Pa. They have four children, Marion, Dorothy, David and Betty Lou. 4. Edwin Haskell Colcord, born Feb. 13, 1900, married first, Apr. 17, 1920, Carol Velej, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Velej; second, May 28, 1926, Beatrice Irwin; they have two daughters, Constance and June.

2. Belle Haskell was born July 31, 1864, married Jan. 12, 1905, Sanford Halsey Lewis, born July 16, 1844, died June 8, 1932. He was born at Trumansburg, Tompkins county, N. Y., the youngest son of Dr. Justus and Lucinda (Deake) Lewis. He was a 33 Mason and was largely responsible for the organization of the Coudersport Consistory.

THE HAVEN FAMILY

Samuel Haven, who located in Coudersport in 1835, had a long line of distinguished colonial ancestors, one of whom was Thomas Dudley, Deputy Governor of Massachusetts in 1830. The parents of Samuel Haven were: William Haven, born July 30, 1770, in Portsmouth, N. H., died July 25, 1856, and Sophia Henderson, born in the same place, Dec. 13, 1875, died May 11, 1879. They were married in 1807 and had twelve children.

Samuel was the fifth child and was born in Portsmouth on March 21, 1815, died Jan. 28, 1911; married Aug. 11, 1836, Ann Churchill, born at Albany, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1819, died Oct. 10, 1884. They had four children: 1. Charlotte Ann Haven, born on June 10, 1838, died at Wellsboro, Dec. 8, 1926; married Devillo A. Stowell, born June 9, 1832, died Apr. 18, 1891. 2. William Roscoe Haven, born March 9, 1840, died Sept. 5, 1905; married July 3, 1861, Narissa Wood of Lymansville, Pa., born 1838, died 1904. They lived in Buffalo, had no children.

3. Augusta Isabella Haven, born July 27, 1843, died April 3, 1929; married first on Oct. 21, 1864, Sobieski Ross, born June 16, 1828, died Oct. 24, 1877. They had one son, Thomas Haven Ross, born Aug. 9, 1865, married Aug. 18, 1886, Elizabeth Allan, born July 19, 1868, in Scotland. They had two children. Mrs. Augusta Isabella Ross married the second time on Dec. 1, 1893, James B. Hunter of Cato, N. Y., born 1842, died Feb. 1914.

4. Sophia Louise Haven, born July 15, 1845, died Aug. 28, 1930; married Jan. 10, 1872, Daniel F. Glassmire, Jr., of Coudersport. He was born in Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 22, 1847, died on Dec. 5, 1893. He was proprietor of the Coudersport Hotel for many years. Their children: 1. Samuel Haven Glassmire, born Aug. 22, 1873, married July 26, 1919, Zoe A. Doering, born Dec. 26, 1892. They have one child. 2. Harry Martin Glassmire, born Dec. 8, 1875, married Nov. 27, 1901, Jeanette Jordan, born Jan. 4, 1878, at Emporia, Kansas. They have one child. 3. Daniel Faygar Glassmire, III, born Sept. 17, 1884, married on Oct. 9, 1911, Jeanette Charlotte Schumacher, born Nov. 19, 1892, at Germania, Pa. Children: Jeanette Charlotte, born Apr. 16, 1912; Daniel Faygar, IV, born Aug. 27, 1913; Eloise Mary, born Nov. 29, 1914; John Earl Glassmire, born May 25, 1916; Walter Nathaniel, born Jan. 21, 1926.

THE KNOX FAMILY

1. William Knox, b 1709, d 1794. 2. Adam Knox, son of William, b 1723; m Mollie Campbell, 1761 (2nd wife). 3. William Knox, son of Adam, b 1768; m Margaret Colton, 1790. 4. James Knox, son of William, b Mar. 1800, d 1880; m Ann Faulkner, b Sept. 26, 1798, in Otsego county, N. Y., d 1876. 5. Franklin William Knox, son of James, b Mar. 8, 1824, d Nov. 16, 1891.

His grandfather was appointed commissioner by the state of Connecticut to erect a series of block houses to hold disputed territory between the Delaware River and the lakes of New York. In the block house in Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pa., F. W. Knox was born, his father, James Knox, having been born in the same house 24 years before.

F. W. Knox attended select schools at Knoxville, Pa., the Wellshoro Academy, and was graduated from Alfred University in 1847. That year he was principal of the Coudersport Academy. He was also principal of the Whitesville school one year. Studied law in the office of John C. Knox of Wellsboro and with attorney James Lowrey was admitted to the Tioga bar, Sept., 1850. In Feb. 1851, opened a law office in Coudersport located over the store of William T. Jones, northwest corner of Main and Second Streets. In 1874 assisted W. W. Thompson in establishing the Potter Enterprise. Was connected with the building of the railroad from Buffalo to Emporium and in building the C. & P. A. Railroad.

In 1848, F. W. Knox m Janet Rathbone of Wellsville, N. Y. She was b May 25, 1827, at Burlington, Pa., d 1852. Two sons were born to them: 1. Oscar Dewitt Knox, b at Knoxville, Pa., Oct. 23, 1849, d Mar. 11, 1885; m Mary Louise Wambold, daughter of David Wambold of Coudersport. Removed to Bolivar, Mo., where he practiced law. Died there. His widow, with four daughters, returned to Coudersport where F. W. Knox built for them a home on Allegheny Ave., now the property of Carl L. Dewey. Mrs. Knox m Sept. 27, 1904, Judge James G. Simpson of Bolivar, Mo. Died Aug. 26, 1919, while on a visit east. Her sisters were Mrs. Hattie Maginley and Mrs. Addie Rounsville. Children: 1. Jeanette Olive, b Oct. 15, 1872. 2. Josephine Rhoda, b Jan. 17, 1875; m Apr. 8, 1914, L. E. Halsey of Hornell, N. Y. 3. Nora Florence, b Nov. 12, 1876, m , Walter F. Sanford of Jamestown, N. Y. 4. Nettie, b Oct. 25, 1878, m Judge J. G. Simpson, her step-father, May 16, 1920.

2. James Lowrey Knox, b Sept. 26, 1851. Graduated from Ursinus College. Admitted to bar in 1874. District Atty. in 1877; m Sept. 30, 1874, Fannie Abigail Hodskin, daughter of Albert and Celina (Johnson) Hodskin of Coudersport. James L. Knox d Oct. 31, 1929. Fannie Knox, b Feb. 6, 1853, d Oct. 25, 1944. One son, Rathbone Albert Knox, was b Aug. 9, 1882, d Sept. 24, 1939; m Feb. 7, 1905, Lucy Hay Butler. Their only son, James Butler Knox, was b Aug. 20, 1908, d Jan 7, 1938.

F. W. Knox m 2nd in 1854, Katherine Johnson, daughter of Capt. Cyrus and Abigail Johnson and a sister of Maria (Mrs. Charles S. Jones) and of Celina (Mrs. Albert Hodskin), both of Coudersport. She was b Sept. 29, 1821, at Lisle, N. Y., and d June 9, 1869. Their children: 1. Nettie Knox, b Apr. 21, 1856; m May 9, 1877, Conrad Hollenbeck, b in Hebron township, Pot-

ter county, in 1848, d Jan. 20, 1915. Made their home in Fremont, Neb., where Mr. Hollenbeck practiced law and where Mrs. Hollenbeck d Feb. 14, 1927.

In 1888 she came to Coudersport, and opened a millinery business which she sold to Miss A. Blanche Cummings in 1894 and returned to Fremont. Their two children were: 1. Frank Knox Hollenbeck, a lawyer in Fremont, b June 18, 1878, d Apr. 26, 1931, leaving a wife and six children. 2. Oscar Knox Lowery Hollenbeck, b Sept. 13, 1884. Died in infancy.

2. Johnnie Knox, son of F. W. and Katherine Knox, b 1858, d 1860.

F. W. Knox m 3rd, Mrs. Annie Wakeman Dimmick, Mar. 8, 1870, daughter of Gen. B. Wakeman of Laceyville, Pa. She was b in 1827 and d May 3, 1875. No children.

On June 20, 1877, F. W. Knox was m to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Dickinson in the North Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, N. Y., by the Rev. Wolcott Calkins. She was the daughter of William Dickinson of Hornby, N. Y., and was b Nov. 9, 1840, d June 9, 1887. Their two children were: 1. Katherine Knox, b July 13, 1878. 2. Franklin Dickinson Knox, b July 12, 1880. Katherine Knox m Sept. 6, 1905, James Garfield Covey, son of John and Elsie (Ashley) Covey, b Dec. 12, 1879, d July 11, 1930, in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and for several years preceding his death was secretary of the Coudersport Masonic Consistory. Their children: 1. John Knox Covey, b Aug. 25, 1906. 2. Elizabeth Ashley Covey, b Jan. 30, 1908. 3. James Franklin Covey, b Mar. 30, 1911. 4. Francis Dickinson Covey, b Sept. 7, 1915.

Franklin Dickinson Knox m Mar. 7, 1905, Mildred Carolyn Stevens, daughter of Irving and Anna Stevens of Coudersport. Their children: 1. Phyllis Elizabeth Knox, b Dec. 10, 1905. 2. Rachel Stevens Knox, b Mar. 27, 1908. 3. Gretchen Louise Knox, b Oct. 6, 1915.

In 1889 F. W. Knox m 5th, Mrs. Carrie Binckley, b 1857, d 1897.

THE MANN FAMILY

The children of John Mann and Lydia (Battin) Mann were: 1. Levi, b Sept. 7, 1782. 2. John Jr., b Aug. 21, 1784. 3. Lydia, b July 18, 1786. 4. Mary, b Mar. 20, 1788. 5. Abigail, b July 9, 1790. 6. Margaret, b Sept. 24, 1792. 7. Issahar, b Dec. 25, 1794.

2. John Mann Jr., was married to Mary Smith, daughter of James and Smith, April 13, 1808. Their children: 1. Joseph Mann, b Oct. 8, 1810, d Feb. 18, 1884. 2. Lewis Mann, b Oct. 1, 1813. 3. John S. Mann, b Feb. 29, 1816. 4 Parvin Mann, b May 11, 1817. Mrs. Mary (Smith) Mann, wife of John Mann Jr., d May 29, 1817. On Apr. 29, 1819, John Mann Jr., m Sarah Lord, daughter of John and Rebecca Lord of West Fallowfield county, Pa. The marriage ceremony was in accordance with the Quaker custom. She d in Coudersport, Oct. 25, 1851, in her 59th year.

In 1824 John Mann Jr., removed to Susquehanna county and established a boarding school in which some of his sons later became teachers. The place was known as "Mannington." In

1844 he accepted the position of teacher of mathematics in the Coudersport Academy of which the Rev. John B. Pradt was principal. Mr. Mann was justice of the peace for several years and d in Coudersport, Oct. 25, 1855, in his 72nd year.

Joseph Mann m Harriett Porter of Choconut Square, Susquehanna county, in 1833. In 1838 he came to Ceres, Pa., where he became surveyor for McKean and Potter counties. On Apr. 1, 1841, he m Eloisa Adaline Dutton. She died in Coudersport Mar. 11, 1881, age 64 yrs., 3 mos., and 10 days.

In 1846 they removed to Coudersport and later that year to Millport where Mr. Mann took charge of the Newbold Lumbering Co. Was elected Asso. Judge in 1851 and re-elected in 1856. They returned to Coudersport in 1866 and Mr. Mann engaged in mercantile business. June 25, 1868, he purchased from John B. Smith the square bounded by Allegheny Ave., Cartee, Oak, and Borie Streets on which Smith had erected a brick dwelling in 1863.

Their daughter, Mary Eloise Mann, was b Jan. 15, 1844, and d Dec. 15, 1928. On Oct. 10, 1867, she m Pierre Augustus Stebbins, son of Pierre Alonzo and Almira (Brundage) Stebbins, b Feb. 10, 1837, at Hammondsport, N. Y., d Sept. 15, 1909. Pierre A. Stebbins was a direct descendant of Rowland and Sarah (Whitney) Stebbins, b in England, 1594, m 1618, d Dec. 14, 1674, at Northampton, Mass., the town which he and William Pyncheon founded.

Pierre Alonzo Stebbins was elected sheriff of Potter county on Oct. 11, 1853, and soon afterward removed from Ulysses to Coudersport. He served from Jan., 1854, to Jan. 1857. He entered the mercantile business in 1858, his first advertisement of goods appearing on Sept. 16 of that year. He was later associated in business with his son, Pierre Augustus, who, with his brother, Charles A. Stebbins, carried on the business many years in the "Corner Store," northwest corner of Main and Second Streets. Children of Pierre Augustus and Mary Mann Stebbins: 1. Katherine Lucille Stebbins, b Aug. 2, 1876, d Aug. 14, 1897. 2. Eloise Mann Stebbins, b May 8, 1870, d Oct. 14, 1937; m Sept. 26, 1893, to John Walter Wells, son of Walter and Sarah (Lyman) Wells. Their children: 1. Lucille, (Mrs. Howard N. Schutt), Katherine (Mrs. H. V. Hollingsworth Pett), and Walter Pierre Wells.

2. Lewis Mann m Mary Ellen Russell. In 1844 he was elected state representative and again in 1858. He was the first Republican postmaster in Coudersport, being appointed by President Lincoln in June, 1861. In August of that year he received an appointment to a position in the U. S. Treasury which he held until his death.

3. John S. Mann was b at London Grove, Chester county, Pa., of Quaker parentage. In 1835 he came to McKean county and engaged in teaching and surveying. He returned to Susquehanna county to study law with Judge Jessup of Montrose. In the winter of 1840-41 he taught school in Olean and in March of that year came to Coudersport and studied law in the office of Crosby Ellis. He was admitted to practice law in 1842. On June 28, 1842, he m at Ceres, Pa., Miss Mary Williams King, b Jan. 15, 1820, d Jan. 16, 1899, daughter of John and Hannah

(Clendenon) King. John King was b at Bridgeport, Dover, Eng., Aug. 9, 1784, and d at Ceres. He was the eldest son of Francis King of Somersetshire, England, who d in Ceres, Pa., Sept. 9, 1814. and Catherine Kenway of Dorsetshire, England, who d Nov. 1801, in Ceres, Pa. They had nine children, the four eldest born in England.

In 1795 the family came to Philadelphia and shortly afterward settled at Asylum, Bradford county, Pa. In 1796 Francis King, who was a surveyor, was engaged by John Keating to explore and make reports of some lands in northern Pennsylvania in a contemplated purchase by the Ceres Land Company. Influenced by the favorable report, the land was purchased Dec. 21, 1796. Francis King was engaged by John Keating to become a resident agent for these lands and in the spring of 1798 he brought his family to what is now the village of Ceres, Pa., the first family to settle at that place.

The parents of Hannah King were Robert Clendenon of Christian Hundred, b Apr. 28, 1779, and Elizabeth Battin of East Marlborough. Both were of the Quaker faith. Their children: 1. Phebe Clendenon. 2. Sarah Clendenon, b Nov. 27, 1785, d Aug. 7, 1879. 3. Hannah Clendenon, b Mar. 3, 1789, d Nov., 1861, m John King. 4. Rachel, b in Delaware, 1794, d 1856, never married. 5. Abigail Clendenon, b Jan. 7, 1795, d Oct. 18, 1844, m Asahel Wright. 6. Lydia Clendenon, b Feb. 20, 1798, d Feb. 3, 1878, m Henry Chevalier in 1835. He was b in Switzerland, Sept. 11, 1801, d June 15, 1892. 7. Isaac Clendenon.

In the early spring of 1812 Robert Clendenon, wife and two daughters, Hannah and Lydia, came from their home near Philadelphia to take charge of a Friend Mission on the Allegheny River in western N. Y. John King and Hannah Clendenon were married in East Marlborough township, Chester county, Pa., on Apr. 4, 1817, according to the Quaker marriage custom.

John S. Mann brought his bride to Coudersport where they established their home. Mr. Mann conducted a general store and in 1850 became editor of the Potter County Journal. He was state representative during 66-68-71 and was influential in the passage of the Potter County Prohibitory Liquor Act of Apr., 1866, which was in force until repealed in Apr., 1899. Mr. Mann was a strong Abolitionist and frequently provided shelter and escort for fugitive slaves. He built a very handsome residence on the northwest corner of Main and Third Streets which the family first occupied in July, 1857.

Children: 1. Arthur Birney Mann, b Dec. 1, 1843, d Apr. 22, 1936. 2. Cora Eloisa Mann, b Feb. 24, 1846, d Nov. 8, 1899. Arthur Mann was Second Lieut. in the Civil War and for several years was pension agent in Potter county. He also engaged in law practice and insurance business. On Jan. 20, 1866, he m Marbrie Jane Hopkins, b Apr. 29, 1843, at Tyrone, N. Y., d Aug. 20, 1905, daughter of Edward Howell and Teresa (Foster) Hopkins, who at one time kept the hotel at Wharton, Pa. Their only child was Nora Mann, b Feb. 9, 1868, d June 27, 1940; m Sept. 12, 1888, to Samuel Hartwell, b Jan. 23, 1868, at Sherburne Four Corners, N. Y., d in Coudersport, June 14, 1934, eldest son of Edward and Matilda (Bentley) Hartwell. Their children: 1. Arthur Lynn Hartwell, b Dec. 10, 1895, d Feb. 8, 1941; m Feb. 1, 1917, Vera Rees of Austin, Pa., b Jan. 15, 1897, daugh-

ter of Oscar and Melissa (Hackett) Rees. Their three children: 1. Ferda Lynn. 2. Glendolyn. 3. Samuel Allen. 2. Helen Marbrie Hartwell, b Aug 30, 1907; m Sept; 19, 1932, Benn Floyd Goodrich, b at Roulette, Pa., Sept. 13, 1910. They have one daughter, Marbrie Ellen Goodrich, b Apr. 23, 1936.

2. Cora Eloisa Mann m Sept. 30, 1868, Melville Sirrilus Thompson, b in Chenango county, N. Y., 1839. Was brother of Z. J. Thompson. They adopted two of Mr. Thompson's nieces, Marcia, who m William Stevens, and Marion, who m Louis Stocum.

THE METZGER FAMILY

Francis L. Metzger, b Apr. 9, 1795, d Apr. 25, 1853; m Margaret Cook in 1815. She was born in Berks county in February, 1790, and d May 21, 1874. They came from their home in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1825 and located on a farm a few miles west of Galeton on what is now Route 6 where they kept what was termed "The Halfway House," being about half way between Coudersport and Wellsboro.

Their children: 1. William Hayes Metzger, b July 11, 1817, d July 19, 1881. 2. Aaron Metzger, b Oct. 19, 1819, d Feb. 14, 1879. 3. Margaret Metzger, b Oct. 8, 1821, d Sept. 24, 1822. 4. Christiana A. Metzger, b Nov. 28, 1823, d Mar. 14, 1892. 5. Elizabeth Metzger, b Apr. 27, 1826, d Feb. 29, 1892. 6. Mercy Metzger, b Sept. 7, 1828, d Dec. 7, 1832. 7. Francis Metzger, b Dec. 30, 1830, d in Wisconsin, Mar. 14, 1872. 8. John Metzger, b June 27, 1835, d Apr. 3, 1915.

William Hayes Metzger located in Hebron on what is known as the Hemphill farm where in 1843 he erected the first steam saw mill in Potter county. In the summer of 1855 he built for his residence the house at 601 N. West Street. In this house G. Stanley Hall lived with the family when he filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church during the summer of 1869. On Dec. 25, 1845, William H. Metzger was m to Pamilla Coolidge, a relative of President Coolidge. She was b May 16, 1820, and d May 18, 1882. Their children were: 1. Margaret Pamilla, b Oct. 25, 1844, m July 13, 1864, Theodore Cobb of Spring Mills, N. Y. 2. Francis A., died young. 3. William M., b Sept. 25, 1849, d Sept. 7, 1899; m 1887, Elizabeth Bitting. In 1872 she m Wesley Berfield of Wharton, by whom she had one son, Walter Berfield. She was b in Reading, Pa., Sept. 21, 1852, and d in Coudersport, Dec. 19, 1897. 4. Owen Goodman, b Feb. 23, 1853, d July 30, 1938; m Dec. 25, 1874, Phebe, daughter of D. D. McGee of Bradford county. She was b at Wyalusing, Pa., Sept. 11, 1847, and d June 6, 1928. Their children: 1. Stanley Metzger, b Sept. 14, 1876; m Olive Mosch, b June 11, 1886, d Sept. 29, 1942. 2. Elsie, b June 15, 1878, m Edward F. Effinger of Rochester, N. Y., who d in 1940. 3. Frank Metzger, b Dec. 26, 1879, d Oct. 19, 1942, in Springfield, Mo. 4. Alice Metzger, b Oct. 25, 1881.

4. Christiana A. Metzger opened a millinery shop on the present site of 503 Main Street. Later she occupied the house on the southeast corner of East and Fourth Streets and afterward purchased the building built by Delos W. Spencer in 1851, west of the old M. E. Church on Third Street and carried on her business there until her death.

5. Elizabeth Metzger m Russel M. Niles at Coudersport, Sept. 18, 1851, by the Rev. D. B. Brown, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Russel was the son of Barak and Lucy W. Niles who came to Potter county from Cincinnati, Cortland county, N. Y., in 1846. Barak d Nov. 17, 1869, and his widow, Lucy, d Feb. 17, 1874, in her 78th year, at the home of her son, Russel Niles.

Children of Barak and Lucy W. Niles: 1. Rossiter Niles, b Dec. 24, 1819, d March 9, 1848. 2. Cephas Niles, b July 31, 1821, d at Key West, Apr. 25, 1847. 3. Russel M. Niles, b Sept. 23, 1827, d June 22, 1891. 4. Ralph Gilbert Niles, b May 23, 1831, d Apr. 11, 1906. 5. Robert Niles, b Jan. 12, 1825, d June 29, 1909 (his only son, John Niles, d at Oswayo, Pa., of "Austin Fever." Nov. 4, 1887, age 21). 6. Henry C. Niles, b Oct. 30, 1833, d Nov. 18, 1877, at residence of his brother, Russel.

Children of Russel and Elizabeth (Metzger) Niles: 1. Florence Ann Niles, b Aug. 2, 1852, d Apr. 28, 1904; m Oct. 17, 1872, Rev. John L. Landis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Coudersport, 1870-72. 2. Maria Williams Niles, b Sept. 6, 1853, d Apr. 8, 1933; m Charles Neefe of Sweden township. 3. Francis Larue Niles, b May 10, 1855, d July 25, 1935; m Oct. 11, 1882, Carrie B. Clark, b Aug. 27, 1865, d Mar. 8, 1939, daughter of Porter H. and Emeline A. Clark of Hebron township. 4. Henry Niles, b April 18, 1858, d in Butte City, Montana, 1889. 5. William M. Niles, b Jan. 7, 1861, d Oct. 8, 1906. 6. Cephas W. Niles, b July 1, 1863, d Mar. 19, 1919; m Apr. 10, 1893, Sara McCormic.

7. John Metzger enlisted in the Civil War, Aug. 15, 1862, in Co. D, 136 Pa. Vol. Was discharged in May, 1863, re-enlisted in Sept., 1864, and served until end of war. In 1868 he m Rosellia, daughter of Nelson VanWegen. She d in Coudersport, Nov. 11, 1881, age 35 years, 6 months. Children: 1. Nora Metzger, m Arthur Barrett, Port Allegany, Pa. 2. Theodore Loren Metzger, b Jan. 3, 1874, d Jan. 13, 1946; m Sept. 9, 1897, Kathryn Theresa Sheldon, daughter of Walter and Louisa (Kortz) Sheldon. She was b in Germania, Nov. 18, 1874, and d Feb. 24, 1938. Her parents removed to Hebron township when she was very young. Their children are: Walter, m Thelma Mattison; Mildred, died May 30, 1910, age 8 years; Marie, m Robert Peet of Hebron township. 3. Francis Loren Metzger, lives in Birmingham, Ala.

THE OLMSTED FAMILY

The records of the Olmsted family extend back to 1086 when ancestors lived in county Essex, England, in the parish of "Elmsted," meaning the place of elms. Olmsted Hall, still well preserved, is included in the property of the University of Cambridge. Members of the family came to America in 1632 and settled in Massachusetts.

Daniel Olmsted of Masonville, N. Y., married on May 1, 1823, Lucy Ann Schofield, born Aug. 18, 1807. They had the following children: 1. Henry Jason Olmsted, born Nov. 22, 1825, died Dec. 8, 1906; married May 14, 1846, to Evalena Theresa Cushing, born Aug. 31, 1826, died Jan. 26, 1908. 2. Arthur George Olmsted, born Sept. 30, 1827, died Sept. 18, 1914; married on May 8, 1860, to Ellen Ross, daughter of David and Mary Ann (Knight) Ross. 3. Sarah Elizabeth Olmsted, born June 15, 1830, died June 25, 1916; married on March 10, 1850, Chaun-

cey G. Cushing of Lewisville, Pa., born Aug. 22, 1828, died on Sept. 12, 1877, son of Lucas and Chloe Cushing. 4. Daniel Edward Olmsted, born May 30, 1832, died Dec. 29, 1900; married on Aug. 29, 1854, to Lydia Laura Cushing, born Sept. 30, 1835, died Nov. 9, 1915, daughter of Lucas and Chloe Cushing.

The son, D. E. Olmsted, came to Coudersport in 1853 and engaged in the mercantile business until 1867 when he removed to New York City to follow the same occupation, later locating in Williamsport where he resided until his death. Their three children were: 1. Estelle, born Sept. 3, 1855, married March 13, 1879, to Rev. Charles E. Creager, They have five daughters. 2. Marion E., born Nov. 13, 1858. 3. Laura Jeanette, born Nov. 16, 1860, died Aug. 15, 1864.

5. Seneca Lewis Olmsted, born May 11, 1838, died Oct. 1856. 6. Herbert Cushing Olmsted, born Oct. 21, 1845, married Sept. 10, 1865, to Martha M. Cushing, born Sept. 28, 1843, died May 28, 1905, daughter of Leavitt and Jane (Goodrich) Cushing.

The Olmsted family removed to Ulysses township in 1836 and occupied a farm about two miles south of Lewisville, recently owned by D. A. Ritchie. They were near neighbors of the Cushing family which had arrived the previous year.

Henry J. Olmsted lost his left arm in a threshing machine in 1847 and the following year removed to Coudersport to attend the academy. In August 1849, he became its principal and served for one year in that capacity. In 1851 he was elected prothonotary; in May 1857, he resigned a clerkship in the office of State Secretary at Harrisburg to accept the appointment of prothonotary of Potter County as the incumbent, Thomas B. Tyler, had resigned to remove to Wisconsin. Mr. Olmsted filled this office 18 years and as Deputy for three years.

In 1857 he bought the hardware business and property of James W. Smith on Main Street which he conducted in partnership with S. D. Kelly for some time, later becoming sole owner. After the fire of 1880 he rebuilt the store and conducted the business with his sons, Arthur A. and Henry Clinton Olmsted.

Mr. Olmsted was connected with an event which had far reaching political significance of national importance. In 1856 Simon Cameron, the great Republican political leader in Pennsylvania, was a candidate for the office of U. S. Senator with just enough pledged votes of the Pennsylvania legislature to elect him. Isaac Benson, Member of Assembly, was among those who had promised to support him. Being seriously ill and unable to travel to Harrisburg, Henry J. Olmsted placed a bed in a sleigh and carried Mr. Benson to Wellsville, accompanied by Dr. O. T. Ellison, where they boarded a train. On Jan. 6, 1857, Simon Cameron was elected by one vote. Dr. Ellison attended Mr. Benson in Harrisburg until Jan. 26, when he returned home and reported his patient as convalescing satisfactorily.

Children of H. J. and Evalena Olmsted: 1. Marlin Edgar, b May 21, 1847, d July 19, 1913; m Oct. 26, 1899, to Gertrude Howard of Lynchburg, Va. 2. C. Ardella, b May 17, 1850, d June 27, 1927; m Dec. 25, 1870, Rev. C. B. Sparrow. 3. Clara, b Dec 12, 1851, d May 7, 1870. 4. Henry Clinton, b Oct. 8, 1853, d Apr 21, 1918; m Sept. 28, 1875, Florence Andrews, b Oct. 21,

1852, d Oct. 24, 1889. She was a daughter of Alva W. and Martha Andrews. 5. Arthur Sanford, b July 24, 1855, d Feb. 10, 1943; m May 22, 1879, Lettie Taggart, b Apr. 26, 1858, d Sept. 28, 1913, daughter of John and Sarah (Lyman) Taggart. 6. Sumner Prescott, b Apr. 29, 1857, d in Coudersport, Feb. 26, 1920, never married. 7. Mary W., b Nov. 6, 1859, d June 1, 1945; m March 24, 1881, Frank L. Andrews, b Dec. 15, 1854, d March 23, 1932, son of Alva and Martha (Scoville) Andrews, of pioneer stock. 8. George Cushing, b June 7, 1861, d Nov. 2, 1936; m Sept. 2, 1885, Miss Mary Seibert, b Oct. 9, 1863. 9. Daniel Lucas, b Oct. 29, 1863, d June 25, 1936, m Aug. 9, 1885, Mary Terry, b , d 1937. 10. William Edward, b June 6, 1865, d Feb. 21, 1908, never married.

In 1854 H. J. Olmsted purchased the house and lot on the southeast corner of East and Third Streets from Daniel Ellsworth who had built the dwelling in 1849. This property remained in the Olmsted family until it was purchased by George Grabe and remodeled so as to include the Grabe Funeral Home. On the south side of the office of Dr. A. F. Domaleski is a beautiful elm tree which was brought, when a seedling, from "Elmsted," the original family estate in England.

THE REES FAMILY

Eli Rees Sr., was the son of Thomas Rees and had two brothers, Isaac and Thomas Jr. He was b in Chester county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1786, d May 19, 1848; m July 4, 1806, Elizabeth McCullah, b June 1, 1787, d Apr. 9, 1860. In 1828 or 30 he removed to the upper Sinnemahoning Creek in Sylvania township to act as agent for Samuel Webb from whom he received a gift of 400 acres of land and two village lots in the proposed village of "Sylvania" (Costello). On May 19, 1848, Mr. Rees' body was found on the road leading from Coudersport to the Sinnemahoning in Homer township. The following day a coroner's jury rendered a verdict that "he had no marks of violence and died by the visitation of God in a natural way and no otherwise." Their children: 1. Mary Ann Rees, b Sept. 13, 1807, d Oct. 16, 1862; m Apr. 2, 1828, John Gillispie, b May 1, 1791, d Mar. 4, 1862. 2. Isaac Rees, b June 9, 1810, d Feb. 25, 1896; m Jan. 1, 1835, Mary Ann Nelson, b Aug. 3, 1814, d Jan. 23, 1868. 3. Eliza Rees, b Dec. 21, 1812, d Dec. 21, 1820. 4. Eli Rees Jr., b Dec. 20, 1814, d Nov. 17, 1860,; m July 4, 1838, Harriett Jackson, b Mar. 10, 1822, d Mar. 14, 1891. 5. Thomas M. Rees, b June 6, 1817, d Jan. 18, 1890; m Feb. 2, 1841, Caroline Strong, b Dec. 27, 1821, d Apr. 10, 1899, daughter of Luther Strong. 6. Hannah Rees, b July 13, 1819, d Oct. 18, 1879; m Mar. 20, 1844, Azro Cory, b Jan. 21, 1825; m 2nd, May 1, 1858, John Ellis, b Apr. 8, 1818. 7. James Rees, b Mar. 8, 1822, d Dec. 6, 1894; m Feb. 8, 1866, Margaret Younglove, b Apr. 26, 1836, d Apr. 25, 1899. 8. C. Columbus Rees, b Apr. 23, 1824, d Apr. 10, 1902; m May 3, 1847, Ann Hall, b Oct. 3, 1829, d July 24, 1908. 9. J. Miller Rees, b Feb. 27, 1827, d Sept. 29, 1908; m Jan. 9, 1854, Emma Hall, b Aug. 25, 1836.

Eli Rees Jr., located in Coudersport, in 1838 where he followed the occupation of contractor and builder, many results of which still remain as monuments to his memory. Children of Eli and Harriet (Jackson) Rees: 1. Orlando Rees, b Jan. 22,

1839, d Nov. 3, 1905. 2. Eli A. Rees, b Sept. 24, 1841, d Nov. 28, 1895. Enlisted 1861 in Co. H, 46th Pa. Vols., discharged 1864. 3. Mary Rees, b Sept. 21, 1844. 4. W. Burton Rees, b Aug. 21, 1846. 5. Charles A. Rees, b June 14, 1857. 6. E. Osburn Rees, kept a jewelry store in Coudersport. All of the boys went west late in life, settled first in Missouri, later in California.

Thomas and Caroline (Strong) Rees had twelve children, the second being T. Burney Rees, b Oct. 14, 1843, d Dec. 4, 1905; m Feb. 7, 1869, Elvina Peet, b June 6, 1846, d Oct. 31, 1937, daughter of Jacob Peet of Homer township. Their children: 1. Glenn Rees, b July 21, 1871, d Feb. 25, 1926; m Feb. 12, 1898, Bertha Brenneke, b Sept. 2, 1872. 2. Clayton Rees, b June 24, 1873; m Apr. 21, 1898, Addie Knight, b July 2, 1873, d Nov. 27, 1930; m 2nd, Jeanette (Chapman) Gauley, b Dec. 4, 1872, d June 18, 1947.

3. Raymond Rees, b Oct. 30, 1875, d May 12, 1902.

4. Harry Rees, b Feb. 24, 1880; m Jan. 6, 1913, Cora Raymond, b Mar. 24, 1882, d Sept. 6, 1943.

5. Mildred Rees, b July 21, 1891; m Feb. 19, 1925, Bland Cutright, b Nov. 4, 1884.

THE RENNELLS FAMILY

Benjamin Rennells was a son of Ezra and Lydia Rennells. He was b in Bradford county, Pa., Apr. 5, 1822, on the present site of Canton. His mother, Lydia Clark, was b in Bradford county in 1799 and d Dec. 10, 1882. She was a sister of Reuben Clark, who also came to Potter county where he d at the house of Dr. R. M. Post, his son-in-law, on Jan. 30, 1883, at the age of 91.

Benjamin Rennells came to Potter county with his parents in 1831. He was employed for some time by Isaac Strait, proprietor of Old Hickory Tavern, on the northeast corner of East and Second Streets. He afterward learned the blacksmith trade which he followed nearly all his life. The large shop which he built on the southwest corner of West and Second Streets was a landmark for many years. In 1874 he built the home now standing on the northwest corner of West and Second Streets and occupied by his granddaughter, Miss Cora Rennells.

In 1847 he m Maria, daughter of John Nelson of Sweden township, b Mar. 28, 1827, d Aug. 10, 1890. Their only daughter, Martha, d Oct. 14, 1874, age 18. The son, William Cyrenus Rennells, was b Nov. 9, 1851, d Jan. 22, 1925; m Jan. 24, 1877, Ella Strait of Bradford county, b June 16, 1853, d Oct. 25, 1926. Their children: 1. Cora Rennells, b Feb. 9, 1878, a teacher for more than 50 years in the Coudersport Schools, retired June 5, 1948, d Apr. 15, 1949. 2. Edna Maria Rennells, b Nov. 2, 1882; m Oct. 24, 1906, Lee A. Voorhees, b Sept. 11, 1878. They have two daughters, Virginia and Eleanor. 3. William B. Rennells, b Mar. 29, 1885; m Dec. 28, 1908, Ona Lillibridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lillibridge.

THE ROSS FAMILY

Mary Ann Knight, daughter of John and Seclinda (House) Knight, was born near Syracuse, N. Y., January 21, 1810. Her father's parents, of Irish-English descent, came to America

about 1798 and settled in Philadelphia where they established iron works. In 1807 John Knight came to Onondaga county, N. Y., and in 1808 he married Seclinda House. He served in the War of 1812 and died in June 1815. Seclinda was a daughter of Johnathan and Mary (Smith) House, born in Bennington county, Vt. She was married to John L. Cartee in 1819 and died in Coudersport on March 16, 1858.

Captain David Ross, son of Thomas Ross, a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Grafton county, N. H., in 1795 and died on September 17, 1869. He came to Pennsylvania in 1820 and engaged in lumbering at Ceres, Pa., coming to Coudersport in 1827 as agent and surveyor for the Bingham lands.

In July of that year he married Mary Ann Knight, then a teacher at Lymansville. After her marriage she became an expert tailoress and dressmaker. She died April 24, 1900. Their children were: 1. Sobieski, b May 16, 1828; 2. Mary, b Aug. 1830; 3. Pulaski, b Dec. 1833, d Feb. 1841; 4. Ellen, b Nov. 1836.

Sobieski Ross married Mary Spangler of Sterling Run, Cameron county in October 1846. She was born Feb. 22, 1828, and died on Nov. 20, 1862. Their children were John Sobieski, Mary, Henry Dent, and George Fox. Mr. Ross was married a second time on Oct. 21, 1864, to Isabella Haven by whom he had one son, Thomas, born Aug. 9, 1865.

Sobieski Ross was educated at the Coudersport Academy. He taught school, surveyed, and was agent for the Bingham Land Company. In 1852 he built a brick land office on the south east corner of Main and Seventh Streets, the first brick building in Potter county. In that year he was appointed Associate Judge of Potter county. He made large purchases of land, known as the Ross lands and others known as the Fox and Ross lands. He was elected to the 43rd and the 44th Congress and died on Oct. 24, 1877.

The Ross home was on the square, bounded by Second Street, Mill Street, Mill Creek and the Allegheny River. The grounds were beautifully landscaped and included a deer park. Mr. Ross built on the grounds a small house in which his mother, Mary Ann Ross, resided. It later became the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. DuBois when they first began housekeeping. It was since moved nearer to Second Street and is the second house east of the bridge. George F. Ross built and occupied the house directly east of it. Sobieski Ross also owned a farm at Lymansville, now known as the Pfuntner farm, which he improved and where he kept well stocked fish ponds.

His son, John Sobieski Ross, was born Jan. 7, 1848. He devoted himself to the many duties inherited from his father. On Oct. 22, 1872, he married Lydia S. Colegrove, daughter of W. J. Colegrove, of Smethport. He died Dec. 14, 1882; his widow married Willis Irving Lewis of Coudersport on Aug. 6, 1895.

Mary Ross entered Vassar College in 1865, the year that it opened, and was graduated in 1869. She married Alfred Stanton on Nov. 16, 1876, and lived in Belmont, Va. She died in Sept. 1902. Henry Dent died on Aug. 13, 1854, aged two and one half years. George Fox was born on July 19, 1859, and died on Sept. 27, 1887. He married Miss Frank Brown, daughter of William Brown of Mansfield, Pa. They had two children.

Marv Ross, daughter of David and Mary Ann Ross, married Archibald F. Jones in Sept. 1848. He was born on Jan. 26, 1825, and died on March 8, 1879. Mr. Jones was commissioned captain in the Civil War, engaged in the mercantile business until 1875 when he organized the first bank in Potter county and conducted it in partnership with his only son, William Knight Jones.

W. K. Jones was born on June 22, 1849, and died on Feb. 3, 1900. He was educated in the Coudersport schools and at Collegeville. On June 4, 1872, he married Miss Mary S. Lyman, daughter of Benjamin Frank and Mary (Wood) Lyman of the Eleven Mile, Potter county. She had taught in the Coudersport Graded School the previous year. She died at the home of her father on March 22, 1873.

For his second wife, W. K. Jones married on Aug. 27, 1877, Miss Fannie Holman, daughter of Simeon and Sarah (Cannon) Holman. Two sons were born: Ross Holman, b Aug. 18, 1878, d Oct. 23, 1945; m April 3, 1903, Agnes Wilson of Little Marsh, Tioga county. She was born April 3, 1879.

They had two daughters, Marjorie, b Nov. 18, 1906, and Janet, b March 19, 1911. They also took into their home and reared as a daughter, Jessie Wilson, b Oct. 26, 1915, a daughter of Joseph Wilson, brother of Mrs. Jones. Dr. Ross H. Jones was graduated from the Coudersport Schools in 1897 and from the University of Pennsylvania Medical College in 1901. He practiced medicine until the time of his death.

Arch F. Jones was born on March 30, 1880, and died on July 1, 1936. He married on June 21, 1911, Katherine McCormick of Coudersport, who died on Feb. 2, 1934. Mr. Jones began the practice of law in Coudersport in 1900 and later was attorney for the Elk Tanning Company.

Mrs. Mary Holman Jones died on Jan. 6, 1916, at the age of 72 years and six months. Mary Ross Jones died on May 23, 1920.

Ellen Ross, daughter of David and Mary Ann Ross, was born in Nov. 1836, and died on July 15, 1915. She married Arthur G. Olmsted on May 8, 1860. He began the practice of law in 1850, was state representative and state senator, and in 1882 was elected to the office of law judge which he filled until Jan. 1903. Two children were born:

Nellie Olmsted, b July 19, 1861, d Nov. 1, 1942. She was married on Dec. 26, 1893, to William F. DuBois, then principal of the Coudersport schools and later a prominent attorney. One son was born to them, Arthur William, Jan. 14, 1897. He married on Aug. 16, 1921, Helen Welfling, older daughter of Charles and Emily (Kortz) Welfling. They have one son, Arthur Frederick, born on June 7, 1926.

Robert Arch Olmsted, born June 21, 1877, married Jan. 8, 1907, Kathryn Fizzell, daughter of William and Jane Fizzell of Bradford, Pa. Their children are: Arthur George, b May 9, 1908; Warren William, b May 19, 1910; and Margaret Ellen McCloud, b Aug. 23, 1912.

THE ROUNSVILLE FAMILY

Abiathar Rounsville was b Nov. 10, 1813, in Caroline, Tompkins county, N. Y. He came from Lisle, Broome county, N. Y.,

to Coudersport in 1841 and in 1845 m Maria, daughter of Noble Howland, who came from Lisle in 1828. Mr. Rounsville was a carpenter and machinist. They had five sons and two daughters: 1. William H. Rounsville, the eldest son, is said to have been the first male child born in the borough of Coudersport. The family at that time occupied a house on the west side of Main Street, on the second lot below Seventh Street. The house was later removed to the east side of Woodlawn Avenue, where it still stands. In 1852 Mr. Rounsville built a home on the east side of East Street, north of the river, now the Schutt Funeral Home. He d Aug 21, 1890. Mrs. Rounsville d Oct. 6, 1888, age 62 years.

Their children: 1. William H. Rounsville, b Mar. 23, 1849, d Dec. 30, 1916, at Mills, Pa. 2. Mary Rounsville. 3. Ellen Rounsville, m Willard Nelson. 4. James E. Rounsville, an att'y. in Chicago. 5. Abiathar G. Rounsville, M. D., is living in Phoenix, Ariz., age 86. 6. Marcus Judson Rounsville. 7. George Phillip Rounsville. The latter two were druggists in Williams, Arizona.

1. William H. Rounsville m Apr. 20, 1869, Addie Wambold, b Dec. 8, 1851, d June 12, 1927, daughter of David Wambold of Coudersport. Their children: 1. William. 2. Grace. 3. Ross. 4. Don, b at Coudersport, Oct. 31, 1881, d Mar. 24, 1949; m Sept. 20, 1905, Laura Chase, daughter of DeWitt Chase of Ulysses and resided at that place. 2. Mary Rounsville m Nov. 25, 1875, Alvin Pearce of Oswayo, Pa. Their children: 1. Nella, m Harry K. Brown of Hornell; one son, George Orcutt Brown. 2. Esther, m Lewis J. Blanchard. 3. Marie, m Frank Schadenberger, one daughter, Maxine, m Victor Mason. 4. Rounsville, m Virginia Taylorson of Olean, two children. 5. Benjamin, m Lottie Wyatt of Phoenix, Ariz. 6. Marjorie.

THE THOMPSON FAMILY

Miss Vesta Cordelia French came from Amity, N. Y., and lived with her brother, Dr. Amos French, while she attended the academy in 1843-44. She married Chauncey V. Dyke and had Monta, who died young, and Eva, born March 3, 1853. After a divorce from her husband, she worked as compositor in the Potter Journal printing office.

In 1867 she and William W. Thompson bought the business and worked in partnership until Jan. 1871, when Mr. Thompson went to Kansas after which she continued the business alone for a few years. She was a very industrious woman and most successful in business. She died on June 21, 1878.

Mr. Thompson returned to Coudersport in 1874 and in May of that year became one of the publishers and the first editor of the Potter Enterprise. On Oct. 4, 1882, he was married to Miss Eva Dyke. Their only child, Vesta Ella, was born on Oct. 10, 1886. On Sept. 16, 1914, she married DeGrover VanDeBoe, born Aug. 23, 1885, son of Carmi D. and Ida (Grover) VanDeBoc. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He was a Boy Scout executive from 1919 until his retirement in 1948, due to ill health. Children: Mrs. Gretchen Fesus, Mrs. Evelyn Dyke Mann, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Irvine.

THE WILMOT FAMILY

Randall Wilmot was b in Woodbridge, Conn., May 30, 1792; m June 2, 1811, Mary Grant by whom he had five children, all born in Bethany, Wayne County, Pa. 1. David Wilmot, b Jan. 20, 1814, d March 16, 1868; 2. Lois Wilmot, b Nov. 17, 1815, d Aug. 12, 1816; 3. William Wilmot, b Apr. 28, 1817, d June 23, 1818; 4. Eunice Wilmot, b May 14, 1819, d May 14, 1820; 5. Mary Wilmot, b Oct. 9, 1820, d Apr. 22, 1856.

David Wilmot was admitted to the bar in Bradford county, Pa., in 1834 and immediately began the practice of law at Towanda, Pa. In 1838 he m Miss Anna Morgan and established his home at that place. From 1845 to 1851 he served in the National House of Representatives where, on Aug. 8, 1846, he presented for adoption the famous "Wilmot Proviso" as an amendment to an appropriation bill of \$2,000,000.

Mary Grant Wilmot d Nov. 19, 1820, age 28 yrs. On Dec. 20, 1821, Randall Wilmot m in Bethany, Pa., Mary Carr. She was b in Burlington, N. J., Aug. 28, 1803, and d in Bozetta, Ohio, Mar. 27, 1880. She was the daughter of James Carr, who was b in Mt. Holly, N. J., July 12, 1760, and d in Canaan, Pa., June 10, 1811. He m Esther Varnell, b in Mt. Holly, N. J., Mar. 15, 1769, and d in Honesdale, Pa., July 4, 1854. James Carr was the son of Caleb Carr who was born in Newport, Rhode Island, and had three children: James, Joseph and Catherine. Caleb's father was James Carr, b in Newport, R. I., about 1680. This James was the son of Caleb and Sarah (Clarke) Carr; Sarah was the third wife of Caleb who was one of the two original brothers who came to America. (See "Carr Book," by Arthur A. Carr, Ticonderoga, N. Y. 1947.)

Children of Randall and Mary (Carr) Wilmot: 1. Jane Wilmot, b Sept. 19, 1822; 2. Lois Wilmot, b March 9, 1826; 3. Edward Wilmot, b May 24, 1828; 4. Maria Wilmot, b Feb. 13, 1832; 5. Celinda Wilmot, b Jan. 25, 1843. Randall Wilmot d in Bozetta, Ohio, July 9, 1876.

4. Maria Wilmot m Feb. 8, 1854, at Coudersport, Giles Bleasdale Overton, b Jan. 9, 1825, at Athens, Pa., son of Edward Overton. While in Coudersport Mr. Overton was agent for the Bingham Estate. In 1880 they removed to Olean where Mrs. Overton d Dec. 9, 1894. They had five children: Alice, William, Maria, Carl, and David Wilmot.

