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VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE, NEW YORK.

ITS SCENERY, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES.

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Yours very truly,

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EDWARD DANIELS.
President of Sherburne.

Early History of Sherburne--Additional Memoranda.

The following additional memoranda concerning the early settlement of Sherburne is herewith presented as in itself important data, and in the interest of exact statement in the records of published history. It was incidentally discovered by the writer while recently engaged in making research on other lines in the old records in the office of the Secretary of the State on file at Albany. The articles of agreement between the proposed first settlers, dated May 7th, 1791, never before published, is a very interesting document, and well worthy of preservation on the printed page. As stated, below the signatures, and attested by Nathaniel Gray, Clerk, in whose handwriting it appears, it is "a true copy of the original covenant." The real character of it all appears in the declaration that they were "resting on the blessing of God" in their proceeding.

It is indeed a surprise that of the nineteen persons whose names are attached to the document only eleven ever made their residence in Sherburne, and of those only eight were known as Proprietors, to wit: Nathaniel and Elijah Gray, Newcomb, Abram and James Raymond, Eleazer Lathrop, and Timothy and Joel Hatch. Wells Hatch was a son of Timothy, Elisha Gray a son of Nathaniel, (as was also Elijah) and David Raymond was a son of Abram. Of the others we know nothing except that Josiah Throop was the original surveyor of the land in the employ of the State. This copy of the agreement or covenant was doubtless filed with the Land Commissioners as preliminary to the application to purchase the plot of land which they had selected and which was therein described. It was to give them standing in court as an organized association.

The original of the communication of the Committee to the Land Commissioners, herewith published, making an offer of price with terms of payment, is on file in the office of the Secretary of State, and this copy was made directly from it. As will be seen it is dated May 12th, 1791, and only five days later than the agreement. That date is very significant, taken in connection with statements made in the document, in its bearings upon and refutation of some statements in Mr. Joel Hatch's History of Sherburne. For instance, on page 7, he says that "Those who first came into the Valley of the Chenango to examine the country, and select a location for themselves and some of their neighbors, were Nathaniel Gray, Elisha Gray, Joel Hatch, Newcomb Raymond and James Raymond. They started on their journey the day these lands were advertised for sale," &c. On page 8, after describing the course of their journey until they came to the mouth of the Handsome Brook, he says: "They arrived at 2 P. M., after five days hard traveling, June, 1791." But how could it have been in June, 1791, that the vanguard of the pioneers first arrived there, if on May 12, 1791, as stated in the communication to the Land Commissioners, "five of your applicants are now on the lands described above." They were evidently then already in possession, and so much in possession that they had "at their own private expense opened a road from Clinton, near Whitestown, to the Township No. 9, so that teams and carts have passed." That is certainly a significant statement considering the date, and an entirely new item of published history. Hatch's History states that there was only an Indian trail between Sherburne and Clinton in 1792, but the foregoing unquestioned statement antedates it and is certainly good authority. Evidently they had been there some time and were a good deal in possession. But here are the documents referred to, given in full on the following page:

We, the subscribers, in order to obtain Lands for a settlement do covenant and agree and engage, each for himself to stand by and perform the following articles:

1st. We will choose an agent and send him with full power to treat with and purchase of the Commissioners of the Land Office for the State of New York the southwest square or quarter part of the township No. 9, now for sale on the river Chenango, at the price we shall agree to give.

2d. We will be at our equal expense for the obtaining, purchasing, surveying, and drafting the land according to the proportion of land each shall have in the purchase.

3d. We will appoint a Committee to go with a surveyor and lay out twenty hundred acre lots in the best shape they can in the best of the upland for ploughing land or building lots, and divide the good river flat land into twenty parts of equal quantity and in as good shape and as near alike as they can, and the remainder of the land into twenty equal parts.

4th. If any put in for two shares or more, or one share, or if two join in a share they shall be entitled to their equal part in that proportion, and if we cannot agree, otherwise after the division is made, the numbers shall be put in a box and each shall draw his lot or lots.

5th. We will make an immediate settlement and as soon as we can attend to it will form ourselves into a society for civil and religious order to promote the benefit and peace of the society, resting on the blessing of God in our proceeding; and do hereby bind ourselves, each to the other and each by himself severally to the whole of the performance of the above articles.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1791.

JOSIAH THROOP, one share,
NATHANIEL GRAY, two shares,
CHARLES WHITE, one share,
JOHN MITCHELL, one share
ISAAC MITCHELL, one share,
WILLIAM MITCHELL, one share,
NEWCOMB RAYMOND, one share,
JAMES RAYMOND, one share,
AMOS SKEEL, one share,

SAMUEL WINCH, one share,
ABRAM RAYMOND, one share,
TIMOTHY HATCH, one share,
ELIJAH GRAY, one share,
ELISHA GRAY, one share,
WELLS HATCH, one share,
DAVID RAYMOND, one share,
ELEAZER LATHROP, one share,
JOEL HATCH, one share,

ABRAM SILVER, one share.

The above is a true copy of the original covenant.

NATHANIEL GRAY, *Clerk.*

To the Honorable, the Land Commissioners of the State of New York:

We, the subscribers, in behalf of ourselves and our constituents, by these presents make application to the above Board of Commissioners for a certain tract of land, described as followeth, to wit: The south-west square or quarter of the township No. 9 lying on the river Chenango, being part of the Twenty Townships laid out on the tract of land called the Governor's purchase. The price agreed to by the applicants, four shillings per acre. Mode of payment as follows, viz: The contract and the 6th part paid, the remaining sum to be divided into three equal parts, the first to be paid three years after the date of the patent, the second five years, and the third seven years, at the expiration of the term for settlement. Your applicants inform the Honorable Board that they have at their own private expense opened a road from Clinton near Whitestown to the township No. 9, so that teams and carts have passed, and that five of your applicants are now on the lands described above.

Duanesburgh, May 12, A. D., 1791.

NATHANIEL GRAY,)
ABRAM RAYMOND, - *Committee.*
TIMOTHY HATCH,)

(Filed May 24, 1791.)

The above documents, are very important as bearing on the settlement of Sherburne, showing the organization of an association, an effort to purchase the lands from the State, and that they had already virtually taken possession. The fact that they were disappointed in the first, and had finally to obtain the lands from and through another—Col. Wm. S. Smith, does not lessen the significance of this data concerning the early history of Sherburne.

TARRYTOWN-ON-HUDSON, Feb. 10th, 1896.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF SHERBURNE.

ABOUT two years after the Revolutionary war a party of patriots removed from Kent, Litchfield County, Ct., to what was then the County of Albany, with the intention of settling upon lands belonging to Judge Duane, in the town of Duanesburg. But finding it impossible to purchase land out-right from the owner, but could only lease the same for limited periods, they decided to look further, for that independence for which they had fought. In 1788 the Oneida Indians sold to the State "twenty towns," known as the Governor's purchase, which included the Valley of Chenango, and the hardy pioneers who were to settle on these lands, then residing at Duanesburg, decided to send a party of investigators to see the country and decide as to the settlement. The act to authorize the surveying and locating of these lands was passed February 25, 1779. The lands were advertised for sale in 1791, the sale to be held in New York city. The first to come to these parts to examine and decide as to settlement were Nathaniel and Elisha Gray, Joel Hatch, Newcomb and James Raymond. They struck the Chenango River, east of where Norwich village now stands and followed its course ten miles north to the junction of that stream and Handsome Brook. They arrived at 2 p. m., after five days travel, in June, 1791. They found a family of five men, one woman and some children living near in a bark shanty; they had recently come from the town of Paris, Oneida County; in fact, these lands at that time were in that town, as was also the territory of Smyrna. After an investigation of the country which was very satisfactory, the little party of pioneers started back to report to their friends at Duanesburg, leaving

the family who had entertained them in the bark shanty, with the expectation of seeing them again on their return to settle, but they were gone when the return was made, and who they were, these really "first settlers" of this vicinity, is lost to history. After considerable time spent in negotiating for lands, a contract was finally made with William S. Smith, (who had purchased at the sale in New York city six towns, including the lands hereabouts) for a quarter township, at \$1.25 per

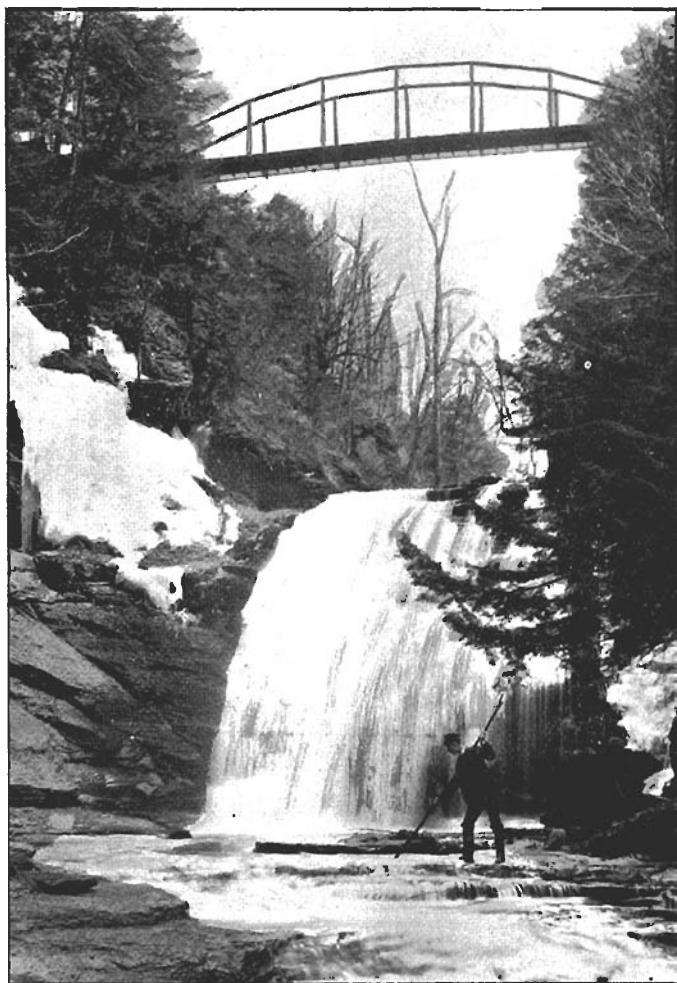


Pioneer Monument.

acre. The lands selected were the southwest quarter of the ninth township, containing six thousand, two hundred, twenty-two and one-half acres. In the winter of 1792, Abraham Raymond and family came on to take possession of their new home, but only came as far as Norwich, where they remained until spring, a few families having located there some years previously. In the spring twenty families joined Mr. Raymond at Norwich and all came together and made the first permanent settlement in Sherburne in 1793.

Log houses were built, oiled paper being used for glass in their windows, and large fire places for cooking and warmth, and the growth of Sherburne began.

The first saw-mill was located about a mile below Rex-



Rexford Falls.

ford Falls, in the gulf, the remains of which, with the long trough that carried the water from the Falls down to the wheel are in the recollection of many now living. It was at this mill that the first sermon was preached in

these parts, and probably in the valley. It was preached by Rev. Blackleach Burritt. The first grist mill was built about four miles north of the village on Handsome Brook, and ever since there has been a mill at that point, run by water; the mill is now owned and run by Walter Firman.

In March, 1795, the eighth and ninth townships were organized as a distinct body, under the name of Sherburne, and a few years later the eighth was set off as the town of Smyrna. Sherburne now began a pheno-



State Street, Looking East.

nomial growth. Hatch's "History of Sherburne" gives the following census table, showing the growth of the town :

In 1800, 1,282 ; 1810, 2,520 ; 1814, 2,607 ; 1820, 2,509 ; 1825, 2,493 ; 1830, 2,601 ; 1835, 3,108 ; and it has fluctuated at or near the 3,000 mark since the last given date. The first boom the town had was in 1833, at the commencement of the building of the Chenango canal, and for four years, until its completion, a large foreign element settled here and prices of property went up to an extent that a comparison with those of to-day

would make the real estate holder yearn for "ye olden" times. The panic of 1837 caused a collapse, but the prosperity of Sherburne was assured and the first proprietors happy in the results of their efforts. The setting off of the eighth township (Smyrna) in 1808 left the acreage of Sherburne 24,205; afterwards Skinner Hill was added, from the town of New Berlin, containing 3,231 acres, giving Sherburne a total acreage of 27,436, at which figure it still remains.

The name given to the new town (Sherburne) came



Railroad Bridge.

from the name of a hymn that was very popular with the pioneers at their religious services, and was chosen on account of their great love for the tune.

From Raymond's "Centennial Souvenir," we quote the following as showing the agricultural resources of Sherburne as viewed by one who is perfectly competent to judge:

"Sherburne has a wealth of agricultural resources, and has always been rated higher per acre on the tax roll than any other town in this county. * * It was heavily timbered in pine, hemlock, maple, beach, elm,

chestnut, butternut, oak and hickory. Its alluring meadows were rich, and its uplands produced large crops of grain, wheat and corn being the staples in the early days. No town in the county was ever its equal in those respects. The percentage of unproductive lands is at the minimum. Its dairies have had a reputation second to none. The number of sheep in the town in 1845 was 21,873, and much attention was then paid to wool raising."

The first town meeting included the eighth and ninth



Sherburne Park.

townships, and was held at the dwelling house of Timothy Hatch, with the following result :

Supervisor—ISAAC FOOTE.

Town Clerk—ORSAMUS HOLMES.

Assessors—JOHN HIBBARD, JOSEPH SIMMONS and JOSIAH LATHROP.

Constable and Collector—ELEAZOR LATHROP.

Overseers of Highways—JOEL LATHROP, ABNER CALKINS, JAMES RAYMOND, STEPHEN PARKER and JOSEPH GUTHRIE.

Pound Keeper—NEWCOMB RAYMOND.

Commissioners of Highways—JOHN LATHROP, JOHN GUTHRIE and TIMOTHY HATCH.

School Commissioners—ISAAC FOOTE, ORSAMUS HOLMES, JOHN HIBBARD and JOSIAH LATHROP.

Fence Viewers—JOEL HATCH and ICHABOD MUNGER.

The following have been Supervisors of the town of Sherburne: Isaac Foote, 1795 to '97; John Gray, Sr., 1798 to 1800; Jesse Hutchinson, 1801 to 1802; Joseph Simons, 1803; Joel Hatch, 1804; Joseph Simons, 1805 to 1808; Joel Hatch, 1809; John Gray, Jr., 1810 to '11; Joel Hatch, 1812; Stephen Benedict from 1813 to '26; Tilly Lynde, 1827; Smith M. Purdy, 1828; Milo Hunt,



Chenango River View.

1829 to '30; Tilly Lynde, 1831 to '32; James N. Cassells, 1833 to '35; James Thompson, 1836 to '37; Philo Robinson, 1838 to '39; Devillo White, 1840; William Newton, 1841; Demas Hubbard, Jr., 1842; Clark Burnham, 1843; Edmund Shaw, 1844; John Kershaw, 1845 to '46; Richard White, 1847; Whitman Kenyon, 1848; Robert Dart, 1849; James Pelton, 1850; Andrew Benedict, 1851; William Briggs, 1852 to '53; John Kershaw, 1854; W. F. Blanchard, 1855; John Kershaw, 1856 to '61; W. F. Blanchard, 1862 to '64; Isaac Plumb, 1865 to '77; Ephriam Moak, 1878; Alexander White,

1879 ; L. N. Smith, 1881 to '87 ; George B. Whitmore, 1888 to '89 ; A. R. Gladwin, 1890 to '93 ; Lucien A. Blanding, elected in 1894 for two years and re-elected in 1896 for two years more.

For Town Clerks we have had : Orsamus Holmes who continued until the spring of 1803 ; then James Elmore held the office until 1818 ; then Samuel Stebbins until 1831 ; then Dr. Devillo White for five years ; Joseph Benedict, 1836 ; William Cook, 1837 ; Joshua Pratt, Jr.,



Residence of Joshua Pratt.

1838 ; Stephen Benedict, 1839 to '42 ; William Cook, 1843 ; John P. Dietz, 1844 ; Stephen Benedict, 1845 to '46 ; Edson G. Whitney, 1847 ; E. G. Upham, 1848 ; Julius Catlin, 1849 ; John Williams, 1850 to '53 ; David Breese, 1854 ; Dr. I. C. Owen, 1855 ; John P. Dietz, 1856 to '57 ; John Williams, 1858 to '59 ; John P. Dietz, 1860 to '73 ; D. T. Hillier, 1874 to '77 ; W. C. Elsbre, 1878 ; R. A. Kutschbach, 1879 to '83 ; John H. O'Brian, 1884 to '96, and he was then elected for two years more.

Isaac Foote and Nathaniel Gray were the first Justices of the Peace, appointed February 18, 1795. The first

Justices elected by the people was in 1827, at the general election, when Miles Landon, Jonathan Copeland, Smith M. Purdy and Joseph Guthrie were chosen. In 1835, Justices were first elected at town meeting.

James Elmore was appointed Sherburne's first Postmaster in 1801. Mr. Elmore was also the first merchant, and erected the first frame dwelling in the town, on the present site of Mr. Asa Foote's residence, north of the village.

In speaking of the growth of Sherburne it is well to remember that at what is now Sherburne West Hill, was at one time, in the early days, a strong rival for first



Mad Brook.

honors as a site for the future town ; Sherburne Quarter was also early settled, and the rivalry was really between those two settlements. In 1802, Gerritt Y. Lansing, Jr., opened a store at the former place, and a tavern was soon afterwards erected there by Samuel Foote, on the site of the present Sexton homestead, and Mr. Foote was appointed postmaster for that place in 1803. The mails from between Cooperstown and Homer, and from between Utica and Oxford crossed there **at** that time. The first

newspaper that we have record of having been published in the State, west of Albany. had its origin at the Four Corners, *The Western Oracle*, its initial number appearing in 1803.

The first church edifice in the county was erected on Sherburne West Hill, about 1803, and the building is still standing, but used for other purposes, a cut of which appears in Raymond's "Centennial Souvenir." The rivalry between Sherburne Quarter and Sherburne West Hill, was settled about 1802, when the only nat-



North Main Street.

ural road east and west was fixed between the hills alongside which Mad Brook runs, and when afterwards the Cherry Valley Turnpike was built and crossed the north and south road at the present Sherburne "Monument Square," the site for the future town was finally decided, and soon began its rapid growth. An inn was soon erected on the corner where the Congregational Church now stands, another one later on the Hotel Daniel's site, about 1803. It is well to state here, that at the time of the first settlement of Sherburne, there were but two log houses where the city of Utica now

stands, and for all kinds of tools and supplies. Albany was the nearest market. The county of Chenango was formed in 1798, from parts of Tioga and Herkimer counties, and it included Madison county; Madison was set off from Chenango in 1806.

The first lawyers who settled in the town were Jonathan Pettit and Ezra Osborne. Sherburne furnished the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in the person of Isaac Foote, of Smyrna, (then a part of Sherburne;) Judge Foote was also the first member of the



Tiny Brook Falls.

State Legislature from these parts. The first term of the Court was convened at the School House, in the town of Hamilton, (then in this county,) in June, 1798. After serving ten years on the bench Judge Foote was succeeded by Joel Thompson in 1808, also of Sherburne; as were also John Gray, Jr., Tilly Lynde and Philo Robinson, successively Judges of this Court.

A machine for carding wool was set up by Simeon Paddleford in 1804, about a mile below the village on the river. It is said that this was one of the two first carding machines brought into this country. The first



SCHOOL BOARD.

woolen factory was erected by William Newton in 1812, about a mile north of this village on Handsome Brook. Joel Hatch's machine shop was also built the same year on the same dam. Mr. Hatch also set up the first turning lathe in the town and probably in the county. It consisted of a spring pole, fastened over head, near the ceiling. A cord attached to one end of it then wound around the article to be turned, the lower end fastened to a foot piece. Pressing this with the foot would cause this to revolve a number of times, on releasing the pressure, the spring pole would return to its former posi-



Union School Building.

tion, causing the stick to roll alternately backwards and forwards. Ox cart wheels were made of the cutting of a large oak tree the size required and a hole cut through it for the axle. For tires pieces of iron were spiked on at intervals. Whole tires were unknown here at that time. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the first white male born in the town—Lorenzo Hatch and Justin Guthrie are both claimants for that honor. The first death was caused by an accident, a child of Nathaniel Austin being fatally scalded by maple syrup. The first landed proprietor to die was Joel Northrup;

the last was Joel Hatch, who died in March, 1855, in his 91st year. The first physician was Dr. Lacy, who remained but a short time. Dr. Asa White was the first to become a permanent settler. He died in 1818, leaving his son, Devillo, to continue the work of looking after the health of the pioneers. The first school house was erected about a mile and a half north of the village near Handsome Brook bridge. The district embraced the whole town, many scholars traveling three and four miles to reach it. It was not until 1847 that a Union School was organized and a suitable building erected to accommodate the fast growing town. This



Sal Tuckers.

was the building on Church street which was used until the more modern and elegant school building now used was erected in 1870. The first wedding in town was that of John Hibbard and Betsey Sartel. They rode horse back on the same steed to North Norwich, where 'Esq. Purdy, the nearest qualified officer tied the knot. The first bridge across the Chenango River was built near its junction with Handsome Brook. It was made by three large trees cut in full length, hewn level on one side and had stakes driven on its sides interwoven with switches as a hand rail for foot passengers. It

was not intended for the passage of animals although horses were occasionally led across. An attempt was made to clear the river from obstructions sufficient to allow the running down the stream of logs, &c., but after several attempts it had to be abandoned as impracticable.

The Chenango Canal, running from Utica to Binghamton, nearly through the centre of the town, was commenced in 1833, and completed in 1837, at a cost of \$1,737,703. It was a time of great rejoicing in Sher-



Mad Brook.

burne when the bill for the building of the canal became a law. There were no railroads then in the State, and all supplies had to be drawn by team from Albany. When, a few years later, the New York Central railroad was built, it gave Sherburne merchants and shippers direct communication with New York and Albany, and until 1867, when the Utica & Binghamton railroad was built, nearly all shipments from or to this village were by the canal. The canal was thrown up in 1876, and a great many people along the line who favored that move at the time would be very glad now to have it back

again. As an illustration of the difficulty in getting supplies here prior to the completion of the canal we quote this from Hatch's History: "Mr. Zacheus W. Elmore, who was an early merchant, relates that when he came into the place, 1801, he brought the second two-horse wagon into the town, and that he broke two axels between here and Albany, and was nine days on the road."

The building of the Utica, Chenango & Susquehanna Valley railroad through Sherburne was a time of more



John H. O'Brian's Residence.

rejoicing, if that could be possible, than the advent of the canal. On the day of the opening of the road to Sherburne, which was its terminus from Utica, the people had a grand celebration, it being estimated that fully 15,000 people were present. A free dinner was given and the amount of the supplies gathered together to feed them was enormous. Bread by the barrel; butter by the hundred weight, hams by the score, 250 turkeys, and bushels and bushels of doughnuts. Hon. Horatio Seymour was the principal orator of the day, and those present will never forget that great occasion.

Sherburne again took on a boom, real estate rose to a high figure, and a number of fine residences were built and many old ones rebuilt. The churches were all vastly improved and the village put on airs.

There is no more beautiful village in the valley than Sherburne; finely shaded, most excellent stone sidewalks on every street, and a pride taken by the citizens in keeping the lawns and out-buildings in good condition makes it a pleasure to stroll about its thoroughfares. The vil-



In the Ravine.

lage was incorporated in 1830, but unfortunately all records from that date to 1863 were destroyed by fire, and a record of its officers is consequently lost. The building of the Water Works in 1881 put a debt on the village, but not so large but that the revenues of the system will eventually liquidate it. There are two large reservoirs and if properly handled there will always be an inexhaustible supply of pure spring water. A pressure of 106 lbs. to the square inch, makes it admirably adapted to the running of water motors, and for the extinguishment of fires.

SHERBURNE WATER WORKS.

Early in the year 1881 the residents of Sherburne began to realize the necessity of providing a water supply for the extinguishment of fires. The only supply was a few cisterns located in different parts of the village, which were in dry seasons worthless. With this end in view, the following board was elected: Hon. T. H. Matteson, President; C. A. Fuller, Isaac Plumb, S. C.



Water Commissioners.

Waters and Hon. G. B. Whitmore. This board was pledged not to expend more than \$20,000 to procure a water supply. Upon investigation it was too small an amount to put in a system which would answer the purpose. A meeting was called the second day of July, 1881, and the proposition was submitted to the voters and defeated by eleven votes. Upon the first Tuesday in May, 1882, the annual meeting was held and the following board was elected: Isaac Plumb, President; W. M. Bullis, William E. Davis, Jesse H. Shepard and S.

C. Waters. Early in June, the board organized under the law governing the same.

On the first day of July, a meeting of the electors was called for the purpose of procuring a water supply for fire and domestic purposes. Upon a canvass of votes cast, it was found there were 162 votes cast in favor and 90 votes against it. The Commissioners engaged Mr. P. H. Bareman and W. S. Franklin, engineers, to make a survey and estimate. It was decided to take the water



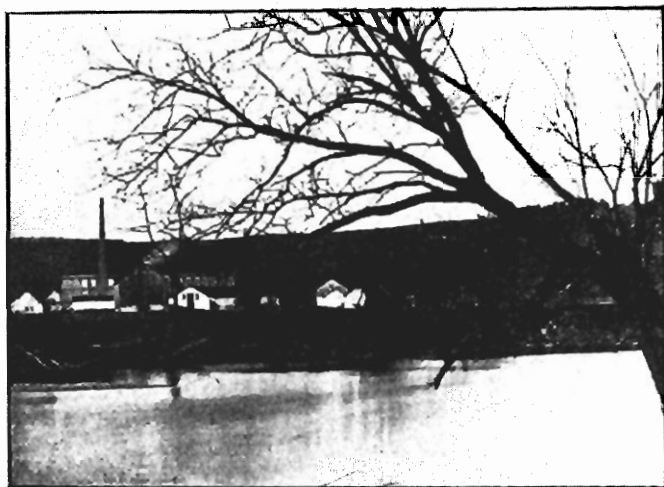
Residence of Mrs. L. N. Smith.

from Mad Brook, near Thomas Swan's residence, giving a gravity system with a head of 240 feet, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The work was advertised and the contract awarded to A. J. Reed for \$28,736.55. Work was commenced in April, 1883, and was completed in September following. The reservoir was capable of hold-



FACULTY OF UNION SCHOOL.

ing 10,491,000 gallons with a water shed of about five square miles. In the year 1890 it became apparent to the Commissioners that the supply of water was inadequate for the use of the village, and it was decided to build a new storage reservoir above the present one. The necessary survey was made and it was decided to build a second reservoir on the lands of David Dart and George Austin. The said reservoir contains 23,000,000 gallons of water. The dam is constructed of earth with a clay puddled wall. A pass canal was constructed to



View on Chenango River.

conduct the storm water around the old reservoir and discharge it into the stream below. Several extensions have been made since the pipes were first laid and seven hydrants added. At this time (1896), they have about six miles of pipe. Every house on the corporation except one is protected or is in easy reach of a hydrant in case of fire. The water is soft, which makes it very good for domestic purposes as well as for steam boilers. The present Water Commissioners are, J. H. Shepard, Dr. L. A. VanWagner and John H. O'Brian.

PRESENT VILLAGE OFFICERS.

President—EDWARD DANIELS.

Trustees—EDSON L. WHITNEY, GEORGE W. BRIGGS and
GEORGE W. LITTLE.

Clerk—CHARLES A. FULLER.

Collector—BENJAMIN F. SEYMOUR.

Treasurer—GEORGE M. BRYAN.

Water Commissioners—JESSE H. SHEPARD, Dr. L. A.
VAN WAGNER and JOHN H. O'BRIAN.



Supervisor L. A. Blanding.

PRESENT TOWN OFFICERS.

Supervisor—LUCIEN A. BLANDING.

Town Clerk—JOHN H. O'BRIAN.

Justices of the Peace—ISAAC PLUMB, GEORGE BERGAN,
STEPHEN HOLDEN and JOHN O'BRIAN.

Assessor—WILLIAM WHITE.

Collector—GEORGE BUCHANAN.

Overseer of the Poor—DAVID DART.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION.

First District—ADELBERT HARRINGTON, JOHN A. HALL,
GEORGE HOYT and CHRISTOPHER L. GAINES.

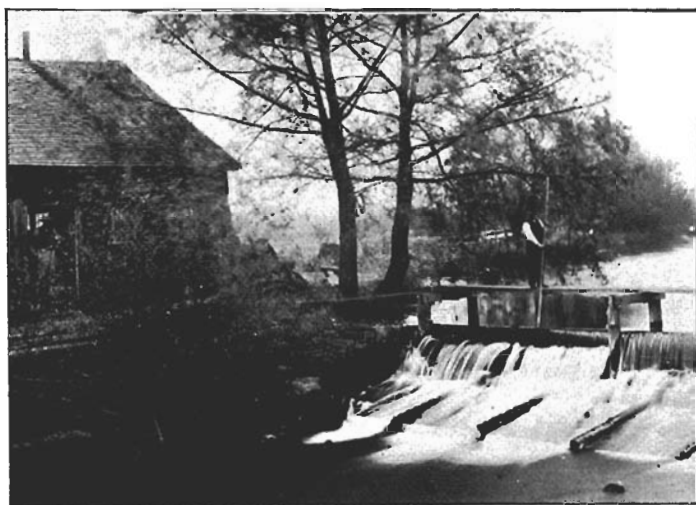
Second District—LESTER HAYWARD, FRANK H. KNAPP, LABIN V. HOWARD and EDWARD J. BRYNES.

Third District—EDWARD E. ADAMS, CLARK G. FONTAINE, WILLIAM GAHAN and MORRIS JONES.

Constables—JOHN E. HOGAN, BENJAMIN F. SEYMOUR, CHESTER A. GORHAM, MARTIN E. HOGAN and ALONZO CHAPIN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—WM. A. RAYMOND.

Commissioners of Excise—HORACE R. SEXTON, DEFOREST J. HOWARD and THADEUS B. ROWLAND.

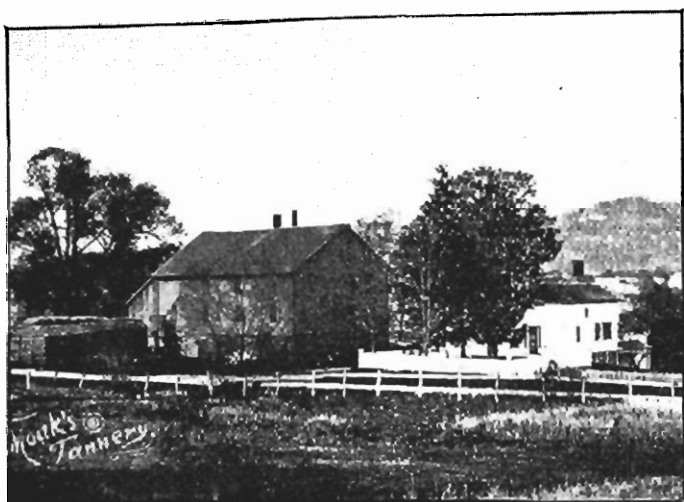


Monroe shop.

“PATRIOTISM OF SHERBURNE.”

It is the pride of an American town to be able to show such a thoroughly patriotic record as does the town of Sherburne. Its little band of settlers was a detachment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which, after having fought from Canada to Yorktown in the French and Indian Wars, and in the great struggle for Independence, undertook to conquer the wilderness, “For God and our Country,” as they had already conquered their country’s foes. Along the lines of their faith the

country grew and when again it had need of volunteers in the great war of the Rebellion there arose a host for its defence, filled with the spirit of those sturdy settlers. In that war the town of Sherburne furnished from its residents about one hundred and seventy-five volunteer soldiers, besides many others that received bounties from the town and were credited to it. Besides these many natives of the town who had imigrated westward, filled with the blood and traditions of the fathers, enlisted from other States and did valiant service. For the pur-



Moak's Tannery.

pose of paying the bounties, \$100,000 was raised by bonding the town; this sum, with interest, being entirely paid up in six years, showing that the people of Sherburne were not backward with money, as well as men, in their country's need.

Of the citizens of Sherburne the names of forty are inscribed on the honor-roll of the dead, upon the monument erected to their memory by Dr. Devillo White. "Brave soldiers and true." We here give their names once more as worthy of chiefest honor, and as honoring

Corporal George R. Miller, Corporal Edgar Willey, Sanford W. Brooks, Sergeant Wesley W. Wakeley, Charles Isbell, Sergeant Israel O. Foote, George Nearing, Hobert P. Conger, Sergeant Fred B. Skinner, Riley Lowe, John G. Norton, Loren W. Young, Ansel Holmes, John H. Perkins, Erastus Booth, Alfred Davis, Charles L. Smith, Iley Welch, Thomas Tracy, Surgeon Francis R. Lyman, Captain Isaac Plumb, Jr., Charles D. Carrier, Jacob C. Havely, Lieutenant Frank Garland, Albert E. Caley, Richard Reynolds, Lieutenant Lorenzo W. Hatch, Solomon Petit, Russell I. Baker, John W.



State Street Looking East.

Bowles, Clarkson J. Briggs, John L. Marvin, James E. McLaughlin, Geo. W. Miller, Lewis Burr, Nelson Camp, Seth C. Sisson, Milo Church, Michael Gilmartin.

The Grand Army is represented in Sherburne, by Plumb Post, 493, G. A. R. It has on its roster to-day, forty members with the following officers: Commander, B. F. Seymour; Senior Vice-Commander, W. M. Bullis; Junior Vice-Commander, C. F. Pratt; Officer of the Day, W. Friar; Adjutant, De F. Marsters; Quarter-master, C. A. Fuller; Sergeant, J. Hull; Chaplain, George Fountain; O. of the Guard, R. Gallup; I. Guard, John Tully; O. Guard, Porter E. Whitney.

FIRES IN SHERBURNE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SHERBURNE, for a town of its size, has suffered very materially from the fire fiend. The first great fire of which we have record was that of the Upham Corner in 1838. In 1850 occurred the terrible fire, in which a



Pratt's Bridge on Chenango River.

valuable life was lost, in the store now occupied by H. Y. Burlingham, as a drug and jewelry store. It was then "the checkered store," of which, in those days there was one in most every village. It was painted, alternately in different colored squares. The Davison store, (jewelry) was destroyed at the same time. The fire started from an explosion of fire works, which were being manufactured in the third story. A Dr. Smith, of Utica, was the manufacturer, and when the explosion occurred, although terribly burned he reached a win-

dow, got out and slid down a tin water conductor. He died after about two weeks' suffering. This fire was fought gallantly by men and women alike; there being no sort of fire apparatus, they made two lines to the canal one of the women and one of men, the empty buckets being passed down the line by the former to be returned full by the latter. During the same year came the great fire on the corner where the Congregational Church now stands. This destroyed a large new hotel, built by Whitman Kenyon, and run by Henry Hoyt,



Residence of M. D. Botsford.

who was the first proprietor and had been in it but about two months. Another hotel on the east, a grocery store and some private dwellings were also burned.

In 1852, the grocery store of John Reynolds, located on the grounds where Thomas Whalen's hotel now stands, was burned, and but one year intervened before the great fire occurred which destroyed one of the village's greatest industries, the Burch iron foundry, steam grist and plaster mills combined. This was a disastrous

fire in its effects on the growth of the village as it was never rebuilt. These buildings stood just west of the old canal, about where Finks & Holey's mill now is. It was set on fire by a colored man for some fancied grievance against Mr. Burch, and he served a long term in state prison for the deed. After these many large fires the people woke up to the fact that a fire department was a necessity, and a fire engine and hose company were organized, and the old "Torrent" purchased.



Residence of Henry Allfrey.

The village was exempt from fires of any magnitude after this until 1863, when the sash and blind factory of W. F. Blanchard, located at the Quarter, was destroyed throwing nearly 100 men out of work. Mr. Blanchard rebuilt on the grounds of the present Knitting Mill property, closed up at present. We then had a skip of fourteen years, 1874, when Lobdell's steam mill burned. In 1880, the largest fire Sherburne ever experienced occurred, when the Daniels House, Congregational Church, Reynold's grocery, Whalen's saloon, a

small building, once used for a harness shop and as a saloon, Crowell's blacksmith shop, besides a number of barns and sheds, including all the buildings from the Hotel Daniels' corner, south to the Rexford homestead, were destroyed. Mr. Blanchard was again a sufferer by fire in 1885, throwing out over 70 men, and dealing a sad blow to the village, as the property was not rebuilt, the financial loss so crippling the owner that he had to go out of business, and many of the workmen had to

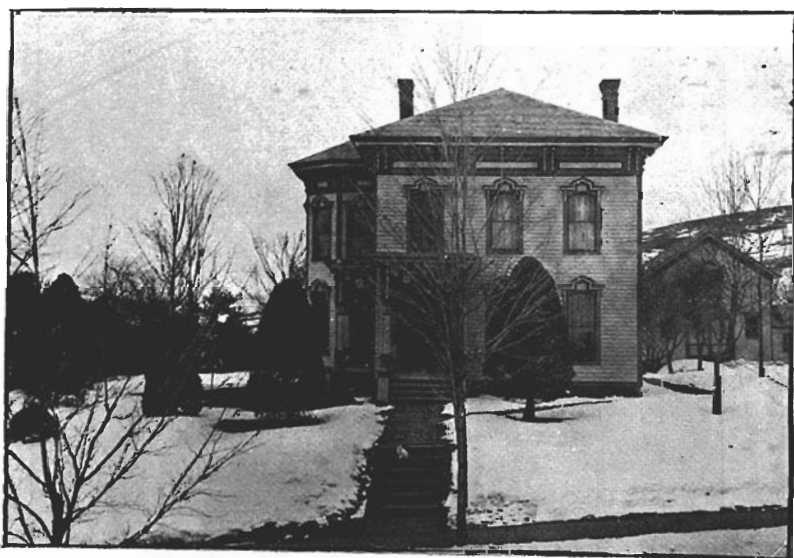


View on Chenango River.

seek work in other places. In 1890, Mr. Lobdell was again burned out.

On the evening of March 17, 1891, the Opera House building burned, and only the thorough work of the fire department and an abundance of water saved the village from, doubtless, its most disastrous conflagration. The old Opera House was built of wood and burned rapidly. On the first floor there were Walker & Buell, clothiers, and H. I. Matteson's harness shop; most of their goods were saved however. Adjacent to the Opera House were Isaac Plumb's large furniture warerooms which were also completely destroyed with a considerable

amount of their contents. The total loss by this fire figured up nearly \$18,000, with insurance sufficient to meet the losses, with the exception of the owners of the buildings, Messrs. Walker & Miller, and Mr. Plumb, who were heavy losers. The Opera House lot was afterwards purchased by a stock company and an elegant three story brick structure erected, which is an ornament to the village. It was opened on February 20, 1892. In November 6, 1894, the last fire of any seriousness occur-



Residence of Geo. M. Bryan.

red, the burning of the Michael Farley mill, west of the railroad, which has been rebuilt.

FIRE COMPANIES.

The building of the Water Works in 1892, and consequently throwing aside of the fire engine, caused a reorganization of the fire department. The Torrent Engine Company was changed to Torrent Hose; the Active Hose was subsequently changed to Whitmore Hose, and through the liberality and public spirit of the gentleman, Hon. George B. Whitmore, whose name they bear, they were fitted up with cart, uniforms, banners, &c.,

that make them a conspicuous figure in any parade they attend, and the village feels proud of them. Mr. Alexander Ross did a likewise liberal act in providing for the company that bears his name, Ross Hose, organized at Sherburne Quarter, and is a great help to the village also, where they always assist when needed. The later organization of Sherburne Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, puts the village in excellent trim to fight the "fire fiend," when on a rampage. Below we give the rosters of the several companies and executive officers of



Parker's Mill.

the department: Chief Engineer, H. Y. Burlingham; First Assistant Chief, Frank J. Cook; Second Assistant Chief, Fred Champlin.

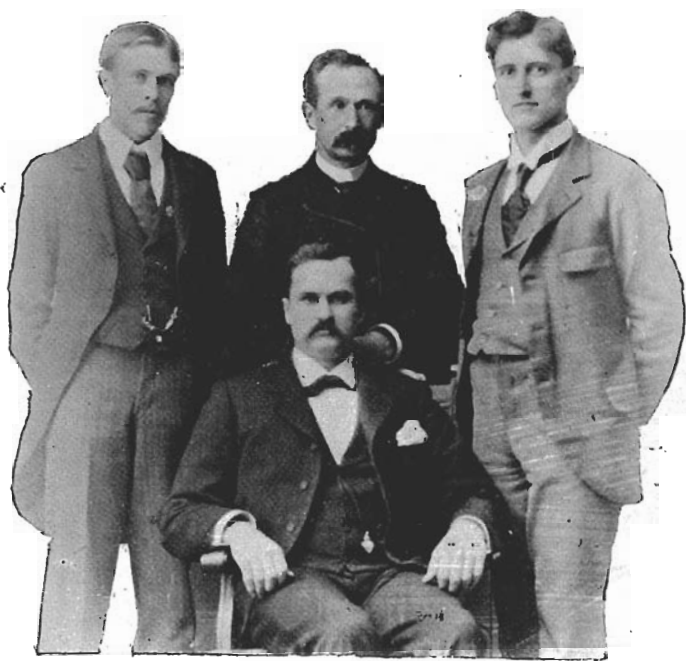
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF TORRENT HOSE CO. NO. 1.

Foreman, L. A. VanWagner; First Assistant Foreman, Frank J. Cook; Second Assistant Foreman, Walter Kingsbury; Secretary, H. R. Parker; Treasurer, L. M. Burlison; Wardens, Sperry Lattimer, Elmer Marsden; Trustees, Frank Cook, L. M. Burlison, George A. Hill. Members—Jeffrey Donahue, C. L. Dalrymple, C. J. Dalrymple, C. L. Easton, Thomas Quinn, Harley M.

Sturges, Perry Macksey, H. R. Dart, Clarence Holmes, Frank Heady, William Whipple. M. E. Snider, R. C. Whitney, Charles Merrihew, DeWitt C. Case.

WHITMORE HOSE COMPANY.

President, L. A. Blanding; Vice President, George L. Sholes; Secretary, H. F. Metcalf; Treasurer, H. H.

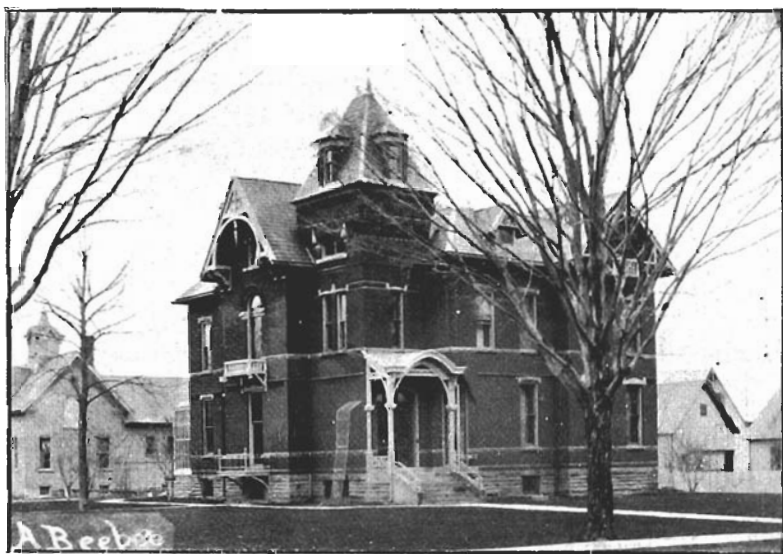


Chief and Assistants of Fire Department.

Tucker; Foreman, C. L. Carrier; First Assistant Foreman, John Walker; Second Assistant Foreman, M. McIntyre; Trustees, H. L. Caley, H. S. Saley; Property man, C. S. Kershaw. Members—H. I. Matteson, C. L. Walker, M. S. Saley, M. F. Potter, B. H. Simmons, O. J. Frasure, W. H. Hall, D. L. Atkyns, R. J. McKee, J. H. Shephard, G. L. Shepard, Dr. Little, John Hall, Sid Ross, Edward Fancher, J. C. Mix.

SHERBURNE HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

President, W. H. Wild; Vice-President, G. W. Little; Treasurer, A. B. Buchanan; Secretary, N. N. Nichols; Foreman, A. M. Platt; Assistant Foreman, Charles Buchanan; Fire Wardens, C. Lyon, L. Beers; Members, F. O. Purdy, F. H. Champlin, Thomas P. Gaines, Hector Ross, F. O. Spooner, Charles Daniels, F. D. Smith, E. B. Kenyon, J. P. Maloney, F. D. Donahue, John E. Hogan, W. H. Beck, Charles Buchanan, J. M. Wright, E. W. Steinberg, Chas. Giladett, Geo. Buchanan, C. J. Finch.



Residence of A. Beebe.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ROSS HOSE CO. NO. 1.

Foreman, Edward Fagan; President, Charles Dye; Vice-President, George Coyle; Secretary, Frank L. Cook; Treasurer, Joseph Bickert; Trustees, W. K. White, Alex. Ross, L. Newton. Members, Edward Fagan, Frank L. Cook, William K. White, Joseph Bickert, Michael O'Brien, Warren Davis, Lucius Newton, Michael Hill, George Penner, Charles McKee, Lewis Rudolph, Joseph Grevelding, Charles Light, Charles Dye, Alfred Claudi-pere, Ezra Davis, Henry Wickham, Fred Bickert, Bert Cook, George Coyle, David Brimmon.

THE PRESS.

THE history of the press of Sherburne is well worth a chapter by itself, and a much longer one, than we in these pages can devote to it. The *Western Oracle*, published at the four Corners in 1803, by Abraham Romeyn, who came from Johnstown, was doubtless the first newspaper started west of Albany in this State. The office was in the front part of the Bentley building. Its news columns were mostly devoted to foreign intelligence. It ran about three years. Damon Merrill and George W.



John H. O'Brian.

Lathrop, have copies of this paper. The *Olive Branch*, next in newspaper venture in Sherburne, was established in Sherburne West Hill in 1806, by Phinney & Fairchild. In 1812, the name was changed to the *Volunteer*, by John B. Johnson, the then sole proprietor. In 1816, John F. Hubbard, purchased the outfit and removing it to Norwich,

commenced the publication of the *Norwich Journal*, which finally became the *Union*, now one of the best newspapers in the valley. The *Sherburne Palladium*, issued its initial number in this village in 1836, J. Worden Marble, proprietor. He removed the office to Binghamton in 1839. Next in order and one that many now living well remember, was *The Sherburne Transcript*, James M. Scarritt, publisher. The office was in the third story of the Frasure Market building, but it had but two years of life, when its publisher went with the "Tide of Empire." The *Home News* was established by Simeon B. Marsh, its first number appearing March 2, 1864, and printed on one side of a sheet, one column wide and about nine inches long. This copy contains a list of the first subscribers to the paper—eleven in all. Ten cents per month was the price, and the subscribers were promised that the paper was "designed to be increasingly enlarged as patronage demands." The ven-

ture satisfied an appreciative public and the paper grew apace. Its second issue was enlarged to double the size of the first; the third issue was enlarged to about seven to eleven inches, printed on both sides, and the fifth issue was a four page paper, twice the size of the third issue. It gradually increased until it became a seven column, four page paper; this size it retained until after the purchase of the plant by John H. O'Brian, in November 1881, who is the present editor and publisher. He enlarged it to an eight column four page paper. The word "home" had in the meantime been dropped from the heading, and it still remains *The Sherburne News*. The *News* is considered by both press and public to be one of the best local newspapers published in Central New York, and the effort on the part of the present publisher to achieve this result has borne abundant fruit, as during the present regime. The subscription list has increased to three times its size at the time of purchase. A first-class job plant, the most modern presses and material, make it an institution of Sherburne that should receive the hearty and undivided support of the people of that town. Mr. O'Brian has reason to be proud of the increase of his subscription list, at being a gradual, substantial growth, without the aid of a soliciting agent, a not unusual adjunct to the printing office, yet one that Mr. O'Brian has never yet employed.

The *News* office has graduated many apprentices who have become noted in the country among which we mention, William Curtis, who became editor-in-chief of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, and was afterwards Secretary for the South American Commission, and made the tour of the country with them. Recently Mr. Curtis has been appointed Tariff Expert by the Ways and Means Committee of the United States Senate to furnish data in regard to reciprocity. He has for the past few years been the Washington correspondent for the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*. He was a son of ——— Curtis, pastor of the Congregational Church, of Sherburne, during 18—. Emory Marston, another, is foreman of the *Albany Evening Journal*; George and John Stack, and Fay Champlin, all experienced typos now running the lineo-type machine, and commanding high wages. James Waldron, who became a noted writer on the *Judge* of New York; besides "Irons" the printer, and many others.

CHURCHES.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THE first settlers arrived in Sherburne, Saturday afternoon, in March, 1793, and the second Sunday following they assembled for worship. The Congregational Church was organized July 6, 1794, with 17 members. This was the first religious organization in Chenango County, and one of the earliest in Western



First Congregational Church.

New York. In 1803, the first edifice was built near the residence of Mr. Asa Foote. This was removed south to North Main Street, in 1810, and used until it was sold to the Catholics, in 1858. A new church was dedicated that year on the present site. This was burned September 21, 1880. The present handsome and convenient brick structure was dedicated February 8, 1883.

The church has had nineteen pastors, eleven of whom were installed by Council. In the early days the people worshipped by themselves or were served by a missionary from New England. About 1800, Rev. Nathan B. Doner, taught school and preached on Sundays. Rev. Roger Adams, the first settled pastor, was installed in 1806. Rev. Samuel Miller served the church from 1867 to 1874, and is at present a valued member of the church and community. The last pastor, Rev. Albert

F. Norcross, died in service November 28, 1893. The present pastor, Rev. William A. Trow, came here in November, 1894, and was installed March 5, '95.



The church has always been a strong element in the life of the community. Its present membership is about 250. There are few churches anywhere of its size which have a better record for benevolence. It is well organized, having Junior and Senior

Rev. Wm. A. Trow, Pastor First Congregational Church and Senior, Junior and Ju-
Christian Endeavor Societies, and Senior, Junior and Ju-



First Congregational Church Parsonage.

venile Missionary Organizations. Mr. Wm. H. Miller has served as Sunday School Superintendent for eight years.

SHERBURNE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH.

In looking back to see the origin of this church we view the matter with reference to the Empire State. In 1795, there were three Baptists Associations—Shaftsbury, New York and Warwick. At Springfield, N. Y., in 1795, the Otsego association was formed. The Sherburne Church, (now Earlville,) was added in 1802, and dismissed in 1807, to help form the Madison association. Upon the organization of Chenango association, in 1832, we find the Sherburne (Earlville) church upon their list.



Baptist Church.

On the petition of Charles Lewis, and others, a number of members were set off to organize the Sherburne Village Baptist Church. In July, 1836, a covenant and name were adopted by twenty-six persons, and in October, they were re-organized and admitted to the Chenango association. Services were held in the old Academy building, on the corner of Church and Classic Streets, until their meeting house was completed on the present site, in 1838. The building now stands as it was remodeled in 1878.

Mr. Charles Lewis, was really the founder of this church. His petition to the mother church and his faithful labors were the means used by God to accom-

plish its organization, incorporation and recognition: and his prayers, labors and sacrifices have helped in no small degree its continuance until the present. His liberal generosity gave the site for the church edifice, the parsonage, and \$2,000 for an endowment fund.

The men who have served as pastors are the following: Daniel H. Gillett, E. E. L. Taylor, Samuel P. Way, A.



Chas. Lewis, Founder of 1st Baptist Church.

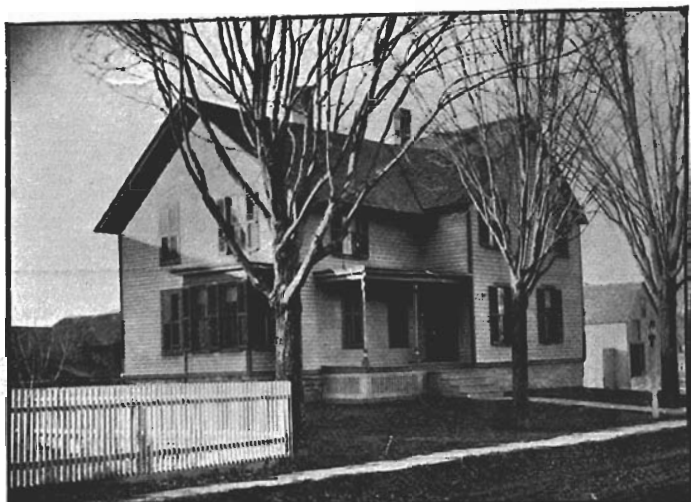
B. Gross, Charles B. Post, Nelson Mumford, S. U. Ferguson, J. M. Ferris, J. K. Brownson, A. M. Bennett, J. L. Bennett, D. D. Brown,



Rev. F. H. Richardson, Pastor Baptist Church.

D. B. Pope, G. R. Burnside, A. K. Batchelder, Otis A. Dike, Judson C. Barber.

The present pastor is Rev. F. H. Richardson, who was called to the field in May, 1895. The membership of the church in October, 1895, was 236.

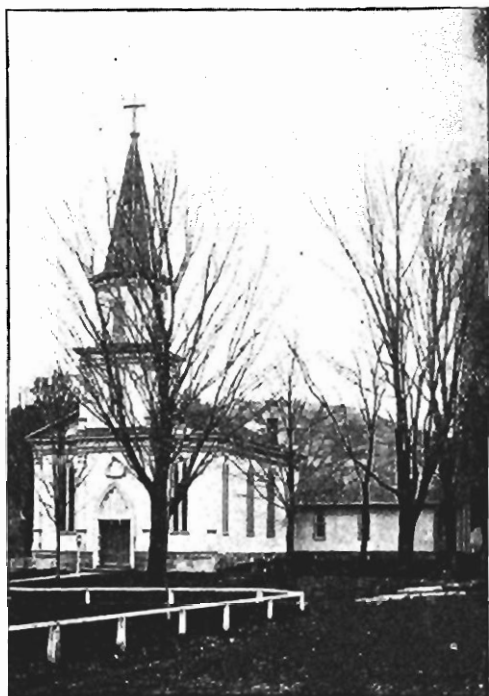


Baptist Church Parsonage.

Though missionary services were undoubtedly held with greater or less frequency, from the settlement of the town, yet the church was not canonically organized until July, 1828. The services were conducted at first in the upper rooms of the school house, which then stood where Dr. Kenyon's residence is now, on the north-west corner of Church and Classic streets. In 1829 a plot of land was purchased from Samuel Williams, which forms the site of the Church, Rectory and Cemetery. The present Church building is the outcome of several renovations of the original which was finished December 24, 1831. Rev. Dr. Wilson, (author of "The Church Identified,") began these changes with his own hand in 1846, by replacing the awkward, unwieldy furniture of the interior with more fitting, harmonious articles. In 1857 there was a thorough overhauling

which amounted almost to a re-building. But 20 years after it was found necessary to reconstruct and enlarge the fabric, from which has emerged the present beautiful and commodious church.

The following clergymen have at various times been rectors of the Parish: Rev. Edward Andrews, 1828-'32; Rev. J. L. Barrows, 1832-'38; Rev. T. Rugor, 1838; Rev. T. Towell, 1839-'42; Rev. J. L. Barrows, (re-called)



Episcopal Church.

1842-'46; Rev. W. D. Wilson, 1846-'50; Rev. L. H. Corson, 1850-'54; Rev. T. Applegate, 1854-'56; Rev. G. S. Foote, 1856-'58; Rev. J. L. Burroughs, 1858-'63; Rev. A. H. Rogers, 1863-'64; Rev. J. L. Burroughs, (re-called) 1864-'74; Rev. T. S. Randolph, 1874-1883; Rev. T. A. Stevenson, 1883-'92. The present Rector is the Rev. W. Ernest Allen, who was called to the charge in 1892. He is a graduate of St. Stephen's College, Ann-

andale, N. Y., and of the General Theological Seminary of New York city. Under his efficient management the church has continued prosperous and flourishing.



Interior of Episcopal Church.

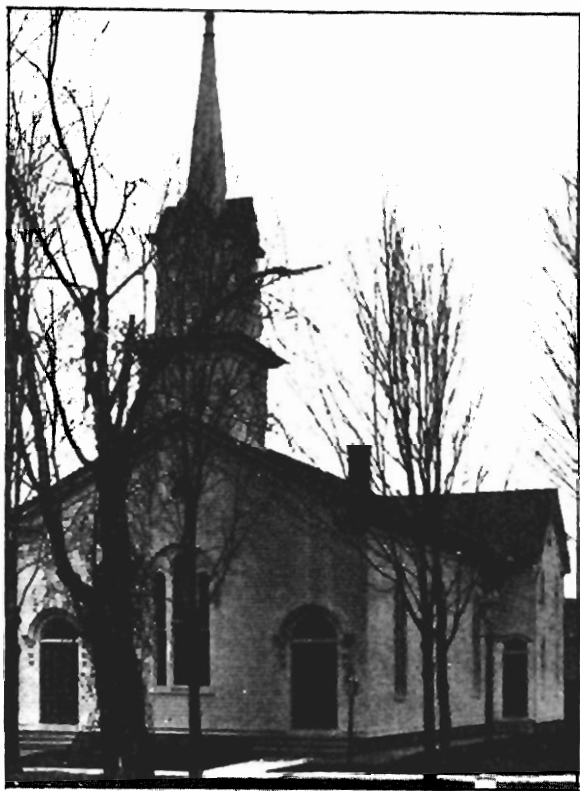
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sherburne, N. Y., was organized March 12th, 1839, at the Academy in Sherburne village, six persons being present, viz: James P. Bachus, E. Calson, Roswell Judson, Esq., Carey P. Beers, Isaac Comstock, Alfred Skinner.

The present membership of the church is about 140. The Society is well organized, having a Sunday School, Epworth League, Junior League and Ladies' Aid Society.

The following pastors have served upon the charge: James P. Bachus, Henry Halstead, G. W. Giddings, William N. Pearn, Justus Soul, David W. Thurston, Ceylon Stockings, Perry G. White, Leonard Bowdish, William G. Queal, Arnold G. Burlingame, Lewis H. Stanley, Martain B. Cleveland, Wesley Peck, Munson

G. Wadsworth, Lyman Sperry, G. B. Hyde, I. P. Halstead, H. Fox, S. W. Weiss, William G. Queal, O. H. McAnalty, H. N. VanDusen, C. A. Benjiman, J. N.



Methodist Church.

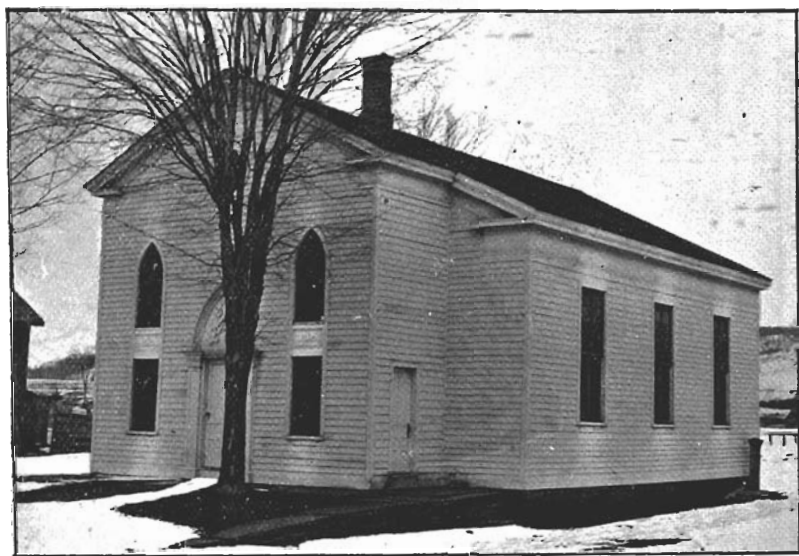
Mevis, J. N. Shipman, J. C. Hogan, H. A. Williams, W. H. Alger.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The Universalist Society of Sherburne was organized 1839. A meeting was called by those who were interested in the faith. The Rev. F. S. Sherburne was elected moderator, Mr. Isaac Plumb appointed Secretary. A draft of the constitution was presented by

the Rev. C. L. Shipman and adopted. The first Trustees were, Labon Howard, Alberto Sabiu and Hiram Briggs. The object of the society was to disseminate the principles of Universalism.

The Society was organized and held its meetings in the old district school house, No. 7, which the Society owned, until April 1856, when it was sold and part of the proceeds applied in purchasing the present property.

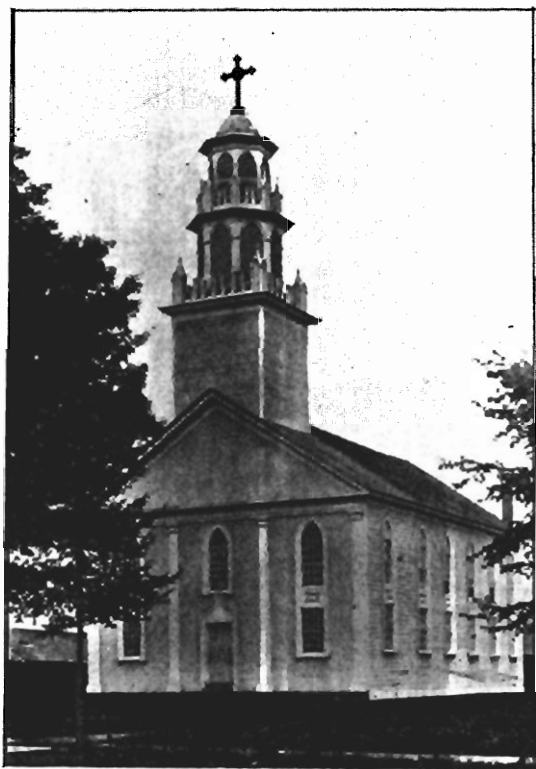


Universalist Church.

A Sunday School was organized 1879. The school was ably conducted by Dr. E. S. Lyman, who was identified with the Society from the beginning. Although the Society was never very strong, yet religious services have been kept up for the greater part of the time. The Society has numbered among its members some of the most estimable people of the town. Mr. Isaac Plumb was elected clerk of the Society 1853 and has continued in that office up to the present time. Rev. W. R. Hollaway has been the pastor since July, 1894.

ST. MALACHY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

IN the year 1848, a few Catholic families assembled at the residence of Timothy O'Brien, at the quarter now known as the Joseph Graveling place, to hear their first Mass in Sherburne. The services were conducted



St. Malachy's Catholic Church.

by the Rev. James Hourigan of Binghamton, who for some time thereafter occasionally visited the place saying mass around in the different houses and administering to the spiritual wants of his people.

About the year 1856, the society purchased as a place of worship, the house at the corner of Summit and East streets, now occupied by Mrs. A. A. Frost. They remained here until 1858, when a church situated above

the village and owned by the Congregationalists, was purchased and removed to its present site.

The parish was an outmission, attended by priests from the neighboring churches of Norwich and Hamilton until the year 1890, when Rev. James J. Ward, assistant at St. Peter's, Rome, N. Y., was appointed by Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, as the first resident pastor of Sherburne. He labored here for about four years with the greatest of success until removed by death August 17th, 1894. He was universally liked, and his death was a sad blow to his people and many friends.

Rev. J. J. McGlynn of Cleveland, N. Y., was appointed as his successor and is the present pastor.

The finances of the society are in a good condition. The Church property consists of a Church, Cemetery and Parochial residence.

L. A. S.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SHERBURNE LODGE, No. 444, F. & A. M.

SHERBURNE Lodge was organized June 21st, 1858. The following Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State, were present: John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master; John W. Simons, Deputy Grand Master; Finley M. King, Sr. Grand Warden; Clinton F. Page, Jr. Grand Warden, and installed the first elected officers of the Lodge, Samuel S. Stebbins, W. M.; R. H. Alcott, S. W.; Benjamin Skinner, J. W.

No. 444 has always been, and is to-day one of the leading Masonic lodges in central New York. Its present officers are: Hiram H. Tucker, W. M.; L. A. Van

Wagner, S. W.; Frank O. Purdy, J. W.; George L. Sholes, Treasurer; William W. Lobdell, Secretary; Rev. William E. Allen, Chaplain; Alfred Wilcox, Marshall; Marcus Case, S. D.; Fred H. Champlain, J. D.; Jesse H. Shepard, S. M. C.; George W. Little, J. M. C.; Wm. E. Davis, Organist; Frank J. Heady, Tyler. Trustees, Alfred Wilcox, L. A. Blanding, Marsden Kershaw. Regular communications, second and fourth Fridays.

CHENANGO CHAPTER, No 253, R. A. M.

Chenango Chapter was instituted March 17th, 1870. Its first officers were: Henry Allfrey, H. P.; Dr. I. C. Owen, E. K.; James M. Colwell, E. S. The officers for 1896 are as follows: Rev. Wm. E. Allen, H. P.; Marsden Kershaw, K.; Wm. K. White, S.; John O'Brian, Treasurer; A. C. Buchanan, Secretary; Wm. E. Davis, Chaplain; E. C. Pendalton, C. H.; Wm. E. Davis, P. S.; Alfred Wilcox, R. A. C.; H. H. Tucker, M. 3rd V.; H. B. Parker, M. 2nd V.; L. A. Blanding, M. 1st V.; Chas. H. Light, Sentinel. Trustees, Wm. E. Davis, Wm. K. White, Marsden Kershaw. Regular convocations, first and third Tuesdays.

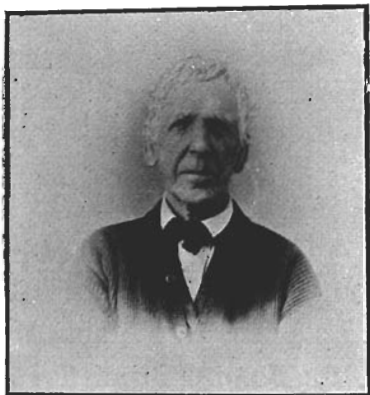
A. O. U. W. LODGE, No. 124.

P. M., Geo. W. Briggs; Master, M. D. Botsford; Recorder, Wm. E. Davis; Financier, Wm. M. Bullis; Receiver, Wm. A. Platt; Foreman, Wm. K. White; Overseer, Marsden Kershaw; Guide, Geo. W. Lathrop; I. W., E. J. Rickert; O. W., C. L. Easton. Meetings held every second and fourth Mondays in rooms located in Bank Building.

"SHERBURNE."

WE give herewith sketches of its leading citizens, Professional men, Manufacturing and Merchantile Establishments together with cuts of many of them:

EZEKIEL REYNOLDS.



Ezekiel Reynolds.

The sketch of this subject represents Mr. Ezekiel Reynolds, the oldest man now residing in the town of Sherburne. Mr. Reynolds was born in Vermont, July 4th, 1806. He came to Sherburne in 1833 and has resided here ever since. He is a mason by trade, and followed his calling up to a few years ago, when old age pre-

vented. He lost one son in the war of the Rebellion, whose name is inscribed on the Soldier's Monument. He now resides with his wife and daughter on East State street, who care for him tenderly in his declining years.

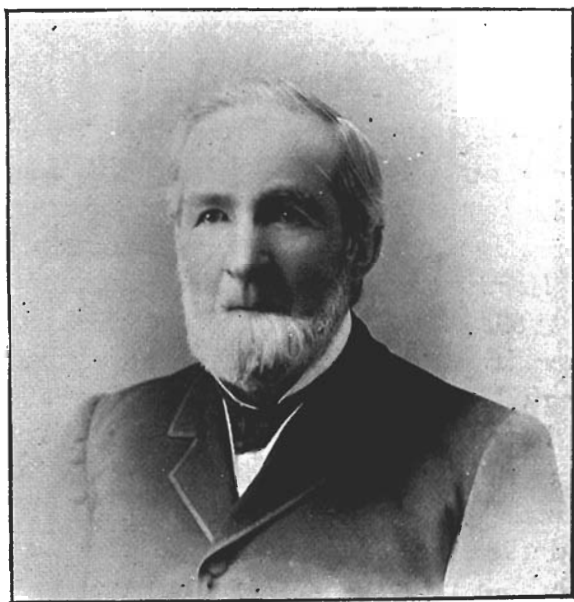


Mrs. Caroline White, was born in Sherburne, N. Y. in the year 1804, and is the oldest woman now living there.

THE SHERBURNE NATIONAL BANK.

The Sherburne National Bank is the successor of a State Bank which had a capital of \$50,000, doing business under the title of "Joshua Pratt & Co.'s Bank" from the year 1862.

The President of that bank, Mr. Joshua Pratt, had from early life been a leading business man in Sherburne, and the State Bank organized by him carried on



Joshua Pratt, President of Sherburne National Bank.

its banking business with success until superseded by the Sherburne National Bank, organized May 4th, 1865, with a capital of \$100,000. The shareholders of the new bank were Joshua Pratt, Walter Elsbre, William Cook, Alonzo D. Gorham, Charles B. Weaver, Nelson Eaton, Lyran O. Miller. Only two of these men are now living, viz: Sidney D. Sanford and Mr. Pratt, the latter of whom has always been at the head of the bank as its President, and is now to be found, at the age of eighty-five, doing duty daily at the bank and watching carefully every detail of its business.

The first officers of the Bank were: Joshua Pratt, President; Walter Elsbre, Vice-President; Henry T. Dunham, Cashier, and these with William Cook and Alonzo D. Gorham formed its first Board of Directors.

MR. COOK retained his one hundred shares of original stock and remained a director until his death at the age of ninety-three, in the year 1893. Only on one or two occasions in nearly thirty years was he absent from the Directors' meetings, while he signed all but one of the bank reports required by the government.

MR. GORHAM also retained his original stock and remained a director until his death in 1887.

MR. ELSBRE, in like manner, remained Vice-President and director until he died in 1890. He had been a stockholder in the Joshua Pratt & Co.'s Bank.

MR. DUNHAM was Cashier and Director until his removal to Norwich to establish the Chenango National Bank in 1883. Mr. Dunham had obtained much of his experience in banking under the supervision of the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, and he was of great service in carrying forward the Sherburne National Bank for the seventeen years and more that he was its officer. He was succeeded as Cashier by Homer G. Newton, M. D., who held the office from 1883 until the death of Mr. Elsbre, whose position as Vice-President he has since occupied.

MR. MASON J. MCPHERSON succeeded him as Cashier in 1890 and held the office until his death in 1894. The present incumbent, Mr. Marcus D. Botsford, was elected in February, 1895.

Assistant Cashiers of the Bank have been Harlow P. Ireman, Mason J. McPherson and Albert B. Wetmore, all now dead, and George M. Bryan the present incumbent.

The Bank has paid its shareholders, out of its earnings, regular semi-annual dividends of 5 per cent. since January, 1866, paying also the government taxes. It

has also made a special dividend of 50 per cent. out of the undivided profits. Its shareholders have therefore received upon their original investment of \$100,000, the sum of \$350,000 in dividends and its stock has risen in value, so that to-day it is worth at least \$180 per share of \$100.

This may be called a successful banking enterprise, and the citizens of Sherburne and towns adjacent have enjoyed the convenience and security of a safe and well conducted Bank through a period of more than thirty years.

The Bank building, located on the corner of North Main and West State streets is finely equipped for the transaction of its business, and has a "Corliss" Burglar Proof Safe, in addition to its vault.

The present Board of Directors consist of Joshua Pratt, Leroy Hubby, Dr. O. A. Gorton, Geo. M. Bryan and Dr. Homer G. Newton.

GEORGE B. WHITMORE.

Hon. George B. Whitmore of Sherburne, was born in the town of Columbus, this county, June 29th, 1835. His early life, up to the age of eighteen was passed upon his father's farm. He was educated at the common school and neighboring academies, and licensed as a teacher. He later learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and continued in that business for several years with more than ordinary success, giving employment to many mechanics.

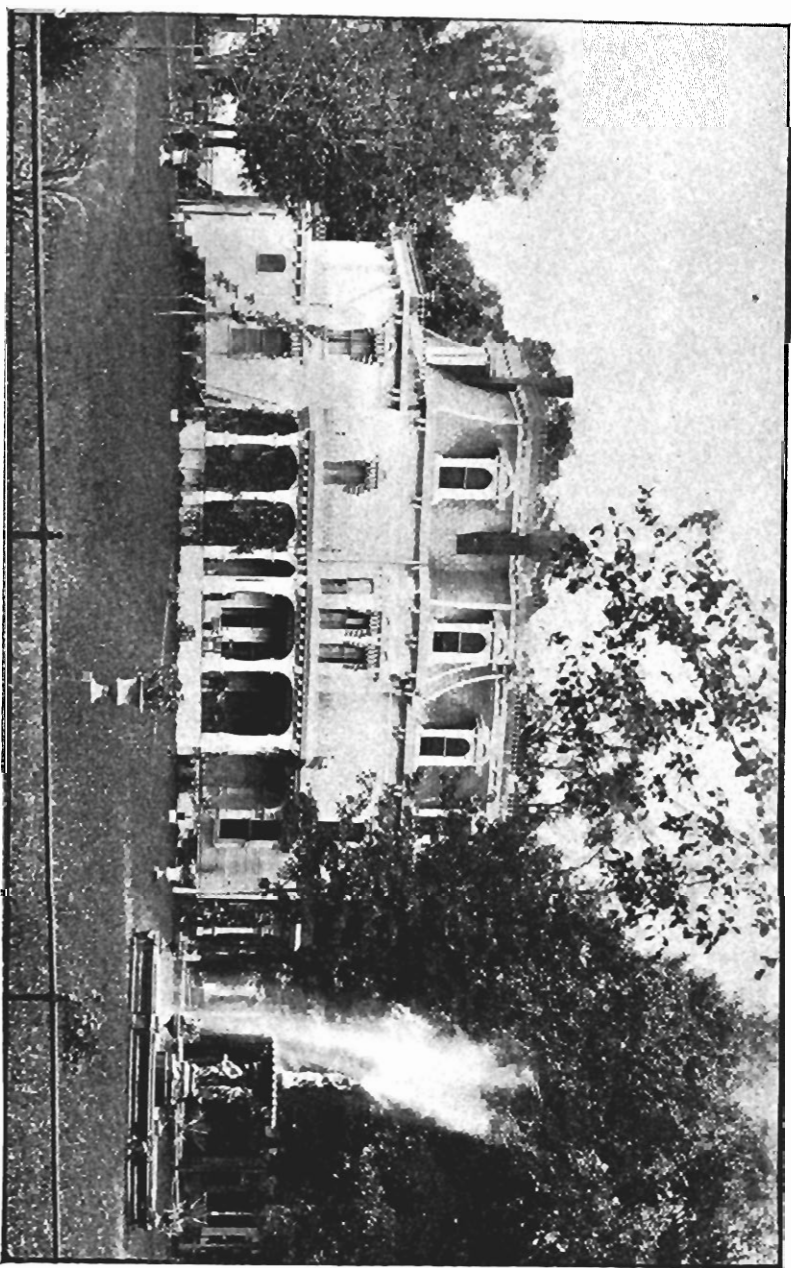
Circumstances led him to relinquish his trade and embark in the wholesale produce business and other commercial transactions at New Berlin. He was very successful, subsequently he was offered a partnership in a wholesale produce house in New York City, which he accepted. Owing to his energy and management the business of the new firm was greatly enlarged, and at

the end of five years he bought his partner's interest, and for sixteen years conducted the business alone, with continually growing success. In July, 1885, he admitted his nephew, D. W. Whitmore, as a partner, and the firm of G. B. Whitmore & Co. was established. To-day they handle as many or more boxes of cheese than any other commission house in the City of New York, and have a rating in the Merchantile Agencies from \$300,000 to \$500,000.



Hon. George B. Whitmore.

Mr. Whitmore is a self-made man. From his earliest years he has shown the qualities which win success. Starting with nothing but an active brain, shrewd foresight, and a pair of willing hands, he has earned his way to a position of great wealth and influence. There is not in Chenango County a better living example of what a man of ability and pluck can accomplish. He



RESIDENCE OF HON. GEORGE B. WHITMORE.

stands in the front rank of successful men. But, better than all this, he does not forget in these days of his prosperity and influence, those who have been less fortunate than himself. His heart and hand are ever open to the needy and his noble nature and generous disposition have drawn to him an army of friends. Politically Mr. Whitmore is a Republican. He represented the county in the Assembly in 1885, receiving a plurality of 1130 over his Democratic opponent. He represented his town in the Board of Supervisors for two years, and was Chairman of that body for one term. He has served on the Board of Education, was President of the village for five years. He is a warden of the Episcopal Church and a liberal contributor to the support of benevolent and charitable objects.

IRA C. OWEN, M. D.

Dr. Ira C. Owen, one of Sherburne's oldest and most respected citizens, whose elegant home is shown below,



Residence of I. C. Owen.

was born in the town of Lebanon, N. Y., April 8th, 1822. He came to Sherburne and established himself as a homeopathic physician in 1845, the first of that

school to settle in Chenango county. For nearly fifty years he practiced his profession and was very successful, until about two years ago when failing health obliged him to give up his ride. He was a man which has given much of his time and energies to the upbuilding of the town, and was always ready to assist in all undertakings for the public good. He is living at his pleasant home on Summit street with his venerable wife, who was a great helpmeet to him during his practice.

Dr. Owen died April 15th, 1896.

HENRY C. LYMAN, M. D.

Dr. Henry C. Lyman was born in the house he now occupies, in Sherburne, on September 8th, 1847. The Lyman family has been known, in this section, for many years, in connection with the medical profession. The grandparents on both sides, the father and also a brother of Henry C. Lyman were prominent physicians.

Dr. Lyman attended the Sherburne Union School in his boyhood days, later he was a student at the Clinton Liberal Institute. After a thorough course at the University Medical College of New York city, he was graduated with high honors, in 1872, since which he has practiced his profession in his native place. He was married to Ida Pellet of Norwich. They had one daughter Mary T. Lyman, who died at the age of seventeen.

Dr. Lyman has a large practice, and is one of Sherburnes most honored professional men.

LEWIS A. VAN WAGNER, M. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Sherburne, April 22d, 1847. His early life was spent on his father's farm, working in the busy season and attending school winters. Later he attended school at Whitestown Seminary, where by perseverance and industry he became qualified to teach. At an early age

he determined to persue the study of medicine, and by teaching he earned enough to pay his expenses while a student. He spent several years in the office of the late Dr. VanKeuren. in this village. He graduated at the Albany Medical College in December 1868, and soon after located in North Brookfield, N. Y. In June, 1887, he returned to Sherburne, where he has built up a lucrative and growing practice. Beginning life without influential friends to assist him, he has worked himself up to an honorable position, both as a physician and public spirited citizen.



Residence of L. A. Blanding.

WILLIAM LITTLE, M. D.

Dr. William Little was born in the town of Andes, Delaware County, N. Y., April 22d, 1866. He is of Scotch-English decent. His parents imigrated to America the year previous to his birth. He was educated at Delaware Academy, Delhi, N. Y., and graduated therefrom in June, 1891. The following September he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College,

finishing the course in May, 1894, and in June passed the State Examination. August 1st he located in Sherburne and began the practice of medicine. He was married September 10th, 1895, to Miss McFarlane of Delhi, N. Y.

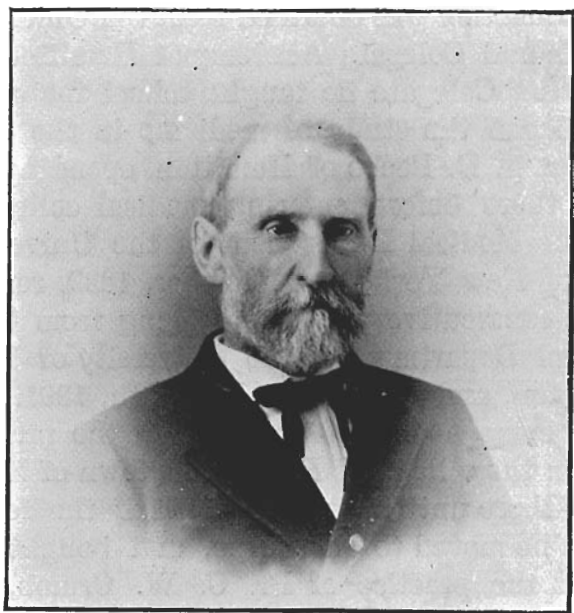
F. O. SPOONER, M. D.

Dr. F. O. Spooner was born in the town of Madison, County of Madison, on the first day of March, 1866. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, and his preliminary education was obtained from the Union School of Madison and Colegate Academy at Hamilton, N. Y. After leaving Colegate he taught school for one year and then began the study of medicine in the office of the late Dr. F. D. Beebe of Hamilton, spending nearly one year there before entering medical college. He entered the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, in September, 1889, remaining there two consecutive years, and going from there to the Medical Department of the University of Vermont in Burlington, and graduating July 13th, 1891. Upon returning home he immediately began the practice of medicine in the village of Bouckville, town of Madison, remaining there until November 25th of the following year when he moved to Sherburne, and bought a half interest of the practice of Dr. C. W. Crumb, now of Utica. The partnership was continued until March of the year following, when Dr. Spooner bought the remaining half interest, continuing the same ever since.

JUDGE STEPHEN HOLDEN.

Stephen Holden was born at South Hartwick, Otsego Co., N. Y., April 26, 1832, passed his youth on a farm, taught district school and boarded around four winters during minority; prepared for college at the Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y.; meanwhile worked for wages four summers in haying; entered Yale as a

junior and graduated in 1857; in 1857-8 was principal of Trumansburgh Academy. and from 1858 to 1861 teacher of Latin and Mathematics in the Delaware Literary Institute; in 1861-2 read law at Watertown (with Clarke and Calvin), Albany and Cohoes, and was admitted to the bar at Albany in May, 1862; enlisted September 13, 1862, at Hartwick as a private in Co. H. 152nd New York Volunteers, for three years; was promoted to first sergeant March 12, 1863, to second lieutenant



Judge Stephen Holden.

April 16, 1864, to captain February 10, 1865; was wounded at the Wilderness May 6, 1864, by a Minie ball which lodged in his head, rejoined his company before Petersburg, Va., June 20, 1864, continued with the Second Corps until the end of the war, taking part in the pursuit and capture of Gen. Lee's army; in the grand parade at Washington, May 23, 1865; judge advocate on the staff of Maj. Gen. Francis C. Barlow of the 2nd Division 2nd Corps in June, 1865, and discharged with

his regiment July 13, 1865; in 1865-6 at Cherry Valley clerk in the law office of James E. Dewey, Esq.; from 1866 to 1871 practicing law at East Worcester; in 1867 nominated by the Republicans for surrogate of Otsego County and defeated; since May 25, 1871, practicing law at Sherburne; in 1876 nominated by the Republicans and elected special county judge of Chenango County for four years. He was married Jan. 19, 1876, to Miss Elizabeth Bentley. His children are Mary, born Nov. 4, 1876; Stephen, born Aug. 13, 1878; Jonathan, born Sept. 16, 1881.

C. A. FULLER, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR.

Charles A. Fuller is the son of Thomas A. Fuller, deceased, and Hannah De Forest Fuller. He was born



Hon. Charles A. Fuller.

on the 17th day of August, 1841, in the town of Edmeston, Otsego County, N. Y. When six months old he removed with his parents to the village of Sherburne, N. Y., which place, with brief exceptions, has remained at



Harriet DeForrest Fuller. Aged 82.

his home. He attended the village schools, and in 1860 and 1861 was for two terms a member of the senior academic class of Madison University. In the spring of 1861 he entered the law office of Boardman and Ingersoll in Cleveland, Ohio. In August, 1861, he returned to Sherburne to enlist in Co. C. 61st N. Y. Inf., in which company were many Sherburne men. In that company he was promoted from private to sergeant, orderly, and second lieutenant. He participated in all of the operations of his regiment from its organization up to and including Gettysburg where he was seriously wounded, which compelled his discharge in December, 1863.



Residence of Hon. Charles A. Fuller

In 1864-5, he was a member of the Albany Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1865, and has since practiced law in Sherburne, N. Y., with the exception of one year,

1865-6, at Hamilton, N. Y. In 1869, he was married to Mary E. Matthewson. From this marriage three children have been born: Louise A., Antoinette D., deceased, and Marion D.

In 1888, he was in the Assembly from Chenango Co. In 1884, he was one of the delegates in the Constitutional Convention from the twenty-fifth district. At present he is a member of the Board of Education of Sherburne Union School.

D. L. ATKYNS, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR.

Delos L. Atkyns was born of farmer parents, at Pharsalia, Chenango Co., Sept. 30, 1840. His parents were both of the Puritan stock of Connecticut. The first 23 years of his life were spent upon the farm, where he toiled and bore his part of the privations and hardships of a semi-pioneer life. Hampered by the disadvantages of uncultured surroundings, he was able to receive only a common school education, but, from his early boyhood, he sought to glean for himself from books that knowledge which others obtained by school and teacher. So well did he succeed, that at the age of 24 years he was admitted to the bar of this State as an attorney and counselor, having had no aid in his law studies beyond four months in the office of Rexford & Kingsley at Norwich.

In October, 1864, he located in Sherburne village, where he has since practiced his profession, having the varied practice which makes up the life of the country lawyer. Some very bright and promising young lawyers have gone out from his office, among whom are Robert A. Kutschbach, now of N. Y.; Myron Van Buren of Denver, Dan D. Jaynes of Detroit, Geo. P. Pudney of Smyrna, the late E. C. Dart of Earlville, and B. A. Stack now a Catholic Priest in Manlius.

He has always been an active worker in his party—the Republican—but has never sought office, choosing rather to bend all his energies to his chosen profession.

In many of the capital cases in this county he has assisted the district attorney, and in every such case there has been a conviction of murder in the first or second degree.

He has taken much pride in his library, which consists of nearly 3000 well selected volumes. "I am proudest of all," he says, "of those well worn half-dozen



Delos L. Atkins.

volumes over there, which were the first I ever owned, and which I paid for by chopping wood at 30c. per cord, boarding myself."

Perhaps no higher satisfaction can come to a lawyer than that a large proportion of his business should be in the preparation and trial of important causes for other attorneys, as counsel; which is true of his practice. He is married and has two sons. For nearly 20 years he has been a member and the secretary of the Board of

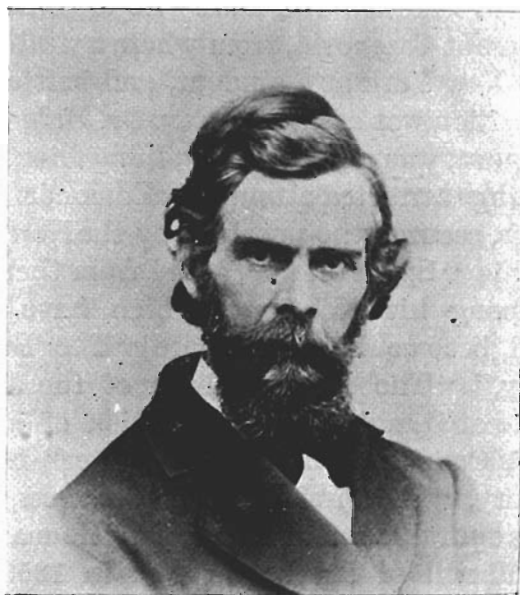
Education of Sherburne Academy, refusing to accept any salary for his services as clerk, though tendered him.

HON. TOMPKINS H. MATTESON,

(DECEASED).

The subject of this sketch is worthy of a place in any history of Sherburne, where he lived many years; married, raised a large family, and exerted all his energy for the good of the public.

Mr. Matteson was born in Peterboro, Madison Co., May 9, 1813, and died in this village February 2, 1884.



The late Hon. Tompkins H. Matteson.

As an artist the name of Matteson is associated (we quote from "Books of Artists" by Tuckerman) with patriotic and popular prints. His "Spirit of '76" was, and is still greatly admired by the people. Several American historical scenes have been delineated by him and may be found in various parts of this State. His portrait of Mayor Havermeyer is in New York City Hall.

His first lesson in drawing was sketching a gable at his mother's knee. He followed an — silhouette limner about the village and copied his instrument, obtained a paint box, and thus commenced his early labor that was to be his life's work. Necessity, however, obliged him to become a drug clerk, and afterwards a tailor's apprentice. Finally he gave up his place, and with a small bundle and kit of drawing tools, started on foot for Albany, making sketches of people on the way to pay his expenses. He reached that city penniless and discouraged, and after a week's stay, started back towards home. At Manlius he stayed a few days with a portrait painter named Bradish, and finally he set himself up in a like business at Cazenovia, from where a wealthy friend sent him to New York as a student, and befriended him until his position was assured. Rev. Dr. Hale of Hobart College, Geneva, was also a great helping friend. Finally his paintings attracted attention. Edmonds, the noted *genre* painter, secured the purchase by the New York Art Union of his "Spirit of '76," and from then he prospered. Among his paintings, which have been engraved and become historical, are "The Burning of Schenectady," "The First Sabbath of the Pilgrims," "La Fayette at Olmutz," "Examination of a Witch," "A Justice's Court," "The Scarlet Letter" from Hawthorne's Story, "The First Prayer in Congress," "Washington's Inaugural," and many others. He married Miss Elizabeth Merrill of Sherburne, and in 1850 removed from New York City and located in this village. While in Sherburne he painted several large paintings for William Schaus, the New York art dealer, who had steel engravings made from them. One of them, "First Sacrament on the American Shores," was much admired by Bishops Coxe and Delancey. He also painted, while here, "Elliott Preaching to the Indians," and "Rip Van Winkle's return from the Mountains."

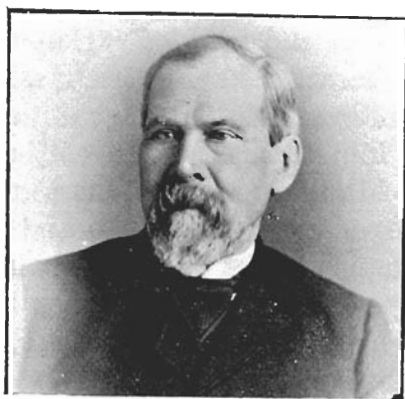
Mr. Matteson's first appearance in Sherburne was in

1834, when he came here with a traveling theatrical troupe from Hamilton to take the part of "Hamlet;" the regular actor for that character having been taken ill at the latter place. He then made the acquaintance here that finally brought him to marry and settle in Sherburne. He was one of the foremost and most efficient workers in the Fire Department, until age and ill-health prevented a continuance. But the cause which elicited his warmest sympathy and hardest labor was that of Education. Soon after his settlement here, he was elected a trustee of the Union School, and after the reorganization under the Union Free School Act. For a number of years he was president of the board. It may safely be said that no one in Sherburne ever did more for the schools of the village, and to him it was a labor of love. For several years he was president of the village, and in 1855 was elected a member of the State Legislature. In politics he was a Democrat, ever faithful to the teachings of Thomas Jefferson; but when the war broke out he dropped party, and did his part in assisting the government. He was a generous, genial, whole-souled gentleman of the old school.

The late Dr. E. S. Lyman wrote of him: "If the love of money had been as strong as the faculty of generosity, it might of been said of him that he died rich." The cut given of him is from the photograph from which Mr. Henry G. Plumb of New York painted the portrait now in possession of the Torrent Hose Company, as the first chief of the department.

ISAAC PLUMB.

Isaac Plumb was born in the City of New York, June 18th, 1808, and lived in the same house in which he was born for thirty-three years. For several years he was engaged in the manufacture of chairs. In 1842 he moved to Sherburne, N. Y., and embarked in the furni-



Isaac Plumb.

ture and undertaking business with Mr. Whitmon Kenyon. In 1849, Mr. Plumb and Horace Combs became proprietors of the business, and continued as such until 1855, when Mr. Plumb became sole proprietor. July, 1892, he sold the business to H. B. Parker, who eventually sold it to S. S. Stienbach, who still retains it. In March, 1891, the store and shop buildings were burned. Mr. Plumb rebuilt them the same year, and occupies an office therein. In 1856, Mr. Plumb was elected a Justice of the Peace, which office he holds at the present time. In the year 1864, Mr. Plumb was elected supervisor of the town of Sherburne, and was re-elected for fourteen consecutive years, when he declined a re-nomination. On the 22nd day of February, 1840, Mr. Plumb was married to Catharine E. Grant of New York City. They had born to them three children: Isaac Plumb, jr., January 10th, 1842; Henry G. Plumb, an artist now living in New York; and one daughter, Anna M. Smith.

Isaac Plumb, jr., on the first of September, 1861, en-

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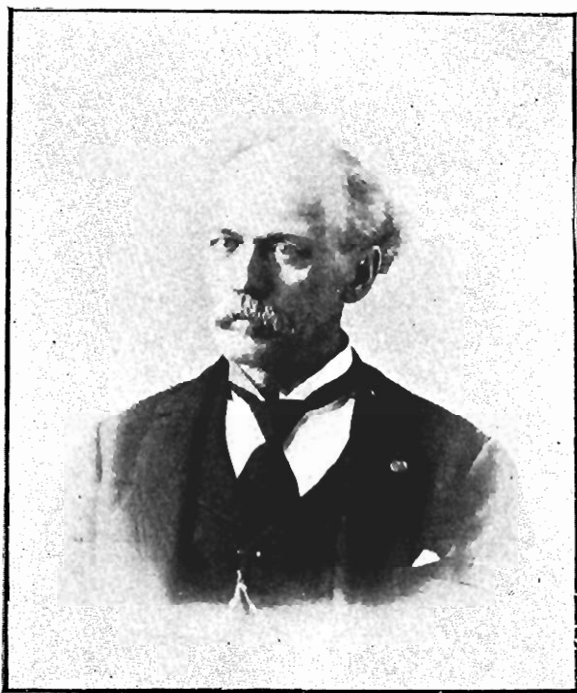


Plumb Block.

listed in the army, and rose from a private to a captain. He was in the army of the Potomac, and engaged in twenty-one battles. Captain Plumb was shot by the enemy at Gaines Mills in Virginia, and wounded in the arm and thigh. He was taken to Washington, D. C., and died there June 11, 1864.

WM. M. BULLIS, POSTMASTER.

The above gentleman was appointed Sherburne's Postmaster, Oct. 1st, 1894. He has ably conducted the important office to the entire satisfaction of both the

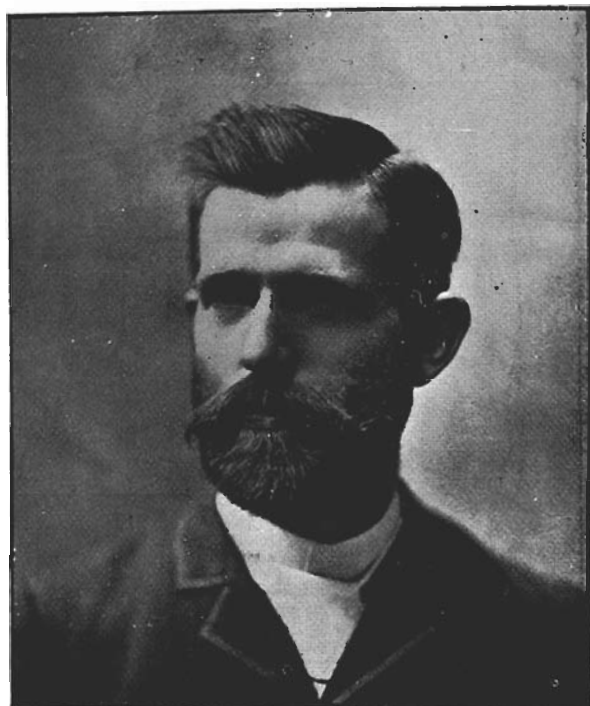


William M. Bullis, Postmaster.

Postoffice Department and citizens of Sherburne since he was appointed to the postmastership. Mr. Bullis is now 64 years of age, has resided in Sherburne for over thirty years—twenty-seven of which he was employed by Squire Isaac Plumb in the furniture business. Mr. Bullis served on the first board of water commissioners, who had charge of building the water-works of Sherburne. He has also held the office of village trustee, and is one of Sherburne's prominent citizens.

MR. CHAS. A. CUSHMAN, TEACHER OF PIANO.

Mr. Cushman has received a liberal musical education. His studies, besides some years in New York City, include one year at Cincinnati, Ohio, and three years at Berlin, Germany. In Berlin, he was under the instruction of the renowned pianist and composer Moritz Moszkowski, who soon recognized his talent for teaching,



Prof. Charles A. Cushman.

as the following extract, given by him to Mr. Cushman, will show:

“I numbered Mr. Cushman among my most talented and zealous pupils. I release him with the best wishes for his future; and am further of the firm conviction that at home he will soon become a highly valued piano-teacher, as an indeed extraordinary pedagogic capacity enables him to use his knowledge and abilities in the most excellent manner for teaching.”

Mr. Cushman was born in Springfield, Mass., June 22nd, 1857. He first came to Sherburne in 1872, and attended the Union School for two years, going thence to Plainfield, N. J., and afterwards to Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1877 he returned to Sherburne, where he followed his profession for nearly five years. He then went abroad to further prosecute his studies; and from 1886 to 1894 he taught in New York City, part of the time as one of the faculty of the New York College of Music.



Residence of Prof. Charles A. Cushman.

In 1894 he determined to make Sherburne his permanent home. At his residence (a cut of which appears with this sketch) he has a studio fitted up with all the means necessary for the teaching of his art; and is able to give his pupils entirely up to date instruction. In 1886 he married Miss Lona Langemak of Altona, Germany, and has a family of three children.

DR. W. S. FISH, DENTIST.

Doctor Fish is a native of Herkimer, N. Y.; was born there in 1839. He came to Sherburne some twenty years ago, and has successfully practiced his profession ever since; six years of which time he had his brother

as a partner. The doctor is a skilled artist in his line; has all the latest appliances for doing the best work. The making of artificial plates is a specialty with him; while crown work and filling is a large part of his business. He has a pleasant and convenient office on East State street. Helen M. and W. S. Fish comprise the firm who own the "Hotel Daniels," and are both widely known.

ROWLAND BROS.

One of the finest farms in this section is the one owned by the Rowland Brothers, located on the out-



Residence of Rowlands' Bros.

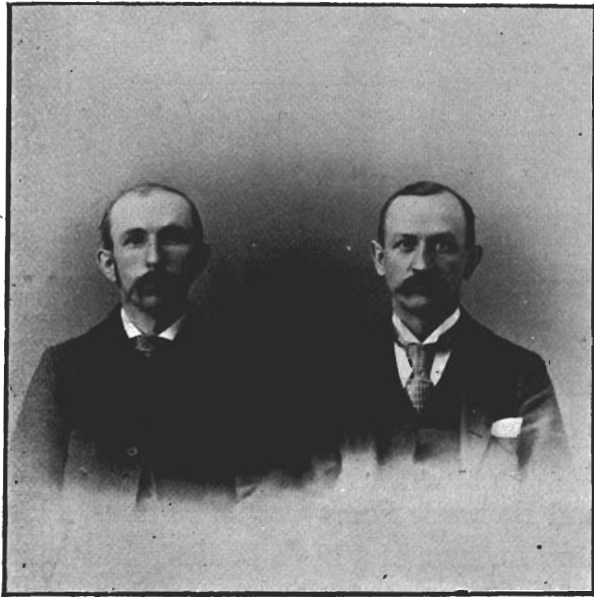
skirts, south of the village. The farm comprises some two hundred acres, fifteen of which are devoted to the raising of hops; their average yield being about 100 bales per season. This farm has been owned by the Rowland family for forty-three years. It is finely located and stocked with forty-five head of cattle and six horses. The buildings are of ample size, with all necessary appliances for conducting so large a farm.

On June 30th, 1890. their homestead was destroyed by fire; soon after which they erected the present large and elegant home they now occupy. This house is one of the largest and finest farm-houses in this section, and a great credit to the taste and enterprise of the Rowland Bros. Both are bachelors; Thaddaus S., the elder, is 47 years of age; his brother Jacob B., is 44 years of age. They are both natives of Sherburne. They have living with them their mother and two sisters, Anna and Lena, who keep house for them.

KUTSCHBACH & BULLIS,

DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

One of the pioneer mercantile establishments of Sherburne is now conducted by the well known firm of



Firm of Kutschbach & Bullis.

Kutschbach & Bullis, successors to Whitney, Kutschbach & Bullis, who conducted an extensive business for the past fourteen years. This old reliable house was

established some sixty years ago in the store now occupied by them, by the firm of Holmes & Williams, who successfully carried on a large and extensive business for many years. No establishment in this section is better known for honest dealing, and it has always had the fullest confidence of the community. The firm occupies a block on East State street, consisting of three stores.



Kutschbach & Bullis' Store.

The stock is a large and complete one, consisting of a full line of fancy and staple Dry Goods, among which are Domestics, Linens, Hosiery, Gloves, Woolens, Imported and Domestic Dress Goods; Notions, a large stock of Clothing for men and boys, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks, Carpets, Wall Paper, and a fine assortment of Staple and Fancy Groceries. The co-partners, Messrs. R. P. Kutschbach & F. M. Bullis, are among Sherburne's most enterprising and successful merchants.

ROSS COTTON MILLS.

The Ross Cotton Mills, Alexander Ross, proprietor, were built in 1863 by a stock company organized the previous year, with a capital of \$80,000, which was increased in 1864 to \$100,000. The first president of the company was Hector Ross, father of the present proprietor, who held the office until his death, July 24, 1872, at which time he was sole owner. The heirs of Hector

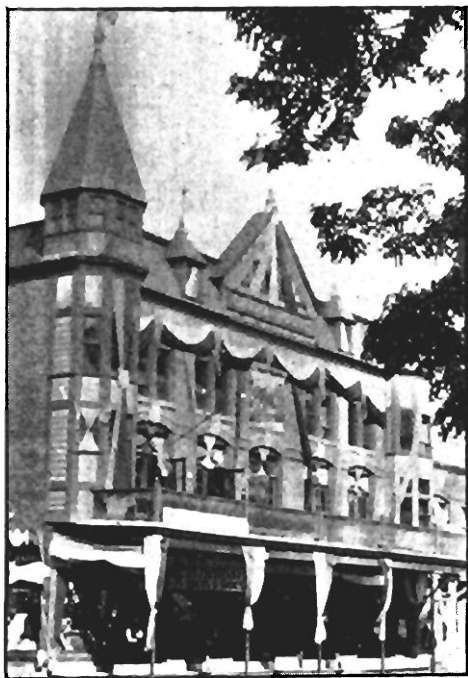


Ross Cotton Mill.

Ross became proprietors under the will, and Mr. A. Ross has purchased the several interests, thus becoming sole owner. The mills employ about 100 persons, many of whom are females. The building is a three story brick structure, 60x164 feet. It contains over 8,000 spindles. About 65,000 yards of cotton cloth is the average weekly output. The Cotton Mills have been kept running through all the hard times, more, as Mr. Ross informs us, to keep in employment the many who depend upon that as a support for themselves and families, than for any profit there is in it at present. Mr. Ross has an able superintendent in Mr. William K. White, and also an expert accountant in Lewis D. Brainard.

SHERBURNE OPERA HOUSE.

Very few towns in Central New York have such an elegant and finely equipped place of amusement as the Sherburne Opera House, owned and conducted by the Sherburne Opera House Association, which was formed August 3d, 1891; the stockholders of which erected the present handsome building located on the west side of



Sherburne Opera House.

North Main street, at a cost of nearly \$11,500. These enterprising citizens made it possible for Sherburne to have first-class theatrical companies stop here. The Opera House was opened by the well-known New York Philharmonics, Feb. 20th, 1892, who gave a fine performance to a full house. Some twenty or more first-class shows are booked annually. The Opera House is supplied with all modern auxiliaries and has seven changes of fine

painted scenery. The house will seat five hundred, and is furnished with the latest Opera Chairs throughout. It contains all modern improvements, such as gas, steam heat and running water on the stage. The original stockholders are all now connected with the association, with one exception. They are as follows: Edward Daniels, Dr. L. A. Van Wagner, H. H. Tucker, E. L. Whitney,



Interior Opera House.

J. H. Shepard, L. A. Blanding, and Edward O. Foote. Mr. Foote took the place of Walter I. Buell, deceased.

The architect was Mr. M. H. Hubbard of Utica, N. Y. The contractor and builder, Mr. F. E. Stafford. The building, as will be seen by the cut at the head of this sketch, is a four story brick block, having three fine, large stores on the ground floor; a lodge and banquet hall on the third floor. The balance of the building is used entirely by the association for its own use, and is a great credit to the village. Its present officers are: Edward Daniels, President; Dr. L. A. Van Wagner, Vice President; H. H. Tucker, Secretary; E. L. Whitney, Treasurer. Board of Directors are: J. H. Shepard. L. A. Blanding and Edward O. Foote, with J. H. Shepard as Manager,

H. H. TUCKER,
D. L. & W. R. R. AGENT.



D., L. & W. R. R. Depot.

Mr. Tucker has been connected with the above railroad nineteen years, during seven years of which he held the responsible position of train dispatcher at Utica.

In 1889 he came to Sherburne to take the position of



H. H. Tucker.

Depot Agent for the D. L. & W. R. R., which he has filled to the complete satisfaction of the company and credit to himself. This office sells coupon tickets for all Western Railroads; and Mr. Tucker also acts as the local agent for the United States Express Co., which does a large business at this station. Several of the foreign steamship

companies are also represented by Mr. Tucker, among which are the Cunard, Anchor, Red Star and American Lines. Parties living in this section who contemplate making an ocean voyage, can make all their arrangements for passage through Mr. Tucker.

The coal business of Sherburne is ably conducted by Mr. Tucker, and is a large factor in the commercial life of Sherburne. He is also Secretary of the Opera House



Residence of H. H. Tucker.

Association. Personally, Mr. Tucker is considered one of Sherburne's upright and honored citizens. He is a native of Norwich, Chenango County.

EDWARD DANIELS,
DEALER IN HOPS.

The business of buying and selling hops is one that requires good judgment and tact. The subject of this sketch is a gentleman who has for twenty-five years carried on the business with great success. Mr. Daniels has the reputation of being one of the largest, as well as

the best known hop-buyer, in this section; he buys many thousand bales of hops on commission, and he also deals heavily on his own account; shipping many bales to New York for export to foreign countries. Mr. Daniels has always taken a great interest in his native town, and has been honored by holding several offices of trust and responsibility. He held the office of postmaster for five years, also served on the village board of trustees, and now holds the important office of President of Sherburne village. Mr. Daniels is a pleasant, affable gentleman, and ever ready to advance the interests of Sherburne.



Storehouse of Blanding & Shepard.

BLANDING & SHEPARD,
BUYERS AND SHIPPERS.

The above cut shows the largest and most complete Warehouse on the line of the D. L. & W. R. R. between Utica and Binghamton; especially erected for the extensive produce business of the well-known firm of Blanding & Shepard. From its inception in 1892 this firm has carried on a very large business, and annually buy and ship (mostly to the New England market) about two hundred car-loads of farm produce, consisting of baled hay, straw, potatoes and apples. Being expert buyers they only ship the best in that line, and con-

sequently hold and increase their business from year to year. The individual members, Messrs. L. A. Blanding and J. H. Shepard, are both connected with other business interest in Sherburne. Mr. Blanding, the senior partner, is at present holding the important office of Supervisor of this town, and is now serving his second term—showing that he is the right man for that office. He was also for many years proprietor of the “People’s Market,” which he conducted with great skill and profit. Mr. Blanding, further, is one of the seven gentlemen who comprise the stock company who erected and own the Sherburne Opera House. The junior partner, Mr. J. H. Shepard, is one of Sherburne’s hustlers. He is the head of the drug firm of Shepard & Sholes, and also the part owner and manager of the Opera House. Mr. Shepard has been connected with several business firms since he made Sherburne his home, and was for 15 years the senior member of the firm of Shepard, Walker & Co. Mr. Shepard served on the original board who had charge of erecting the Sherburne Water Works, and is its present treasurer. Both gentlemen take great pride in advancing the interests of Sherburne.

SHEPARDS & SHOLES, DRUGS AND GROCERIES.

One of the leading representative business houses of Sherburne is the Drug and Grocery house of Messrs. Shepard & Sholes, located on North Main street. This establishment was founded by Thomas A. Fuller many years ago, and has always been one of the foremost business houses in town. In March, 1890, Mr. Shepard became connected with the business, the firm being J. H. Shepard & Co., which continued until Sept. 1st, 1894, when Mr. George L. Sholes was admitted to the firm. Mr. Sholes is a licensed pharmacist and considered one of the best in this section. The store is nicely fitted

and arranged for the conducting of a first-class pharmacy. They always carry in stock a full and complete line of pure drugs and medicines, paying particular attention to the compounding and filling of prescriptions. They also carry a full line of paints, oils and varnish, and druggists' sundries; while their grocery department is a very important factor, always carrying a first-class stock of staple and fancy groceries. They are also agents for the celebrated "Adelbert Bicycle," manufactured at Cleveland, Ohio. This wheel is a "high grade" and popular wheel. The Bell Telephone Co. have their station located in this store.

Mr. Shepard is a native of Fly Creek, Otsego county, N. Y. Mr. Sholes is a native of Morris, Otsego county, N. Y. Both gentlemen are active and progressive business men.



Residence of William K. White.

S. C. WATERS,

GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT.—OFFICE, BANK BUILDING.

Mr. Waters has a wide practical experience and intimate knowledge of insurance in all its branches, and is recognized as one of the best insurance agents in this section, representing as he does the first-class A No. 1 companies, during a record of 30 years in this line,

he has insured and paid losses amounting to \$114,000, and received in premiums \$185,000. Among some fifteen of the oldest and strongest companies Mr. Waters represents, we will mention only a few of the leaders: Ætna of Hartford, Conn.; the Niagara and Hanover of New York; the Travelers' Life and Accident of Hartford, Conn. All of his companies are up to the highest standard and pay their losses promptly.



Residence of S. C. Waters.

Mr. Waters is a native of Eaton, Madison county, is 62 years of age, and has spent 59 years of his life in the village of Sherburne. Mr. Waters' son, L. A. Waters, represents the manufacturers of the celebrated makes of Waverly and Temple Bicycles. For the past two years Mr. Waters has sold these wheels, and they are used by many in this section. They make both ladies' and gents' styles. He is located with his father over the Bank.

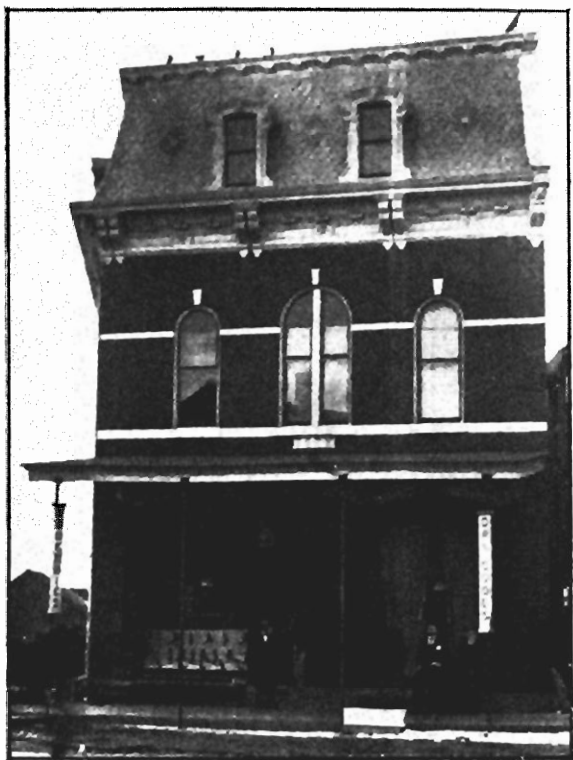
FAILING & STANHILBER,

DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Sherburne is fortunate in having for one of its business houses such an establishment as the one conducted by Messrs. Failing & Stanhilber.

This well-known firm was established some four years

ago. (Mr. Failing for six years prior thereto was the junior member of the firm of York & Failing). Its volume of business has steadily increased from year to year. Occupying the finest business block in the village, with a large and varied stock, its facilities for do-



Sanford Block.

ing business are of the best. The stock carried is an extensive one, consisting of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes for men, women and children; also a complete line of rubber goods of the best makes and latest styles; carpets, oil cloths, wall paper, &c.

Both members of the firm are natives of Jefferson county, N. Y., and their establishment is one of the most popular in Sherburne.

M. W. FARLEY,
BUYER AND DEALER IN HOPS.



M. W. Farley.

Of the many engaged in the business of buying hops in Central New York none are better posted on the value and quality of this article than Mr. Farley. He has the utmost confidence of the farmers through this section and annually purchases large quantities of hops from them; they are al-

ways glad to see him, knowing that any business transacted with Mr. Farley will be pleasant and



Hop Store House of M. W. Farley.

agreeable. Mr. Farley is a large buyer for the Chicago, Milwaukee, Buffalo and Boston markets. He has lately commenced the putting up of hops in small packages, to weigh $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and 1 lb. These hops are used all

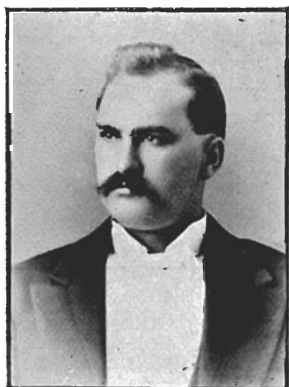
through the country by wholesale drug and grocery houses, to sell to retail merchants for family use. The attractive package is what is wanted in this line, and Mr. Farley has succeeded in placing just such an article on the market. The several cuts show Mr. Farley's



Residence of M. W. Farley.

warehouse and home, as well as the genial buyer himself, who is one of Sherburne's enterprising business men.

H. Y. BURLINGHAM,
DRUGS AND JEWELRY.



H. Y. Burlingham.

The drug business of Sherburne is very ably represented by the well-known and popular drug store of Mr. Burlingham, located on East State street. The stock of drugs, patent medicines, pharmaceutical preparations and druggists' sundries, carried by this house, is one of the most complete in town; special care is taken in the compounding of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes.

A fine stock of books, stationery and musical merchandise always on hand. The stock of jewelry, watches and silverware is a large one. Mr. Burlingham is a practical watchmaker and jeweler, with years of experience. Mr. Burlingham has conducted his present enterprise since 1890, with growing success. He holds the important office of chief of the Sherburne Fire Department, and is one of its most popular members. Born in 1863 at Hartwick, Otsego Co., N. Y., Mr. Burlingham is one of Sherburne's most useful citizens.

H. S. SALEY,

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.

Located on West State street is the Furniture and Undertaking Establishment, conducted by Mr. Saley.



H. S. Saley.

The stock carried comprises a general line of furniture of all kinds for parlor, dining-room, bedroom, hall and kitchen; a specialty being made of repairing and up-

holstering furniture of every description. As an undertaker and funeral director, Mr. Saley is best known in this section. All calls are promptly attended to, and every requisite furnished for the proper care of the dead. Mr. Saley has a finely appointed hearse for the use of his patrons. In the embalming of bodies, Mr. Saley has no superior in this county—being a graduate of Prof. F. A. Sullivan's Oriental School of Embalming, Boston, Mass., which is one of the leading schools in this country. Mr. Saley is a native of Sherburne; was born Oct. 18th, 1862, and has been engaged in his present business nine years.

WALKER BROS.

DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Messrs. Walker Bros, in 1888, founded the present well-known business house bearing their name. As dealers in dry goods, groceries, carpets, cloaks, crockery and wall paper, they display one of the finest and most complete stocks of merchandise in Sherburne. Their store located in the Shepard block, on North Main street, is filled to overflowing with an extensive stock of goods, consisting in part of dress goods, notions, cloaks for ladies, misses and children; ladies' furnishing and fancy goods; while the grocery and crockery departments are always carefully looked after, so that they contain the latest and best. The firm is composed of the brothers C. L. & L. S. Walker. The senior member, Mr. C. L. Walker, is one of the village trustees. This enterprise is a credit to the business interests of Sherburne.

TOBEY & BURLISON,

HARDWARE, STOVES, &c.

The well-known and successful enterprise conducted by Messrs. Tobey & Burlison, dealers in hardware, stoves, furnaces, &c., is located on the north side of East State street, where a stock of general hardware is carried,

which comprises a full assortment of shelf and heavy goods. This firm handle many well-known and celebrated makes of stoves for heating and cooking purposes. The furnaces sold by this house are the best in the market, are manufactured by Hart & Crouse at Utica, N. Y., and known as the "Prince Royal." This make of hot air furnaces stands at the head for economy in



Residence of William E. Davis.

fuel and durability. Paints and oils of well-known brands are also handled; while this firm gives particular attention to plumbing, tin, sheet iron work, roofing and general jobbing.

This firm came to Sherburne seven years ago from Mount Upton, N. Y. The individual members of the firm, Messrs. F. S. Tobey and L. M. Burlison are gentlemen of sound business principles, and are highly regarded by everyone.

A. C. BUCHANAN,

DEALER IN GENERAL HARDWARE.

The success achieved by A. C. Buchanan, the popular hardware merchant, is a striking example of what can be done by enterprise and straightforward business methods. Mr. Buchanan succeeded to the old estab-

lished house of Charles H. Sanford eleven years ago, with whom he was connected some fourteen years. As a thorough mechanic, practical in all its branches, Mr. Buchanan holds the large and valued trade of this section in a marked degree. His aim is always to carry out to the fullest extent any contract or business he agrees to. The stock comprises a general line of shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, furnaces, hot water heaters, paints, oils, &c., while an extensive trade is done in agricultural implements. This house is specially equipped in its workshop for doing all kinds of roofing, tinning, plumbing and gas fitting.

Last, but not least, we mention that Mr. Buchanan is the selling agent in Sherburne for the celebrated bicycles, the Crawford, Columbus and Hunter. These wheels are leaders, having all the latest improvements, and must be seen to be appreciated. As one of Sherburne's leading business men, Mr. Buchanan is highly regarded.

H. I. MATTESON,

HARNESS MAKER AND DEALER IN WAGONS AND SLEIGHS.
OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

One of the oldest business houses in Sherburne, always conducted under the same management, is that of Mr. Matteson, who for twenty years has been Sherburne's leading dealer in his line. As a manufacturer of fine harness, he has the reputation of being one of the best in the Chenango valley, making a specialty of hand-made harness. He also deals in horse-furnishing goods of all descriptions. Whips, robes, blankets, trunks and bags are carried in stock in great variety.

Mr. Matteson is also the local dealer for the sale of the celebrated Watertown wagons and cutters, manufactured by the H. H. Babcock Wagon Company. No better goods are turned out by any manufactory in the

country. Mr. Matteson was President of the village Board of Water Commissioners last year, and is one of Sherburne's leading business men.

FINK & HOLEY,

FLOUR, FEED, &c.

The flour and feed business of any town is one of its main enterprises. The one conducted by Messrs. Fink & Holey is no exception to this rule. Being large dealers, they buy in carload lots from first hands, and are always prepared to furnish the best grades of anything in their line, at lowest prices. Such well-known brands of flour as the "Pillsbury's Best," Frazee Milling Co. brands, which are Frazee's Best, Royal, and Favorite, are always in stock. They are agents for several well-known brands of "stock foods," and deal largely in grain, salt and water lime. Their grist mill is one of the best in this section for doing custom grinding. Since its inception in 1889, this firm has yearly transacted a large trade. Both members of the firm are natives of Sherburne, and are always ready to help advance the business interests of the town.

THOMAS P. GAINES,

BUILDING MATERIAL.

The lumber and building material enterprise, which is conducted by Mr. Thos. P. Gaines, is one of Sherburne's important business interests. A large and complete stock is always carried, consisting of sash, doors, blinds, shingles and lath; rough, plain and matched lumber of all dimensions. Contractors and private parties can have their wants filled promptly on short notice.

Mr. Gaines deals largely in salt, lime, and fertilizers of well-known brands, such as "Bradleys" and "Oneon-

ta" F. H. & G. brand. A specialty is made of custom planing and matching.

Mr. Gaines is a native of Sherburne, and was the junior member of the firm of Fink, Holey & Gaines for some three years; prior to which he was engaged in farming. He has conducted his present business since December last.

S. W. LOBDELL, Agent,

FLOUR, FEED, &c.

Mr. Lobdell has the distinction of being one of Sherburne's oldest merchants engaged in business at the present time. For many years Mr. Lobdell has carried on business as a dealer in flour, feed, grain, salt, water lime, &c.; carrying in stock such celebrated brands of flour as the "Pillsbury's Best," "World's Best," "Snow Flake," and other brands. These well-known brands of flour are the very best flours milled in the United States—the sale of "Pillsbury's Best" leading all others. Mr. Lobdell is always prepared to furnish his customers with feed at the lowest market price. Grain, salt, and water lime are also extensively dealt in. This enterprise is located on West State street, and is conveniently arranged for doing his business. Mr. Lobdell is a native of Sherburne, and one of its active business men.

SHERBURNE IRON WORKS AND FOUNDRY,

PRATT & SEELEY, PROPRIETORS.

Last September the above firm was organized for the conducting of a general machine shop for doing all kinds of jobbing and repairing in machinery and iron work. They are also prepared to do any new work in their line. Their machinery is all new and of the latest improved patterns for turning out first-class work. The junior member of the firm, Mr. Seeley, is a practical

engineer of many years' experience, and capable of undertaking and carrying out any difficult work in their line. Such an enterprise is a long felt want in Sherburne, and this firm is entitled to great credit for starting such an establishment in Sherburne.

The senior member of the firm, Mr. Walstien C. Pratt, is one of Sherburne's sons, while Mr. Seeley came here from Binghamton, N. Y. Their plant is located opposite the R. R. Depot.

LITTLE & CO.,
CITY MARKET.

The village of Sherburne can be congratulated in having such an enterprising firm as the one of Little & Co., proprietors of the City Market, located on North Main street. This market is a model one, kept in the



Residence of G. W. Little.

most cleanly and orderly manner; certainly very few can compare with it in that respect. The members of this firm being good judges of meats, they always carry a stock selected with the best judgment. They also carry a fine stock of canned goods of the best packing, while particular attention is paid to fruits, oysters, clams, &c. Ten years of uninterrupted business is the record of this house. They also are large buyers and shippers of farm

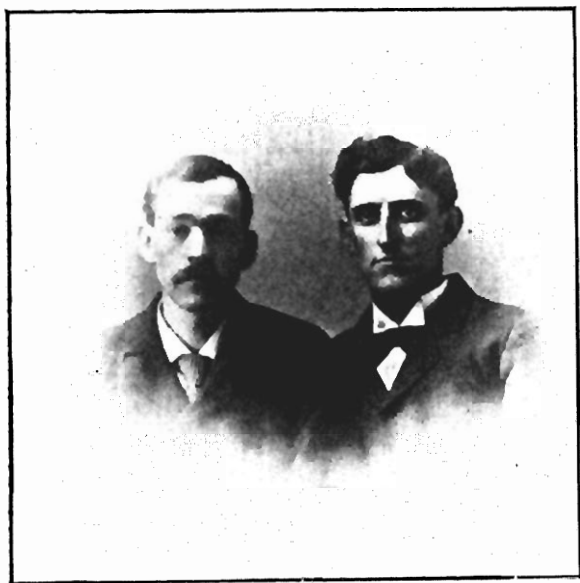
produce, having been engaged in this line for some twenty years.

The members of this enterprising firm are father and son, Messrs. George W. and George H. Little, both of whom are well-known and respected.

COLLINS & CARRIER,

DEALERS IN BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS AND MENS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Located in the Empire block on East State street, the above firm carry on an extensive trade in the special



Collins & Carrier.

lines they handle. Their stock consists of a large and varied line of the best and most popular makes of men's, womens', boys' and misses' fine and medium grades of Boots and Shoes. Having splendid facilities for buying from first hands, they are always in position to give to their customers the best goods for the least money. Their Hats and Caps are the productions of the best and well-known manufacturers in that line. "*Up to date*" is the

motto of the house in the hat department, while in men's furnishings they are always prepared to show an extensive assortment of the latest styles.

The individual members of this firm, Messrs. Levi Collins and Chas. L. Carrier, are both live young men, and have the enterprise and spirit of successful merchants.

M. F. POTTER,

MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.



Smith Monument.

In no line of business is the mechanical art more displayed than in the manufacture of monuments, &c. The only representative of such an enterprise in Sherburne is Mr. M. F. Potter, who has conducted his extensive business for some ten years. In many cemeteries through this section, Mr. Potter has erected some fine specimens of his artistic workmanship. He has had

many years' experience in his line. Mr. Potter is ably prepared to furnish superior work and complete it promptly. Sherburne is to be congratulated upon having such a well-conducted business as the one conducted by Mr. Potter. One of the important features of his works is the polishing machine, manufactured by the H. H. Harvey Machine Co. of Boston, Mass., with which he can do the finest work.

W. R. WALKER,

DEALER IN CLOTHING, MEN'S FURNISHINGS
AND BOOTS AND SHOES.

The clothing business is one of the leading lines in every village, and Sherburne is fortunate in having as their leading clothing merchant one of its native citizens, Mr. W. R. Walker. Born January 13th, 1848, and has always resided here. For a number of years he was the junior member of the well-known firm of Shepard & Walker, who conducted an extensive business.

Mr. Walker had several other partners after the above firm dissolved. Since 1892, Mr. Walker has conducted his business alone. He carries a very fine and complete assortment of men's boys' and children's clothing of the best manufacture, always keeping up to the styles prevailing, and no house has a record for lower prices and more satisfactory goods. Everything in the men's furnishing line is carried in stock, while a specialty is made of the boot and shoe department. Mr. Walker occupies a fine large store in the Opera House Block on North Main street, and is considered one of Sherburne's leading merchants.

"SPRING HOUSE,"

CHARLES A. REYNOLDS, PROPRIETOR.

For many years Rexford Falls has been known to every one in Central New York, and many visitors from a distance have looked with great pleasure at the beautiful scenery round and about the Falls.

In 1883 Mr. Reynolds erected the fine spacious hotel, (a cut of which appears on the opposite page) near the Falls. This house is arranged so as to accommodate about fifty transient guests. The rooms are all large, nicely furnished, with fine views from each. Guests are always delighted with the liberal table provided by mine host Reynolds. The service of this hotel is always

prompt and courteous. One of the most attractive features of the Spring House is the celebrated White Sulphur Springs, which are located near the hotel. They have the health-giving properties found in few sulphur springs. As a landlord Mr. Reynolds fully deserves the greatest credit. Guests returning year after year to partake of the Spring House hospitality, speaks volumes for it. The hotel is open from May 1st to October 1st each year, and has had many guests in past years, from New



Spring House.

York, Brooklyn and other places, who come early in the season and stay late. One of the salient features of the Spring House is the very reasonable charges made to guests by the week or month. Personally, Mr. Reynolds is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, and is a typical boniface.

"HOTEL DANIELS,"

FERGUSON & NASH, PROPRIETORS.

When Sherburne was first settled by the pioneers, the site where the now famous "Hotel Daniels" stands was chosen as the most desirable spot for the erection of the

village tavern. The present large, commodious, modern hotel was built by Mr. Daniels after the fire in 1880, which destroyed the old house. It is a four story frame building, has steam heat, sanitary plumbing, and is furnished nicely throughout. The present proprietors,



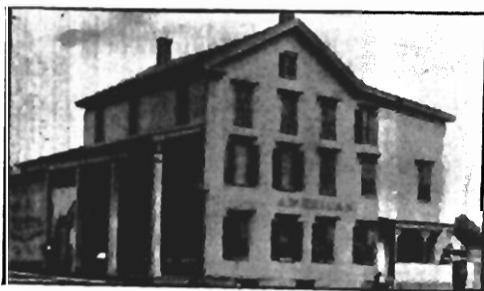
Hotel Daniels.

Messrs. Ferguson & Nash, took possession last April, and have conducted the hotel with great satisfaction to the traveling public. Both gentlemen came to Sherburne from Norwich, N. Y.

AMERICAN HOTEL,

WILLIAM H. HOPSON, PROPRIETOR,

Located opposite the R. R. depot is one of Sherburne's most popular hotels, "The American," conducted and owned by Mr. Wm. H. Hopson. This hotel has the



American Hotel.

patronage of many commercial men, who always speak a good word for the genial host, and especially the ex-

cellent service that is paid to every one of its guests. No hotel in this section furnishes a better meal than can be had at this popular house. The dining-room is fitted up very nicely, and guests always retire from it feeling that they have had value received. This hotel has accommodations for some twenty-five transient guests. The whole house is nicely arranged and furnished. The father of W. H. Hopson, the late L. D. Hopson, bought the hotel property some twenty-four years ago, and it has been conducted ever since by father and son.

Mr. W. H. Hopson is now about 35 years of age, and one of the best hotel men in Central New York.

CHENANGO HOUSE,

JOHN E. MULLIGAN, PROPRIETOR.

Without a short sketch of the well-known hostlery conducted by mine host Mulligan, our work would not be complete. The "Chenango House" is located on West State street near the depot. It has long been one of Sherburne's popular hotels. The accommodations are first-class, and any guest who may stop at this house will be pleased with the welcome and care they receive.

LEE M. AUDSLEY,

BOTTLING ESTABLISHMENT.

Since 1886 the well-knowr output manufactured by Mr. Audsley have always been in great demand. His establishment is equipped with all the necessary machinery for putting up the best goods in the line of lemon soda, ginger ale, birch beer, and other soft drinks. Mr. Audsley is also the agent and bottler of the celebrated Bartholomay's Rochester Lager. A large business is the result of putting on the market first-class goods. Mr. Audsley came to Sherburne from Norwich, where he was engaged in the same line of business.

C. L. DALRYMPLE,

DEALER IN WAGONS, SLEIGHS AND BICYCLES.

Mr. Dalrymple conducts an extensive business in his line. He is the agent for several of the leading manufacturers of fine wagons. His stock is always complete and selected with great care. He handles light and heavy wagons, both for pleasure and farm use. The line of cutters and sleighs he has had in stock the past season has insured him a large sale. Mr. Dalrymple is also the local agent for several well-known makes of bicycles, which he invites every one to call and see.

The salesroom is located on North Main street at his residence.

H. F. METCALF,

PHOTOGRAPHER.



H. F. Metcalf.

Among the artists in photography, none in this section occupy a more prominent position than Mr. H. F. Metcalf, who is an artist of rare skill and judgment and is a thorough master of the new process recently introduced in the photographic art. A general photographic business is conducted. Orders for oil, ink, pastel, crayon and water color work are promptly executed in the highest style of the art. Mr. Metcalf makes a specialty of large portrait work. The gallery is provided with the best appliances for doing first-class work. One of the features of this gallery is that both the reception and operating rooms are located on the ground floor, making it very convenient for his patrons. Mr. Metcalf has had twelve years' experience in his line, and his work is his best recommend as a first-class artist.

Born in Seneca Falls, N. Y., twenty-nine years ago, Mr. Metcalf is a young man who, with his three years' residence in Sherburne, is entitled to the credit he has won as being the best photographer in this county.

JAMES JEPSON,
LIVERY.

Mr. Jepson is one of the oldest liverymen in the county. By prompt and courteous treatment of his patrons, he has built up an extensive livery business. His stables are located in the rear of the "Hotel Daniels," are large and finely equipped, both as regards horses and wagons. Sleighs and double rigs, with good horses and careful drivers, can always be furnished on short notice.

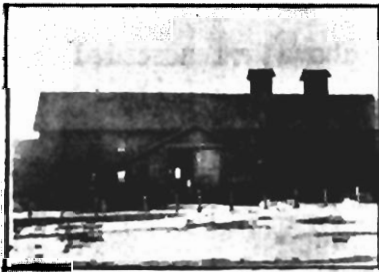
Mr. Jepson has long resided in Sherburne and is one of its best known citizens.

J. FOOT,
LIVERY.

Located in the rear of the American Hotel is Mr. Foot's livery. He has a number of first-class horses and wagons to let, that are safe for any one to drive. The whole establishment is kept up to a degree of excellence that is a surprise to his patrons. Commercial business is promptly and satisfactorily attended to, and careful drivers furnished at any time.

SHERBURNE MILK STATION.

DAVIS & TUTHILL, PROPRIETORS.



Sherburne Milk Station.

For seven years the Sherburne Milk Station, owned by Messrs. Davis & Tuthill, has been in successful operation. The milk is received from the farmers for some four miles about Sherburne. The daily shipments amount to about ten thousand pounds in summer and

five thousand pounds in winter. They also ship, daily, two cans of cream. The whole product is shipped to New York city in cans holding 46 quarts each. This firm has several other milk stations along the D. L. & W. R. R. The station at Sherburne is under the management of Mr. J. M. Wright, who has held this position for the past four years.

ORVILLE J. FRASHURE,

MEAT MARKET AND CANNED GOODS.

One of Sherburne's popular and well conducted markets is the one kept by Orville J. Frashure, located on the north side of East State street. This is one of the oldest markets in Sherburne, and has always enjoyed a flattering trade. Mr. Frashure succeeded to the business long conducted by L. A. Blanding in the same location. The stock of meats displayed is always of the best quality, and selected with great care. Mr. Frashure also carries a fine assortment of staple canned goods, consisting of meats, fish, fruits and vegetables, while a specialty is made of oysters and clams in their season.

Mr. Frashure was for a number of years engaged in farming, prior to engaging in his present business, and is one of Sherburne's enterprising merchants.

MISSES E. & M. MACKSEY,

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

About three years ago the above firm succeeded to the long-established business of Miss A. M. Farley & Co. The store is located on West State street, north side, and is well arranged for conducting their business. They carry in stock (in season) a full line of fashionable millinery of all grades, consisting of hats, bonnets and ladies' head gear. Their dressmaking parlors are nicely fitted for turning out first-class, stylish garments, at very reasonable prices.

MRS. S. G. LATTIMER,
MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

Occupying one of the large, convenient stores in the Opera House Block is Sherburne's leading millinery and dressmaking establishment, conducted by Mrs. Lattimer, who has a record of fourteen years of uninterrupted business career in Sherburne. The stock carried by Mrs. Lattimer is always complete and of the latest styles in fine millinery. Hats and bonnets made to order is a specialty of this house, while mourning millinery is carefully prepared. The dressmaking department of Mrs. Lattimer has her individual attention, and satisfaction is guaranteed in every case; with several competent assistants, she promptly fills all orders entrusted to her.

MISS S. A. NICHOLS,
MILLINERY.

For fifteen years Miss Nichols has conducted the millinery parlors located on North Main street. Her stock is carefully selected; all the latest styles of fashionable hats, bonnets and trimmings are carried in stock and made to order with great taste. Giving her personal attention to all work, her customers are always pleased.

J. W. GRAVELDING,
MARKET.

About eighteen months ago Mr. Gravelding opened the present market located on North Main street. The stock carried comprises a full line of prime State and Western beef, pork, lamb, mutton and sausage. All of the stock is selected with great care, so customers can always find the best the market affords. Oysters, clams and salt fish are always in stock in season. A fine line of canned goods are carried in stock, of the best and most popular brands.

Mr. Gravelding, prior to engaging in his present business, was for twenty-seven years employed at the Ross Cotton Mill. By close attention to business, he has succeeded to a remarkable degree. The market is well arranged and conveniently located.

A. G. CROWELL,

CIGARS AND NEWS ROOM.

In the corner store of the Empire Block is located the business conducted by A. G. Crowell, dealer in cigars, tobacco, fruits, confectionery, &c. Patrons can always find a fine fresh stock of goods in this popular place. Mr. Crowell also deals in stationery, periodicals, school supplies and the daily newspapers. He is also the local agent for the Binghamton Troy Laundry. The store is conveniently located, and the stock displayed in an attractive manner. Mr. Crowell has conducted his present enterprise for the past six years with credit to himself. He is a native of Sherburne and is twenty-three years of age.

A. W. RICE,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.

Some seven years ago Mr. Rice located in Sherburne to engage in the jewelry business, and has successfully carried on the same. Being a practical watchmaker and jeweler, he thoroughly understands the repairing and regulating of the finest makes of watches. He also gives particular care to the repairing of all kinds of jewelry. He carries a stock of watches, jewelry and silverware of the latest styles; while in the optical line he is prepared to fit and adjust glasses to all eyes. A full line of optical goods always on hand. Mr. Rice was born in Syracuse, N. Y., June 26th, 1843.

A. B. COATS,
GROCER.

Located on the south side of West State street is the well-known grocery and provision store conducted by A. B. Coats. The stock carried comprises a general line of staple and fancy groceries, consisting of teas, coffees, spices, canned goods of all kinds, molasses and syrups, flour and faranacious goods. Mr. Coats has always on hand a full stock of provisions; he also carries a well assorted stock of gloves, mittens and notions. Mr. Coats has been engaged in this business for eleven years past; is a native of Unadilla Forks, Otsego county, N. Y., and is one of Sherburne's enterprising business men.

B. H. SIMMONS,
SHAVING PARLORS.

A native of Eaton, Madison county, Mr. Simmons came to Sherburne and engaged in the tonsorial busi-



Interior of Simmons' Shop.

ness some six years ago. His parlors are located on North Main street in the Bank Building. They are tastefully fitted up and are fully equipped for doing first-class work. The large patronage Mr. Simmons receives is proof that he is an artist in his line. Mr. Simmons is a young man, 23 years of age, and one of Sherburne's busy men.

GEORGE A. HILL.



George A. Hill.

The subject of this sketch has the honor to have been Sherburne's first paid police officer. Mr. Hill was born in New Berlin in 1847. He was brought up on a farm, received a good education and at nineteen years of age he began teaching, and followed it for several winters.

He came to Sherburne in 1887, when he purchased the Central Hotel property, which he conducted for one year.

He was elected Constable several times on the Republican ticket. In 1894 he was appointed the first paid police officer, which office he filled with great satisfaction to the village, "always ready for duty," he was a "terror to the evil doer." Mr. Hill was elected a Constable at the last town meeting and is one of Sherburne's well known citizens.

P. M. MACKSEY,

EXPRESS AND BAGGAGE.

For twenty years the name of Macksey has been upon the village express wagon. The present owner, Mr. P. M. Macksey, succeeded to the long-established business of his brother John some three years ago. Two teams are employed daily in doing the carting and express business of the village, always on hand and promptly attending to all orders. Mr. Macksey is one of the best known men in Sherburne.

EUGENE AUSTIN,**BAKERY.**

The bakery conducted by Mr. Austin, located on North Main street for the past two years, is well prepared to furnish all kinds of fresh bake stuffs on short notice. He has on hand a fine stock of bread, rolls, pies, cakes, &c. Parties and entertainments furnished with everything in his line. In the summer season he makes a specialty of ice cream and ices, which have a wide reputation.

O. A. MARION'S LUMBER YARD.

The lumber yard conducted by Mr. Marion, located on East State street, is one of Sherburne's active business enterprises. The stock is carefully selected, so that patrons may rely on getting good seasoned lumber at any time; plane and matched, of all sizes, constantly carried in stock. Builders and contractors will do well to consult with Mr. Marion before placing their orders. A specialty is made of sash, doors and blinds of different kinds, both ready-made and made to order.

F. J. COOK,**POOL ROOM AND RESTAURANT.**

One of Sherburne's popular resorts is the "Elm" conducted by Mr. Cook on East State street. This is a temperance place, and he furnishes eatables at popular prices. He has several pool and billiard tables for the use of his patrons. Mr. Cook was formerly engaged in the baking business next door to his present place.

J. CHAMBERS' SHOE SHOP.

For many years Mr. Chambers has conducted a shoe shop in Sherburne, which is now located on the second

floor over Grevelding's meat market on North Main street. Mr. Chambers is a good workman, always attending to his business, and is respected by every one who has the pleasure of his acquaintance.

MERRIHEW'S LAUNDRY.

Mr. C. D. Merrihew is the proprietor of Sherburne's Steam Laundry, which he recently moved to East State street. In his new quarters he is well prepared to do first-class work. With competent help and large facilities, Mr. Merrihew intends to greatly increase his business. The residents of Sherburne can always rely on getting their laundry promptly and satisfactorily done if they patronize Mr. Merrihew.

The following list completes the business places in the village:

Central Hotel,.....	B. F. Hopkins, Prop'r
Whalen House,....	Thomas Whalen, Prop'r
Railroad House,.....	W. W. Whipple, Prop'r
Hotel and Restaurant,.....	G. S. Doane, Prop'r
George Loomis,.....	Insurance Agent
DeWitt Case,.....	Life Insurance
W. Kingsbury,.....	Express
Colwell & Carpenter,.....	Bakery
Jeff Donohue,.....	Blacksmith
C. Crowell,.....	"
George Shaw,.....	"
Daniel C. Doolittle,.....	"
George Fontaine,.....	Shoe Shop
H. Caley,.....	Harness Repair Shop
John Mix,.....	Wholesale Liquor Store
M. Addison,.....	Barber Shop
C. Gellidett,.....	" "
M. Hasbrouck,.....	" "
M. M. Chaffee,.....	Wagon Shop
Casper Beck,.....	" "
A. B. Allen,.....	Sign Painter
Mrs. John Williams,.....	Telegraph Operator
H. R. Parker,.....	Piano Tuner

BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

Fish and Game Protective Association

—OF—

SHERBURNE, N. Y.

GEORGE W. BRIGGS,	-	-	-	-	-	PRESIDENT
H. I. MATTESON,	-	-	-	-	-	VICE-PRESIDENT
R. P. KUTCHBACH,	-	-	-	-	-	SECRETARY AND TREASURER
CHARLES A. FULLER,	-	-	-	-	-	ATTORNEY
ALFRED WILCOX,	-	-	-	-	-	GAME PROTECTOR

Believing that the interests of sportsmen in Sherburne and its vicinity can best be furthered through an organization, we, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe our names to the following by-laws, and agree to do our utmost toward advancing the interests of such organization

ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as the Sherburne Fish and Game Protective Association.

ART. II.—The objects of this Association shall be the preservation and propagation of fish and game in this vicinity, and the furtherance of all measures pertaining thereto.

ART. III.—Any person may become a member of this Association by securing a majority of the votes of those present at any meeting, paying the initiation fee, and subscribing to the by-laws.

ART. IV.—The initiation fee of this Association shall be fifty cents.

ART. V.—The annual meeting of this Association shall be held on the evening of the first Wednesday of January in each year. Special meetings may be held at any time during the year, subject to call of the President, or in his absence, to the call of some other officers of the Association.

ART. VI.—The number of members requisite to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall be nine.

ART. VII.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney and Game Protector, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot, a majority of votes constituting an election.

ART. VIII.—The duties of the President shall be to call all meetings of the Association, to preside at the same, and to act as its legal representative.

ART. IX.—The duties of the Vice-President shall be to perform the duties of the President in his absence.

ART. X.—The duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of all meetings; to receive all moneys of the Association and pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; to answer all communications addressed to the Association, and to take charge of all papers of the Association, delivering the same in good order to his successor in office.

ART. XI.—The duties of the Treasurer shall be to take charge of all monies of the Association and disburse the same, subject to the order of the President and Secretary.

ART. XII.—The duties of the Attorney shall be to advise the President upon all legal matters pertaining to his office, and to assist in the conduct of any legal case in which the Association may become involved.

ART. XIII.—Every member of the Association shall pay to the Secretary annual dues, at the annual meeting in each year, to the amount of one dollar.

ART. XIV.—Any member may be expelled from this Association by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Association.

ART. XV.—It shall be the duty of every member of the Association to advise the officers of any infringement of the game laws that may come to his notice; to bring such infringement to the knowledge of the game constable, and in every way to further the interests of the Association to the extent of his power.

ART. XVI.—Any member of this Association who shall know of the breaking of any of the fish or game laws, and shall neglect or refuse to divulge the same to any officer of the Association within one week of the time such infringement shall come to his knowledge, shall forfeit his membership and be expelled from the Association, under Art. XIV. of these By-Laws.

ART. XVII.—The order of business at meetings of the Association shall be:

Reading and approving minutes of previous meeting.

Reports of officers.

Reports of committees.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Adjournment.

ART. XVIII.—These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of such meeting.











