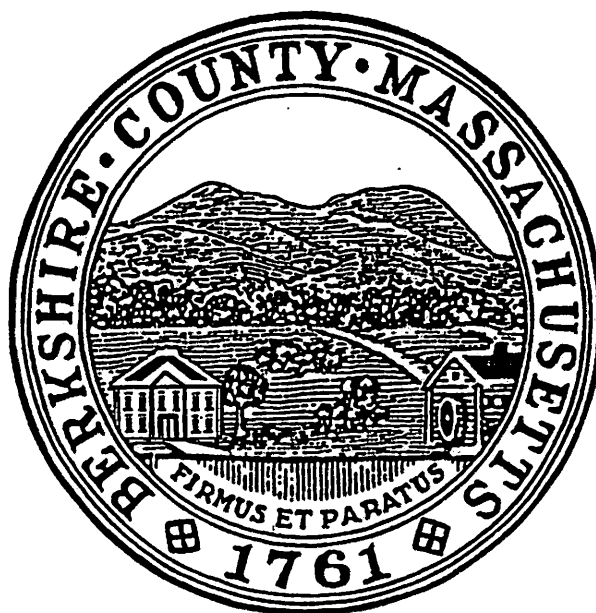


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## SCHOOL CENSUS OF PITTSFIELD - 1886

Race	Name	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Parent/Guardian	School
Amer.	Abbott, Jennette	11	5/31/75	Pittsfield	Stearns	Ellen	Stearns
Amer.	Abbott, Milan	8	10/24/77	Pittsfield	Stearns	Ellen	Stearns
Amer.	Abbott, Northway	13	11/28/72	Pittsfield	Stearns	Ellen	Stearns
Amer.	Adams, Earnest V.	10	10/7/75	Pittsfield	Clough	Codelia M.	Orchard
Amer.	Adams, Herbert R.	12	10/7/73	Pittsfield	Clough	Codelia M.	Orchard
Amer.	Adams, Merritt W.	6	9/3/79	Pittsfield	Clough	Codelia M.	Orchard
Amer.	Adams, Walter R.	14	4/18/72	Pittsfield	Clough	Codelia M.	Orchard
Amer.	Adams, Lillian	12	2/19/74	Pittsfield	Wendell	J. F. A.	Private
Amer.	Adams, Charles L.	8	7/28/77	Pittsfield	Wendell	J. F. A.	Private
Amer.	Akers, Etta	14	4/7/72	N. Y.	Tillotson	James Taft	S. Grammar
Amer.	Albro, James	5	7/8/80	Pittsfield	West St.	L. K.	West Center
	Albro, Lewis C.	10	2/5/76	France	West St.	L. K.	West Center
German	Andler, Harry	12	3/1/74	Pittsfield	North St.	Catherine	Fenn St.
German	Andler, Katie	8	7/8/77	Pittsfield	North St.	Catherine	Fenn St.
Amer.	Andrews, Edith H.	9	5/20/77	Pittsfield	Linden	Fred	Francis Ave.
Amer.	Annis, Walter M.	6	1/19/80	Pittsfield	Hamlin	Elbridge M.	Orchard St.
French	Anoe, Flora	8	4/15/78	Pittsfield	River St.	Peter	Francis
French	Anoe, Jamie	10	11/1/75	Pittsfield	River St.	Peter	Francis
French	Anoe, Rose	13	1/29/73	Pittsfield	River St.	Peter	Francis
Amer.	Anthony, Carrie	5	12/19/80	Pittsfield	Morningside	Charles H.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Anthony, Florence	7	3/25/79	Pittsfield	Morningside	Charles H.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Anthony, Harry	8	2/16/78	Pittsfield	Coltsville	George	Coltsville
Amer.	Anthony, Jane D.	10	12/10/75	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Dwight S.	Coltsville
Amer.	Anthony, John S.	7	10/5/78	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Dwight S.	Coltsville
Amer.	Arthur, Addie	5	3/16/81	Pittsfield	Stearns	Samuel	Stearns
Amer.	Atkinson, Edwin	11	3/27/73	Pittsfield	Stearns	Thomas	Stearns
Amer.	Austin, George H.	10	11/8/73	Pittsfield	Learneds Lane	William	Elizabeth
Amer.	Austin, William B.	13	3/19/73	Pittsfield	Learneds Lane	William	Elizabeth
Amer.	Ayers, Allen P.	6	4/9/80	Pittsfield	West St.	W. H.	West Part
Amer.	Ayers, Myron W.	12	10/4/73	Pittsfield	Francis Ave.	P. J.	Cent. -?
Amer.	Ayers, Emory	11	11/20/74	Pittsfield	Second St.	William P.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Ayers, Herbert	7	3/6/79	Pittsfield	Union St.	Thadeus	Orchard St.
Irish	Bacon, Frank	5	9/4/80	Pittsfield	Lincoln	James L.	Orchard St.
Irish	Bacon, James	10	10/10/75	Pittsfield	Lincoln	James L.	Orchard St.
Irish	Bacon, Lucy	7	8/24/78	Pittsfield	Lincoln	James L.	Orchard St.
Irish	Bacon, Minnie	11	7/9/74	Pittsfield	Lincoln	James L.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Badger, Edward	10	2/3/76	Pittsfield	Francis Ave.	Edward L.	Francis Ave.
Amer.	Badger, Walter L.	12	3/1/74	Pittsfield	Francis Ave.	Edward L.	Francis Ave.
Amer.	Bagg, William E.	10	11/23/75	Pittsfield	West St.	Edwin	Cent. Inter
French	Baker, Annie	12	4/20/74	Williamstown	Howard St.	Albert	Fenn St.
French	Baker, Cora	7	3/9/79	Pittsfield	Howard St.	Albert	Fenn St.
Amer.	Baker, Fred W.	12	1/24/74	Athol	Crosier Ave.	Edward M.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Baker, Lizzie E.	10	1/20/76	Gardner	Crosier Ave.	Edward M.	Fenn St.
Eng.	Baldwin, Ada	11	1/12/75	England	Pontoosuc	Samuel	Pontoosuc
Eng.	Baldwin, Lilly	6	1/1/80	England	Pontoosuc	Samuel	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Baldwin, William E.	14	12/13/71	Belchertown	Wendell	Earl G.	Private
Amer.	Baldwin, Winifred M.	10	12/12/75	Belchertown	Wendell	Earl G.	Private
French	Barber, Carrie	11	2/22/74	Pittsfield	Winter	Joseph	Orchard
French	Barber, Joseph H.	8	3/9/78	Pittsfield	Winter	Joseph	Orchard
French	Barber, Mary	5	2/17/81	Pittsfield	Winter	Joseph	Will go
French	Barber, Rose L.	13	7/6/72	Pittsfield	Winter	Joseph	Orchard
Amer.	Barker, Harry L.	13	2/24/73	Pittsfield	Barkers	Cornelia L.	S. Grammar
Amer.	Barker, Edith M.	11	1/25/73	Pittsfield	Stearnsville	S. T.	Elizabeth St.
Amer.	Barker, John	7	7/2/78	Pittsfield	E. Housatonic	James M.	Private
Amer.	Barker, Mary P.	11	3/10/73	Pittsfield	E. Housatonic	James M.	Private
Irish	Barnes, Bessie	6	7/25/79	Pittsfield	Lincoln	Charles A.	Morewood
Amer.	Barnett, Blanche	11	1/27/75	Richmond	R. R.	Merritt G.	Union St.
Amer.	Barnett, George O.	5	2/3/81	Richmond	R. R.	Merritt G.	Union St.
Amer.	Barnett, Mary O.	9	11/15/76	W. Stockbridge	R. R.	Merritt G.	Union St.

Race	Name	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Parent/Guardian	School
Amer.	Barnfather, Irving J.	11	11/13/74	Pittsfield	Melville	Andrew F.	Cen. -?-
Amer.	Barnum, Maria	14	7/21/71	South Lee	Elm	Henry L.	C. Grammar
Amer.	Barrett, Nora	9	7/1/76	Pittsfield	Orchard	H. N.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Barrett, Bertha E.	10	7/11/75	Hinsdale	Elm	James M.	Fenn St.
Irish	Barry, Elizabeth	6	8/27/79	Pittsfield	Church	Daniel	Elizabeth St.
Irish	Barry, Patrick H.	11	7/31/74	Pittsfield	Church	Daniel	Cent. Grammar
Irish	Barry, William	14	1/2/72	Pittsfield	Church	Daniel	Don't go
Irish	Barry, Margaret	6	9/26/79	Boston	John St.	John	Francis Ave.
Irish	Barry, Nellie	12	30/30/74	Boston	John St.	John	Orchard
Irish	Barry, Willie	9	12/25/76	Boston	John St.	John	Francis Ave.
Irish	Barry, Daniel	14	1/4/72	Cheshire	Russells	Daniel	High
Irish	Barry, Maggie	11	5/2/75	Adams	Russells	Daniel	Russells
Amer.	Bartlett, Gardner	8	3/24/78	N.Y.	Wellington	Frank	Fenn St.
Amer.	Bartlett, Edith	9	9/24/76	Pittsfield	E. Housatonic	Agnes	Private
Amer.	Bartlett, Edwin	14	11/26/71	Pittsfield	E. Housatonic	Agnes	Private
Amer.	Bartlett, Frank	12	3/20/74	Va.	E. Housatonic	Agnes	Private
Amer.	Bartlett, Robert	12	11/20/74	Va.	E. Housatonic	Agnes	Private
Amer.	Bassett, Carrie Eva	12	3/27/74	Pittsfield	West Housatonic	A. H.	Private
Amer.	Bassett, Merton W.	14	12/26/71	Conn.	Church	A. L.	S. Grammar
French	Bastian, Rosie	7	3/19/79	Pittsfield	Lincoln	William	Orchard St.
French	Bastian, Willie	9	1/2/77	Pittsfield	Lincoln	William	Orchard St.
French	Bastion, Charles	9	5/7/--	Pittsfield	Junction	Charles	Junction
French	Bastion, Frank	5	4/28/81	Pittsfield	Junction	Charles	Junction
French	Bastion, John	7	10/9/78	Pittsfield	Junction	Charles	Junction
Amer.	Basto, Charles	7	3/12/79	South Hadley	Tillotsons	William	Osceola
Amer.	Basto, Edith	12	12/24/73	N. Y.	Tillotsons	William	Elizabeth
Amer.	Basto, Frank	9	9/28/76	N. Y.	Tillotsons	William	Osceola
Amer.	Basto, George	14	8/2/71	N. Y.	Tillotsons	William	S. Grammar
Amer.	Basto, Mabel	11	4/14/75	N. Y.	Tillotsons	William	Elizabeth
Amer.	Bates, J. B.	14	6/28/71	N. Y.	Francis	Otis I.	Cen. Grammar
	Bates, Lilly V.	11	7/28/74	Pittsfield	Middle St.	George M.	Fenn St.
German	Baumgarten, Henry	12	11/9/73	Pittsfield	South Ave.	Albert	S. Grammar
German	Baumgarten, Lulu	7	5/10/79	Pittsfield	South Ave.	Albert	Never Been
Amer.	Beals, Willie	9	1/11/77	Pittsfield	Beaver St.	William	Fenn St.
Amer.	Beatey, Walter	6	7/28/79	Pittsfield	Stearnsville	Thomas	Stearnsville
French	Beaulieu, Agnes	13	4/12/73	Pittsfield	River	Bazid?	N. Grammar
French	Beaulieu, Albert	9	2/11/77	Pittsfield	River	Bazid?	Union
French	Beaulieu, Frank	5	6/12/80	Pittsfield	River	Bazid?	Will go
French	Beaulieu, Willie	7	7/4/78	Pittsfield	River	Bazid?	Union
Amer.	Beebe, Eugene	13	1/2/73	Pittsfield	Lake	Julia	Fenn St.
Amer.	Beebe, Ina	8	1/8/78	Pittsfield	Lake	Julia	Fenn St.
Irish	Behan, John B.	9	8/22/76	Pittsfield	High	James	Fenn St.
Irish	Behan, Margaret E.	7	2/6/79	Pittsfield	High	James	Fenn St.
Irish	Behan, Mary A.	5	4/28/81	Pittsfield	High	James	Fenn St.
Irish	Behan, Thomas F.	8	12/12/77	Pittsfield	High	James	Fenn St.
Irish	Behan, William J.	11	4/11/73	Pittsfield	High	James	Fenn St.
German	Bence, Henry	6	8/5/79	Pittsfield	Sykes	Henry	Sykes
Amer.	Benedict, Freddie	13	5/13/73	Pittsfield	Pontoosuc	Olin T.	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Benedict, May	6	4/21/80	Pittsfield	Pontoosuc	Olin T.	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Benedict, Willie	8	10/2/77	Pittsfield	Pontoosuc	Olin T.	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Bennett, Lizzie	10	2/5/76	Conn.	Belair	Andrew	Russells
Amer.	Bennett, Rosela	10	3/19/76	N.Y.	Linden	Ambrose	Francis Ave.
Eng.	Benson, William E.	13	2/22/73	Pittsfield	Russells	Joseph H.	Orchard St.
German	Benson, Albert F.	14	7/13/71	N.Y.	Crosier Ave.	Herman F.	Don't go
German	Benson, Annie F.	10	2/13/76	N.Y.	Crosier Ave.	Herman F.	Fenn St.
German	Benson, Herman F.	8	3/10/78	N.Y.	Crosier Ave.	Herman F.	Fenn St.
Jew	Berkowitz, Ella	12	6/4/75	Pittsfield	Bradford	Morris	Francis Ave.
Jew	Berkowitz, Jennie	10	2/20/76	Pittsfield	Bradford	Morris	Francis Ave.
Jew	Berkowitz, Marks	6	10/4/79	Pittsfield	Bradford	Morris	Union
Jew	Berkowitz, Sarah	14	3/4/72	Pittsfield	Bradford	Morris	Don't go
French	Berog, Frank	8	1/27/78	France	Lenox Road	Frank	Morewood
French	Berog, Julius	7	2/3/79	France	Lenox Road	Frank	Morewood
French	Berog, Mary	6	1/23/80	France	Lenox Road	Frank	Morewood

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Race	Name	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Parent/Guardian	School
French	Beron, Donte	6	11/30/79	Webster	Howard St.	Selestine	Fenn St.
French	Beron, Telesford	8	2/5/78	Canada	Howard St.	Selestine	Fenn St.
Irish	Berry, Edward	12	4/22/74	Ireland	Stearns	Thomas	Stearnsville
Irish	Berry, Julia	7	8/25/78	Ireland	Stearns	Thomas	Stearnsville
Irish	Berry, Maggie	9	12/23/76	Ireland	Stearns	Thomas	Stearnsville
Irish	Berry, Patrick	6	3/19/80	Ireland	Stearns	Thomas	Stearnsville
Irish	Berry, Thomas	10	6/18/75	Ireland	Stearns	Thomas	Stearnsville
French	Better, Dello	6	2/7/80	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Louis	Francis Ave.
French	Better, Frank	12	3/2/74	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Louis	Francis Ave.
French	Better, Joseph	10	10/16/75	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Louis	Francis Ave.
Amer.	Bidwell, Millard	13	6/13/72	Springfield	Circular	George	Cent. Grammar
German	Bietsell, Lilly	12	11/22/78	Pittsfield	Taconic	John	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Bigelow, Fred	14	10/18/71	Lenox	Hamlin	A. W.	Orchard
French	Billings, Delia	5	2/19/81	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Fred	Coltsville
French	Billings, Joseph	7	11/13/78	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Fred	Coltsville
French	Billings, Lena	11	7/27/74	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Fred	Coltsville
Amer.	Bills, Charles	9	1/4/77	Pittsfield	Fenn. St.	William	Fenn. St.
Irish	Black, Henrietta	10	9/9/75	Pittsfield	West St.	Maria	W. Cent.
Irish	Black, Mary A.	12	5/15/74	Pittsfield	West St.	Maria	Orchard
French	Blackley, Agnes S.	9	4/18/77	Canada	Morningside	John	Orchard
French	Blackley, Charlotte	13	5/19/73	Canada	Morningside	John	Orchard
French	Blackley, John H.	10	2/19/76	Canada	Morningside	John	Orchard
French	Blackley, William A.	6	8/1/79	Canada	Morningside	John	Orchard
Amer.	Blaksley, Charles P.	8	8/23/77	Conn.	Pomeroy Ave.	William E.	Will go
Amer.	Blaksley, Ludovic	11	12/8/74	Conn.	Pomeroy Ave.	William E.	Elizabeth
German	Bline, Mary A.	13	6/25/72	Pittsfield	John St.	John	S. Grammar
Amer.	Bliss, Charlotte	5	11/3/80	N. Y.	Buel St.	Dr. Charles	Private
Amer.	Bliss, Grace	10	8/19/75	N. Y.	Buel St.	Dr. Charles	Private
Amer.	Bliss, Hattie C.	9	11/28/76	N. Y.	Buel St.	Dr. Charles	Private
Amer.	Bliss, Martha S.	11	8/17/74	W. Stockbridge	Henry	George H.	Elizabeth
Amer.	Bliss, Nellie E.	7	4/14/79	Pittsfield	Henry	George H.	Elizabeth
Amer.	Bliss, Mary	8	12/21/77	Boston	Circular	J. L.	Elizabeth
French	Blondin, Albert	9	4/20/77	Canada	Mill St.	James	W. Cent.
French	Blondin, Archile	5	3/10/81	Canada	Mill St.	James	Will go
French	Blondin, Minnie	12	4/4/74	Canada	Mill St.	James	W. Cent.
French	Blondin, Peter	11	10/10/74	Canada	Mill St.	James	W. Cent.
French	Bocar, Peter	6	6/16/79	Conn.	Peck	Peter	Pecks
French	Bodell, Eloise	5	3/4/81	N. Y.	River St.	Exelvia	Wil go
French	Bodell, Exelvia	9	1/10/77	Canada	River St.	Exelvia	Union St.
French	Bodell, Lewis	14	8/2/71	N. Y.	River St.	Exelvia	Union St.
French	Bodell, Selina	9	1/ /77	N. Y.	River St.	Martin	Union St.
German	Boden, George	12	3/13/ /	Gt. Barrington	Pleasant	Nicholas	Cent. Grammar
German	Boden, Joseph	13	12/27/72	Gt. Barrington	Pleasant	Nicholas	Cent. Grammar
French	Bodoin, Dora	6	5/11/80	Pittsfield	Silver	Maxim	Fenn St.
French	Bodoin, Joseph	12	7/23/73	Pittsfield	Silver	Maxim	Fenn St.
French	Bodoin, Romeo	8	11/10/77	Pittsfield	Silver	Maxim	Fenn St.
German	Bohlman, Jessie C.	6	6/13/79	Pittsfield	North	John	Melville
German	Bohlman, Charles A.	10	5/15/76	Pittsfield	North	John	Melville
Amer.	Booth, William	13	10/ /72	Pittsfield	Adam	E. P.	Fenn. St.
Amer.	Boothe, Gilbert A.	13	1/1/73	Pittsfield	Onota St.	Gilbert A.	Onota St.
German	Boss, Emma	5	8/17/80	Pittsfield	Second St.	William	Fenn St.
French	Boudrey, Sarah	14	7/20/71	Becket	Wahconah	Joseph	Don't go
German	Bouramell, Antoinette	7	4/23/79	Pittsfield	Belair	George	Russell
German	Bouramell, George	11	2/ /75	Pittsfield	Belair	George	Russell
German	Bouramell, Lucy	5	8/20/80	Pittsfield	Belair	George	Russell
Amer.	Bowerman, Bessie	13	5/ /73	Pittsfield	South	S. W.	Private
Amer.	Bowerman, Samuel W.	11	4/ /75	Pittsfield	South	S. W.	Private
German	Boxbury, Cecelia	14	3/25/72	Pittsfield	Onota	John	Don't go
German	Boyd, Albert	6	7/17/79	Pittsfield	Belair	Agustus	Russell
German	Boyd, Robert	5	7/17/79	Pittsfield	Belair	Agustus	Russell
Irish	Boyle, Michael	6	12/9/79	England	Clough	Patrick	Francis
Irish	Brady, Frank	12	3/2/74	Lanesboro	Winter	Thomas A.	Orchard
Irish	Brady, Joseph	8	10/25/77	Lanesboro	Winter	Thomas A.	Orchard

Race	Name	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Parent/Guardian	School
Irish	Brady, Sarah	14	4/8/72	Lanesboro	Winter	Thomas A.	Orchard
Amer.	Brady, Florence	5	1/14/81	Pittsfield	Bradford	J. L.	Will go
Amer.	Brady, Harry	7	9/3/78	Pittsfield	Bradford	J. L.	Union St.
Amer.	Brady, Louis	10	11/20/75	V.F.?	Bradford	J. L.	Francis Ave.
Irish	Bradley, Lucy	11	7/10/74	Pittsfield	Wahconah	Patrick D.	Orchard St.
Irish	Bradley, Teresa	14	4/9/72	Pittsfield	Wahconah	Patrick D.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Bradley, Bessie	8	10/16/77	Pittsfield	Broad St.	Albert	Elizabeth St.
Eng.	Bray, Louisa	8	6/28/77	Lanesboro	Linden	John	Francis Ave.
Amer.	Break, Mary	12	6/ 1/74	Conn.	Shakers	East Family	Hancock
Amer.	Breakey, Carrie	10	4/25/76	Pittsfield	Fenn St.	John	Fenn St.
Irish	Brett, James	11	10/30/74	Pittsfield	Kent Ave.	George	Orchard St.
Irish	Brett, Agnes	13	10/14/72	Pittsfield	Clough	Patrick	Cen. Grammar
Amer.	Brewster, Nellie	7	11/5/78	Northampton	N. Second	F. W.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Bridgman, Clara	11	3/28/74	Pittsfield	Coltsville	E. H.	Private
Amer.	Bridges, Bessie	9	11/23/76	Pittsfield	Adam	Samuel	Orchard St.
Amer.	Bridges, Ralph	5	8/24/79	Pittsfield	Adam	Samuel	Orchard St.
Amer.	Brimmer, Charles	9	2/25/77	Pittsfield	N. Second	E. C.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Brimmer, George	7	4/10/79	Pittsfield	N. Second	E. C.	Orchard
Amer.	Bristol, Frank	10	11/2/75	N. Y.	Bradford	J. P.	Francis Ave.
Irish	Broderick, Edwin	5	4/3/81	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Patrick	Union
Irish	Broderick, Jerry	6	6/1/79	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Patrick	Union
Irish	Broderick, Mary	11	3/10/75	Conn.	Robbins Ave.	Patrick	Private
Amer.	Brodie, Joseph	6	8/28/79	Dalton	N. First	George H.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Brodie, Lulu	7	2/2/78	Dalton	N. First	George H.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Brooks, Martin	6	10/13/80	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	Daniel	Union
Amer.	Brooks, James	12	2/4/74	Lenox	Robbins	Peter	Fenn St.
Amer.	Brown, Bauleh	8	10/30/77	North Adams	Second St.	Delbert	Fenn St.
Amer.	Brown, Irving	5	3/23/81	North Adams	Second St.	Delbert	Fenn St.
Amer.	Brown, Wallace	9	9/23/76	North Adams	Second St.	Delbert	Fenn St.
Amer.	Brown, George	6	10/2/79	N. Y.	West St.	Thomas	Elizabeth
Irish	Brown, James	6	7/1/79	Pittsfield	Daniels Ave.	John	Francis Ave.
Irish	Brown, Michael	5	7/4/80	Pittsfield	Daniels Ave.	John	Francis Ave.
German	Bruhn, Edward L.	5	11/1/80	Pittsfield	Bradford	John H.	Will go
German	Bruhn, Willie	7	1/13/79	Pittsfield	Bradford	John H.	Will go
Amer.	Bryant, Howard	12	1/9/74	Becket	West St.	Edward	Elizabeth
Amer.	Bryant, Pearl	5	6/23/80	Washington	West St.	Edward	Elizabeth
Scot	Bryson, Agnes	7	10/6/79	N. Y.	Pontoosuc	James	Pontoosuc
Scot	Bryson, Jessie	9	3/30/77	N. Y.	Pontoosuc	James	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Buckingham, Clifford H.	10	1/1/76	Illinois	West St.	Mrs. K. M.	Private
Irish	Buckley, Cornelius	10	3/10/76	Richmond	Daniels Ave.	Patrick	Francis Ave.
Irish	Buckley, John	6	3/24/80	Richmond	Daniels Ave.	Patrick	Francis Ave.
Irish	Buckley, Richard	12	9/21/73	W. Stockbridge	Daniels Ave.	Patrick	N. Grammar
Irish	Buckley, Agnes	6	11/15/79	Pittsfield	Richmond Ave.	Timothy	Russells
Irish	Buckley, Daniel	6	4/17/80	Adams	Peck	John	Pecks
Irish	Buckley, James	12	10/6/73	Pittsfield	Richmond Ave.	Timothy	Orchard St.
Irish	Buckley, Katie	14	1/20/72	Ireland	Wahconah	Michael	Don't go
Irish	Buckley, Norah	8	8/11/77	Pittsfield	Richmond Ave.	Timothy	Russells
Irish	Buckley, Timothy	11	5/5/75	Pittsfield	Richmond Ave.	Timothy	Russells
Irish	Buckley, James	13	8/2/73	Adams	Peck	John	Pecks
Irish	Buckley, Mary	12	5/20/74	Adams	Peck	John	Pecks
Irish	Buckley, William	5	10/4/80	Lenox	Russells	William	Russell
Irish	Buckley, Mary G.	9	3/15/77	Stockbridge	John St.	John	W. Center
Irish	Buckley, Richard	12	9/20/73	Stockbridge	John St.	John	Cen. Grammar
Amer.	Buel, Delia	10	7/20/75	N. Y.	Francis Ave.	E. S. Francis	Private
Amer.	Buel, Eddie	9	3/8/77	N. Y.	Francis Ave.	E. S. Francis	Private
French	Bull, Augustin	9	11/4/76	France	Peck	Peter	Pecks
French	Bull, Charles	7	8/ 1/78	France	Peck	Peter	Pecks
French	Bull, Datous	11	6/17/74	France	Peck	Peter	Pecks
Amer.	Bunce, Eva	10	7/19/75	Gt. Barrington	Coltsville	Charles	Dalton
Amer.	Bunce, Minnie	8	12/23/77	Pittsfield	Coltsville	Charles	Dalton
Amer.	Buntin, Abbie	7	5/23/79	Pittsfield	Taonic	James	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Buntin, Charles	13	4/9/73	Conn.	Taonic	James	Pontoosuc
Amer.	Buntin, Grace	10	6/10/75	South Adams	Taonic	James	Pontoosuc

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Race	Name	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Residence	Parent/Guardian	School
Amer.	Burbank, Abraham	8	2/4/78	Pittsfield	N. First	William P.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Burbank, William R.	14	1/15/72	Pittsfield	N. First	William P.	Orchard St.
Amer.	Burbank, Elia	5	6/6/80	Pittsfield	N. Second	Charles	Orchard St.
Amer.	Burbank, Robert	13	12/28/72	Pittsfield	N. Second	Charles	Orchard St.
Amer.	Burbank, Sarah J.	9	9/7/76	Pittsfield	N. Second	Charles	Orchard St.
Amer.	Burfitt, Mary E.	11	2/23/73	N. Y.	E. Housatonic	Charles E.	Private
French	Burges, Feroin	7	12/11/78	Canada	Van Sick	Nelson	Don't go
French	Burges, Harry	11	10/2/74	Canada	Van Sick	Nelson	Fenn St.
French	Burges, Philip	14	8/24/71	Canada	Van Sick	Nelson	Fenn St.
Irish	Burges, John	13	2/4/73	Pittsfield	Van Sick	Susan	S. Grammar
Black	Burghet, Maude	9	1/4/77	Pittsfield	West St.	Fred	Fenn St.
Amer.	Burkart, Peter	5	9/9/80	N. Y.	John St.	George	W. Center
Amer.	Burkart, Teney	7	2/18/79	N. Y.	John St.	George	W. Center
Irish	Burke, Katie	8	7/ 77	Pittsfield	Stearns	Edward	Stearnsville
Irish	Burke, Mary	10	8/20/75	Pittsfield	Stearns	Edward	Stearnsville
Irish	Burke, Thomas	13	7/ 72	Pittsfield	Stearns	Edward	Stearnsville
Irish	Burke, Janis	9	10/12/76	Pittsfield	Barkers Road	Michael	Barkers
Irish	Burke, Walter	7	1/17/79	Pittsfield	Barkers Road	Michael	Barkers
Irish	Burke, Willie	12	12/17/73	Pittsfield	Barkers Road	Michael	Barkers
Irish	Burke, John	8	11/17/77	Pittsfield	Mill	John	W. Center
Irish	Burke, Lilly	12	1/8/74	Pittsfield	Mill	John	Center Inter.
Irish	Burke, Teresa	5	1/7/81	Pittsfield	Mill	John	Will go
Irish	Burke, Thomas	11	2/8/75	Pittsfield	Mill	John	W. Center
Irish	Burke, Daniel	11	4/29/75	Pittsfield	Pomeroy's	John J.	W. Center
Irish	Burke, Joseph	7	7/12/78	Pittsfield	Pomeroy's	John J.	W. Center
Irish	Burke, Thomas	13	8/7/72	Pittsfield	Pomeroy's	John J.	Elizabeth St.
Amer.	Burlingame, Eva	11	5/5/75	Pittsfield	Lake Ave.	George	Onota St.
Amer.	Burlingame, George	14	4/3/73	Pittsfield	Lake Ave.	George	Onota St.
Amer.	Burlingame, Jinnie? V.	7	10/14/78	Pittsfield	Lake Ave.	George	Onota
Amer.	Burlingame, Mabel	5	12/15/80	Pittsfield	Lake Ave.	George	Onota
Amer.	Burlingame, Libbie	9	4/3/77	Pittsfield	Lake Ave.	George	Onota St.
Amer.	Burlingame, Laura	9	11/24/76	Pittsfield	Upper Pecks	George	Pecks
Amer.	Burlingame, Wellman	7	1/6/79	Pittsfield	Upper Pecks	George	Pecks
Amer.	Burlingham, George	10	5/20/76	Pittsfield	Robbins	P. S.	Francis
Amer.	Burnick, John J.	5	2/8/81	Pittsfield	Robbins	John	Fenn St.
Amer.	Burnick, Mary	7	5/24/79	Pittsfield	Robbins	John	Fenn St.
Amer.	Burns, Minnie E.	5	7/20/80	Springfield	Lincoln	William H.	Will go
Amer.	Burns, E. May	8	5/22/78	Pittsfield	Bradford	J. M.	Orchard
Amer.	Burns, William A.	11	1/9/75	Conn.	Bradford	J. M.	Cen. Grammar
Irish	Burns, Garry	10	5/12/76	Worcester	Burbank Hill	Garry	Russells
Amer.	Burns, George J.	14	12/13/71	Pittsfield	Browns Ave.	James	Fenn St.
Amer.	Burt, Ethel	6	3/29/80	Adams	Francis Ave.	E. R.	Adams
German	Buscher, Fred	13	11/20/72	N. Y.	Tillotsons	Agustus	Osceola
German	Buscher, Theodore	11	11/3/74	N. Y.	Tillotsons	Agustus	Osceola
French	Bushman, Albina	13	2/4/73	Pittsfield	Beaver St.	Joseph	Orchard
French	Bushman, Annie	6	3/31/80	Pittsfield	Beaver St.	Joseph	Fenn St.
French	Bushman, Earnest	9	3/29/76	Pittsfield	Beaver St.	Joseph	Fenn St.
Amer.	Butler, Bessie	14	11/13/71	Pittsfield	Fenn St.	James H.	C. Grammar
Amer.	Butler, Willie	11	6/28/74	Pittsfield	Fenn St.	James H.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Butler, Freddie D.	5	3/23/81	Pittsfield	Lake	Charles D.	Will go
Amer.	Butler, Willie T.	11	12/7/74	Pittsfield	Second St.	Charles D.	Fenn St.
Black	Caesar, Charles	10	5/6/76	N. Y.	4th St.	Agustus	Fenn St.
Black	Caesar, James	5	1/6/81	N. Y.	4th St.	Agustus	Will go
Black	Caesar, May	8	8/29/77	N. Y.	4th St.	Agustus	Fenn St.
Irish	Caffrey, Julia S.	7	5/19/79	Pittsfield	Liberty St.	James	Melville
Irish	Caffrey, Annie	8	12/28/77	Ireland	River St.	James	Francis
Irish	Caffrey, Daniel	12	7/7/74	Ireland	River St.	James	Francis
Irish	Caffrey, Luke	6	4/28/80	Ireland	River St.	James	Francis
Irish	Cahill, Bridget	8	2/1/78	Ireland	Stearnsville	John	Stearns
Irish	Cahill, Andrew	7	10/11/78	Dalton	Coltsville	James	Coltsville
Irish	Cahill, Nellie	9	8/26/76	Dalton	Coltsville	James	Coltsville
Irish	Cahill, Richard	6	8/20/79	Dalton	Coltsville	Michael	Coltsville

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Irish	Cahill, Timothy	5	10/12/80	Dalton	Coltsville	James	Coltsville
Irish	Cain, Patrick	12	6/21/73	Pittsfield	Francis	Patrick	Francis
Irish	Callahan, Eddie	7	8/20/78	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	John	Union St.
Irish	Callahan, Mabel	5	8/2/80	Pittsfield	Robbins Ave.	John	Union St.
Irish	Callahan, Mary	9	11/28/76	Pittsfield	R. R.	Michael	Cen. Inter.
Irish	Callahan, Michael	6	5/16/80	Pittsfield	R. R.	Michael	Melville
Irish	Callahan, Richard	11	12/1/74	Pittsfield	R. R.	Michael	Cen. Inter.
Irish	Callahan, Bridget	10	2/4/76	Pittsfield	S. Church	Timothy	Elizabeth
Irish	Callanan, Katie	7	2/26/79	Pittsfield	Wellington	John	Orchard
Irish	Callanan, Mary	5	11/18/80	Pittsfield	Wellington	John	Will go
Irish	Campbell, Annie	5	11/19/80	Pittsfield	R. R.	John	W. Center
Irish	Campbell, Mary	10	2/5/76	Pittsfield	R. R.	John	W. Center
Amer.	Campbell, Jessie	8	6/16/77	Pittsfield	Silver	George	Fenn St.
Amer.	Campbell, Frances	13	7/31/72	N. Y.	Silver	George	Cen. Grammar
Amer.	Campbell, William	11	8/20/74	Pittsfield	Silver	George	Cen. Inter.
Irish	Campbell, Arthur	9	12/24/75	Pittsfield	Bush Tavern	L. Ryan	Osceola
Irish	Campbell, Sarah J.	8	5/10/77	Pittsfield	Bush Tavern	L. Ryan	Osceola
Amer.	Canfield, Nettie	12	3/17/74	N. Y.	Fenn St.	Nellie	Fenn St.
Irish	Canning, Sarah	6	1/5/80	Pittsfield	S. Mountain	Lawrence	Barkers
Irish	Canning, John	7	11/8/78	Pittsfield	Barkers	Thomas	High
Irish	Canning, Mary E.	13	10/28/72	Pittsfield	Barkers	Thomas	Barkers
Irish	Capeliss, Lizzie	13	6/7/72	Vermont?	Taconic	Patrick	Pontoosuc
Irish	Capeliss, Matt	10	6/4/75	Vermont?	Taconic	Patrick	Pontoosuc
Irish	Capeliss, Patrick J.	8	3/1/78	Vermont?	Taconic	Patrick	Pontoosuc
Irish	Carey, Albert	13	5/1/73	Pittsfield	Lenox Road	James	Holmes
Irish	Carey, Edward	8	6/4/77	Pittsfield	Lenox Road	James	Holmes
Irish	Carey, Freddie	7	9/10/78	Pittsfield	Lenox Road	James	Holmes
Irish	Carey, Katie	5	12/17/80	Pittsfield	West St.	Lawrence	Will go
Irish	Carey, Katie	14	7/16/71	Pittsfield	Taconic	John	Pontoosuc
Irish	Carey, James	12	2/20/74	Pittsfield	Clough	Patrick	Francis
Irish	Carey, John	10	2/24/76	Pittsfield	Clough	Patrick	Francis
Irish	Carey, Willie	5	3/2/81	Pittsfield	Clough	Patrick	Francis
Irish	Carey, Patrick	10	7/26/75	Pittsfield	River St.	William	W. Center
Amer.	Carney, Marie	12	11/4/73	Conn.	Bradford	Thomas H.	Union
Amer.	Carney, Martha	9	10/23/76	N. Y.	Bradford	Thomas H.	Union
French	Carow, Alfred	7	3/24/79	N. Y.	Pecks	Charles	Pecks
French	Carow, Fred	13	2/4/73	N. Y.	Pecks	Charles	Pecks
Amer.	Carpenter, Frances	5	2/20/81	Pittsfield	Barker	Maggie	Will go
Irish	Carroll, Ellie	10	9/14/75	Pittsfield	3rd St.	Michael	Fenn St.
Irish	Carroll, Katie	14	5/7/72	Pittsfield	3rd St.	Michael	Cen. Grammar
Irish	Carroll, Lucy	5	4/30/81	Pittsfield	3rd St.	Michael	Fenn St.
Irish	Carroll, Maggie	7	4/30/81	Pittsfield	3rd St.	Michael	Fenn St.
Amer.	Carson, James	12	4/8/74	Pittsfield	Barker	Moses	Shaker Depot
Amer.	Carson, Moses	14	12/8/71	Pittsfield	Barker	Moses	Don't go
Amer.	Carter, Etta	13	8/13/72	Unknown	Town Farm	R. G. H.	Don't go
Amer.	Carver, Mabel F.	5	5/1/81	Pittsfield	Beaver	Charles	Will go
Amer.	Carver, Edith	6	9/20/79	Pittsfield	Newell	Edwin L.	Fenn
Amer.	Carver, Frederick W.	12	11/4/73	Pittsfield	Elm	James E.	Fenn St.
Amer.	Carver, Walter	10	8/26/75	Pittsfield	Newell	Edwin L.	Fenn St.
Irish	Casey, John W.	9	6/26/76	Pittsfield	Tillotson	David	Osceola
Irish	Casey, Lizzie	7	8/22/78	Pittsfield	Tillotson	David	Osceola
Irish	Casey, Nellie	12	10/19/73	Pittsfield	Tillotson	David	Osceola
Irish	Casey, Agnes	7	10/12/78	Pittsfield	Maplewood	Michael	Orchard
Irish	Casey, Walter	9	8/28/76	Pittsfield	Maplewood	Michael	Orchard
Irish	Casey, Michael	14	12/22/71	Pittsfield	Belair	Martin	Don't go
Irish	Casey, Willie	8	8/11/78	Pittsfield	Belair	Martin	Russell
German	Caspar, Oscar	9	3/3/76	Germany	Wahconah	William	Orchard
Irish	Cassidy, Thomas	11	8/19/74	Pittsfield	VanSickler	Louis	Fenn St.
Irish	Castello, Bessie	8	2/18/78	Springfield	Elm	Bartholomew	Private
Irish	Castello, Willie	6	12/27/79	Springfield	Elm	Bartholomew	Don't go
Amer.	Catlin, Gleville L.	13	12/31/72	Pittsfield	Summer	Byron S.	Cen. Inter.

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## SOME OLD-TIME TAVERNS

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### THE NEW RICHMOND

One of the recent public structures in North Adams of which that city can be proud, its construction was commenced in 1899 and it was fully completed May 27, 1901, and opened to the public under the management of Mr. Edwin M. Moore, formerly of the Delevan House, Albany. It is five stories in height, thoroughly fire proof, and built entirely of cream brick, stone, steel and cement. There is no wood-work on the premises with the exception of the doors and window sash, the floors and partitions being entirely of cement. It fronts 130 feet on Main street and 66 feet on State street, is equipped with a luxurious elevator and lighted by its own electric plant. Each suite and each room has direct telephone connection with the office, while 24 rooms have a private bath, and the structure is also supplied with a commodious public bath room. Double doors are so arranged in all the rooms that any number of these can be thrown into a suite. The hotel is furnished throughout in a rich and most complete manner, is supplied with every modern convenience and luxury, and is charmingly decorated.

The main and spacious entrance is from State street from which a massive stone staircase ascends to the office, parlors, dining room and gents cafe. From the south end of this story entrance is had to a completely appointed kitchen, which is under a separate roof and detached from the main building. The office is in the north-east end of the second story, is splendidly lighted, particularly pleasant and quiet, and furnished with every appliance and comfort to be found in the finest city hotel. The office with the dining room is adorned with massive columns, which are richly decorated, giving a most pleasing effect to the eye. From the office the entire length of Main street appears like a panorama convexing at the Soldier's Monument on Church Hill. When visiting North Adams one should not fail to look at the inner appointments of the New Rich-

mond, as well as to admire its outward construction, which latter no one can help doing.

### THE RICHMOND THEATER

The Richmond Theater or Opera House is a most substantial structure, standing distinct from the New Richmond House. It is entered through a spacious arched doorway located in the center of the Main street hotel ground floor, with an elegant hall running through its center to its admission entrances. The theater is finely decorated, upholstered, appointed and arranged, having a comfortable seating capacity for 1250 people. The stage is especially large, its dimensions being 40 by 75 feet, and is capable of accommodating the largest theatrical productions appearing in the United States, which is very gratifying to amusement lovers in Northern Berkshire, who are no longer necessitated to visit the larger cities to enjoy first class thespian entertainment. This theater has ten broad ground exits and is provided with all the modern metropolitan appliances and safeguards. It has a ladies waiting room with a female attendant, a cloak room, toilet rooms, and a corps of uniformed ushers. Its box office is open from 9 AM to 9 PM, every week day. It is under the management of Mr. William P. Mead with Mr. O. S. Nichols as treasurer.

The Richmond Theater was opened September 17, 1900, by Ola Allen, who presented to a large and delighted house for the first time in the United States, the Marion Crawford's dramatization of "In the Palace of the King." This was followed through the winter with many high-grade attractions which met with a warm welcome.

An elegantly appointed pharmacy fitted up in the most complete modern style is situated on the ground floor of the New Richmond and on the corner of Main and State streets, and is presided over by George A. Hastings, having convenient entrances to both the hotel and theatre.

### THE NORTH ADAMS HOUSE

The third hotel site which has disappeared

in North Adams is the old North Adams House. In 1835 Alpheus Smith, the proprietor for so many years of the Black Tavern, finding that his premises were becoming too limited to accommodate guests, purchased the wooden residence of Captain Jeremiah Colegrove on the corner of Main and Holden streets. He built on to the front of this old mansion a twenty-one foot depth brick addition, three stories high, with three eight foot deep piazzas, the lower being adorned with immense brick plastered and painted white pilasters. He then raised the roof of the main wooden house on Holden street to correspond with the main building, from which a long wing extended to the north. This structure was opened as a hotel in 1836 by A. & O. C. Smith, the former soon becoming sole proprietor. In 1847 this hotel was purchased by Jenks Kimball and Charles J. Tremaine, the latter retiring after one year. It was leased to Arthur F. Wilmarth, brother-in-law of the veteran politician, E. R. Tinker, in 1848, when he retired to become secretary of the Home Insurance Company of New York, which responsible position he noticeably held until his death. It was then leased to William R. Shaw until 1851, when he retired to become Steward of the White House at Washington, under President Franklin Pierce. It was run by Phineas Cone of Lenox and R. D. Hicks, and then sold to S. & E. Thayer and fitted up into stores and offices. It was burned soon after the war. The Wilson House, which was constructed upon its site, was built by A. B. Wilson, the sewing machine inventor, at a cost of \$140,000 and was opened in 1867, and run by A. E. Richmond, Edwin Rogers and H. M. Streeter as lessees for five years. It was then bought by John F. Arnold for \$90,000, who proposed to change its name to that of the "Arnold House," but desisted on account of public opinion, which was antagonistic to the plan. It was leased to Streeter, Smith & Co., for two years and a half when it passed into the hands of the North Adams Savings Bank and was leased of it by Col. Foster E. Swift. In 1877 Col. Swift bought in the property by taking up a mortgage of \$75,000. After most acceptably conducting this house for fully 20 years as proprietor he disposed of the same to William Sullivan, who is building an Opera House on its north or Holden Street end, the

theatre in the west end of the original structure, which served the town and city for many years as its gilt-edged place of amusement, having been utilized for hotel purposes.

#### THE MATURIN BALLOU HOTELS

The fourth hotel in North Adams was erected in 1870 by Maturin Ballou on the present site of Clark's wholesale grocery store, corner of State and Summer streets. After this hotel was destroyed by fire Mr. Ballou erected another Ballou House below the State street bridge, the fifth in the history of North Adams, which is now used for stores and tenements. Later the Mansion House on State street was constructed to accommodate second-class custom. North Adams, during the last years of the past century, has added to other fine first-class hotel structures to its list, the Windsor, built by P. J. Boland on the site of the old Universalist church property on State street, and the Darrow, on the corner of Bank and Summer streets. If fact, for high class hotel accommodations the city, for its population, has no rival in New England.

#### TWO FIRST HOTELS IN ADAMS

The first hotel in Adams was a two-story wooden structure standing lengthwise to Center street and opposite the L. L. Brown famous paper mill. It was built by Daniel Smith, father of Jonathan and Henry D. Smith, and who was its first landlord. The building is in a fair state of preservation and is now occupied by Richmond's grain store. The second village hotel was on Park street. This was in a portion of the building now occupied as the Dr. Riley drug store, and its landlords were Orrin C. Smith, Zelotus Richmond and Andrew White. Larger hotel accommodations being needed, David Smith, a brother of Daniel and Samuel Smith, purchased the Dr. Stephen Brown house on Center street and removed it to the rear of the home lot. This house was two-stories in height, of goodly size and is now occupied by A. Hall on Myrtle street. Smith then built a large wooden hotel on the old site, and Fred W. Green, who helped to paint the building, remembers that it was run for some time by a man from Conway.

#### THE LAFAYETTE HOUSE

This structure was next purchased by

Gen. Elijah Bailey who built on a spacious wooden front and named it the Lafayette House. He kept it from 1856 to 1860 and went to Phelps, N.Y. for residence. It was sold by Gen. Bailey to Henry D. Smith, and was leased to John W. Howland, who ran it until he was appointed quartermaster of the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment and went to the front. It was then leased to Madison Bowker, a brother of Calvin Bowker of the celebrated hotel-keeping family of Savoy, who ran it until the return of Gen. Bailey, who after conducting it on lease for a few years went to the Berkshire House at North Adams. While run by Madison Bowker it took the name of the Greylock House, and his son George Bowker was its very popular clerk. George Bowker afterwards served as quartermaster in the army in the closing years of the war, after which he rose to a high position in the main office of the Adams Express Company in New York City. He was offered and refused the entire charge of the Adams Express business in New York, but accepted the important management of the company's business in Jersey City and was in charge of the same when he died. His sister, Mrs. Z. R. Wood, resides on Maple street in Adams, and her husband is the present clerk at the Greylock House, he having managed the old Bowker House at Savoy until it was destroyed by fire.

#### SOME HISTORY OF THE GREYLOCK HOUSE

The Greylock House was then leased by William G. Farnsworth, who was an ardent Republican politician and served the town of Adams in many official capacities. It then passed into the management of Ranney & Daniels, the latter being the father of treasurer A. B. Daniels of the L. L. Brown & Co. paper mill. This firm was succeeded by John E. Thayer, then by George R. Whipple and then passed into the hands of F. L. Morse, from 1890 to 1901, who was its landlord when it was lately sold to Thomas Welch, the popular owner of the Adams House of Myrtle street. Unfortunately the only deeds given when this property passed through the early hands and even up to the time when a prominent local syndicate purchased it of Henry D. Smith, have been accidentally destroyed. This syndicate was composed of the prominent men who nurtured the then village up to

one of the most prosperous manufacturing centers in Massachusetts, and who were determined to have a hotel in the village which should be worthy of the high character the locality had always held. This syndicate was composed of William C. Plunkett, Levi L. Brown, Peter Blackinton, B. F. Phillips, Stoel E. Dean, A. H. Lamont, William Jenks, Daniel Jenks and others. These gentlemen afterwards sold the property to W. H. Wilkinson, who on his removal to Binghamton, N.Y., disposed of it to S. E. & T. A. Mole, who sold it to its present owner. But few alterations have been made in the house since Gen. Bailey built on its addition. Of these has been the removal of the huge wooden pillars which he had constructed on its front and the substitution of a less pretentious portico. Mr. Welch is having the entire hotel fitted up and refurnished and supplying it with every modern convenience and comfort.

#### SAM BOWEN'S INN

Though there are some rumors that there was once a little hotel down on Commercial street, there is no proof of it. William Henry Harrison Montgomery conducted a small hotel just over the Myrtle street bridge until his death and having been the first man to enlist from Adams in the war had quite a good run of custom. The "Howland House" at Zylonite, constructed in recent years, is the latest built hotel structure in the town. A mile and a quarter from Center street there was in the olden time a hotel at Bowen's Corners which was a prosperous settlement and noted for its sociability. This inn was kept by Samuel Bowen, was a noted old stage tavern, and the locality was a great resort for paring bees, quiltings, huskings and dancing. It was here that roguish boys used to peep into the barroom and inquire if "Sam Bowen was Inn," and then make speedy tracks to escape Uncle Sam's ponderous cane. The old sign is gone which used to read "Inn is kept by S. Bowen," but the building still remains. Opposite the inn was a large dwelling and store in which over 80 years ago Susan B. Anthony was born, the daughter of Daniel and Lucy Read Anthony. The structure has been remodeled into a dwelling and is still standing on these famous old four-corners. From this spot there is a grand view of the

dome of old Greylock, which is most weird and inspiring both when clad in verdure and foliage or white and glistening with the snow and ice of winter.

#### THE OLD THATCHER HOUSE

The Thatcher Tavern was another old-time inn located on the road to Savoy and about four miles from Adams. It was here that Esquire Frank Sayles owned a farm and an emery mine from the products of which latter he and others at a certain period had great expectations. At one time W. B. Rice of Pittsfield had an interest in this mine. But few anecdotes of the South Village hotels have been preserved. It is stated that when Gen. Bailey was erecting the front of his Lafayette House, some waggish young men came upon Harry Zingo, an eccentric colored man, and finding him overcome with potations of rum and molasses, hoisted him up into the second-story with a tackle block and left him hanging there over night.

#### A STAMFORD RESORT

John Wilmarth once kept a finely built and popular old colonial hotel in Stamford, Vermont, which was much frequented in the old days by the best people in the village of North Adams and was a scene of many a sleighride supper and dance. In these later days Paradise Hotel in Stamford serves the present generation for such visits as well as for famous trout suppers.

#### WILLIAMSTOWN HOTELS

The notable ancient hotel in Williamstown was the Mansion House which had for its genial mine host for many years Uncle Stephen Hosford. Here the old-time Commencement Alumni Dinners were spread, the grand procession marching hither from the annual alumni meeting headed by the notable High Sheriffs of the county. Then the Mansion House was run by Albert S. Bailey and Frank McLaughlin, and is now the property of James W. Bullock of Williamstown and St. Louis. In the lower town, on the site of the Methodist Church there once stood quite a pretentious hotel fronted with huge wooden pillars and in early years kept by Blair Kellogg as a stage tavern, and afterwards by William Montgomery, one of the first conductors on the Troy & Boston

railroad between North Adams and Hoosick Junction. Kellogg was largely interested in the old stage lines and kept the first livery stables in Williamstown. Montgomery was a very popular conductor, but with his brother conductors on the railroad finally asked for more pay. This was refused, and while some of his companions still remained with the company, he quit railroading, it being generally understood that he was too honest to patch up his salary by "knocking down fares."

#### SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN HOTELS

The old-style hotel in South Williamstown with huge wooden pillars in front, was kept for many years by William Jordan and after the civil war passed into the hands of Thomas Sabin. It was conducted by his widow for a few years after his death and was sold to Landlord Savage of the "Idlewald," a structure built to accommodate his celebrated "Boys School" by Hon. B. F. Mills, and who now spends his summers in this romantic locality now a favorite resort for Berkshire summer people.

#### THE FLORIDA TAVERNS

At the eastern base of the Hoosac mountain and just where the angry waters of the Deerfield river debouch from a torturous rocky channel through the Vermont mountains, for many years stood the famous old Rice Tavern in Florida. This was destroyed by fire after the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel and a beautiful summer hotel was erected by the heirs of the old landlord upon the farm. Driving over the Hoosac mountain for a dinner or supper at this hotel used to be a favorite outing trip with the old-time residents of North Adams, and a picnic in Rice's grove was always considered a rare pastime. Modern North Adams now enjoys the dinner by slipping through the tunnel in a few minutes, but for the quick transit accommodation loses the healthful breezes which roll in great refreshing billows over this grand mountain top, and a panorama of beautiful scenery which is most entrancing. A few rods below the rocky pinnacle facing the western steeps of this mountain, D. Isaac Hodges once built a wayside hotel which had for its successive landlords Orrin C. Smith, Hiram Smith, and Patrick Donahue, and

which was burned several years ago. When stages crossed the mountain this hotel was a welcome refuge in heavy storms both in summer and winter, and especially in thunder storms, which seemed to be attracted by the deposits of iron ore on this western summit. Lightning struck a dozen times in the vicinity of this house in many single hard thunder showers and it remembered that several North Adams men who took shelter there were terribly frightened and some of them were severely shocked by electrical bolt poundings on this high elevation.

#### THE BOWKERS OF SAVOY

A century ago there were some very famous old hotels in Savoy, that being a very important stage town on the route from Albany to Boston, and having a prosperous and intelligent farming population. One of these old inns was kept by the father of the late John D. Hall, who deceased in Pittsfield a year ago at advanced age, being the veteran hotel keeper in Dalton, Lanesboro, Great Barrington and Hinsdale. The other and more prominent, was kept by Liberty Bowker and known as the Red Tavern in Savoy Hollow, a portion of which structure is thought to be still standing. Liberty Bowker was a famous colonial period landlord, while his wife, Aunt Liza, was known far and wide for her grand housewifery as "Mother Bowker." While Liberty was postmaster of the town for many years, having a large acquaintance, his wife was of a distinguished old family having residence in the Connecticut valley. Mrs. Wood of Adams, his granddaughter, has in her possession his great horse-pistols and holster, his sword, musket, clock and pocket-knives. It is doubtful if any old Berkshire County Inn was ever as famous as the Red Tavern, which with its wonderful dinners prepared by "Mother Bowker," was the pride of the ancient traveling public, besides no guests ever passed over the hospitable threshold who did not tell the good old folks who they were, where they came from, and where going, and all about themselves, and thought nothing of the old people's inquisitiveness, having been made so thoroughly welcome and comfortable in every particular

#### GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE HOUSE

Liberty Bowker, growing old, was succeeded as postmaster by his son, Calvin, who held the position for 47 years, and who deceased at Adams at the home of his brother Madison, Sept. 8, 1896, at the age of 90. After a while the brothers Calvin and David Bowker bought a building directly across the way from the "Red Tavern," which had been built by Lorenzo Rice, and opened what they called the "Green Mountain Coffee House." Soon after Calvin bought out David and the latter removed to Pittsfield, where he married a sister of P. L. Page, a lawyer and afterwards Judge of the Police Court. The hotel structure was two stories high and of wood, and there was a forty foot dancing hall in the north end. Up the south-east end William Dunham and Dr. Westcott had built dwellings which were joined to the hotel and gave the premises the appearance of a single block. Lorenzo Rice at his own expense had built a piazza and platform the whole length of the three structures and adorned the same with large wooden pillars. At the same time Mr. Bowker bought out Messrs. Dunham and Westcott and the entire structure was used for hotel purposes. Mr. Dunham removed to Springfield where he accumulated wealth, and his son Ransom was at one time president of the Chicago board of trade. The old hotel continued in the hands of the Bowker heirs until the spring of 1893, in later years only being open to summer guests of whom it was a great favorite, when taking fire from a defective chimney it was burned. In the attic of this hotel were consumed a great number of olden-time curiosities in the shape of flax and wool spinning wheels, wooden hand looms, a myriad of ancient curios, and the paraphernalia of the old Rechabite Lodge, which once had a lodge on the premises.

#### THE MASON HOUSE

The Green Mountain Coffee House was a favorite resort of northern Berkshire people for feasting on trout and was frequented by large parties even in the later years. It was up to its historic site that Hon. W. B. Plunkett took President McKinley in one of his visits to Adams and Berkshire. A short distance from the old hotel site is a colonial residence built by a Mr. Williams and for a long time occupied by Emerson Mason, once a wealthy

Savoy Farmer. This structure has a beautifully carved old chimney place and the finished ornamental wood-work in some of its rooms are rare specimens of the wonderful skill and handiwork of old-time carpenters. The Mason House, since the destruction of the old Coffee House by fire, has been the only hotel in Savoy. It was recently purchased by A. J. McCullough, who now presides over it as landlord and who is a fine entertainer, as many summer driving parties bear witness.

#### FOSTER'S HANCOCK STAGE TAVERN

While four-horse stages were running in the first half of the past century from Albany to Boston and across the Hoosac mountain, passing through North Adams, Williamstown, South Williamstown and Hancock, Joshua Foster, one of the proprietors of the line, kept a stage tavern in Hancock where passengers stopped for breakfast, there being a stage one way each day from Mondays to Saturdays. A driver named Hewitt is still remembered by Hon. B. F. Mills as a grand tooter of the old stage horn almost a mile away on each side of the four-corners at South Williamstown. During the last half century, Gideon Reynolds kept a small hotel in Hancock, but much of the time since he died there has been no accommodations of the character in the town.

#### "TOT" MALLORY'S NEW ASHFORD TAVERN

The first stage between Williamstown and Pittsfield was put on in 1830. For many years and as late as 1880 it was owned and run by Mr. Ames. It is still continued to accommodate a sparse local travel and the mails. In the old days there was a little hotel in New Ashford, its landlord being Tot Mallory. He was quite an eccentric character and travelers used to have a great deal of sport with him. In his fishing trips up

through New Ashford Josh Billings always made his headquarters with "Tot."

#### THE OLD BAKER TAVERN

The old Baker Tavern in North Lanesboro was built by Ezra Hall, when the upper village was the frequented center of its population. It was a most popular old time resort, and for dances and other festivities was once all the rage. Under its roof the first Mystic Lodge of Free Masons was constituted, and in its immediate vicinity the most of the aristocracy of the famous old town once dwelt. It is but a few years since it had become so weather worn and dismantled that it was torn down. It was here that the late Gov. Briggs became acquainted with his estimable wife, who was a daughter of Ezra Hall.

#### HINSDALE RAILROAD, OR BELMONT HOUSE

The hotel standing in Hinsdale was first called the Railroad House. It was built by Captain Connor somewhere about 1840, to accommodate those engaged in the construction of the Western or Albany and Boston Railroad. Later on John Milton Tuttle sold his Tuttle Inn in Peru, came down and purchased the Railroad House and kept it for a number of years. It remained in the Tuttle family up to 1875, and for several years from 1850, it was managed by the Holcomb sisters. It was finally sold by the Tuttle heirs to Daniel Raymond and is now the property of his widow. Its name was changed by Raymond to the Belmont House. Under lease from the latter it was run by the late veteran landlord John D. Hall for 22 years, and he continued therein until after Raymond's death, and until the infirmity of his many years forced him to permanently retire from business, his decease soon following. Since that time the Belmont has frequently changes lessees, but has been kept open.

(To be continued)

#### MAP OF NORTH AND SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN - 1876

Bailey	C-1	Cole, C. H.	B-4	Hurlburt, J.	A-3	Moody, S.	C-5	Swift	C-1
Beach, S.	C-8	Cole, H. R.	B-4	Johnson, W. E.	D-10	Moody, W., Jr.	B-2	Thomas, C. D.	B-5
Beverly, W. H.	E-6	Cole, J. L.	B-5		E-10		C-6	Torrey, G. B.	C-9
Beverly, George H.	E-5	Cole, P. R.	A-3	Jordon	E-9	Morey, W. A.	D-9	Towne, Abner	F-1
Beverly, Mrs.	B-3		A-5	Merry, Albert	G-2	Sabin, T.	E-8	Walker, H. S.	E-3
Beverly, Z.	E-5	Cox, A.	A-1	Mills, B. F.	D-8	Smith, D.	G-4		E-3
Bonney, Mrs.	A-2	Danforth, W.	B-1		D-9	Smith, G. N.	G-5	Walker, M.	E-6
Card, W.	F-5	Dickinson, Miss	E-10		E-6	Smith, J. W.	B-5	Walker, W. H.	E-4
Cardwell, M.	E-6	Ford, J., Sr.	C-4		E-7	Smith, L. W.	C-8	Worthy, Mrs.	E-4
Cheesebro, A.	E-6	Goodell, F.	E-4		E-8	Streeter	C-1	Young, H. H.	A-7
Cole, A. D.	D-9	Goodell, Z.	G-4	Montgomery, S.	G-2				



## ELMER SHEPARD'S FILES

From the Shepard Correspondence File, Berkshire Athenaeum.

Thomas STOUGHTON

"Senior, the Elder, or Ancient" b----- d 25 Mar 1661.

m (1) ..... Montpeson in England

Ch. John Rev. D.D. rectors of St. Mary's Aldennanbury, London  
Thomas

Israel

d 1645 Lincoln, Eng.

m (2) Margaret Baret widow of Simon Huntington who d  
on the voyage of smallpox.

1630 "Mary & John" to Dorchester; Freeman Ma 1631; Constable  
26 Apr 1636 Apptd to consider bounds of Htfd, Windsor and Wthefd  
11 Jan 1640 home lot granted and other lands

Conn. Col Rec I 83,7,48

Col. Rec Mass, Bay I 76,83

Porter Gen 144

Savage IV 214 NEH & G 1896 1 3 40 1847 74 4 51

Margaret Baret was sister of Peter Baret of Norwich, England, who  
wrote 20 Apr 1650 to "Cosen Christopher Huntington" at Seabrook  
about £140 from "Brother Stawton" to be divided between Symen,  
Thomas and Ann children of Simon Huntington. Htfd Prob Rec I 44  
14 Jul 1645 Thomas Sr. deeded all property in Windsor except home  
lot to Thomas Jr. Later sold rest to his son provided Thomas  
Jr. shall afford convenience maintenance for his father and his  
his mother-in-law

(widow Huntington) etc. Stiles: Windsor 722

Israel adm. freeman Dorchester Nov 1633, 1634 deputy

Thomas<sup>2</sup> (Thomas<sup>1</sup>)

b ----- d 15 Sep 1684 Windsor

m 30 Nov 1655 Mary Wadsworth

Ch. John b 20 Jun 1657

Mary b 1 Jan 1658/9 d 27 Aug 1689 m 3 Jun 1677 Samuel Farns-  
Elizabeth bp 18 Nov 1660 worth of Dorchester

Capt. Thomas b 21 Nov 1662 or 3 d <1749 m 31 Dec 1691 Dorothy

Samuel b 8 Sep 1665 Talcott (Lt. Col. John)

Sgt. Israel b 21 Aug 1667 d ---- 1736 m Mary-----

Rebecca b 19 Jun 1673 d ----1704 m Atherton Mather of  
Suffield (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Henry<sup>1</sup>)

Hartford Prob Rec I 368

Invt L941-08-00 taken by Timothy Thrall, Daniel Hayden, Abraham  
Phelps 4 Mar 1684-5 Adms. to widow Mrs. Mary Stoughton and ap-  
point Return Strong and Timothy Thrall with advice of Capt. New-  
bury, to distribute the estate: To widow £100 to her and her  
heirs forever; to John £199, to Thomas £136, to Samuel £126, to  
Israel £126, to Elizabeth £116, to Rebeckah £116. Mr. Wadsworth,  
Abraham Phelps and John Loomis to be overseers.

Stiles: Windsor 725 Savage IV 214

NEH & G 1847 251; 1851 392

Capt. Thomas had lands in Torrington, Wintonbury, Tolland &

## Windsor

Rev. Richard Mather

m 1624 Catherine (Edw) Holt

Rev. Increase et all

Timothy b 1628 d 1684

m 1650 Catherine Atherton Maj. Gen Humphrey Atherton

m Mary Wales

Atherton b 1663 d 17634

Americana 29 286

John<sup>3</sup> (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, 1) STOUGHTON

B 20 Jun 1657, Windsor, d 24 May 1712

m(1) 11 Aug 1682 Elizabeth Bissell who d 17 Jul 1688

Ch. John b 16 Oct 1683; d 23 Apr 1746 Invt £2375 Windsor +  
£1260 in Harwinton

William b 10 Mar 1685/6

m Martha -----

m(2) Sarah Fitch who m(2) Joseph Drake

Ch. Joseph b 19 May 1691; d 1709

Elizabeth b 19 Feb 1692 m Mather

Sarah b 12 Dec 1695 Hannah b 6 Aug 1705

Rebecca b 27 Apr 1698 Mary b 25 Nov 1708

Ann b 21 Mar 1699 Martha b 16 Jan 1711

Nathaniel b 23 Aug 1702 Rachel b 24 Aug 1711

## East Windsor.

5 Jul 1691 joined 1st ch in Htfd with wife Sarah

Sarah, daughter of "Capt. Fitch" m(2) Joseph Drake who d 14 Jan  
1754 aet 80 (not the Jos. who d 1730)

17 Apr 1701 John and William sons of John choose their father  
to be their guardian. Htfd Prob Rec II 120

Estate. Invt L271-02-09 taken 24 May 1712 by Job Drake Sr.,  
Thomas Stoughton and Samuel Burnham

4 May 1713: Acct of Sarah Stoughton adms. allowed, Distrib  
ordered to Sarah, widow, of the moveable estate L23-11-02; to  
Nathaniel 2d son, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca, Anne, Hannah, Mary  
and Rachel each £27-02-09 1/2 William hath already received his  
full double portion. Appoint Capt. Thomas Stoughton, Deacon Job  
Drake and Samuel Rockwell distributor

6 Jul 1713 Sarah relict of John Stoughton, late of Windsor, to  
be guardian of all the children of decd that are under age.  
Recog. with Joseph Drake in £150.

7 Sep 1713: by reason of some misrepresentation in the order of  
this Court, the 2nd son (viz. William) was mistaken for the  
eldest (viz. John) who was intended thereby, though entirely by  
that means left out.

3 Jan 1713/4: John, William and Sarah Stoughton and Joseph and  
Elizabeth Mather gave receipts for their several portions

7 Feb 1720/1 Court appoints John Stoughton of Windsor guardian to  
his brother Nathaniel, age 18 Recog £150

4 May 1731: Sarah Stoughton, now Drake, formerly the widow of  
John Stoughton, moves for suitable persons to set out her dower.  
Thos. Stoughton, Joseph Rockwell, Deac. Joseph Skinner of Wind-

sor, distribute

28 Jun 1731: William Stoughton of Windsor, son of John, objects to the setting out, and is granted a review of the case at the Superior Court.

Hartford Prob Rec 11 309

William had lands in Tolland and Barkhamsted

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Martin ALBRO

m Mary  
 Ch. William b 7 Aug 1776  
     Else b 11 Mar 1779; d 17 Sep 1827  
     \*Wait b 18 Apr 1781  
     Samuel b 6 Nov 1783  
     \*Martin b 17 Apr 1785  
     Joseph T. b 24 May 1788; d 15 Feb 1815  
     Thomas b 23 Aug 1790; d 2 May 1811  
     Ester b 27 Feb 1793 m 1811 Joseph Ellis  
     Hazael b 22 May 1795  
     Tamer b 13 Feb 1798 m 1822 Virgil Page

Ref. Pownal, VT Vital Records and *Pownal Marriages to 1850*

Wait ALBRO (Martin & Mary)

b 18 Apr 1781; d 22 Aug 1836

m Wealthy b (1782); d 10 Apr 1845 Buried Lovett

Ref. Pownal VR, Pownal Marriages

Martin ALBRO (Martin & Mary)

b 17 Apr 1785 Pownal VR; 19 Apr 1788 Grave Stone; 19 Apr 1786  
 d 12 Apr 1849, Bur. Oak Hill

m Polly Noble (Roger & Olive Hunt) b 4 Apr 1793 Hudson, N.Y.  
 No Ch.

Ref. Same + Noble Gen. #3306

Erastus J. (I?) ALBRO

m 28 Jun 1840 Amy Arnold (John & Susannah Sherman) b 13 Aug 1813

Ch. Sarah Albina b 23 Mar 1845

Ref. Pownal VR, Pownal Marriages

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Josiah AMADON b 14 Jul 1814; d 6 Oct 1843 Bur. Pownal Center

m Lucy

Ch. Charlania b 20 Dec 1839

Thomas J. b 2 Apr 1842; d 12 Aug 1862 Bur. Pownal Center

Ref. Pownal VR, Pownal Cemetery

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Anson AMADON ( Anson & )

m 19 Dec 1830 Loret Luce (Johnathan & Mahitable)

b (1804) Chesterfield, MA of NH?; d 22 Feb 1890 Pownal

Ref. Pownal VR, Pownal Marriages

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Henry AMADON

m Nancy Mason

b 1823

Ch. Myra Ann b 23 Dec 1842

Christopher b 15 Sep 1846  
 Egbert Henry b 12 Aug 1856; d 5 Dec 1869 Bur. Oak Hill  
 Ref. Pownal VR, Pownal Cemetery (Was this the Henry A. b (1837);  
 d May 1864, killed at the "Wilderness"?)

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Arial AMADON

m Waity  
 Ch. Martha Abigail b (15 Sep 1839); d 12 Feb 1841 Bur. Abel  
 Card or Dunn Lot  
 Ref. Pownal VR

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## RICHMOND, MASSACHUSETTS RECORDS

The following records are extracted from Volume 28 (Richmond, Mass.) of the Rollin H. Cooke Collection at the Berkshire Athenaeum.

CEMETERY IN RICHMOND, ON WEST STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, NEAR BARKERVILLE  
 N.E.Cor. Matilda, wife of Rufus B. Kendall d April 13 1852 ae 34  
 Mary, wife of Rufus Branch d Jan 4 1878 ae 82 yrs 3 mo  
 Rufus Branch d June 3 186-

From the Lanesborough Town Records

Births

Children of Silas and Adah Butler

Silas b. Sep 11 1797 d. Oct 5 1797

Silas b. Aug 14 1798

Mariah b. Nov 17 1799

Eloisa b. Apl 27? 1800 d. Dec 2 1800

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## BIBLE RECORDS - SHEPARDSON

Newspaper clippings found in the Shepardson Family Bible (abstracted)

Grafton S. Pelton, 71, died in Lenox. Born in Peru November 24, 1844. A farmer, he resided in Lenox since 1876. Survivors: a son, James H. Pelton, daughters Alice and Ada Pelton, all of Lenox, and Mrs. Chauncey Sears of Pittsfield?

Stella Mecum, 53, died in Pittsfield. Survived by a brother, Frank A. Mecum of Becket.

Mrs. George A. Winchell, 87, died in Pittsfield. Grandsons: Mortimer Cook and James O. Clifford of Lenox, and Rosewell C. Cook, Floyd, Frank and Harvey Mattoon of Pittsfield. Born in Lenox, daughter of John and Thankful Cook. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Edward MacDonald of Lenox.

Miss Sara Lucinda Savery died in Pittsfield. Born in Washington, Mass. April 1-, 1875, her mother died when she was one week old. Leaves her father and step-mother Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Savery of Becket and brothers James R. and William H. Savery.

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## A TRIBUTE TO A GRAND OLD TOWN PLAINFIELD ON THE EASTERN HILLS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, December 1, 1901

Plainfield, an old Bay State hill town long isolated from the rush of busy life and remote from steam and electric rail, though not in Berkshire County proper, is separated therefrom on the east by the boundaries of Windsor and is north of Cummington, the birthplace of William Cullen Bryant and Senator Henry L. Dawes, prominent among this county's adopted citizens. In this out-of-the-way old town of romantic mountain scenery, poor soil and plenty of it, where once a host of misguided people searched for a gold mine which was never found, came a Rev. Stephen Pixley, who for very many years was an active missionary in South Africa and who is now laboring in afar mission fields. What adds interest to this fact is that this divine is supposed to have been related to that noted Revolutionary War officer, Lieut. David Pixley of Stockbridge.

### A MISSIONARY AND A STATESMAN

What most especially distinguishes this old hill town is that in the olden time it gave birth and sent out into the world, for aggressive and useful service, more educated Christian ministers, authors and editors than any other town of its size on the globe. From this town went forth that pious, tactful and courageous missionary Rev. William Richards, and the mighty work which he accomplished in the Sandwich Islands is written on the pages of history in letters of gold. It was he who prepared for these islands a code of laws, and who as their minister plenipotentiary visited the United States and Europe and obtained the acknowledgment of the nations of the Sandwich Islands as an independent kingdom.

His brother, James Richards, was one of the founders of American Foreign Missions and was himself a missionary to Ceylon. His name, with that of four others who established American Foreign Missions, is commemorated on the monument at Williamstown on the site of which the four took shelter under a hay stack in 1806. Another brother became a famous physician, while the father of these notable sons was one of the

founders of the Plainfield village and one of the few pioneer settlers who built a church and schoolhouse there before planting corn or building stone walls. In his primitive home the woodchucks would fearlessly enter the back kitchen, while a half hundred rabbits nesting under his barn, would regularly come to the house for rations at feeding time.

### HALLOCK'S FAMOUS SCHOOL

Another Plainfield pioneer was Jacob Nash, who enlisted in the War for Independence at the age of fifteen years, and fought through the seven years until peace was declared. Rev. Moses Hallock, the pastor of the village church at 32 years of age, was a graduate of Yale College, and a most able man. His salary was \$200 a year, one-fourth cash and the balance in farm produce, with which he contented himself, for there were frequent revivals under his preaching. He was also a successful school-teacher and among his pupils were Rev. Pliny Fish, Rev. Jonas King, Rev. Levi Parsons, all celebrated missionaries in their day. United States Senator W. M. Ferry, Prof. James Howard of Cambridge and Dr. Marcus Whitman, who took the first wagon over the Rocky Mountains into Oregon, were also his pupils. Most notable scholars in this old school, where the cost of board and tuition was but one dollar a week, was John Brown, that noble martyr to the cause of the liberation of the American slave, William Cullen Bryant, the famous poet, author and editor, W. A. Hallock, D.D., the originator of the American Tract Society, Gerard Hallock, the founder of the New York Journal of Commerce and its able editor for 33 years, and Hamon Hallock, the missionary who invented the new Arabic type in which the Bible has been so long and so successfully printed. It was in this historic old hill town that Rev. Charles Parkhurst of New York, and formerly of Lenox, received his first license to preach the gospel, to which profession he has added signal ability and

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## COLONEL SIMON LARNED OF PITTSFIELD

From *The Berkshire Hills*, January 1, 1902

Simon Larned was born in Thompson, Connecticut and came to Pittsfield in 1784, and was thence forward one of its most public-spirited and energetic business and military citizens. He was a man of few words, was a meritorious officer in the Revolutionary War, a Colonel in the United States Army during the whole of the war of 1812, and represented the Berkshire district one term in Congress. He was a man of rare wit and humor, and was always at the front in every patriotic and local business enterprise.

He first opened a country store on East street, with Col. Danforth as a partner, but the two soon parted, Larned retaining the East street store, advertising in 1788, "European and West India goods and cotton in exchange for the best house ashes at eight cents a bushel, and nails in exchange for wheat." These ashes he used in a "potashery," which he built a little to the east of "the meeting house." About 1799 he was a partner with Capt. Allen & Co., in the erection of an iron forge on Onota brook, the present site of the Russell Woolen Mill. In 1790 he erected what was afterwards known as the Dr. John M. Brewster homestead, the site now being occupied by the William Russell Allen residence, who is said to be a descendant. In 1807 he was one of the incorporators of the Pittsfield Woolen and Cotton Company, having been one of the incorporators of the Berkshire Bank in 1806. He was also in 1800 one of the incorporators of the Third Massachusetts Turnpike, which was chartered in 1797, and ran from Northampton to Pittsfield, this turnpike in 1798, having been extended westward to the New York state line, and which in 1814 took on the name of the "Worthington Turnpike." Besides in 1795 he was one of the incorporators and proprietors of "the Waterworks in the middle of Pittsfield," whose supply was connected to the village in tile pipe, some relics of which have been preserved. In 1810 he was one of the incorporators of the Pittsfield Hotel, built by the Democrats on what was afterwards the site of the old Medical College on East street, and of which political

party he was a conspicuous member.

From 1792 to 1812, a period of twenty years, he was High Sheriff of Berkshire County, serving a single term in Congress, having been elected to succeed Hon. Thompson J. Skinner, who had resigned. In 1810 he was Chief Marshal at the Berkshire County Cattle Show, having for aids Deputy Sheriff Theodore Hinsdale, Oramel Fanning, Jeremy Warner and Elisha Ely, all of whom were mounted on beautiful white horses. He was the presiding officer at a meeting called in 1808 to form this Society, which was held in the tavern of Capt. Pepoon, which stood on the present site of Martin's Block.

In 1812 he was succeeded as High Sheriff by Major Henry Clinton Brown, having been elected Colonel of the "Bloody Ninth" Regiment which was so popular that it was called "Berkshire's Own." One company of this regiment was composed entirely of Berkshire men and the others were made up largely of such. These 300 soldiers were severely drilled on the old Cantonment Grounds by the Colonel, who took the sharp discipline in good humor, as this officer was very popular. At a banquet given the Ninth Regiment at William Clark's Tavern on East street, August 4, 1812, 300 soldiers were present and Colonel Larned presided. September 4, 1812, the regiment passed up through Lanesboro, New Ashford and Williamstown, where it was warmly welcomed and feted, and on to Whitehall, and passed the winter in the vicinity of Plattsburg, N.Y.

On February 20, 1815, a dinner was given General Ripley and the returned soldiers of the Ninth Regiment, in Pittsfield, the news of the Treaty of Ghent having just been received. Col. Larned's toast on this occasion was: "A soldier's honor - his all. His precious heritage must never be wrested from him by force, nor contaminated by the finger of malice or the tongue of duplicity." Of the later life and career of this remarkable man we have no other record.

Probably no more intellectually precocious, eloquent, self-sacrificing and distinguished young man was ever born and went out from Pittsfield than Sylvester, son of Col.

Simon Larned. He was a mere child when he graduated at the old Lenox Academy, within whose walls so many youth of his day were fitted for college, the pulpit, the editorial chair or the busy life of the professions and of commerce. At the age of thirteen years this stripling delivered an oration before the students of the old Pittsfield Academy and the astonished townsmen on a Fourth of July, so full of eloquence and pathos and patriotism that the whole region round about was electrified. At the age of fourteen years, in 1810, he entered Williams College, with William Cullen Bryant, and was of the memorable class of 1813. Bryant left the college in Freshman year and in writing of his few college days in after years, alludes to the eloquence of young Larned. For some boyish wild student prank he was expelled from this college but immediately entering Middlebury College in Vermont turned over a new leaf, and afterwards studied for the ministry at Andover and Princeton. Added to

his oratorial accomplishments he was fond of humor and was a most happy and accomplished conversationalist. He became a distinguished Presbyterian divine and his final life work was in the city of New Orleans, where through his great popularity and individual exertions he built a new church, had a large congregation and was universally beloved and respected. He most truly reflected his Christ-like piety in the great yellow fever epidemic of 1820, in which he fearlessly and faithfully ministered to the wants of the sick and the dying, and showed great care for friendless strangers in the city. Notwithstanding the warnings of his friends he pursued these labors of love and pity for suffering humanity in this time of dire peril and death to an extent, that being stricken down with the malady, he died August 30, 1820 at the early age of 24 years, a Christian martyr and a true disciple of his Lord and Master.

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fearlessness in checking the free course of crime, immorality and fraud in the greatest city on the American Continent.

#### THE MOUNTAIN MILLER'S MILL

A wide-world and famous relic and landmark in the old town of Plainfield is the "Mountain Miller's Mill." Rev. W. A. Hallock wrote a famous tract having for its subject, Joseph Beals, the owner of this mill, which was entitled "Mountain Miller," in which is beautifully described the old miller's religious zeal, and how, while he was at work grinding his grain, he would talk and pray with the very many farmers and their wives who came to the mill at all hours and from long distances to get their grist ground and to hear him. Many hundreds of the old time people owed their conversion to this honest, God-fearing old miller, and the printed story of his grand life has been translated into many languages, and gone out to the very ends of the earth.

#### PROUD OF THEIR BIRTHPLACE

Plainfield was the birthplace of Charles

Dudley Warner, the noted author and editor, and the house in which he was born is still standing, being located on a picturesque upland commanding a beautiful view of a wide expanse of surrounding country. In one of his letters Mr. Warner wrote, "Plainfield has an interest for me which no other place on earth has. The older I grow the more grateful I am that I was born in Massachusetts and in that particular hill town nestling up to the eastern boundary of Berkshire like a child to its parents. I think I owe its pure air, its noble scenery, the goodly purity and simplicity of its manners and the influence of an honorable God-fearing ancestry, the best that is in my life."

Martha J. Lamb, the authoress and old friend of the author of this article, says of this lovely old town: "It cultivated no paupers, it gave no opportunity for idleness and it was too far from the seacoast to be troubled with fanatics. The environment was favorable to thought, and it was here the fashion to be wise and well schooled." Truly, in this hurried life of ours the mere reading of such a record as this tends to strengthen and purify the mind and uplift the spirit. ■

## RANDOM REMEMBRANCES AND GLEANINGS

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### CURIOUS OLD COPPER COIN

On the Kingsley farm, on the east road from North Adams to Adams, there was in the olden times a big cove well stocked with trout and which was a favorite resort of the Indians for fishing. During the past few years a resident of North Adams has picked up a large quantity of Indian arrowheads, stone hatchets and other aboriginal curiosities in this locality. While making an excavation in the earth last summer he threw up an old copper coin, which on being polished up revealed the date of 1730 or 1740. On one side of this coin is the word "Rex," meaning King, and the figure of a woman with arms uplifted. On the other side appears the figure of an elephant.

### THE LAST WILD TURKEY

Tradition has it that wild turkeys in the days of early settlement were very plenty in northern Berkshire. But the last bird of this genus seen in this locality was a monster old gobbler who had his home on the mountain east of the then south village of Adams from 1810 to 1815. Though this old survivor of the last of his race was assiduously hunted, all efforts to shoot or trap him failed, and he died a natural death. It was Charles Hathaway, who deceased in 1864, who found this gobbler's remains in the shape of bones and feathers in the spring of 1815 in the woods near what is known as the Peckam Cave. Caleb Miller, grandfather of C. N. Miller, and who deceased in 1861, used to relate incidents about hunting this big wild gobbler, stating that he was as keen-scented as a deer and as cunning as an Indian. He once succeeded in getting within ten rods of him, but slipping on the ice fell and broke the stock off his gun, which so frightened the fowl that he went flying through the woods.

### A GHOST IN A TREE

C. C. Taintor of New York, formerly of Lee and Pittsfield, tells this amusing ghost story. When that skillful old time Pittsfield and North Adams photographer, R. H. Dewey, was developing pictures by artificial

light, a human face was unintentionally shown against the foliage of a tree outside his Pittsfield studio, just as figures and pictures are now reflected though the air on election nights. This strange happening was frequently repeated of nights by the unconscious Robert, who was industriously experimenting with the new process. Of course several men who were wont to be out of nights took the thing to be a ghost, and there was much excitement over it. Shots were fired at it, but there were no evidences of bullet holes and the ghost of figure would not down. Finally Mr. Taintor courageously climbed the tree and discovered the cause of the big scare.

### OLD NEWSPAPER WATER SUPPLIES

A Brooklyn, N. Y. reader of *The Berkshire Hills* is reminded that in 1845-6 he was learning the printer's trade in the Pittsfield Eagle office, which at that time was located in the second story of the Rockwell Block on West street, where the Adams Express office is now located, the office being removed from thence to the third story of Callender's Block on North street, then adorned with two balconies or verandas, and is now owned by Deacon A. Kennedy. His duty as youngest apprentice, or printer's devil, was to climb up and down two flights of stairs, carrying clean and dirty water, which was a big job, with paper to dip, forms and rollers to wash and for toilet purposes. To get fresh water he had to go around the corner of the old Berkshire Hotel, then kept on the site of the present Berkshire Life Insurance Building by William H. Cooley, to a deep well just back of the present drug store of Dr. Waite. At this time Ensign H. Kellogg lived in a two-story wooden house a little to the north of the Callender Block, and still further to the north were several other houses. There was a good well just in the rear of the present block of England Bros., from which the restaurants obtained water for cooking keg oysters, with which the father of W. A. Webber then supplied the whole county, having his oyster depot on the present site of the Wendell. It was on an open lot in the rear of the present England Bros. Block that the cattle shows

were then and had for sometime been held.

#### WERE NOT RELATIVES

Hon. Henry Shaw of Lanesboro, otherwise known in the early days as Squire Shaw, was the only son of a Vermont physician and his mother Madame Shaw was a very talented woman. Rev. Samuel Benton Shaw, the early Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Lanesboro, had been the rector of churches in Gill and Rowe previous to his coming to the town. He was always known as "Parson Shaw," and his wife was a Native of Rhode Island. His only and promising son was instantly killed by the bursting of a cannon on an independence day early morning, which was deeply lamented in northern Berkshire as the young man was a general favorite with the public. There was no relationship between the noted lawyer and congressman and this able clergyman.

#### LONG TOM AND SHORT BOB

The correct history of the two cannons, Long Tom and Short Bob, over which the old time boys of North Adams used to have so many contests and troubles, has finally been ascertained. Long Tom was a piece of ordinance captured from the British at the Battle of Bennington. It was stolen by the North Adams from the Bennington boys, the latter having afterwards discovered it by stealth, and taken it home, where it ever afterwards remained. Short Bob was cast in one of the village furnaces and was a "loud speaker." It figured in many an affray for its possession among the boy factions of this locality. One of its exploits was the blowing off the thumb of one Puffer in a premature discharge, and the wounding of one Harrington, which was due to their carelessness in loading it when very hot. It was suddenly lost sight of shortly afterwards, but it was ultimately found out that it had been thrown into a big spring whose bottom was a quicksand, and which was located on the high hill to the east of the Ingalls and Tyler woolen mill in the Union. The older men of the village had become tired of the racket, damage and danger of the wild use of this piece of ordinance and put it in a place where it would permanently remain.

#### A BIG BEAR AND A BIG TREE

It was somewhere in the region of 1790 that "Vene" Scott with his little shaggy dog was out one winter day hunting rabbits. The dog had passed into the woods just east of Dry Brook above Pumpkin Hook in East Cheshire, when the dog, who was in the advance, raised a tremendous hue and cry, and hastening to the spot Scott was greatly astonished to see a bear rushing through the under-brush at a rapid gait with the little dog close in his rear. Scott joined the chase and presently old Bruin made for a big hemlock tree into which he climbed. Having nothing but a shot gun, it was folly to shoot at the animal, while he could not go for a weapon and thus give the bear a chance to descend the tree and make good his escape. In this dilemma he yelled out at the top of his lungs, "Help! Help! Help!! Somebody come over here!!!" Gus Morey, then living on the farm now owned by William F. Card, heard this outcry, hastened into his house and grasped his rifle and ran to the rescue. Morey shot and killed the bear which weighed nearly 300 pounds. In the fall of 1854 a party of hunters treed a coon in this same tree. Having built a huge bonfire under it, one of the hunters climbed into the tree and shook the animal down, and strange to narrate that although there were six or eight men and as many dogs on the watch for the game, this nimble coon escaped without a scratch. This tree was a giant hemlock, a veritable king of the forest, and its huge green top towered nearly forty feet above the surrounding timber. It was cut down in the summer of 1864 by C. N. Miller, and yielded a cord of bark for which he received \$10, while the butt, which was sixteen feet in length, was sawed into one thousand feet of inch hemlock plank.

#### ALL BUT CUCUMBERS

It was a good many summers ago that a schoolmarm up in Adams severely reprimanded her pupils for partaking of green fruit, they having made a resident near the district school nearly wild by their inroads upon his apple and pear trees. Said the lady, "You will all of you get sick, for no fruit is fit to eat until it is fully ripe." Whereupon a diminutive urchin piped up in a high treble

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## OUTLAWS OF THE PAST

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### A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

For years previous and beyond 1800 a gang of outlaws infested all of Northern Berkshire, hesitated not at the commitment of any high handed crime or outrage; in fact kept its for the most part isolated population in a continual trepidation and terror. For a long time this gang made its headquarters at what was known as the old Burt Tavern in East Cheshire, and spread out from that point to the New York and Vermont boundary lines, with an occasional raid into both of these states. On one occasion a foot peddler carrying tin trunks packed with cheap jewelry and sundry Yankee notions, in taking a dram at Burt's Tavern incautiously displayed quite a sum of money. On his departure from the tavern he was known to have been followed by a white man and a Negro and was never seen making his usual trips in the county again. It was always supposed that he had been waylaid and killed for his money, but this was never really known to be true. But when a few years afterwards a highway was constructed from the Lincoln lime kiln up through what is known as the "gulf," a tin trunk containing cheap jewelry and trinkets was found concealed beneath the branches of a fallen hemlock tree-top, for which no claimant could be found, and which has always been supposed to have belonged to this murdered peddler. Forty years afterwards, when the road from Pumpkin Hook to the Cheshire Sand Works was built, running up along Dry Brook, the skeleton of a man was unearthed in the Lincoln meadow, and though nearly a mile from where the tin trunk was found, has always been thought to have been the remains of the peddler.

### A NEST OF COUNTERFEITERS

Not long after the disappearance of the peddler this gang began to make and pass counterfeit State bank bills, and it is thought that they obtained the means to set up in this business from the pockets of the unfortunate man above referred to. They did not undertake at first to pass any of their bogus bills near home, but carried on an extensive busi-

ness for a while in outside localities. One of their number was arrested and convicted for passing this money at Albany, and sentenced to Sing Sing prison for life, but while being conveyed down the Hudson river in a sloop and in irons, jumped overboard, no attempt having been made to recover his body. This happening put an end to the making of counterfeit bills by the gang, United States officers having got warm upon its trail. It thereupon changed its hiding places and went to making counterfeit half dollars, keeping its outfit and doing its work in the deep recesses of the forests on the east side of the Hoosac mountain range. It passed off large quantities of this spurious coin in Northern New England and Western New York, until becoming thoroughly bold it flooded Williamstown with the "stuff" one commencement week, and to such an extent that the officers got after the gang and scared it into winding up the business.

### TROUBLESOME HORSE THIEVES

Through all these years many horses were stolen in Northern Berkshire. It was said that the gang had a cave where these stolen animals were hidden away and the excitement covered by the thefts in a locality had abated. Several of these animals were traced eastward as far as Plainfield, where all traces of the would disappear. It was supposed that these horses were run up the Connecticut valley, made up into droves and sold off into Canada. The last horse known to have been stolen by this gang was from a farm barn on the east road from Adams to North Adams. But railroads and telegraphs had begun to furnish quick means for travel and advertising, and this thief was arrested at Syracuse, N. Y., the animal was recovered and he was sentenced to Charlestown state prison for ten years. He admitted that this was the second horse he had stolen from the same barn, and threatened to burn the structure should he outlive his sentence. Though the barn had changed owners, it was destroyed by fire soon after he emerged from prison, and

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151	155	Catharine Karney	20	F		Ireland
152	156	Anne Ashburner	41	F		England
		Grace Ashburner	41	F		England
		Bridget Collins	24	F		Ireland
		Ann Malone	26	F		Ireland
153	157	Susan A. S. Sedgwick	67	F		Md.
		Maria B. Sedgwick	42	F		Mass.
		Ann Connoly	46	F		Ireland
		Bridget Casserty	22	F		Ireland
		Matilda F. S. Watts	65	F		Md.
154	158	Sarah C. Rossetter	57	F		Mass.
		Mary E. Rossetter	34	F		N.Y.
155	159	John Z. Goodrich	50	M	Manufacturer	Mass.
		Sarah W. Goodrich	49	F		Mass.
		Sarah W. Goodrich 2d	21	F		Mass.
		Isabella L. Goodrich	10	F		Mass.
		Ellen Dunnivan	32	F		Ireland
		Mary W. Worthington	50	F		Mass.
156	160	Caroline R. Bell	30	F		N.Y.
		Mary A. Bell	15	F		England
		Joseph H. Bell	13	M		N.Y.
		Alice Bell	11	F		N.S.?
		Edward Bell	8	M		N.S.?
		Archibald H. Bell	5	M		N.S.?
		Catharine Keyes	19	F		Ireland
		Ann Keyes	20	F		Ireland
157	161	Jonathan E. Field	42	M	Atty. at Law	Conn.
		Huldah F. Field	50	F		Mass.
		John E. Field	16	M	Laborer	Mass.
		Mary S. Field	13	F		Mass.
		Stephen D. Field	9	M		Mass.
		Mary S. Pomeroy	26	F		Mass.
		John Hecker	22	M	Carpenter	Germany
		Joanna Barry	18	F		Ireland
		Hannah Collins	22	F		Ireland
158	162	Jane Sedgwick	60	F		Mass.
		Jane Sedgwick 2d	32	F		N.Y.
		Alexander Watts	40	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Frances I. Watts	30	F		N.Y.
		Alexander Watts, Jr.		M		N.Y.
		Mary A. Nelligan	35	F		Ireland
		Mary Condor	27	F		Ireland
159	163	Joel Fuller	32	M	Painter	Mass.
		Margaret I. Tuller	28	F		N.Y.
		Harriet Tuller	56	F		Mass.
		George W. Tuller	21	M	Painter	Mass.
161	165	William Mold	40	M		England
		Letitia Mold	42	F		Ireland

		William H. Mold	6m M		Mass.
		Ann Stoney	F		Ireland
		David A. Sumner	34 M	Carpenter (Convict)	Mass.
		Mary D. Sumner	24 F		Scotland
		Martha B. Sumner	10 F		Mass.
		Mary J. Sumner	7 F		Mass.
		James F. Sumner	3 M		Mass.
162	166	Martha C. Smith	54 F		Mass.
		Jane C. Rewee	42 F		Mass.
163	167	Stephen W. Jones	56 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Delisa Jones	60 F		Mass.
164	168	John Knight	38 M	Laborer	Ireland
165	169	James Hickey	27 M	Farmer	Ireland
		Catharine Hickey	28 F		Ireland
166	170	Luther T. Hinckley	46 M	Wagon Maker	Mass.
		Mary A. Hinckley	41 F		N.Y.
		Ellen G. Hinckley	20 F		Mass.
		Henry L. Hinckley	14 M		Mass.
167	171	William Brogan	45 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Ellen Brogan	40 F		Ireland
		Catharine Brogan	15 F		N.Y.
		William Brogan, Jr.	12 M		Mass.
		Ellen M. Brogan	4 F		Mass.
168	172	John Vosburgh	48 M	Shoemaker	N.Y.
		Laura A. Vosburgh	45 F		Conn.
		Sarah C. Vosburgh	20 F		Mass.
		Heman Vosburgh	14 M		Mass.
169	173	Louis Sanecal?	27 M	Harness Maker	Canada
		Elizabeth Sanecal?	25 F		Ireland
		Maria A. Sanecal?	9m F		Mass.
170	174	Patrick Quigley	35 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Margaret Quigley	26 F		Ireland
		James Quigley	3 M		Mass.
		John Patrick Quigley	9m M		Mass.
		Margaret Connoly	8 F		N.Y.
171	175	Cornelius Miller	43 M	Blacksmith	Mass.
		Marrette Miller	42 F		Mass.
		Anne M. Miller	19 F		N.Y.
		Austina C. Miller	17 F		N.Y.
		Sarah C. Miller	12 F		Mass.
		Russell C. Miller	9m M		Mass.
	176	John Murphy	28 M	Blacksmith	Ireland
		Julia Murphy	29 F		Ireland
		William Murphy	2 M		Ireland
172	177	Isaac Bassett	56 M	Painter	Mass.
		Lydia Bassett	46 F		Mass.
		Anne M. Bassett	24 F		Mass.
		Charlotte A. Bassett	10 F		Mass.
		William W. Bassett	13 M		Mass.
		Alexander Stoepel?	23 M	Music Teacher	France
		Gustavus Tasche	40 M	Drawing Master	Germany
		Ellen Kaler	16 F		Ireland
173	178	Harriet Curtis	62 F		Mass.
		Mary M. Curtis	32 F		Mass.

		William B. Curtis	18 M	Carpenter	Georgia
		Abigail T. Whiting	64 F	(Insane)	Mass.
		Lucia Y. Foster	45 F		Mass.
		Johanna Donahue	17 F		Ireland
174	179	Fredric Homan	49 M	Laborer	Germany
		Margaret Homan	39 F		Germany
		Fredric Homan, Jr.	17 M	Laborer	Germany
		Conrad Homan	15 M	Laborer	Germany
		Catharine Homan	3 F		Mass.
		Henry Homan	2 M		Mass.
175	180	Christian Meyster	30 M	Laborer	Germany
		Barbara Meyster	25 F		Germany
178	181	Casper Seckel	35 M	Laborer	Germany
		Margaret Seckel	23 F		Germany
		John Seckel	5m M		N.Y.
179	182	Patrick Kelly	39 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Margaret Kelly	39 F		Ireland
		John Kelly	7 M		Conn.
		Peter Kelly	4 M		Mass.
		Michael Kelly	2 M		Mass.
		Mary Kelly	3m F		Mass.
180	183	Bridget Calahan	50 F		Ireland
		Bridget Ford	29 F		Ireland
182	184	John File	32 M	Laborer	Germany
		Elizabeth File	27 F		Germany
		Matthew File	6 M		Germany
		John File, Jr.	5 M		Germany
		Frank File	3 M		Germany
		Elizabeth File	2 F		Germany
		Mina File	6m F		N.Y.
		John Tronzar	56 M	Shoemaker	Germany
		Jennice? Tronzar	53 F		Germany
		Elizabeth Pasker	11 F		Germany
183	185	Amos G. Stevens	31 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Harriet S. Stevens	37 F		Mass.
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184	186	Charles Longwood	28 M	Carpenter	Germany
		Christiana Longwood	27 F		Germany
185	187	James Barnes	33 M	Farmer	England
		Mary L. Barnes	35 F		Mass.
		Oliver Cotterell	13 M		Mass.
186	188	John Carrigan	40 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Martha Carrigan	38 F		Ireland
		John Carrigan, Jr.	9 M		N.Y.
		Martha Ann Carrigan	5 F		Mass.
		Mary J. Carrigan	2 F		Mass.
		Margaret Hart	4 F		Ireland
		Mary Ann Dorrence	36 F		Ireland
		Hannah Dorrence	29 F		Ireland
187	189	William Callender	33 M	Laborer	N.Y.
		Mary Callender	33 F		Mass.
		John H. Callender	16 M		N.Y.
		Judah Alger	63 M		N.Y.

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188	190	James Draper	65	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Hannah Draper	68	F		N.Y.
		Electa C. Draper	38	F		N.Y.
		John Slattery	19	M	Laborer	Ireland
189	191	Philo Griswold	67	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Charlotte Peet	62	F		Mass.
		Henry Webster	11	M		N.Y.
		Philander Carlisle	33	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Sarah A. Carlisle	25	F		Mass.
190	192	Fredric Schimer?	33	M	Laborer	Garmany
		Catharine Schimer?	37	F		Germany
		Caroline Schimer?	2	F		Mass.
191	193	James Tagar	40	M	Laborer	Ireland
		Esther Tagar	28	F		Ireland
		Anna Tagar	12	F		Ireland
		John Tagar	6	M		Mass.
		James E. Tagar	5	M		Mass.
		Mary E. Tagar	2	F		Mass.
192	194	Dennison Carlisle	37	M	Carpenter	N.Y.
		Almira Carlisle	34	F		Mass.
		Nathan Carlisle	14	M		Mass.
		Luman Carlisle	12	M		Mass.
		Jennette Carlisle	2	F		Mass.
		Malantha Hayden?	64	F		Mass.
		Pamela Carlisle	62	F		Mass.
	195	Pamela Bradburn	27	F		N.Y.
		Joel Bradburn	26	M	Carpenter	Mass.
193	196	Andrew Seyley	26	M	Laborer	N.Y.
		Elizabeth I. Seyley	21	F		N.Y.
		Joseph Seyley	4	M		Conn.
		Elenor M. Seely	2	F		Mass.
194	197	Susan Leech	55	F		England
		Charles Leech	20	M	Farmer	Mass.
		Susan Leech, 2nd	16	F		Mass.
		Nelson Notewire	23	M	Laborer	Mass.
195	198	Roxy Squire	74	F		Mass.
		Clovis M. F. Warner	23	M	Farmer	N.Y.
		Lydia A. Warner	27	F		N.Y.
196	199	John Woolfinger	47	M	Farmer	Germany
		Loueso? Woolfinger	43	F		Germany
		Jacob Woolfinger	18	M	Farmer	Mass.
		John Woolfinger	17	M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Louisa Woolfinger	15	F		Mass.
		Catharine Woolfinger	13	F		Mass.
		Sarah A. Woolfinger	11	F		Mass.
		Godfrey Woolfinger	8	M		Mass.
		Andrew G. Woolfinger	5	M		Mass.
197	200	Eliphalet Bills	44	F	Laborer	Mass.
		Mariette Bills	34	F		Mass.
		George A. Bills	9	M		Mass.
198	201	Charles Williams	39	M	Laborer	Mass.
		Abigail A. Williams	25	F		Mass.
		Hannah Williams	7	F		Mass.
		Mary E. Williams	5	F		Mass.

		Martha S. Williams	3 F		Mass.
		Sarah S. Williams	10m F		Mass.
202		Samuel Billings	28 M	Laborer	N.Y.
		Mary I. Billings	26 F		Mass.
199 203		Marshal Warner	44 M	Teacher	Mass.
		Caroline P. Warner	38 F		N.Y.
		William P. Warner	15 M	Student	Mass.
		Ann M. Warner	13 F		Mass.
		Gertrude E. Warner	5 F		Mass.
		Lucy Barnum	15 F		Mass.
		Rosa Hanna	23 F		Ireland
		Ann Rady	18 F		Ireland
		David Webster	16 M	Laborer	N.Y.
204		George Warner	59 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Lucinda Warner	54 F		Mass.
		Thomas Warner	29 M	Physician	Mass.
		George H. Warner	19 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Harriet L. Warner	32 F		Mass.
		Daniel B. Warner	14 M		Mass.
		Caroline P. Warner	11 F		Mass.
		Angelica Warner	31 F		Mass.
		Hannah Carew?	20 F		N.Y.
		Mary Carew?	30 F		N.Y.
200 205		James Fuller	39 M	Dyer	Ireland
		Mary Fuller	35 F		England
		Margaret Fuller	5 F		England
		Emma F. Fuller	3 F		?
		Mary A. Fuller	1 F		Mass.
201 206		Samuel Dunbar	24 M	Carpenter	Mass.
		Eliza A. Dunbar	24 F		Mass.
		----dore Dunbar	4 F		Mass.
		Francis Dunbar	2 M		Mass.
202 207		Edward Kingman	34 M	Spinner	N.Y.
		Sarah Kingman	30 F		N.Y.
		Ann E. Kingman	8 F		Mass.
		George H. Kingman	2 M		Mass.
		Rachael Kingman	76 F		N.S.?
		Clarissa Dunbar	22 F		N.Y.
		Abigael Dunbar	17 F		N.Y.
		Joanna Spaulding	22 F		Mass.
203 208		Prentice Williams	82 M	Farmer	Conn.
		Amelia Williams	71 F		Conn.
		Clarissa S. Williams	46 F		Mass.
		Clarissa W. Selby	78 F		N.Y.
		Sarah Walkley?	78 F		Mass.
		Margaret Hosey	19 F		Ireland
204 209		William Whitney	58 M	Farmer	Mass.
		Anna I. Whitney	53 F		Mass.
		Patrick Collins	15 M	Laborer	Ireland
		Bridget Tracey	30 F		Ireland
		Edward W. B. Canning	39 M	Teacher	Ireland
		Catherine P. Canning	36 F		Ireland
		William P. Canning	11 M		Ireland
		Agnes Canning	4 F		Ireland

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		Almira Canning	2 F			Ireland
Date of Enumeration: 11 July 1855						
206	210	Mary Schooby	25 F			Ireland
		Mary Daley	25 F			Ireland
207	211	Sarah I. Pendleton	31 F			N.Y.
		Ellamay A. Pendleton	6 F			N.Y.
		Mary Tracey	18 F			Ireland
	212	Sarah Allen	?73 F			Mass.
		C. Lucy Ingersoll	?48 F			Mass.
208	213	Alma C. Wells	62 F			Mass.
		Harriet Wells	29 F			Mass.
		Mary I. McArthur	18 F	B		N.Y.
209	214	Seth Seymour	53 M		Farmer	Mass.
		Emily Seymour	49 F			Mass.
		Julia Seymour	24 F			Mass.
		Harriet Seymour	20 F			Mass.
		George Seymour	18 M		Farmer	Mass.
		Mary Seymour	14 F			Mass.
		William A. Seymour	8 M			Mass.
		Nathaniel Seymour	88 M			Conn.
		Mary I. M. Van Allen	18 F	B		Mass.
210	215	Seymour Rockwell	65 M		Tailor	Mass.
		Electa Rockwell	60 F			Mass.
		Frances F. Pierce	13 F			Mass.
		Alice R. Pierce	10 F			Mass.
211	216	Thomas Henrie	31 M		Laborer	Ireland
		Mary Henrie	26 F			Ireland
		Thomas H. Henrie	14m M			Mass.
212	217	Daniel R. Williams	44 M		H. Bank Cashier	Mass.
		Frances M. Williams	38 F			Mass.
		Prentice Selby	9 M			N.Y.
		Emma D. Walker	6 F			Mass.
		Catherine Dooley	28 F			Ireland
		Bridget Dooley	?25 F			Ireland
213	218	Charles M. Owen	60 M		Manufacturer	Conn.
		Emely W. Owen	41 F			Conn.
		Edward H. Owen	30 M		Manufacturer	Mass.
		Mary G. Owen	22 F			Mass.
		Rosanna Hosey	21 F			Ireland
214	219	Jared Reid, Jr.	30 M		Teacher	Mass.
		Louisa A. Reid	27 F			Mass.
		Mary Clarissa --?--	23 F			Ireland
		Junius T. Adams	12 M			Ireland
215	220	Charles McAllister	62 M		Physician	N.Y.
		Elvia McAllister	62 F			Mass.
216	221	Lucius S. Adams	51 M		Physician	Mass.
		Eliza A. P. Adams	42 F			Conn.
		Sarah W. Adams	16 F			Mass.
		Charles P. Adams	11 M			Mass.
		Michael Ginty	14 M			Ireland
		Ann McArthur	25 F			Ireland

[To be continued]

## TRUE OLD STORIES FROM SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE

From *The Berkshire Hills*, April 1, 1902, June 1, 1901 and January 1, 1902

### CALEB KING AND HIS CUTTER

Upwards of 75 years ago there lived in New Marlboro an eccentric farmer whose name was Caleb King. In his young manhood he made some not very complimentary remarks about a young lady he was paying attentions to in that neighborhood. In order to put a stop to his talk, she sent for King and demanded an explanation of his uncouth language. Eyeing her for a moment he quickly replied: "Admitting it all to be true, I am good enough for black Sal Sheppard." In after years King became the owner of a nice cutter, well built and gayly painted at one of the local wagon shops. As he drove about town when there was good sleighing his neighbors remarked that he thought more of his cutter than he did of any other earthly possession. Finally in one of these trips he caught a fatal cold and in a few days lay upon his deathbed. When the doctor informed him that he could not possibly recover, he shouted: "Caleb King has got to die, Cutter and All!"

### HATED INDIAN MEAL

In the same neighborhood where the owner of the cutter resided there lived one Franklin Emmons, whose ancestors came to America in 1717. Now, this man was a hearty eater and very fond of good victuals, but he despised Indian meal and every kind of food made out of it. On a certain occasion he visited his sister Laura, who had been married a few years and, in addition to her other qualities as a housekeeper, was esteemed a good cook. Either forgetting the dislike of her brother, or also desiring to have some fun at his expense, she prepared for dinner a large Indian pudding. It was juicy and well sweetened; in fact just like the puddings our good old grandmothers used to bake in the great old-time brick ovens. After partaking quite generously of roast beef, brown bread, beet sauce and other delicacies, a plate of pudding was placed before the young man. After tasting of it he ate it with an evident relish and called for more. This he repeated two or three times, to the great delight of his

sister. He was about to have his plate again replenished when he paused and asked Laura if there was any Indian in that pudding. The sister, with a smile, replied: "Yes, Franklin; it is all Indian." With great disgust depicted upon his countenance the well-fed brother dropped his plate and spoon and left the table in a fearful hurry.

### SO MUCH BETTER SATISFIED

For many years there resided in the west part of Great Barrington a much respected, hard-working colored man whose name was Pompey Phillips. In his youth he was a slave in the old Phillips family of New York State, and, as was common in the days of slavery in the Northern States, was given the surname of his master. When slavery was abolished in that State, Pompey was given his freedom. He soon after married Jane Dorr, and with her moved over the Berkshire border and began housekeeping in a humble cottage which has long since disappeared. In a year or more, on a very cold winter night, Jane was taken suddenly ill. Calling loudly to her husband, she said: "Come, Pomp, get up quick and go after a doctor." Now a doctor's office in any direction from that part of town was some two miles away, and Pompey did not relish a tramp through the snow. He protested for a few moments and then exclaimed: "Jane, if you will adjourn your sickness till morning I will give you a new dress." As a farm laborer Pompey was in great demand; but he had one fault, which was promising everyone who came to hire him that he would come on the following morning. A neighbor, who was a strict truth-teller, reprimanded the venerable Negro and inquired the reason for his falsehood. "Why," said Pompey, "they go away so much better satisfied."

### HAD TOO MUCH BREATH

Capt. Daniel Barrett, a son of Deacon Eleazer Barrett, was born at Alford, June 27, 1778, and died Feb. 11, 1864. Through his efforts the first post-office was established in that village in 1824 and he was appointed postmaster. He was a large farmer, and

active citizen and Captain of the militia in the old training days. Years before the advent of railroads it was no uncommon thing for well-to-do farmers of Southern Berkshire to journey to New York City with their own teams. We have heard Capt. Barrett relate that in winter, when there was a good body of snow, he had made such a trip to New York with his span of horses, big sleigh, arm chairs and buffalo robes. Only a year or so before his death, though feeble and trembling, he persisted in delivering farm products to his neighbors. One day in the fall he carried some potatoes to Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, well known in Alford as "Grandmother Smith." The old lady noticed that the Captain was not very well, as he was quite out of breath. She therefore inquired as to his health. The venerable old farmer paused and replied: "Mrs. Smith, the trouble is I have got too much breath."

#### SPILLED EVERYTHING

Lambert Perry, who died in Egremont in 1843 at the age of 76 years, was a tavern keeper in that section of the town called Guilder Hollow. For some reason which has been lost in oblivion he was nicknamed "Bot Price." His tavern, which for many years was a regular wayside inn, was noted for scenes of arousal and often of drunkenness. Among the frequenters of the place, so "practiced long at the bar," was Chet Austin, a well-known character through that region. One evening Austin, whose residence was few miles from the tavern, set out for a drive to his favorite resort, but for some unexplained reason his horses became frightened and ran away, overturning the wagon. Their driver was thrown to the ground without much injury, while the horses ran in the direction of the tavern. Now there lived somewhere in that locality one John LeBarnes, an associate of Austin. Hastening to his house, Chet found that its occupant had retired for the night; but, pounding loudly on the door, he yelled at the top of his voice: "John LeBarnes, I say unto thee arise and go with me about as far as Bot Price's, for I have spilled myself, I've spilled my wagon, I've spilled my horses, I've spilled my all.

"LET THE WOMAN SPAKE."

Nearly fifty years ago there lived near the

borders of Egremont and Alford, a genial Irishman named Hugh. In his advanced years he was called Old Hugh, and sad to relate, he lost his life by falling from a wall into Winchell Pond, where he was found drowned the next morning. A few years previous to the Civil War, Thomas Lyons, a well-known Methodist exhorter, was holding a protracted meeting in the old schoolhouse in the west part of Alford. The house was crowded, among those present being Hugh. Besides the exhortation a part of the time was taken up with fervent prayers by several brethren and sisters. One of these sisters was noted for her great gift in prayer, and on this occasion she was more eloquent than usual. Cries of "Amen" and "Glory" resounded from every part of the room and sinners were flocking to the mourners' bench. Hugh paid good attention, but it was evident that he was uneasy over the loud responses. Finally he could no longer endure these frequent interruptions and cried out: "Keep still and let the woman spake."

"NOT FOR A YORK SHILLING."

Walter Hawley, who was employed as a boss at the furnace of the Richmond Iron Company at Van Deusenville between 40 and 50 years ago, resided before his removal to the 'Ville at Canaan Falls, now Falls Village. In natural scenery the place is noted for the great falls of the Housatonic River. The current, as it rushes between the numerous rocks, is very swift, and at times of high water it is a miniature Niagara. One day when there was high water Hawley, with a colored man whose name we have forgotten, found it necessary to cross the river in a small boat. They embarked at a point some distance above the falls, but they had no more than reached the middle of the river than they lost all control of the boat and were carried swiftly down stream. A furnaceman saw them coming, the alarm was given and several people ran to the river bank. But human aid was to no avail, and with loud cries from the Negro they were carried directly over the rocky falls. The boat was dashed to pieces, the colored man met death in the waters, but Hawley escaped to the shore with only a few bruises and a thorough wetting. Addressing his would-be rescuers in the coolest manner, he said; "There! I would not go over those

falls again if you gave me a York shilling."

As early as 1780, John O'Brien, a stone mason, settled in the west part of Great Barrington and built the house where Egbert L. Tuller now resides. He was the father of William and John O'Brien. John became a well known lawyer in Greene County, N. Y., and was prominent in the so-called Anti-Rent War. In his old age he returned to Great Barrington, where he closed his earthly career, upwards of 50 years ago. On one occasion, while conversing with a party of friends, he was asked his opinions on the fate of lawyers in a future state of existence, and their status in the heavenly world. With a sad countenance, the venerable lawyer pictured in eloquent words the day of judgment, when all who have ever lived on earth will stand before the great white throne and be judged according to deeds done in the body. Mr. O'Brien then went on to say that after the doctors, preachers, school-teachers and all other classes of people have been disposed of, the Judge of all the universe will say, "Who are those men standing afar off to the left?" In a moment the answer will be, "They are lawyers." Then the Judge will pronounce this sentence: "Hang ninety and nine in every hundred, and save one."

Over a century ago there resided in a log house back of the present residence of Charles Watson, in the west part of Great Barrington, Elias Bixbey and wife. This man was very fond of strong drink and often spent his evenings to a late hour and the village tavern. One dark night, while he was on a spree and his wife was left alone, the little cottage was surrounded by wolves from Long Pond mountain. As Mrs. Bixbey was deaf, she did not hear the howls of the wild beasts, or the bleatings of a few sheep which had retreated into the farther corner of an old barn. Some time in the night Bixbey came home, and the wolves set up a cry that would have frightened any one but a drunken man. But Bixbey was just drunk enough to have no fear for man or beast. Getting a fence rail he boldly attacked the wolves and drove them back to the mountain. He was gone so long that his wife was fearful that he had been killed and eaten by the ravenous beasts. But he returned safely and informed his wife that he had driven the "devils" to their dens, and that their sheep were all safe in the barn. In

relating his adventure to his neighbors, he said that the wolves would turn every few rods and glare at him, but he could not make up his mind whether it was the fence rail that drove them back, or the smell of his breath, but he rather thought that it must have been his breath.

A number of years ago, when the late John Wadsworth of New Marlboro was in his prime, the voters of the town were called out to work their road tax. Mr. Wadsworth was a well-to-do farmer and withal very particular in his dress. It being Monday morning, he put on a clean white shirt, a high standing starched collar and a cravat or stock, as the old-time neck-gear was called. Among others who came to work on the road was a wag, whose name we have forgotten. He was dressed in common clothes suitable for dirty work. Surveying his well dressed neighbor from head to foot he saluted him thus, "Good morning, Mr. Wadsworth; going to carting gravel to day; I see you've got your side-boards on."

At Alford, when the writer was a boy, there lived Heman Collins, an old shoemaker. He was never very correct in his mode of speech, and to quote the words of another, "he murdered the King's English at every lick." About that time, Collins was appointed sexton of the Union Meeting-house in the little village. One evening there was a special service at the church and a greater number of people than usual were standing near the doors leading from the vestibule to the audience room. Collins at once took in the situation, and in a loud voice said, "Walk up the broad oil; there is plenty of vagrant seats in front."

Over 40 years ago when the academy was in a flourishing condition, the young people arranged for a festival and dance at the town hall. Collins, who was a church member, was opposed to dancing and endeavored to prevent it. In expostulating with some young people he remarked, "You call it a vestibule, but is nothing but a dang ball."

Many years ago there lived in Alford or Egremont an eccentric man called "Old Thayer." One spring he engaged to do farm work for Justin Dewey, the father of the late Judge Dewey of the Superior Court. Mr. Dewey raised several acres of corn, and as it began to sprout in early June, it was some-

what damaged by that branch of the squirrel family called "chipmucks." Finally, "forbearance ceased to be a virtue," and Mr. Dewey requested Thayer to go out with the old smooth bore and shoot the mischievous little animals. Thayer took the gun without knowing that it was loaded and put in another heavy charge of shot and powder. He went to the cornfield, followed by Mr. Dewey, a few rods in the rear. Thayer soon saw a squirrel pulling corn and taking steady aim fired at him. The report was terrific and as the rebounding gun knocked Thayer clear over backwards to the ground, the squirrel ran off with a loud chirup. As soon as the man could recover from the concussion he exclaimed with a grunt: "Run you little fool, if you had been at the end of the gun I was, I guess you wouldn't chirup."

#### PREFERRED HIS BITTERS AFTER EATING

Rev. James Bradford, father of the late Judge Bradford of the District Court of Southern Berkshire, as pastor of the Congregational church at Sheffield, Conn., 1813-1852. Of commanding form, his influence was so great that he was called "Priest Bradford," and his flock comprised nearly all of the inhabitants of the town. Of those parishioners visited by Mr. Bradford, was Levi Roys and family, who resided in a large old time farm house romantically located near the foot of Mount Everett on the so-called "Under Mountain" road. On a special occasion a bountiful dinner was prepared at the Roys' homestead and several guests, including "Priest Bradford," were present. In those days it was the custom in all well stocked households to keep a large glass "decanter" well filled with New England Rum, or some other choice kind of spirituous liquor, flavored with orange peel, on expensive mahogany sideboards. At the conclusion of the banquet, the host remarked to his pastor, "Please excuse me, Mr. Bradford; for I have forgotten to offer you a drink of orange peel, before dinner." "Never mind that," replied the Diviner, "for really Mr. Roys, I prefer my bitters after eating." In conclusion it is only necessary to say, that the big decanter was finally taken from the sideboard and both priest and people heartily partook of the stimulating beverage.

At another time as Mr. Bradford was riding in his one horse chaise along one of

those romantic roads for which the mountainous part of Sheffield is noted, he came to the cottage of a genial Irishman. At that moment "Mike" was engaged in skinning a calf, butchered a few moments before. Looking up from his work, this Irish wit cried out, "Mr. Bradford, Mr. Bradford, if you will go into the house and offer up a prayer for Peggy and me I will bestow upon you a fine roast of veal, but if not, a Devil of a bit shall you have to grease your gullet."

#### SOME NOVEL SCHOOL SUPPLIES

About fifty years ago there resided in one of the rural districts of Great Barrington a stonecutter, named Guerdon Joyner. This man was well-known through all that region for his bright, witty sayings. He had a good education and in winter for many years taught school whenever his services were needed. Besides his education he could govern a large school of refractory boys and girls in a masterly manner, and if ever a pupil was caught disobeying the rules of the school, the long "ruler" called "cherry pectoral" was used with vigor. After teaching the district school for several winters in that part of the town called Seekonk, the committee, somewhere about 1859, called at his marble shop for the purpose of engaging him for the winter term. The old schoolmaster paused in his work and with a sly twinkle in his eye, replied: "Well, if I ever teach the Seekonk school again, you must furnish a good supply of fine tooth combs and itch ointment."

On a certain occasion the Methodist people were holding a Love Feast by the light of tallow dips in the old school house in that part of town. Joyner, who was present, though not a church member, was an attentive listener. After several brethren and sisters had spoken, he arose in a dignified manner and said he would like to give in his testimony. The leader of the meeting thought they had a new convert, and there was quite a sensation, when the wit in his droll manner said: "Seekonk sinners, fare you well, I will not go with you to Hell."

#### A VERY AWKWARD LOVER

The late Daniel Warner, who lived to be over 90 years of age, was fond of telling this story about a bashful young man: In 1832 with his family he removed from New

Marlboro to that part of Great Barrington called Long Pond. In his family there resided at that time, his wife's sister, Almira, who was very good looking and quite prepossessing. In the neighborhood there lived John Dingman, an awkward, bashful young man, who invited Almira to accompany him to a party. She refused, and as a way out of the difficulty, John asked her brother-in-law what

to do in the matter. "Why," said Mr. Warner, "you must give her some kind of a present." A few days after receiving this advice, Dingman called upon Almira and stepping up to where she was sitting, he threw a large nut-cake, (several inches long), into her lap, at the same time exclaiming: "Now I guess you'll go."

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#### Remembrances - from page 60

voice, "ripe cucumbers isn't worth a darn cent." The assertion and argument of the teacher was so completely demolished by this unexpected rejoinder that the lady was completely silenced, while his wit and small size saved the little culprit from one of those ferrule lessons which a good many of the older grown people of today most distinctly remember as being vigorously interlarded with their school-day history.

#### A POLITICAL ANECDOTE

Now that the annual election has passed in which Berkshire County has so thoroughly shown her appreciation of good and faithful servants in higher and lower official life, an old time political anecdote may not come amiss. Way back in the Hayes and Tilden campaign two very prominent politicians were intent in getting ahead of each other in throw-out flags over the street in a then prominent county town. The Tilden support-

er got to the front first and not being an orator, arranged with an eloquent friend to make a speech to the assembled crowd when the Democratic stars and stripes should be thrown to the breeze. There was a great gathering of people, the flag was unfurled amid immense enthusiasm, the speech was a model one in every respect, but its conclusion broke the political camel's back and destroyed with the originator of being first to honor his political presidential choice, all the glory to his victory. As the orator who was strongly addicted to absent-mindedness or mental carelessness, concluded his speech, in a stentorian voice he called upon his hearers for three cheers for "Tilton and Hendricks." Just then the quick witted wag who is to be found in nearly every great gathering, sang out, "throw in the old lady and we'll go to it." It was at the time of the Beecher-Tilton scandal, and the effect of mentioning Tilton instead of Tilden, and the witty fling of this wag, can be imagined.

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although no traces were left, he was always supposed to have been the incendiary.

During the first quarter of the past century there was a constant committal of smaller crimes in Northern Berkshire and whoever made determined effort to secure evidence a-

gainst the perpetrators was sure to be visited with severe loss or troublesome persecution, such as barn or hay-stack burnings, the shearing of the tails and manes of horses, the cutting off of the tails of cows, the turning of cattle into fields of growing crops and a host of other malicious and revengeful acts.

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## GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION OF THE 1855 MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS

The taking of a census in 1855 was mandated by an act of the General Court of Massachusetts, 21 May 1855. The act provided that a census of each city and town be taken between 1 June and 1 October 1855. The census was to be "as of" the first day of June of the census year.

Reports on the taking of the census stated that the instructions were generally "well observed". Some enumerators, however, were so negligent or heedless that their reports were "scarcely fit to be received". Cautions, still appropriate, were given against relying too absolutely on the census because of "the great liability to error", and the "usual difficulty of arriving at the truth" arising from ignorance and prejudice.

To secure uniform reporting, blank forms were provided and the following data were to be recorded:

1. Dwelling houses numbered in the order of their visitation.
2. Families numbered in the order of visitation, ("family" being all those living in one house, public house or institution.)
3. Name of every person whose usual place of residence was in this family 1 June 1855. Note: Excluded were those born after 1 June. Included were those who had died after 1 June and those temporarily absent. Relationship of household members to the head of the household was not recorded. An aid in establishing relationships exists, nevertheless, in the requirement that the enumerator arrange names in a given order:
  - (1) Master
  - (2) Mistress
  - (3) Children in order of age
  - (4) Male domestics, etc.
  - (5) Female domestics, etc.
  - (6) Boarders, etc.
4. Age. To be given as of last birthday unless next birthday would be within four months, then age at next birthday.
5. Sex.
6. Color. B for Blacks, M for Mulatto, no entry for Whites.
7. Profession, occupation or trade for each male over fifteen. For clergymen, initial letters of denomination.
8. Place of birth. State or territory if native born; country if foreign born.
9. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.

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