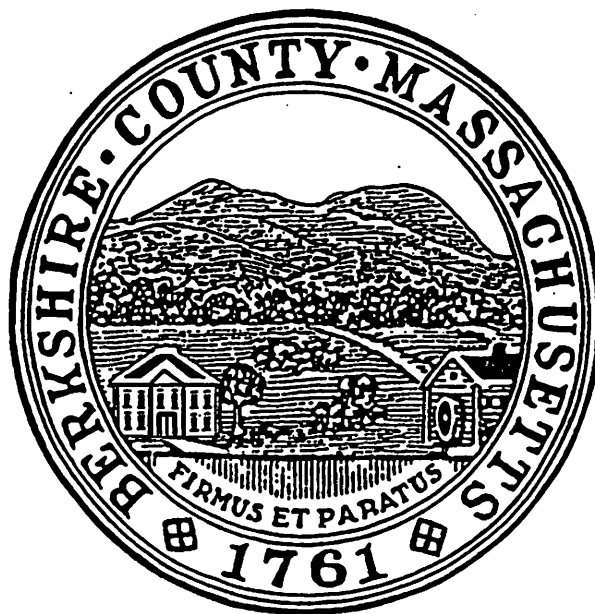


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# THE HEAVY TAXPAYERS OF PITTSFIELD

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| WARD 1                                  |          | WARD 2                     |         |  |          |
|---|----------|----------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Barber, Thomas                          | \$159.30 | Bacon, James L.            | \$70.46 | Rice, A. H. & Co.                      | 480.85   |
| Bel Air Mfg. Co.                        | 717.20   | Ballard, H. H.             | 79.87   | Richardson, T. H.                      | 106.32   |
| Benedict, O. T.                         | 62.71    | Barber, J. H.              | 52.53   | Robbins, O. W.                         | 84.76    |
| Berkshire Mutual Fire Ins.              | 86.39    | Bartlett, J. F. (Estate)   | 180.08  | Root, J. N.                            | 63.94    |
| Burbank, William P.                     | 117.10   | Bastion, J. J. and wife    | 76.68   | Russell, J. W. and wife                | 57.26    |
| Burbank, George W. and wife             | 272.99   | Bastion, Joseph            | 79.68   | Ryan, Henry J.                         | 355.34   |
| Burke, James                            | 57.42    | Beers, Martha              | 73.35   | Scharley, P. W.                        | 112.81   |
| Campbell, Elizabeth;                    |          | Bohlmann, J. C. C.         | 90.01   | Simon, L. B.                           | 67.20    |
| Campbell, Harriet A. & VanNorden, Grace | 78.24    | Booth, C. H.               | 105.95  | Smith, William H.                      | 61.14    |
| Chapman, Amos                           | 67.53    | Boston-Albany Railroad     | 326.00  | Sprague, M. V., A. J. & C. F.'s Estate | 61.91    |
| Churchill, John H. et al                | 57.13    | Boyd, David                | 59.05   | Stevens, L. A.                         | 127.14   |
| Clark, Frank; Sherrill, W.              | 82.82    | Bridges, Samuel and wife   | 83.59   | St. James, Joseph                      | 50.90    |
| Cole, Otis (Heirs of)                   | 316.22   | Bridgman, E. H.            | 122.20  | Upson, C. P., Mrs.                     | 116.84   |
| Curtin, P. O.                           | 155.63   | Bristol, J. P.             | 67.20   | Van Buren, T. B.                       | 53.35    |
| Demont, W. H.                           | 72.90    | Bryant, J. M.              | 68.46   | Viger, Louis                           | 102.25   |
| Goodrich, George (Heirs of)             | 70.08    | Burbank, J. A. and wife    | 74.98   | Wellington, H. B.                      | 136.48   |
| Gorton, John C.                         | 53.46    | Burbank, W. P. and wife    | 75.35   | Wright, Jesse F.                       | 55.79    |
| Hodecker, Peter, Jr.                    | 67.54    | Byrnes, W. M. and wife     | 102.24  |  |          |
| Hynes, Thomas                           | 51.31    | Casey, Michael             | 52.53   | NON-RESIDENTS                          |          |
| Judevine, J. H.;                        |          | Cheshire Shoe Co.          | 431.95  | Allen, Thomas, Mrs., St. Louis         | \$543.29 |
| Russell, S. N.                          | 60.32    | Churchill, John and wife   | 100.21  | Allen, Thomas' heirs                   | 199.67   |
| Kelly, Robert and wife                  | 61.50    | Clark, H. C. and wife      | 50.00   | Allen, W. Russell                      | 1346.46  |
| King, Ebenezer                          | 86.76    | Clark, James N.            | 108.75  | Beaven, Thomas, Springfield            | 132.03   |
| Merrill, Hannah                         | 105.94   | Coleman, W. H.             | 50.90   | Carpenter, Carrie E., Lebanon          | 52.14    |
| Morse, A. S.                            | 104.69   | Crittenden, C. M.          | 55.79   | Colton, Helen M.                       | 55.42    |
| Nesbit, William                         | 52.53    | Crosby, John               | 90.43   | Crane & Co.                            | 1334.97  |
| Parker, E. L.                           | 79.41    | Curtis, Daniel             | 114.88  | Crane, Zenas                           | 81.50    |
| Peck, J. L. & T. D., Mfg. Co.           | 1561.54  | Davin, Edward              | 59.83   | Davall, John's heirs                   | 268.45   |
| Pittsfield Cemetery Corp.               | 260.80   | Dimick, William            | 55.79   | Martin, C. C., Mrs., Brooklyn          | 57.05    |
| Pontoosuc Woolen Co.                    | 3551.35  | Dowling, W. B. and wife    | 57.01   | Milton, W. F., New York                | 624.30   |
| Powell, A. A. (Heirs of)                | 120.61   | Fahey, Andrew              | 52.53   | Murphy, Mary E., State Line            | 110.02   |
| Raymond, Alfred                         | 82.52    | Fahey, J. J.               | 59.05   | O'Brien, B. E., Mrs., Lenox            | 65.31    |
| Rosenhein, David and wife               | 94.09    | Markham, C. M.             | 114.87  | Shaw, H. F. and wife, Dalton           | 57.05    |
| Russell, S. N.                          | 489.77   | McGowan, Mary A.           | 60.31   |  |          |
| Russell Mfg. Co.                        | 1852.50  | Mercer, W. M.              | 182.52  | WARD THREE                             |          |
| Smith, J. Harvey                        | 65.10    | Merrill, Ayers P.          | 56.61   | Bartlett, C. T.                        | \$78.85  |
| Teeling, H. A.                          | 87.16    | Mugler, Christopher        | 73.72   | Booth, C. H.                           | 103.10   |
| Thomas, August W.                       | 55.79    | Murphy, J. J.              | 116.10  | Booth, Sarah J.                        | 127.14   |
| Vogel, Max                              | 59.04    | Murphy, Ellen              | 61.31   | Breakey, John, Mrs., estate            | 122.24   |
| Warner, Cornelius                       | 57.41    | Musgrove J. H.             | 76.16   | Brewster, O. F., Mrs.                  | 107.58   |
| Wilson & Horton                         | 1136.92  | Nash, H. B.                | 64.01   | Bridges, Jane M.                       | 68.46    |
|   |          | Nash, H. L.                | 64.76   | Brewster, H. A.                        | 90.51    |
|   |          | Nash, E. H.                | 64.76   | Brown, N. G.'s heirs                   | 311.85   |
|   |          | Nash, E. H., Trustee       | 130.40  | Bryant, James M.                       | 55.79    |
|   |          | Noble, J. Wesley           | 75.35   | Butler, James H., Mrs.                 | 218.42   |
|   |          | Noble, William S.          | 115.74  | Butler, James H.                       | 127.42   |
|   |          | O'Brien, J., Mrs.          | 55.42   | Butler, Charles D.                     | 50.90    |
|   |          | O'Loughlin, M.             | 101.06  | Campbell, George, 2d                   | 55.79    |
|   |          | O'Loughlin, Bryan          | 76.98   |  |          |
|   |          | Pierce, William A.         | 69.68   |  |          |
|   |          | Pittsfield Steam Power Co. | 326.00  |  |          |
|   |          | Pittsfield Mfg. Co.        | 130.40  |  |          |
|   |          | Prediger, H. and wife      | 57.42   |  |          |
|   |          | Prediger, George A.        | 59.95   |  |          |
|   |          | Proper, Hiram              | 60.68   |  |          |
|   |          | Reid, William E.           | 52.53   |  |          |
|   |          |                            |         |  |          |
| NON-RESIDENTS                           |          |                            |         |  |          |
| Buckingham, Kate M., Chicago            | \$178.90 |                            |         |  |          |
| Chauvenet, Mrs. Louis, St. Louis        | 366.33   |                            |         |  |          |
| Cohen, S. T., Brooklyn                  | 60.21    |                            |         |  |          |
| Newton, J. D., Lanesboro                | 52.15    |                            |         |  |          |
| Smith, F. B., S. H., & E. A. Yonkers    | 55.42    |                            |         |  |          |
| Walker, Wirt D., Chicago                | 441.38   |                            |         |  |          |

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Chapel, A. M.                       | 265.65  |
| Clapp, Martha G. B.                 | 355.34  |
| Clark, John W. and wife             | 81.88   |
| Collins, D. M. & Co.                | 1036.90 |
| Colt, Henry, Dr.                    | 208.94  |
| Coogan, Owen & Sons                 | 192.25  |
| Cooley, William B., Mrs.,<br>Estate | 264.47  |
| Corkhill, John and wife             | 84.80   |
| Couch, F. W. and wife               | 57.41   |
| Crosby, John                        | 239.61  |
| Crosier, W. D.                      | 102.25  |
| Dawes, H. L.                        | 191.93  |
| Dodge, D. J., Mrs.                  | 68.46   |
| Dodge, F. M.                        | ?--     |
| Dunham, D. W.                       | 130.05  |
| Folmsbee, D. S. and wife            | 56.64   |
| Foster, A. E., Mrs.                 | 63.57   |
| Gates, George A.                    | 81.59   |
| Glentz, T. R. and wife              | 87.57   |
| Hale, H. C.'s estate                | 119.81  |
| Harvey, Henry                       | 191.22  |
| Henry & Blain                       | 83.13   |
| Henry, C. C.                        | 87.38   |
| Holand?, J. G.                      | 289.87  |
| Hubbard, J. B.                      | 114.10  |
| Hubbard, Samuel's heirs             | 121.51  |
| Johnson, John                       | 101.43  |
| Jones, F. D. G.                     | 328.41  |
| Kellogg, C. W., Mrs.                | 114.10  |
| Kelly, John                         | 65.57   |
| Lee, J. M. & W. P.                  | 140.99  |
| Loynes, C. G. and wife              | 53.50   |
| Manice, E. A.                       | 241.48  |
| MacDonald, James, Mrs.              | 55.53   |
| Moulner?, George and wife           | 56.40   |
| Moore, M. T.                        | 75.35   |
| Moore, G. B. and wife               | 50.93   |
| Morse, F. R.                        | 59.05   |
| Morrel?, A. M.                      | 140.55  |
| Nichols, Edward, Mrs.               | ?--     |
| Noble, Clark D. and wife            | ?--90   |
| Noble, Henry and wife               | 52.12   |
| Noble, William S.                   | 201.94  |
| O'Connell, William                  | 76.98   |
| O'Connell, John                     | 79.46   |
| O'Connell, James                    | 86.89   |
| Paddock, F. K. and wife             | 171.52  |
| Paddock, William S. and<br>wife     | 473.07  |
| Parker, Joseph and wife             | 50.90   |
| Peck, J. L.'s estate                | 257.53  |
| Peck, W. E. et al                   | 84.50   |
| Pitt, Charles H.                    | 57.05   |
| Pixley, E. S., Dr.                  | 64.75   |
| Read, Lyman J.                      | 138.09  |
| Read, C. A.'s heirs                 | 70.09   |
| Read, F. F.                         | 332.01  |
| Rice, Amasa                         | 116.54  |
| Roberts, Richard                    | 123.81  |
| Robbins & Kellogg Co.               | 978.08  |
| Root, Mary B., Mrs.                 | 229.73  |
| Root, A. L., Mrs.                   | 84.76   |
| Root, Harriet L.'s estate           | 97.80   |

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Smith & Russell                   | 107.59 |
| Smith, G. W. and wife             | 50.90  |
| Stapleton, John                   | 100.19 |
| Tillotson, William E.             | 733.50 |
| Tracy, W. W.                      | 591.24 |
| Whipple, A. R., estate of<br>Mrs. | 179.30 |
| White, George                     | 97.80  |
| White, N. H. and wife             | 58.24  |
| Whitmore, Laura M.                | 78.24  |

## NON-RESIDENTS

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Allen, Thomas, Mrs.,<br>St. Louis | \$1264.68 |
| Allen, W. Russell                 | 939.73    |
| Barden, H. C., Mrs.               | 97.84     |
| Drew, Ann M., New<br>Brighton     | 91.28     |
| Jennings, O. W.                   | 61.94     |
| O'Sullivan, Mary                  | 100.22    |

## WARD 4

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Adam, Robert W.                | \$502.14 |
| Adam, James F.                 | 91.64    |
| Adam, J. F.                    | 98.62    |
| Allen, Addie, Mrs.             | 65.20    |
| Allen, Theodore L.<br>and wife | 54.16    |
| A---d, Mary H. and Sarah       | 50.82    |
| Andrew, Deeming L.             | 118.50   |
| Atkinson, Charles M., Jr.      | 56.20    |
| Atwood, Luther L.              | 151.14   |
| Atwater, Charles and wife      | 537.17   |
| Backus, F. C., Mrs.            | 312.96   |
| Backus, William G.             | 78.61    |
| Backus, W. G.'s Sons           | 51.85    |
| Backus, W. G.'s heirs          | 587.75   |
| Bagg, Edwin's estate           | 53.79    |
| Bailey, Charles' estate        | 449.62   |
| Bailey, George W.              | 125.88   |
| Ballard, Harlan H.             | 184.56   |
| Barber, George R.              | 130.40   |
| Bardwell, Ralph B.             | 129.14   |
| Barker, James M.               | 191.08   |
| Barnfather, Irving J.          | 70.09    |
| Bartlett, Theodore's estate    | 91.28    |
| Bates, William T.              | 56.40    |
| Benz, Henry C.                 | 57.92    |
| Old Ladies' Home               | 53.79    |
| Boltwood, Edward               | 246.50   |
| Bowerman, D. W.'s<br>estate    | 1528.94  |
| Brandow, Frank W.              | 105.50   |
| Brewster, John M.              | 81.50    |
| Bridgman, E. H.                | 71.72    |
| Briggs, Alice M.               | 58.09    |
| Brown, George, Mrs.            | 185.82   |
| Brown, George's heirs          | 75.61    |
| Brown, N. G.'s heirs           | 203.75   |
| Bruce, DeWitt                  | 179.66   |
| Burton, Stephen C., Mrs.       | 57.05    |
| Cambell, Abbie M. and          |          |

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Mary E.                                   | 91.28   |
| Cambell, Harriet, Elizabeth<br>and Grace  | 507.75  |
| Chambers, Sarah J.                        | 70.09   |
| Chamberlain, William H.                   | 265.67  |
| Chaplin, Charles H.                       | 63.52   |
| Chaplin, Henry W.                         | 81.50   |
| Cheney, Fred L.                           | 67.61   |
| Clapp, Mary C. & M. M.                    | 789.33  |
| Clapp, Mary & Sarah<br>Martin             | 200.30  |
| Clapp, Edwin, Mrs.                        | 252.65  |
| Clapp, Lucy P.                            | 216.79  |
| Clapp, Gertrude                           | 143.44  |
| Clark, John F.                            | 97.78   |
| Cole, Otis' estate                        | 123.88  |
| Collins, D. M.                            | 199.24  |
| Colt, Henry's heirs                       | 572.13  |
| Colt, Henry & Fannie E.                   | 288.88  |
| Colt, Mary Electa & Mrs.<br>C. C. Pingree | 907.14  |
| Colt, Elizabeth G.                        | 549.72  |
| Conlin, Owen                              | 95.65   |
| Cooley, A. E., Mrs.                       | 146.70  |
| Cooley, William H.                        | 146.70  |
| Corkhill, John                            | 230.05  |
| Currier, W. H.                            | 80.30   |
| Cutting, Walter                           | 2015.20 |
| Davis, Mary B.                            | 57.04   |
| Davis, William H.                         | 59.48   |
| Drake, F. I.                              | 54.98   |
| Dunbar, John F.                           | 112.84  |
| Dunbar, Henry W.                          | 61.94   |
| Dunbar, Anna                              | 61.12   |
| Dunham, James H.'s estate                 | 61.12   |
| Dunham, Eliza                             | 111.26  |
| Dutton, F. W.                             | 121.25  |
| Dutton, S. A., Mrs.                       | 79.87   |
| Eaton, Arthur W.                          | 105.48  |
| Ellis, Thomas' estate                     | 56.24   |
| Elmer, Walter                             | 50.48   |
| England, Benjamin M.                      | 88.30   |
| Ferry, Irving D.                          | 156.83  |
| First Congregational Parish               | 161.63  |
| Foote, W. B.                              | 129.13  |
| Foote, Joseph                             | 89.95   |
| Foote, Daniel                             | 66.79   |
| Foote Sanford A.                          | ?--46   |
| Foote, James A.                           | 57.41   |
| Francis, A. D.                            | 116.70  |
| Francis, James M.                         | 51.72   |
| French, Charles H.'s estate               | 73.37   |
| Gamwell & Linnehan                        | 73.33   |
| Gamwell, L. H., Jr.                       | 52.53   |
| Gamwell, John W.                          | 197.96  |
| Gamwell, W. W.                            | 112.81  |
| Gleason, Darwin's estate                  | 301.46  |
| Gleason, Monroe                           | 182.93  |
| Green, W. L.                              | 50.90   |
| Griffin, W. P.                            | 69.84   |
| Guilds, F. G.                             | 88.39   |
| Guilds, F. G. & Co.                       | 110.81  |
| Guilds, Jane                              | 129.59  |
| Hand, E. B.                               | 56.61   |

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|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|---|--------|
| Harding, George C. & Hattie     | 145.70  | Robbins, Oliver W.                   | 186.63  | Bishop, Henry W., Chicago               | 494.71 |
| Harrison, A. H.                 | 57.83   | Robbins, Eugene H.                   | 145.44  | Branley, Michael, Lee                   | 68.46  |
| Henry, H. Earl                  | 75.25   | Rockwell, Francis W.                 | 70.46   | Calhoun, John A., Cornwall, Conn.       | 257.14 |
| Henry, Lorenzo                  | 118.20  | Rockwell, George E.                  | 96.54   | Clark, Mrs., heirs, Newport, R.I.       | 73.35  |
| Hibbard, Charles E.             | 147.89  | Root, H. A. & J. A.                  | 89.65   | Dixon, William, New York                | 53.98  |
| Hine, Henry H.                  | 72.19   | Root, John A. and wife               | 131.52  | Dresser, Harvey J., Richmond            | 66.53  |
| Hinsdale, Frank H.              | 318.14  | Rouse, Margaret E.                   | 230.05  | Follett, M. E., Mrs., Ware              | 73.34  |
| Hinsdale, James H.              | 585.14  | Russell, Charlotte M.                | 73.34   | Laflin, George A., Chicago              | 689.48 |
| Hubbard, William, Mrs., heirs   | 107.58  | Russell, Frank                       | 148.70  | Lewis, E. W., Miss, L. K. Albroy, agent | 65.20  |
| Hull, James W.                  | 414.38  | Sanders, Daniel                      | 88.81   | Morewood, Anna C., New York             | 149.88 |
| Joslyn, P. L., Mrs., estate     | 850.80  | Sayles, Gerritt                      | 120.90  | Ogden, M. D., Mrs., Chicago             | 249.76 |
| Kellogg, E. H., Mrs.            | 372.86  | Schaff, Morris                       | 89.24   | Ogden, Bernard                          | 71.72  |
| Kellogg, Charles W.             | 138.82  | Skinkle, John H.                     | 56.50   | Pierson, Joseph E., Dalton              | 102.69 |
| Kennedy, Alexander              | 222.87  | Slocum, Edward T.                    | 107.13  | Plumb, Charles H., Mrs. Stockbridge     | 81.50  |
| Kennedy, Edwin                  | 52.53   | Smith, Eli C.                        | 77.79   | Pollock, William, Mrs., New York        | 278.57 |
| Kernochan, Joseph H.            | 183.17  | Sprague, Hannah                      | 158.11  | Rice, E. A. J., Mrs., Springfield       | 55.42  |
| Leavitt, W. W.                  | 151.96  | Sprague, Martin E.                   | 193.13  | Ritchie, A. K., Mrs., Bennington        | 66.83  |
| Learned, Edward's heirs         | 109.41  | Stevens, L. A.                       | 73.72   | Sampson, F. D., Mrs., New York          | 676.35 |
| Leslie, Charles G.              | 114.48  | Stevenson Mfg. Co.                   | 285.25  | Talcott, William H., New York           | 105.95 |
| Linnehan, James E.              | 106.95  | Stevenson, S. H., Mrs.               | 73.85   | West, Charles E., Brooklyn              | 205.37 |
| Linnehan, W. W.                 | 57.42   | Stowell, S. S.                       | 86.76   |   |        |
| M-----, Sarah & Mrs. Mary Clapp | 118.33  | Stanley, William                     | 278.27  |   |        |
| Merchant, Jane                  | 52.15   | Strong, C. A., W. H. & M. W.         | 96.82   |   |        |
| Methodist Episcopal Society     | 97.80   | Strong, Edward                       | 233.10  |   |        |
| Mills, Newton A.                | 68.16   | St. Stephens Parish                  | 400.98  |   |        |
| Mink, William                   | 57.42   | Synan, William's heirs               | 60.31   |   |        |
| Montville, Mitchell             | 79.87   | Taft, Henry W.                       | 233.01  |   |        |
| Morey, Fannie & Mrs. Trimble    | 65.20   | Taylor, Frank D.                     | 189.45  |   |        |
| Muhfelder, Mattie               | 52.16   | Teeling, W. H.                       | 125.54  |   |        |
| Nash, E. H.                     | 392.18  | Tobey, W. B.                         | 106.06  |   |        |
| Noble, George W.                | 98.58   | Tucker & Hawkins                     | 586.80  |   |        |
| Noble, John H.                  | 118.13  | Tucker, George H.                    | 118.95  |   |        |
| Noble, Norman                   | 224.08  | Tucker, Sarah's heirs                | 130.60  |   |        |
| Partridge, H. W.                | 79.42   | Van Deusen, John F.                  | 90.18   |   |        |
| Peck, Otis' heirs               | 76.61   | Walker, M. E., L. H. & M. M.         | 70.00   |   |        |
| Peck, Charles O., Mrs.          | 162.69  | Ward, Z. A.                          | 52.53   |   |        |
| Peck, Thomas D.                 | 156.87  | Warren, Abel S.                      | 60.87   |   |        |
| Pierson, H. W.'s estate         | 125.51  | Warriner, H. J.'s estate             | 182.60  |   |        |
| Pierson, Henry R.               | ?--09   | Warriner, James L.                   | 145.70  |   |        |
| Pittsfield Coal Gas Co.         | 1269.76 | Warriner, James L.                   | 176.41  |   |        |
| Pittsfield Transportation Co.   | 211.90  | Warriner, Maria                      | 247.76  |   |        |
| Platt, F. M.                    | 59.90   | Weller, Edgar M.                     | 73.20   |   |        |
| Platt, C. B.'s heirs            | 66.83   | Wentworth, Walter H.                 | 146.28  |   |        |
| Plunkett, Thomas F. heirs       | 413.54  | West, Charles E.                     | 154.00  |   |        |
| Plunkett, W. R.                 | 75.35   | West, Charles E. & Brother, trustees | 146.70  |   |        |
| Pollock, C. M.                  | 76.98   | West, J. C., estate                  | 110.84  |   |        |
| Pollock, E. L.                  | 66.39   | West, Gilbert                        | 839.41  |   |        |
| Pollock, Susan L.'s heirs       |         | Whittlesey, W. A.                    | 1257.11 |   |        |
| Prince, W. M.                   | 122.16  | Willard, R. E. & Son                 | 57.05   |   |        |
| Rabeau, Julia                   | 59.50   | Williams, Eleazar                    | 342.87  |   |        |
| Rathbun, Charles T.             | 112.31  | Wilson, H. Neill                     | 148.70  |   |        |
| Read, Walter H.                 | 77.82   | Wolf, John S.                        | 224.48  |   |        |
| Remick, E. J., Mrs.             | 130.40  | Wood, Edgar M.                       | 498.74  |   |        |
| Rice, A. H.                     | 90.80   | Wood, Edgar P.                       | 108.87  |   |        |
| Richardson, H. H.               | 193.52  | Wood, Joseph H.                      | 63.13   |   |        |
| Richmond, Hilda's heirs         | 128.77  |                                      |         |   |        |
| Richmond, W. W. and wife        | 52.16   |                                      |         |   |        |
| Robbins, Frank A.               | 94.91   |                                      |         |   |        |

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| American Home Baptist Missionary Union, Boston | 53.79 |
| Ayers, Jane, Boston                            | 89.65 |

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| Atwood, Luther L.             | \$449.88 |
| Bailey, Charles, Dr., estate  | 94.54    |
| Barker Manufacturing Co.      | 97.83    |
| Barker, J. & Brother Mfg. Co. | 180.93   |
| Briggs, Silas P.              | 72.49    |
| Briggs, George P., heirs      | 242.88   |
| Brown, George's heirs         | 228.20   |
| Buckley, John                 | 114.47   |
| Burbank, Charles H.           | 73.72    |
| Burt, W. G.                   | 50.90    |
| Coughlin & Walsh              | 70.00    |
| Crosby, John C.               | 52.16    |
| Denny, James                  | 83.39    |
| Denny, George T.              | 65.58    |
| Dunham, Moses, I. F. & M. H.  | 66.83    |
| Ferry, Charles K.             | 52.94    |
| Ferry, Frederick G.           | 53.34    |
| Fitzgerald, Ellen & Lizzie    | 73.35    |
| Gale, A. D.                   | 92.10    |
| Gamwell, C. C.                | 57.87    |
| Hall, T. E.                   | 75.75    |
| Houle, George L.              | 115.88   |
| Hurlbut, Maria                | 73.35    |

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| Hume, Edgar B.                                  | 61.08   |
| Hurlbut Stationery Co.                          | 483.89  |
| Jacoby, Matthias                                | 85.95   |
| Johnston, Robert B.                             | 828.00  |
| Jordan, Freeman                                 | 140.95  |
| Hancock Shakers - Ira B. Lawson                 | 477.44  |
| Leavitt, D., Dr.                                | 81.50   |
| Mattoon, Charles G.                             | 73.72   |
| Mills, A. A.                                    | 78.24   |
| Noxon, John F.                                  | 99.80   |
| Pease, George W.                                | 52.53   |
| Pittsfield Lumber Co.                           | 235.90  |
| Pollock, William's heirs                        |         |
| Pomeroy, Theodore & Mrs. Mary Russell           | 193.97  |
| East Family of Shakers - W. B. Pomeroy, trustee | 515.66  |
| Pomeroy, F. L.                                  | 131.62  |
| Pomeroy, Theodore L.                            | 778.23  |
| Pomeroy, Edward, Mrs.                           | 124.50  |
| Pomeroy Woolen Co.                              | 1290.96 |
| Powers, C. A., Mrs.                             | 57.05   |
| Redfield, Mary A.                               | 567.65  |
| Reed, Stephen's heirs                           | 52.16   |
| Robbins & Gamwell                               | 76.61   |
| Rose, E. D.                                     | 58.67   |
| Ryan, Henry J.                                  | 163.00  |
| Shaw, Albert W.                                 | 51.07   |
| Shipton, James D.                               | 78.23   |
| Smith, F. A.                                    | 72.65   |
| Smith, Charles H.                               | 1020.46 |
| Waterman, A. J.                                 | 76.20   |
| West, Gilbert & John C., estate                 | 174.41  |
| West, Gilbert                                   | 79.87   |
| White, John                                     | 245.69  |
| Wilson, James                                   | 63.13   |
| Wilson, Solomon's heirs                         | 66.42   |
| Wollison, Samuel L.                             | 67.20   |
| Wollison, Mary H. S.                            | 57.05   |

## NON-RESIDENTS

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Borger, Agnes M., New York       | \$58.68 |
| Chatham Furnace Co.              | 80.69   |
| Lynch, Eugene, Boston            | 454.77  |
| Merriam, J. F., Pittsfield, Ohio | 140.18  |
| Morton, W. G., Albany            | 74.98   |

## WARD SIX

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Ames, Marcia                  | \$91.28 |
| Atwood, L. L.                 | 88.02   |
| Berkshire Brewing Assn.       | 433.58  |
| Booth, Gilbert A.             | 99.39   |
| Bottomley, John, Mrs., estate | 105.93  |
| Bowerman, A. E.               | 81.50   |
| Brackin, J. A.                | 200.49  |
| Burke, John W.                | 50.90   |
| Burton, S. C., Mrs.           | 78.24   |

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| Caffery, James                         | 50.09  |
| Carey, William's estate                | 58.68  |
| Chapman, James L.                      | 60.31  |
| Clark, George W.                       | 91.28  |
| Colt, Mary G., Mrs., heirs             | 268.14 |
| Condron, Michael                       | 76.98  |
| Deihl, Martin                          | 52.53  |
| Deihl, Martin, Mrs.                    | 94.54  |
| Dolan Brothers                         | 138.55 |
| Drake, Sanford                         | 72.54  |
| Downs, John                            | 122.61 |
| Downs, John & Co.                      | 57.05  |
| Eagen, William                         | 70.46  |
| Enright, John                          | 111.47 |
| Enright, Thomas' heirs                 | 239.61 |
| Fallon, Michael                        | 96.58  |
| Farrell, John                          | 50.90  |
| Feeley Brothers                        | 63.57  |
| Flemming, Thomas                       | 78.61  |
| Foote, Andrew J.                       | 118.14 |
| Foote, Andrew J., Mrs.                 | 81.50  |
| Foote, George W.                       | 247.76 |
| Francis, James' estate                 | 90.02  |
| Fuller & Purches                       | 86.39  |
| Fuller & Maslen                        | 52.16  |
| Fuller, Samuel N.                      | 92.47  |
| Gimlich & White                        | 115.73 |
| Halford, George E.                     | 61.94  |
| Hall, Frank                            | 107.95 |
| Harrington, Fred                       | 51.72  |
| Hatch, John M.                         | 54.90  |
| Hayden, John                           | 267.38 |
| Hayes, E. D.                           | 62.31  |
| Honiker, Joseph                        | 88.39  |
| Hopkins, G. N.                         | 134.10 |
| Joyce, Thomas                          | 60.90  |
| Kent, Henry K.                         | 414.82 |
| Kent, M. A. & H. K.                    | 81.50  |
| Langdon, John A.                       | 65.20  |
| Lasch, Peter                           | 82.92  |
| Leidhold, Erdman                       | 55.78  |
| Leidhold, Louis                        | 167.44 |
| Linn, Mary C.                          | 55.42  |
| Linnehan, James E.                     | 65.20  |
| May, James H.                          | 59.04  |
| McDonough, Honora                      | 104.32 |
| Mead, Jane, Mrs., heirs                | 50.53  |
| Melody, Kate, Mrs.                     | 133.66 |
| Merrill, Charles F.                    | 90.63  |
| Molner, David N.                       | 58.66  |
| Moore, E. E.                           | 84.32  |
| Morton, S. W., heirs                   | 84.76  |
| Murphy, James H.                       | 111.62 |
| Murray, Ida L.                         | 55.42  |
| O'Donnell, James                       | 53.61  |
| Oman, Thomas                           | 62.31  |
| Pittsfield Electric Street Railway Co. | 131.40 |
| Plumb, Arthur                          | 787.25 |
| Poulin, John                           | 52.93  |
| Powers, John J.                        | 98.98  |
| Renne, H. V.                           | 68.45  |
| Ryan, Henry J.                         | 78.24  |
| Schermeyer, Augustus                   | 54.16  |

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| Schermeyer, Augustus and wife  | 176.04 |
| Stevens, Amanda & Susan        | 57.87  |
| Tierney, David F.              | 78.61  |
| Turn Verein Hall               | 58.63  |
| Van Bergan, Belle R.           | 53.79  |
| Voll, Mary, Mrs.               | 55.42  |
| Von Nida, Henry                | 94.91  |
| Waite, A. S., estate           | 96.17  |
| Watson, Gertrude & Florence J. | 218.58 |
| West, Charles E.               | 161.38 |
| West, Gilbert                  | 166.26 |
| White, John                    | 91.65  |
| Winchell, George A.            | 123.44 |

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| Carpenter, Simon B.                        | \$65.20 |
| Peabody, Benjamin's heirs, Van Deusenville | 58.68   |

## WARD SEVEN

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Ashley, Clayton L.            | \$50.49 |
| Ayers, P. J.                  | 77.80   |
| Bailey, G. W. & Co.           | 200.80  |
| Barber, Thomas                | 50.53   |
| Barker, Belden & Co.          | 97.80   |
| Barnes, G. C. & G. C. Whipple | 55.42   |
| Bedell, D. C.                 | 118.55  |
| Behrisch, B.                  | 50.90   |
| Benjamin, S. P., Mrs.         | 252.49  |
| Berkshire Athenaeum           | 244.50  |
| Berkshire County Savings Bank | 896.59  |
| Berkshire Life Insurance Co.  | 2119.00 |
| Berkshire Grocery Co.         | 213.50  |
| Berkshire Tack Co.            | 57.05   |
| Blain, Louis                  | 92.47   |
| Boston & Albany RR            | 1497.97 |
| Brackin, J. A.                | 200.45  |
| Breakey, John, Mrs., estate   | 52.16   |
| Bridges, Samuel               | 368.38  |
| Brown, N. G., heirs           | 260.80  |
| Brown, George's heirs         | 735.50  |
| Burbank, W. P.                | 961.70  |
| Burbank, Charles H.           | 1622.66 |
| Burbank, Abraham, Mrs.        | 57.05   |
| Burbank, Roland               | 52.16   |
| Burbank, James A.             | 227.35  |
| Burbank, George W.            | 1012.23 |
| Burns, James M.               | 1161.75 |
| Barnes, W. M. & Co.           | 74.98   |
| Callahan, M. F.               | 186.60  |
| Campbell, Charlotte A.        | 52.16   |
| Canfield, R. B.               | 88.39   |
| Casey & Bacon                 | 304.81  |
| Castle, E. T.                 | 57.01   |
| Clark, C. P.                  | 88.39   |
| Clarey, Morris                | 361.42  |
| Cole, Buel F.                 | 130.77  |



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| Colt, Henry             | 782.40  | Manning, J. H.           | 173.15  | Russell, H. S.             | 151.38  |
| Cooley, William H.      | 73.85   | Maslen, Joseph           | 105.51  | Ryan & Hawkins             | 188.55  |
| Cooley, A. L., Mrs.     | 249.39  | Mattoon, C., Mrs.        | 50.53   | Sears, James               | 64.83   |
| Crowell, H. S.          | 67.20   | McCormick & Joyce        | 61.95   | Shearer, J. D.             | 140.55  |
| Cullen Brothers         | 114.10  | McEnany, John            | 103.06  | Simon, L. B.               | 65.20   |
| Currier, W. H.          | 158.11  | McGowan, Mary, Mrs.      | 61.94   | Sisson & Robinson          | 65.20   |
| Daly, J. H.             | 70.46   | McMahon, M. J.           | 153.58  | Sloan, W. H.               | 137.29  |
| Day, Thomas H.          | 51.71   | McQuaid, John & Co.      | 105.95  | Smith, T. M.               | 528.49  |
| Devanny, D. W.          | 55.79   | Mead, E. B.              | 57.05   | Smith, Garrett             | 254.65  |
| Dodge & Devanny         | 210.28  | Merchant, E. J., Mrs.    | 53.80   | Sperry, L. F.              | 89.65   |
| Dodge, Samuel           | 104.63  | Merrill, John E.         | 819.04  | S. K. C. Specialty Co.     | 81.50   |
| Dunham, J. H., heirs    | 65.10   | Merrill, John E., Mrs.   | 60.31   | M. V. A. J. & C. F.        |         |
| Dunham, Ebenezer, heirs | 65.10   | Merrill, C. F.           | 225.75  | Sprague, estate            | 316.22  |
| Dunham, Mathias' estate | 169.52  | Merrill, John P.         | 62.31   | Sprague & Brimmer          | 326.00  |
| Dwyer, Alford T.        | 70.08   | Merritt, Henry L.        | 70.46   | Stanley Electric Mfg. Co.  | 2726.50 |
| Eagen, James            | 54.16   | Mills, A. A.             | 768.91  | Stanley Laboratory Co.     | 163.90  |
| Eagle Publishing Co.    | 105.95  | Monroe & Smith           | 65.20   | Stewart, William           | 104.69  |
| England, Moses          | 897.20  | Moran, Joseph, heirs     | 59.53   | Sullivan, John J.          | 109.58  |
| England, Rosa, Mrs.     | 619.40  | Morey, Daniel C.         | 469.03  | Sunday Morning Call        | 74.98   |
| England Brothers        | 381.42  | Morrell, A. M.           | 52.16   | Sun Printing Co.           | 114.10  |
| Enright, J. H. & J. J.  | 114.10  | Muhlfelder, Jonas        | 50.00   | Sykes, Henry W.            | 50.90   |
| Enright, Thomas         | 52.16   | Murphy, Hugh, Mrs.       | 68.46   | Talbot, Charles H.         | 209.01  |
| Enright, Thomas' heirs  | 79.87   | Murphy, Daniel           | 54.16   | Talbot Brothers            | 81.50   |
| Feeley, J. R.           | 57.05   | Murphy, John F.          | 65.20   | Taylor, H. S. & Son        | 241.24  |
| Ferry, C. S. & Sons     | 94.54   | Nelsen, A., Dr., heirs   | 531.90  | Teeling, W. H.             | 261.17  |
| Foote, Charles R.       | 99.80   | Newman, J. R. & Sons     | 244.50  | Teeling Baking Co.         | 244.50  |
| Foote, George W.        | 66.79   | Newman, George H.        | 103.58  | Trainor, Felix             | 86.76   |
| Foote, Alice B., Mrs.   | 68.46   | Newman, A. J.            | 149.92  | Vaughn, Richard            | 50.90   |
| Foster, J. J. & Co.     | 114.10  | Newman, J. R.            | 219.64  | Wadham, Lewis, heirs       | 143.44  |
| Francis, James, estate  | 215.97  | Newman, A. J., G. H. &   |         | Waite, L., Dr.             | 246.50  |
| Francis, E. S., estate  | 200.49  | B. W. Newman             | 1095.36 | Walker, William, heirs     | 326.00  |
| Fuller, S. N.           | 52.15   | Nickerson, F., heirs     | 70.09   | Ward, Z. A.                | 96.17   |
| Gale, A. D.             | 130.40  | Niland, Michael          | 54.16   | Waterman, A. J.            | 69.87   |
| Gamwell, C. C.          | 535.01  | Noble, Henry             | 309.70  | Webber, Willis A.          | 444.73  |
| Gates, George A.        | 66.64   | O'Donnell, James         | 279.10  | Weaser, Ferdinand H.       | 52.53   |
| Gimlich, Jacob          | 145.70  | Pierson Hardware Co.     | 245.72  | Wellington, H. B.          | 163.00  |
| Glentz, T. R.           | 189.08  | Petherbridge & Burns     | 117.36  | West, John C., estate      | 391.20  |
| Hall, Myron             | 55.79   | Pickup, F. W. & Co.      | 57.05   | White, W. G.               | 92.06   |
| Holland, John G.        | 270.58  | Pierce, William          | 391.75  | Whittlesey, William A.     | 947.11  |
| Hollis, George C.       | 93.28   | Pittsfield Electric Co.  | 1616.30 | Whelden, C. M.             | 295.40  |
| Hopkins, G. N.          | 98.83   | Plumb & Clark            | 50.54   | Whipple, Phebe J., Mrs.    | 164.37  |
| Howard & Morrow         | 97.80   | Prince & Walker          | 115.60  | Whitmore, Laura M.         | 85.57   |
| Hull, F. A.             | 107.95  | Purcell, E. H., estate   | 111.00  | Wilcox, Marshall           | 304.79  |
| Hull, James W.          | 130.40  | Read, F. A.              | 348.60  | Williams, Eleazar          | 228.20  |
| Hunting, Ellen M., Mrs. | 112.80  | Read, F. A., Jr.         | 76.61   | Wilson, Edward B.          | 54.16   |
| Ingersoll, Jane         | 94.54   | Reid & Barnfather        | 73.35   | Wolfe, John S.             | 65.20   |
| Jackson, Henrietta      | 81.50   | Renfrew, Robert W. & Son | 118.99  | Wolff, C. M.               | 138.92  |
| Johnson, Charles E.     | 94.91   | Renfrew, Robert W.       | 67.21   | Wolff, Louis               | 124.25  |
| Johnson, A. Jus & Co.   | 195.60  | Renne, William           | 324.37  | Wollison, Reuben           | 863.46  |
| Jones & Russell         | 1793.00 | Rice, W. K.              | 83.50   | Wood Brothers              | 65.20   |
| Jones, E. D. G.,        |         | Rice, W. K., Mrs.        | 73.35   | Wood, E. P.                | 90.47   |
| Sons & Co.              | 912.80  | Rice, Edward F.          | 144.21  | Wood, Oliver               | 148.63  |
| Kelley, Mary T.         | 61.94   | Rice, W. B.              | 140.55  | Woodruff, F. A.            | 122.25  |
| Kelley, Elza, estate    | 61.94   | Richardson, H.           | 57.05   | Wright, C. W.              | 436.69  |
| Kelley, William, estate | 89.65   | Roberts, O. S., Dr.      | 93.28   | Wright, Charles C.         | 59.04   |
| Kennedy, Alexander      | 1096.99 | Robbins & Gamwell        | 642.22  | Y.M.C.A.                   | 190.71  |
| Kennedy & MacInnes      | 896.50  | Robbins, F. A.           | 74.98   |                            |         |
| Kernan, Thomas J.       | 118.14  | Rockwell, R. A., Mrs.    | 97.80   | NON-RESIDENTS              |         |
| Lasch, Peter            | 62.31   | Root, O. & Sons          | 130.49  | Barber, Terrence, heirs    | 74.98   |
| Lawrence, E. T.         | 99.80   | Rosenfeld, J. S.         | 91.65   | Chamberlain, A. E.,        |         |
| Lawton, M. P. & Sons    | 61.12   | Rosenthal, James         | 251.42  | Dalton                     | 961.70  |
| Lehn, Harry             | 72.09   | Rouse, John P., estate   | 673.61  | Crane, J. B., Mrs., Dalton |         |
| Lyrd, Maria, Mrs.       | 172.78  | Ruggles, E. A.           | 67.20   | Dewey, R. A., Schoharie,   |         |
| Lucas, H. P.            | 211.90  | Russell, George H.       | 64.75   |                            |         |

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| N.Y.                     | 65.20  | Lenox                     | 66.83   | Seymour, D. L., Mrs.,       |        |
| Geer, Samuel, heirs,     |        | Markstein, B. R., Mrs.    |         | New York                    | 163.00 |
| Medford                  | 451.51 | Susquehanna, Pa.          | 65.20   | Smith, D. C., Mrs., Dalton  | 50.53  |
| Hand, H. E. & S. W.,     |        | Morton, W. G., Albany     | 412.39  | Smith, E. B., E. D. & S. B. |        |
| Hancock                  | 207.32 | Quackenbush, Minna,       |         | Misses, Yonkers, N.Y.       | 578.65 |
| Kelly, J. E., Dr., New   |        | Albany                    | 1825.60 | Wilkinson, E. S., North     |        |
| London, Conn.            | 107.58 | Renne, W. C., Calais, Me. | 99.43   | Adams                       | 815.00 |
| Livingston, Sarah, Mrs., |        |                           |         |                             |        |

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## THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

From *The Berkshire Hills*, July 1, 1905.

The Berkshire County Savings Bank, which may be said to be the parent of the many prosperous financial institutions of the character now located in the county, was incorporated in 1846 by Henry Shaw, Thomas A. Gold, Thomas F. Plunkett and Charles Sedgwick, who associated with themselves forty gentlemen from all parts of the county. Its first president was Henry Shaw, secretary Thomas A. Gold, vice-presidents Charles M. Owen, Phineas Allen, Samuel Barrister and Sanford Blackinton, and its first trustees were Jason Clapp, Jabez Peck, Thomas F. Plunkett, Thaddeus Clapp, George W. Campbell, Solomon L. Russell, Comfort B. Platt, Stephen B. Brown, Zenas M. Crane, Henry W. Bishop, George W. Platner, Samuel Gates, John C. Russell, Socrates Squier. Its first treasurer, James Warriner, served from 1846 to his death in 1865 when he was succeeded by Robert W. Adam, the veteran financier who still ably fills this office. Its four presidents have been Henry Shaw, George N. Briggs, Thomas F. Plunkett, Julius Rockwell and Joseph Tucker. David Stockbridge made the first deposit of \$25 in this bank, July 11, 1846, and Robert A. Merriam the sixteenth of \$125, November 16 of that year, and was the oldest depositor having an account therein in 1876 and later. In 1850 the deposits had reached \$21,596; 1855, \$94,964; 1860, \$187,736; 1865, \$488,272; 1870, \$1,000.953; 1875, \$1,920,083; 1905, \$4,973,207.64, represented by 14,073 depositors.

The first location of this Bank was in a wooden structure on Bank Row, standing on

the present site of the Athenaeum. From thence it was removed about 1864 to a location under the old Town Hall, and from thence in 1862 the Berkshire Life Insurance Building. Having built the elegant and spacious block in which it is now located at a cost of \$175,000 it was removed thither in 1896. Robert W. Adam was born at Canaan, Conn. September 38, 1825, and entered the old Lenox Academy in November, 1835. He graduated at Williams College, August, 1845, and was admitted to the Berkshire Bar in 1849. Settling in Pittsfield he soon became associated in the practice of his profession with Lorenzo H. Gamwell and Samuel W. Bowerman, which he gave up in a great measure after his appointment as treasurer in 1865. For over a half century he has been prominently identified not only with the financial interests of the town and city and courts, but markedly so with its religious, literary, military and social life, as also a thorough student as well of men and their multiplied affairs as connected with the state, county and nation. His knowledge of the local history of both town and county is superior to that of any citizen thereof now living. At the advanced age of 80 years he is seemingly as active, alert and well-poised as in his prime and as faithful at his responsible post. Mr. Adam is a gentleman of that charming old school which once was the pride of New England, but whose representatives, so marked in their cheerfulness and courtesy and in chivalrous and mental traits, are fast disappearing never again to be duplicated in this republic. ■■■■

# FAMILY HISTORY OF THE REVEREND BENJAMIN JUDD

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The Rev. Benjamin Judd had brought the Lord's Sacrament to the people of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church; an occasion of great spiritual uplift and joy. But, all was not well in the little congregation as feelings toward their new Pastor began to sour. It may be a little hard to understand how the tone of community feelings could turn so quickly, but the official record of the Albany Synod indicates that, "On the 15th of September, at the request of the congregation of New Scotland and Mr. Judd, his pastoral relation to that people was dissolved." [62] The historical record of the New Scotland church put the matter this way . . .

"The Church was now thoroughly established spiritually and temporally. But a year had not elapsed since the installation of Mr. Judd when trouble arose. The Trustees and Eldership were united in their opposition to him, and brought charges before Presbytery against Mr. Judd for 'abusive language, irregular and partial proceedings in conducting the concerns of the Church, an eager pursuit of the world to the neglect of his ministerial duties, and a breach of promise'." [63]

One is hard pressed to completely understand how such grievous charges could have accumulated so quickly to once again destroy a promising ministry. Without any further evidence, one might be inclined to think the worst of Rev. Benjamin Judd. Fortunately, Rev. James Gore King McClure, eleventh settled Pastor of the New Scotland Church from 1874 to 1879, placed the situation in perspective when he wrote . . .

"The spirit of both pastor and people is seen in the nature of the charges, the manner in which they were presented and answered, and in the circumstances of Mr. Judd's departure. 'Abusive language' covered a sentence which he had made use of, when a dollar was found missing from the collection and he accused an elder of having stolen it. 'Irregular proceedings' meant that he had refused to baptize a child whose parents were not fit persons to enjoy the ordinance, and had spoken of the minister who upon their application had performed the rite, as 'a scoundrel.' 'Pursuit of the world' denoted that he had been seen ploughing for five successive days in a week, and busy in worldly concerns on the sixth. 'The breach of promise' lay in the fact, that in the Spring he had said to a member of the Congregation that in the fall he would give him two barrels of cider, but when cider time came he found that he could only spare one. In view of these charges the people closed the Church doors and would not let him preach. Presbytery examined into the state of the Congregation and the course of Mr. Judd; and after expressing their disapprobation of Mr. Judd's conduct as having been highly marked with

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[62] "Journal of Presbyterian history," By Presbyterian Historical Society, Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Published by Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Vol. 3, 1906, Page 229.

[63] "Our Heritage," Page 64.

imprudence and deserving admonition, dissolved the connection at the request of both parties." [63]

In many ways, and from our perspective today, we might be inclined to consider this whole episode somewhat immature and childish. Moreover, Rev. James Gore King McClure continues to point out that . . .

"Mr. Judd now prepared to leave, and when he had packed his furniture upon wagons in order to remove it, and the loaded wagons were standing before the door, public officials served writs upon him demanding payment for damages done the glebe and for rent! When he had first come to New Scotland he and his family had spent a week in the home of one of the Congregation, a Church officer, and now when he is leaving, the payment of fifty shillings for board is demanded and recovered! Another Church officer at the same time claimed five pounds and obtained it, as a proper compensation for providing entertainment for the minister's family and horse for one week! These statements concerning his departure present Mr. Judd's side of the story. His own words indicate, however, that while he was bitterly hated, he was a bitter hater in return. He spoke of his opponents as 'a vile and factious party.' He called their leader 'that old friend of all mischief.' He stamped a man to his face as a liar and told him that 'if it were not for his age, he would deserve to be kicked out of the Church yard.' Presbytery's action in dismissing him he esteemed harsh and unjust." [63]

While we can easily see Benjamin Judd's hot temper being manifest in these proceedings, we must also be appalled at the complete lack of adherence to Christian principles of love, patience, understanding and courtesy on the part of the leaders of the congregation. Lest we allow ourselves to suspect that Rev. Benjamin Judd was the only minister who ever suffered at the hands of his congregation leaders, we return to the words of the clerical historian, E. Brooks Holifield, when he spoke about the disputes in which eighteenth century ministers might find themselves embroiled:

"More damaging than even doctrinal disputes were charges of misconduct. Critics pounced on any sign of ethical lapse. . . [While] such charges sometimes turned out to be false. . . Conflicts between clergy and their congregations could be especially unsettling. Some ministers found their congregations 'critical, rigid, [and] censorious'." [64]

## 6. Hudson Presbyterian Church, Hudson, Columbia, New York

Benjamin Judd was apparently without a church for a time. However, he was not without a ministerial work to do. We do not have any idea where Benjamin and his family were living during this time, but they would likely have resided somewhere near Albany. The historian, James Gore King McClure, who himself was the eleventh settled minister at the New Scotland

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[63] "Our Heritage," Page 64.

[64] "God's Ambassadors, A History of the Christian Clergy in America," Pages 85-87.

Presbyterian Church from 1874 to 1879, informs us in speaking about the whereabouts of Rev. Benjamin Judd that, "Upon leaving here he went to Hudson" [65].

At almost the same time that Rev. Benjamin Judd was being separated from the church in New Scotland, the settled minister in Hudson died. His name was Bildad Barney. Concerning his service at the Hudson Presbyterian Church it was written, "He continued the acceptable pastor of this church until September, 1796, when death removed him from the field of his labors to the rest that remaineth to the faithful in Christ. After Mr. Barney's death the pulpit was filled occasionally by various clergymen, but no pastor was settled until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 1797 . . ." [66]. It is likely that Benjamin Judd was one of those clergymen that supplied the pulpit while the Hudson Presbyterian Church was looking for a new minister.

Churches in that day, once their current minister had vacated the pulpit, would appoint a committee of members to search for a new pastor and at the same time petition their local Presbytery for someone to temporarily supply the pulpit. It would not be uncommon that unsettled ministers known to the local Presbytery would be called to supply the pulpit so that the members could have some first hand experience with a candidate as they were forming an opinion about whether to issue a call. It is interesting to note that a more modern review of the methods and practices of these eighteenth-century search committees revealed many of their failings [67]. These practices often led to churches being Pastorless for months on end, and in some cases for more than a year.

The obvious responsibility of a search committee was to find a suitable candidate to which a call to fill their pulpit could be issued. However, other equally important considerations would also have to be made. These might include salary and other compensation, housing for the new minister's family, expectations of duties and responsibilities, religious philosophy and core beliefs, and an understanding of the candidate's past experience and problems. Moreover, to some congregations the suitability of the minister's wife was also a very important consideration.

"How far is inquiry pertinent as to the pastor's wife? This is a somewhat delicate part of the committee's task. The candidate should not be embarrassed by direct questioning. If other information is needed than can be gained from casual conversation with him, the committee should secure it from brother pastors or friends in the candidate's church. It is entirely proper for the committee to learn whether the candidate's wife is in sympathy with his work and by her general attitude is helpful to him, and whether she has any unfortunate personal characteristics which have hindered his work in other fields. In a sense, no man can be a better pastor than his wife will let him be, and churches have an unquestionable right to know if there are home conditions which preclude the probability of a successful pastorate." [68]

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[65] "Our Heritage," Page 64-65.

[66] "Historical Discourse," by Rev. George C. Yeisley, Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Hudson, N.Y., delivered July 16, 1876, printed by F. H. Webb, Hudson, 1877, Page 12.

[67] "The Pulpit Committee," by Charles A. McAlpine, Published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1917, Pages 1-3.

[68] "The Pulpit Committee," Page 39.

It is recognized that the previous quotation is from a twentieth-century publication, but it is not hard to imagine that such inquiries about Rev. Benjamin Judd's wife may have been made. Of all the negative things that have come down to us about Rev. Benjamin Judd himself, not one word of concern about his wife has ever been printed. We would like to conclude that she was more than equal to the task of being a minister's wife.

#### **7. Kingsborough Presbyterian Church, Kingsborough Township, Fulton, New York**

At some point in early 1797 we find that Rev. Benjamin Judd had been assigned by the Presbytery of Albany to serve in the Presbyterian Church in Kingsborough, New York. On Friday, 18 May 1798, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America met to conduct ecclesiastical business and receive reports from the several Presbyteries of New York and New Jersey. The report from the Presbytery of Albany, submitted 20 October 1797, indicated that Mr. John Lindsley on 17 April 1797 had been settled as the pastor of the congregation of Kingsborough, and that Mr. Benjamin Judd had been sent to assist him [69].

The weekly and Sabbath observances over which the ministers of a congregation would preside were significantly different at the end of the eighteenth century than what we observe in church worship of today. While congregations then expected two sermons each Sabbath, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, there were generally no evening meetings or firesides, no prayer meetings or Bible study classes, and no Sunday School classes [70]. During the week a minister would of necessity need to look after his own farm and household affairs. However, he would also devote considerable time to visiting the sick and needy, and providing comfort to those who may have been suffering from the natural effects of life's innumerable problems. In this regard, Rev. Benjamin Judd's dear wife, Sybil Davis Judd, would likely have been a significant partner in these efforts. Her help could have come on a variety of fronts. Of course, she attended to the rearing of their children and the management of the household affairs, but she may have also been entrusted with much of the routine direction of the farm labors. Moreover, she could have been encouraged to accompany her husband on some of his visits to his parishioners to help him in ministering to their needs and uplifting those in grief.

Rev. Benjamin Judd had by this time found a satisfactory routine for the preparation of his Sunday sermons. Of course, his preparation for the coming Sunday had to be folded into the myriad of other ministerial duties he faced each week. The following description may well give us an idea of how this may have been done.

"I suppose ministers in those days had, as now, their individual methods of studying and preparing sermons, and preached according to their gifts and habits. I find a statement of the method of Jacob Catlin, born in Harwinton, and pastor in New Marlboro, Massachusetts, which I think was regarded by the ministers in this vicinity as ideal. In the noon recess on Sunday he talked with his people and gathered from them themes and texts

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[69] "Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, 1789 to 1820," Published by the Presbyterian Board of Publications, Philadelphia, Vol. 1789, Page 134.

[70] "The Clergy of Litchfield County," Page 18.

which they would like to have preached upon. On Monday morning he went into his study, folded paper for two sermons, and wrote a text at the head of each. He then attended to his farm forenoons, and gave his afternoons to visiting the sick, looking after the schools, giving lectures, or doing other outside work, allowing the sermon themes to simmer in his mind. On Friday morning he went into his study and wrote all day on his first sermon, finishing it up at a white heat. On Saturday he did the same thing with the second sermon.” [71]

#### **8. Milton Congregational Church, Milton, Litchfield, Connecticut**

The 1800 US Federal Census appears to show Benjamin Judd and his family residing in Canaan, Litchfield, Connecticut. Benjamin Judd is enumerated with a family consisting of one male age forty-five and over, one female under ten years, three females ten to sixteen years, and one female twenty-six to forty-five years. Although this may not be confirmed as our Rev. Benjamin Judd family it is a very close match.

After all the time Benjamin Judd spent in service to the Presbyterian Church, we might wonder how it was that he could be seriously considered as a settled Pastor in a Congregational Church. It is true that he had returned to the same locality in Litchfield County, Connecticut, where he had grown up, yet we might be surprised at the relative ease with which he was able to once again switch faiths.

The cordial relationship between the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches during the closing years of the eighteenth century was formalized in the early nineteenth century. The process of sharing ministers from the two faiths, and of even having congregations slip from one organization into another, was known as an “accommodation system.” In this arrangement churches from these two denominations “retained most of their own peculiar administrative forms and their own creed, yet had the advantage of united support from their neighbor churches” [72].

“In the outlying settlements, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, with the same doctrinal views, but differing in Church government, were often found labouring together, and generally with much harmony. The necessities of their situation compelled them to live at peace, and, if possible, to devise measures for its continuance. In 1801, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Association of Connecticut, entered into an agreement called the Plan of Union, in relation to " a form of government for the Churches in the new settlements." The plan provided—First, that a Presbyterian might be a pastor of a Congregational Church, and a Congregationalist the pastor of a Presbyterian Church: Second, that if in the new settlements any Church of the Congregational order shall settle a minister of the Presbyterian order, that Church may, if they choose, still conduct their discipline according to Congregational principles, and

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[71] “The Clergy of Litchfield County,” Pages 25-26.

[72] “The Expansion of New England: The Spread of New England Settlement and Institutions to the Mississippi River, 1620-1865,” Page 163.

vice versa if a Presbyterian congregation call a Congregationalist. Provision, too, was made for disputes that might arise in congregations so constituted." [73]

It was most certainly under this "Plan of Union" that Rev. Benjamin Judd was so easily able to slip from his Presbyterian ministry in New York back into a Congregationalist church in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

"Milton is situated in the N. W. corner of Litchfield. It was incorporated in 1795, and their first minister was Mr. Benjamin Judd, who was installed in 1802. The parish embraces within its limits a part of Goshen, Cornwall, and Warren. The surface of the parish is uneven and stony, with many large primitive rocks, and though good grazing land, is hard for tillage." [74]

One might rightfully ask how it was that Rev. Benjamin Judd could bounce back and forth between the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. However, the details of administration between the early nineteenth century Presbyterian and Congregational Churches were apparently not so extraordinarily different that Benjamin Judd would have found himself totally out of place. There were differences, to be sure, but not so significant that they would have put him at a disadvantage. A few of these differences will be outlined in the next segment.

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[73] "The Union of the Old and New School Presbyterians in America," Published in The Reformed Presbyterian Magazine for 1870, Printed by Johnstone Hunter & Co., Edinburgh, 1 January 1870, Page 20.

[74] "Connecticut historical collections: containing a general collection of interesting facts, traditions biographical sketches, anecdotes, etc., relating to the history and antiquities of every town in Connecticut, with geographical descriptions," By John Warner Barber, Edition: 2, Published by John W. Barber, New Haven, 1836, Page 456.



## A PENSIONER OF THE WAR OF 1812

From *The Berkshire Hills*, February 1, 1901.

Andrew Jeremiah Whitehorn Vincent - A man with such an concatenation of names ought to accomplish something in the world, and this man did. About the years 1848-50 a widow, Mrs. Williams, a native of Pittsfield, returned from Georgia, where her husband, a stonemason by trade, had lately died. She brought a child, named Georgiana, who at a very early age showed symptoms of rickets, that eventually made her a hunch-backed cripple. Mrs. Williams went to work in what was then Plunkett's factory to support herself and child.

There was a fashion among the Methodists of holding neighborhood prayer meetings, and an itinerant exhorter, Vincent, chanced to attend one, he was much interested in the widow, and just at that juncture an effort had been made in Congress to secure pensions for the soldiers of the war of 1812, and it had also been proposed that back-pay should be given them. How much real patriotism, and how much buncombe for home consumption was put into these efforts is not known, and the effort at that time failed; but it had awakened hope in many bosoms, and the veterans saw many golden visions. Vincent was *sure* the Bill would pass, and on the strength of that expectation, he wooed and won the Widow Williams.

In a short time after their marriage, he was stricken with paralysis, and she found herself without the expected money, and with a helpless husband added to her burden. He did not survive many years, and several years later a Bill was passed to pension the 1812 veterans, but carried no back-pay. Vincent had left his discharge papers and his evidences of Masonic membership to his wife. She availed herself of the last to the extent of their limitations, and then bethought her of the pension. She applied to Mr. Thomas F. Plunkett, then on his death-bed, for aid. He told her that Mr. Dawes was the proper person to apply to, and that it was necessary to know to what regiment her husband belonged. In hearing her relate the story to him I heard her say that the Colonel of his regiment was named Ripley - and such a Colonel had married a very beautiful daughter of Parson Allen.

The papers containing these facts were laid on a center-table in the parlor, to be examined

and exploited "for all it was worth" the next day. When I came to look for it this paper had vanished, but so certain was I that it ought to be found in that room, that I even shook open a multitude of books under the delusion that it had secreted itself in one of them - but in vain. The only clues now left was the name of Colonel Ripley, who had commanded a Berkshire regiment, and the fact that he had lived in Lanesboro - and the soldier's singular name. remembering that now and again during the civil war, men joined passing regiments, and therefore were not credited to Berkshire, recourse was had to the files of the Pittsfield Sun - and a patient search revealed the fact that a regiment under Colonel Ripley had marched from Cambridge, Mass., *en route* to Albany, and had halted at Pittsfield and had stopped on the Cantonment Ground to rest and pick up whatever recruits could be secured. The number of the regiment was given, and armed with this and the Colonel's name, Mr. Dawes set a clerk at work in Washington, who after three weeks of researching the Pension Records found Andrew Jeremiah Whitehorn Vincent, and the widow soon received the pension, which helped her to care for her invalid child as long as she lived, and also buried herself, after being killed in an accident in Harlem, N.Y.

But, meanwhile, where was that discharge paper? After many years it came to light as follows: Mr. Edward Boltwood was living in the Plunkett family at the time of its loss, and he had occasion to examine a large number of papers belonging to the estate of a deceased brother, and for the sake of an uninterrupted opportunity he went into the parlor and sat at the table, and at the end of his examination gathered up this discharge paper without realizing that it did not belong to him; and many years after his death, when searching for some record among his papers, the "Discharge" came forth.

Perhaps you would like to know for what valiant services this pension was given. It seems that Andrew was a teamster, and in going down hill, stepped on a rolling stone and sprained the calf of his leg and was lame ever after" - so said the widow. ■■■■

## NORTH ADAMS NATIONAL BANK

From *The Berkshire Hills*, July 1, 1905.

The remodeling of the North Adams National Bank Block the past year has given Northern Berkshire one of the most spacious, elegant and convenient banking rooms in this Commonwealth, whose exceptional perfectness in every detail can only be realized by personal inspection. The Adams Bank, the pioneer town institution of its character, was incorporated under the laws of the state in 1832 with Caleb B. Turner as president, William E. Brayton, cashier, and Caleb B. Turner, Josiah Q. Robinson, Nathan Drury, David Anthony, Sanford Blackinton, Edward Richmond, Josiah U. Hoxie, Samuel Brown and James Wilbur, directors. Its nine presidents have been Caleb B. Turner, Nathan Drury, Samuel Smith, Duty S. Tyler, W. E. Brayton, Sanford Blackinton, Shubael W. Brayton, Edward S. Wilkinson and William Arthur Gallup. Its four cashiers since William E. Brayton, who held that office from 1832 to 1857, have been Charles R. Littlefield, Samuel C. Woodward, Edward S. Wilkinson and W. H. Pritchard.

Its original capital as a state bank was \$100,000, and the \$50,000 silver specie made necessary by the state law to have in its vaults at its opening for business was conveyed fifty miles from Troy in the team of Thomas Hodge, the pioneer village tanner, which was driven by Ishmael Spink and guarded by a man with a shot gun. The first of these 47 boxes containing \$1,000 each was carried into the new bank by William D. Hodge, now living at the advanced age of 83 years, he then being a ten year old boy, and the second by Shubael W. Brayton, afterwards a president of the institution. The 48th box of \$3,000 "silver plunkers" proved too weighty for these young athletes though they were facetiously offered its contents if they would lift it.

In 1865 this bank was reorganized under the national law with a capital of \$300,000, this capital having been increased in 1857, while it was under state control, to \$300,000. In 1870 this capital was further increased to \$500,000, at which figure it still stands under its reorganization in 1905 as the North Adams National Bank. The Adams Bank was

first opened in 1832 in a two story brick building built in 1830 by William E. Brayton on the present site of the Kimball Block and almost opposite its present location. This building was first occupied by Wells Laflin of the firm of Turner and Laflin of the old Union Print Works as a dwelling and at the time of the establishment of the bank by William E. Brayton and family. The two front rooms in the first story were set aside for banking accommodations. Afterwards this structure was used for a hat store in 1840 by Theodore Hastings and for a dry goods store by John W. Spear in 1860, the upper portion being used for a dwelling and for offices.

Here the bank remained until the completion of its first brick block, which was of two stories, fronted with four huge wooden white Corinthian pillars and which was built on the East Main street front of the Giles Tinker garden, and which building is now the west portion of the North Adams Savings Bank Block. While the lower story of this block was devoted to banking purposes and the vault, the front room in the second story was occupied for a number of years by Gen. Andrew A. Richmond as a law office. During this period Alonzo A. Jones and the writer were the clerks of Postmaster E. R. Tinker and in turn occupied the southern room in the second story of this block for a sleeping chamber, and were supplied with a brace of pistols in case any night attack might be made upon the institution. One moonlight November midnight this bank guard was awakened by what seemed to be a series of blows in that portion of the rooms below in which the vault was located. It was a hair-raising occasion, when the guard crept out of his warm bed and seizing his loaded weapon threw up the window sash to find that the noise was caused by a stray cow which was tramping around the back of the block on the frozen earth in search of scanty herbage. It is also remembered that Alpheus Smith was routed from sleep by this same bovine burglar, he at this time residing in the Giles Tinker mansion. It was while returning from a party late one night that one of these guards

discovered his footsteps were dogged by a mysterious character, either for a joke or for business, causing him such uneasiness as to lead him to fire his pistol from the upper hall window, which caused the offender to make himself scarce, though for a long time the cause of this explosion mystified the neighborhood.

The second Adams Bank block, on the corner of Main and Bank street, and its present location, was erected on the site of the Giles Tinker brick mansion, which was built by him in 1829, and a short time before his decease. This site was purchased by the bank of Jenks Kimball, the pioneer stage owner and liveryman. After its removal its first block passed into the possession of the North Adams Savings Bank, which was incorporated in 1848 with William E. Brayton as treasurer, who was succeeded by Ezra D. Whitaker and the latter by Valmore E. Whitaker, the present well-known incumbent of that office. For a number of years E. D. Whitaker conducted this bank in his express offices on Main street and on the removal of the Adams Bank to its present quarters it became the owner of its present property,

having added to the same the Phillips block to the east of its early location.

For many years after the Adams bank was incorporated the facilities for sending money to other state banks and for the receipt of the same for the settlement of accounts were very crude and oftentimes hazardous. Often the cashiers were forced to send large amounts by private parties making journeys to the cities and towns, to entrust such to stage drivers, but there is no record of their confidence ever having been violated in Berkshire County. After the opening of the Pittsfield and North Adams railroad and before the advent of express companies, William E. Brayton nearly every morning would be up very early and bring over to the post office clerks across the way larger and smaller packages of money in bills for the one carrying the mail to the depot, for him to hand to Conductor Patten enroute for delivery to the proper destination. By such conveyance bank settlements were then made with New York, Boston, Troy, Albany, Pittsfield and Bennington, etc. for a long period of time.

The present capital and surplus of the North Adams National Bank is \$700,000.

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## A BIT OF CLARKSBURG HISTORY

From *The Berkshire Hills*, January 1, 1906.

Though the town of Clarksburg is said to be the only one in this commonwealth having no organized church or church structure, religious services were established therein by Rev. Dyer Stark, a pioneer Baptist clergyman of Stamford and North Adams, as far back as 1785, when a chapel was built on the line between the states of Massachusetts and Vermont. In revivals held fifty converts of 1785 and 1799 formed the first Baptist church of Stamford and Clarksburg, the balance of the over 110 persons then baptized having united with the churches at Cheshire and North Adams. This chapel of 1785 was constructed of spruce logs, was roofed with hemlock bark, and was used continuously in

summers for three years. Afterwards occasional services and revivals were held therein by Elder Stark, Elder Paul Hines and Elder George Witherell, the latter being the first Baptist minister settled in North Adams. The one possible explanation of there having been a church organization or church structure in Clarksburg, is thought to have been the sending thither by Elder Mason of Cheshire of a pastor, somewhere about 1787, who proved to be such an arrant black sheep that all meetings were broken up until 1799, when Elder Stark again came to the rescue, holding a revival in which 90 were converted, and which resulted in the building of the Baptist church in Stamford.

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## OBITUARY SKETCHES

From *The Berkshire Hills*, September 1, November 1 & December 1, 1900.

### JAMES RENFREW

The sudden and very unexpected death of James Renfrew at Adams in early October, has been one of the most sorrowful events of this closing century, not only as it most forcibly relates to the religious, business, social and individual life of the community which was so honored to have him an active leading character and personality in its citizenship, but to Berkshire County and the Commonwealth, which from youth to the full fruition of manhood he so signally adorned.

After a summer of the most exciting business and a multitude of other life duties, and to all appearances in the best of health, on the morning of an expected departure on a trip of recreation to the Maine woods, where relatives and friends were awaiting him in camp, having been triflingly agitated for fear of missing train connections, he was taken with a sharp pain in the chest, followed by dizziness and stupor, and survived but a few months after the attack, expiring before hastily summoned physicians could reach him.

James Renfrew was a self-made man and truly eminent as such in his adopted Berkshire, which he loved to live and dwell in. Besides, he was sincerely devoted in every particular to its business, political, financial and moral progress, and to the welfare not only of those over whom his large manufacturing interests had placed him in command, but to that of all its peoples. Though holding the grip of business with a steady hand, he had a kindly word and a winning smile for all with whom he came in contact in every walk in life. Of rare judgment and deep thought, he was a man of grand and sterling qualities of character, generous, open-hearted and whole-souled.

It was no wonder that when the intelligence of his death was announced, it could hardly be credited, and seems now, after several weeks have passed, to be a dream rather than a reality. It is still no wonder that men, women and children of the town of Adams, in which so great a part of his busy and helpful life was spent, still look askance

at each other at the disappearance of his familiar face and form from its streets and busy centers. Nor is it any wonder that the multitude grown up in his friendly employ are yet full of sadness amid the whirl of machinery and the clattering looms, at his loss - an individual loss to one and all.

Strong in physique, the embodiment of manly health and vigor, of great intellectual capacity, wisdom and judgment, he was one of the most successful manufacturers of his state. He was a strong mind in financial and political circles and in such will be greatly missed, as he always possessed the courage of his convictions for the right and firmly yet modestly stood for them. Of stalwart muscle, quiet and genial humor, he was fond of athletic sports and all healthful amusement. In all his official and personal associations abroad he was held in loving esteem.

Mr. Renfrew was born at Burr Head, Renfrewshire, Scotland, in 1840 and came with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Renfrew, to Adams in 1849. He attended the Adams public schools, and completed an academic course at Troy, N.Y. He first occupied the position of bookkeeper at the Taconic Woolen Mill in Pittsfield. He afterwards returned to Adams and was made superintendent of the Broadley warp mill and a member of the firm of William Pollock & Co. After the death of Mr. Pollock, with James C. Chalmers in 1867 he formed the Renfrew Manufacturing Company, of which he took charge, holding the position of agent and manager at the time of his death. It may truly be said that it was owing to Mr. Renfrew's ability and great activity that the Renfrew Manufacturing Company grew rapidly, until now it has the Renfrew gingham mill at Renfrew, the Broadley warp mill on Columbia street, the Jacquard mill off Commercial street, the stone mill at Maple Grove, the dye house on Dean street, all in Adams, and a mill in Dalton, and is one of the greatest gingham manufacturing concerns in the state. Mr. Renfrew was president of the First National Bank of Adams, and a trustee of the South Adams Savings Bank. He was president of the Holyoke Warp

Company, and a director of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine Railroad. He was a member of Berkshire Lodge and Corinthian Chapter of F. & A.M., of Adams, and of the Pittsfield Commandery of Knight Templars.

In 1862 he married Miss Jane Haworth of Pittsfield, who survives him with a daughter, Mrs. William H. Hall of Pittsfield, and a son, L. Brown Renfrew of Adams, who having long been associated with his father in this great business, has worthily been selected by the Renfrew Mills Corporation to succeed him.

#### HON. ANDREW J. WATERMAN

Early in October Hon. Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield deceased at the Sand Springs in Williamstown, where he was seeking to recuperate his failing health, never having recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia a year previous, which had caused him to practically retire from law practice, in which profession during many years he had been eminent and successful, as well as in long official service for the county and the state.

He was born in 1825 on what is known as the Samuel Browning farm, about a half-mile south of Main street, North Adams, and was the son of Col. William and Sarah (Bucklin) Waterman. The family removing to Williamstown, he was reared on a farm, obtaining his education at the public schools and at Williams Academy and Greylock Institute at South Williamstown. He worked for several years in a store, and commencing his law studies with Keyes Danforth, completed them with Daniel N. Dewey, in company with the late Jarvis N. Dunham of Pittsfield. He was admitted to the Berkshire Bar in 1854 and practiced with Mr. Danforth until 1855, when, being appointed Register of Probate, he removed to Lenox and three years later was appointed commissioner of insolvency. In 1872 he removed to Pittsfield, on its becoming the county seat, and held the combined offices until 1881. He then served the district as district attorney from 1881 to 1887 with marked success and ability, when he was elected attorney general of the State, which office he held until 1891, making an able and model officer.

Mr. Waterman's career from first to last was one of untiring, unflagging industry. In the practice of his profession and as register of probate, district attorney and attorney general, he developed those qualities so peculiar to his ancestry in a remarkable degree. He was earnest, honest, faithful, careful, conscientious, and always to be relied upon, while very tenacious of his opinions as to right and wrong, and hard to be swerved therefrom in the pursuit of his duty, whatever the results. When district attorney his conduct of a North Adams case for the Commonwealth, in which he was justly successful, thoroughly showed his fidelity to the duties of his office, though he was most severely criticized at the time by some of the leading citizens of his native town. This trait was characteristic in him in public office and in the practice of his profession, so that his uprightness drew to him not only general respect, but a solid clientage which never deserted him in later years.

He had great reverence for the Berkshire hills and for its past history. Though reticent, he had a most appreciative love of humor, a keen insight into human nature, and a most retentive memory of the affairs of the county, its courts and its people, from boyhood up. Originally a Democrat, he drifted into the Free Soil party, and becoming a Republican, was a staunch adherent to that party and one of its strongest supporters. He was a delegate to the Baltimore Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for a second term, and alternate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago in 1880.

It was while resident at Lenox that he became interested in a plan conceived by himself alone in regard to the substitution of the present Superior Court for that of the old Court of Common Pleas, whose docket had become so loaded down with entries as to greatly impede and delay the aims of justice. It was very skittish work, as the revolution would unhappily disturb many old and valued friends in their position, and because of this he never came forward to claim the honor, with another Berkshire man outside the profession, of having been the originator of the present Superior Court.

He is survived by his wife and three brothers. The funeral was attended by a large delegation of the Berkshire Bar, and the

burial was at Lenox.

### JOHN D. NOXON

John D. Noxon, aged 80, deceased at Great Barrington in October after a short illness, where he had been a respected and widely-known business man and citizen for 58 years. Previously he had resided a year and a half at Hillsdale, N.Y. He was a native of Warrensburg, N.Y., was educated in its public schools and learned the blacksmith's trade. This he pursued for 15 years in Great Barrington, when, entering into the real estate business, he acquired competence therein. He was a man of sterling Christian sentiments and his life was fully in accord with his belief. He was the father of John F. Noxon of Pittsfield, Charles H. of New Rochelle, N.Y., Willis E. of Minneapolis, Minn., all of them members of the legal profession, of Joseph Noxon, a merchant of Middletown, Conn., and of Mrs. Cora B. Kenny of Auburn, N.Y.

### CHARLES HEMPSTEAD PLUMB

The death of Charles Hempstead Plumb, for the past thirty years the honored proprietor of the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, occurred Wednesday, September 19, as having attained the age of 73 years. He was a self-made, refined and courteous Berkshire mine host and gentleman and his strong character and marked personality had given him most enviable notoriety both at home and abroad. He was a lover of rare books and prints of a historic character and a faithful collector of ancient curios and relics, as thousands of prominent guests and friends had knowledge of, and to which the rare treasures prominently assembled in his inn bore ample witness, while as a conversationalist and entertainer he had no equal. He was a consistent Christian, a model citizen and landlord, and one of the charter members of Occidental Lodge and Cincinnati Chapter of Free Masons. He commenced life as clerk in the village store of Daniel R. Williams in Curtisville, and afterwards spent several years in California and the west. Returning, he was connected with the Hurlbut paper mill in South Lee as bookkeeper and partner, and later managed paper mills in other sections,

being one of the pioneers in the manufacture of wood pulp. He purchased the Red Lion Inn in 1872, remaining in active charge of the same, until his death, and which he had given a national reputation and drawn to it a patronage of such far-reaching extent that it had as it were become a Mecca to Berkshire peoples and to Berkshire visitors.

### WILLIAM W. GALLUP

The public announcement of the sudden death of William W. Gallup at North Adams last month at the age of 76 years, chronicled the loss of one of the most active and energetic agriculturists, manufacturers and merchants of that town and city for the past half century. He was born in Dalton in 1824 and was a descendant of one of its pioneer families, dating back to the early New England Indian wars, and was of direct Revolutionary descent. He removed to North Adams with his father and the latter's family in 1845 and has since been one of the most active, stirring, prosperous and enterprising citizens of that locality, so unusually prominent in its long list of self-made citizenship. He was originally a member of the Free Soil party, which succeeded the old Abolitionists, and like many of the latter, afterwards became a Democrat, steadily adhering to that political faith through life, but politically and religiously respecting the opinions of those whose sentiments differed from his own. Coming from a long line of agricultural ancestry he was passionately devoted to such pursuits, and was never more content than when events in his busy career enabled him at periods to become a tiller of the soil. He was the first Secretary of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural Society, taking the position when its affairs were in first struggles to found the same, and through his rare knowledge of farming and business for many years most popularly holding the position, and only resigned the office when the society became an assured success. He was elected representative from his district for one term, and was for many years a town officer in Clarksburg when there resident, and was the Democratic candidate for county commissioner in 1899. He was greatly attached to the Congregational church at North Adams, from which he was buried. He was a frequent visitor to the

old homestead in Dalton, and always found fresh delight in his frequent trips to that town, over whose prosperity and beauty he was most enthusiastic. Of his father's family of three sons and six daughters but three daughters are living, being residents in Central Berkshire. He married Eugenia O. Smith, daughter of Reuben Smith of North Adams, in 1847, and their eight children are now living. His six sons, William Arthur, Clarence W., Harvey A., of North Adams, Emerson S., of Albany, Willis J., of Chicago, and Charles Lyman, of New Haven, were his pall bearers. His daughters, Olive J. and Louisa E., of Chicago, were unable to be present at his funeral. He was married to Mrs. Catherine R. Smith in 1894, who survives him.

#### REUBEN R. ANDREWS

Reuben R. Andrews, who deceased last month in the city of New York, aged 78 years, and who was buried in Hillside Cemetery from St. John's Episcopal Church in North Adams, of which in 1860 he was the most prominent communicant, was in his early life an employee of the Pontoosuc Manufacturing Company of Pittsfield, and when this mill was in the immediate control of the Messrs. Campbell, had charge of the company's store. He married a Miss Willis, a daughter of an old and prominent Pittsfield family. In 1859 he purchased of the assignees of the Greylock factory in North Adams, and making many improvements therein, successfully managed yard wide sheetings. In the financial crisis succeeding the war he was forced to make an assignment, but ran this mill for three years afterwards. He afterwards engaged in the manufacture of reclining or invalid chairs at the lower end of South Church street. His wife is still living. He was the father of Mrs. Giles Tinker of North Adams and Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, Jr. of New York, in which city he resided with his daughter for many years.

#### ALEXANDER McLEOD ROBINSON

The death of Alexander McLeod Robinson, a brother of the late James T. Robinson of North Adams, at Hampton, Virginia, occurred last month, he being 70 years of

age. His father was Thomas Robinson, a prominent attorney for years in the South and North Adams villages. Previous to 1844 he attended the Emerson and the Holman private schools in the old Arcade building, the site of which is now occupied by the Wilson House, after which he shipped for three years on a man-of-war and was in this service during the Mexican war, for which he drew a pension from the government. He afterwards learned the printer's trade and for a number of years was connected with the Greenfield Gazette. About twenty years ago he left for Virginia, where he became interested in the culture of oysters and also navigated a small sloop in the Chesapeake bay and adjacent waters.

#### MISS AVIS M. CRANE

In the death of this esteemed lady, aged 85, the town of Dalton lost, late in December, one of these rare intellectual characters who faithfully preserved in memory until the latest days not only the history of her notable pioneer Berkshire family, of which she was the last survivor but one of her generation, but of her town and its people, from her youth upward. Miss Crane was born in Cambridgeport in 1815, her father being Nathan Crane and a brother of the late Zenas Crane, the founder of the great paper making industries of Dalton. She was versed in several languages and an ardent reader of the best literature of her day, and high authority in that direction. She was the oldest member of the Dalton Congregational Church, and retained the knowledge of the classics by constant use of a Latin Bible until her decease.

#### HIRAM V. RENNIE

Hiram V. Rennie, who was born in Dalton in 1812, came to Pittsfield and engaged in the grocery business when young, from which he retired some 20 years ago, with a comfortable completeness. His store and residence for many years was just north of the Maplewood grounds. He was at the time of his death the last survivor of the old-time Pittsfield merchants. His brother William Rennie, now at an advanced age, survives him, as also his aged widow.



## CAPTAIN ISRAEL C. WELLER

The citizenship of Central Berkshire deeply manifested is appreciation and esteem in its attendance upon the funeral at the First Church early last month of Captain Israel C. Weller of Pittsfield, who was third sergeant in the Allen Guard, which so swiftly responded to the first call of President Abraham Lincoln and Governor John A. Andrew for troops in 1861, and hurried to the front in the hastily formed Eighth State Regiment of Infantry, and who afterwards so signally served the county and his country as Captain of Pittsfield Co. A in the Forty-Ninth Massachusetts Regiment. The patriotic service and the military history of this ever genial whole-souled comrade and friend, beloved by all with whom he became associated in either military or civil life, in distant camps or at home among the Berkshire hills, is too well known to be reviewed here. There are some men born to cheerfulness and faithfulness in whatever position in life which they may be called upon to fill, and such a man was Captain Weller. The gathering of comrades, companions, business associates and acquaintances at his funeral and grave bore a grand tribute to a life devoted to not only his country, but to the happiness and betterment of the circle in which he moved, and which the afflictions of disease failed to becloud. When a stately tree falls by the wayside and such a landmark is seen no more, though it has merely contributed to the pleasure of our sight, and now and then refreshed a weary traveler with the shadows of its foliage, we always regret the downfall. How much more becomes the loss of a comrade and friend, or a familiar human form, whose born mission has seemed to be, while plodding along with us the thorny paths of life, to light the way with the sunshine of cheerfulness and good humor.

○ Captain Israel C. Weller, who was 60 years of age, though having a Pittsfield ancestor, was born in New York State. Coming here at the age of twelve years he resided with an uncle, his father returning to Pittsfield in 1858. He was educated in the high school. For many years he has been in the flour and grain trade, but more latterly pursuing this business on commission, which gave him a wide and extended acquaintance. His

wife deceased here in 1884. Of three children but Mrs. Frank Bourne of North Carolina. This daughter returned and cared for her father through a serious illness last fall, and on his recovery returned South. At the time of his decease it was impossible to reach her with the sad intelligence.

## COLONEL JOHN BRACEWELL

Col. John Bracewell, 64, deceased very suddenly of heart disease at North Adams, his illness being a matter of a few short midnight moments. He came here in 1881 from the Cocheco Print Works at Dover, N.H., and had been at the head of the Freeman Print Works, holding a third interest therein, for about the same length of time. He was born in Clitheroe, England, and perfected himself in the art of calico printing at the Primrose Works, England, at a very early age. He was not only a mastermind as a manufacturer, a talented chemist, but in his residence in North Adams had grown to be so thoroughly prominent in its business, social, religious and political life that he had become to be universally beloved, trusted, and esteemed, not only by its prominent citizenship, but by its laboring classes and especially those of such to whom he stood in the relation of an employer. Though brusque and emphatic in his mannerisms he was of a genial, generous and kindly nature, and that his friendships were with the many instead of the few, was emphasized by the great concourse which attended his funeral, the tributes of respect paid to him on this occasion and many other fitting testimonials to his memory. He is survived by Hon. Mrs. George P. Lawrence, Miles Bracewell of New York and by Miss Annie B. Hunter, his second wife.

## MRS. JAMES B. DEAN

An afflictive event in Cheshire has been the death of Mary C., 82, the respected wife of James B. Dean, one of its oldest and most esteemed citizens. She was the mother of George Z., Warren B., and Luis E. Dean of Cheshire, and of Mrs. W. S. Jenks of Adams. She was a lady of estimable character, of a bright and sunny disposition, full of good works and universally beloved. ■■■■



## RANDOM REMEMBRANCES AND GLEANINGS

From *The Berkshire Hills*, February 1, 1902.

Col. Granville Weston, the famous old-time chorister at the Dalton Congregational Church was very obese and weighed between 300 and 400 pounds, if anything tipping the scales on the 400 side of these figures. It was at one time fashionable among the well-to-do in the old Berkshire towns to own a mule, or a Jack, to do light draught work about farms and homes. Col. Weston purchased a Jack, but after the novelty of possession wore off, got tired of the long eared animal, which used to run about the streets unlooked and uncared for. One Saturday night some mischievous boys captured Jack and shut him up in the little workshop of Peter Renne, father of the late William Renne of Pittsfield, which was on the highway directly opposite the church. All was quiet in this workshop until Granville and his choir opened the meeting Sunday morning with the first hymn. Of course Granville's powerful musical voicings could be heard a half mile through the open windows, and Jack being hungry, commenced jumping and kicking and creating a tremendous racket, and in agonized wildness to attract the attention of his master, whose voice he recognized, thrust his head through a window sash unmindful of breaking glass and commenced braying so loudly and horribly that the congregation rushing out to ascertain what was the matter, the church services for that morning were broken up. Granville was so mortified over this happening that he is said to have hired a party to take Jack off into the woods for execution. Granville was the owner of much valuable land in Dalton and died it is said "land poor" - the possessor of many acres, but of no money.

It was in 1861 that one of the largest dairy farmers in the old town of Adams, which with the combined villages of North and South Adams was the largest township (six miles square) in the state of Massachusetts, had in his employ a very industrious, faithful and witty Irishman who was brimming over with the effervescent humor so peculiar to American emigrants from the Emerald Isle seeking citizenship and homes

under the beloved flag of this free republic. This farmer noticed that Patrick, when helping milk the dairy herd mornings and evenings, always left a certain cow of the number assigned to him to relieve of her lacteal contributions, until the very last of his duties in that particular. Finally, the old farmer's curiosity became so keenly aroused over the repetition of this performance for many days, without a single omission, that he asked Patrick the reason for his persistent neglect of this bovine until he was ready to fill his last pail with the lacteal. "Why" replied Patrick, "an shure, she be a hard milker; she might die, or it mought be meself that will be dead and I not have to milk her. - two big chances, you see, boss." Subsequent events proved that this cow was to outlive Patrick. Enlisting the following autumn in a Berkshire company he early went to the front in the civil war with many another patriotic Irishman in the county, and was instantly killed the following May in the battle of "The Wilderness," and when picked up by his comrades it was found that nine minie rifle balls had passed through his body.

The fact of it was that Private Simon Cotton, who served through the civil war as a member of the brave Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, was subject to a kind of mental cowardice which strive as he would he could not overcome, especially under a hot fire from the enemy, of which this grand old regiment seemed to be always placed in position to take the full target brunt from the first to the last of its memorable service. For such offenses Private Cotton was often placed on a line of plank laid upon the top of empty pork barrels, made to shoulder a musket, and to march back and forth on this improvised elevated plank walk under the surveillance of an armed guard with orders to prick him with his bayonet if he sought to rest. Besides, a large board was attached to his back, on which was roughly inscribed with chalk the character of the offense for which this punishment was being inflicted. When a familiar comrade would come up and say, "Sime, what are you doing up there?" with the great-

est solemnity and sadness and without the twitch of a muscle in his comical face, he would reply, "boarding round." In the summer of 1860, a year prior to Cotton's enlistment, with a few boon companions he took a tramp of inspection up to the Natural Bridge in Clarksburg, and as usual, imbibed more fermented liquor than spring water. Strolling off alone into a pasture he was pursued and attacked by a vicious ram, which seemed to be infuriated at his reeling in the attempt to keep his feet. Finally, this ram made a grand charge and knocking him down commenced butting his prostrate form with great force and activity. His companions seeing his trouble, came quickly to his rescue, drove the animal off and asked him what he was doing down there on the grass. "Can't you see, you simpletons," groaned Simon, "that Cotton is down and Wool is up."

Major Resolva Wood of the old-time Adams South Village had a vein of humor in his composition which shone out on his face in every waking hour. His settlement of an old score store account with Jake Thompson was decidedly illustrative of this prominent trait. It was long before Maine and license laws were in vogue, and all the stores dealt in whiskey as well as in salt pork, sugar and molasses. Jake Thompson loved whiskey and spent the most of his trout catching income for this liquid. He brought most of his trout to Major Wood, with whom he had a running whiskey account. This thing had gone along for a goodly period of time, in which the debit for whiskey had plunged far ahead of the credit for trout. At length the Major called Jake into his store and demanded that he square up this balance. Jake, who never had any money, told the Major that he would work hard and bring him in trout to square "dat yere bill." But the Major said that this would not answer; that the bill must be settled then and there. Poor Jake was badly scared and didn't know what to do. The Major finally suggested that he give his note for this balance, and proceeded to write one, which he compelled the frightened colored man to sign by making his mark (X). The Major was having rare sport with Jake, but had managed to preserve a grave and solemn demeanor while demanding his dues and

during the execution of this mysterious business document to the affrighted colored man. But judge of his surprise the minute that mark had been affixed to the note by the trembling Jake, to have that individual joyfully exclaim, "Tank God, dat yere debt am paid." It was "Black Jake," as he was called, who one morning was seen fishing by a farmer who was crossing the Browning bridge, on what is now called Lime street in Adams. This farmer called out to Jake asking him how many fish he had caught. "When I kotch dat one ober side of dat log, and anudder one, I'll hab two," answered Jake.

Somewhere about 1820 a queer character named Hathaway lived on the Thatcher farm on the main highway leading from Adams to Savoy. It was long a question between those who knew him whether he was strangely eccentric or insane. His house commanded an unobstructed view of the hilly highway for a long distance, and when he saw a stranger approaching thereon he would clamber up to the top of a large rock in his dooryard, and which he called his pulpit, and as he was passing the same would shout, "Freely give, and I'll freely receive; our folks need a cow." Not long afterwards while cutting down trees with a companion named Richards, he attacked him with his ax and murdered him, giving as a reason for the cold-blooded deed that "the Lord commanded him to chop him down." He was arrested, convicted and sent to States prison for life. Some years later a neighbor visiting Boston on business, went over to Charlestown and found that his mental condition was not much changed, but that he had sense enough to piteously plead for a plug of tobacco, which was procured and sent to his cell. He died in this prison without recovering his sanity.

The way some of the modern building contractors throw dwelling houses together in the county now-a-days can be no better illustrated than by an ancient anecdote of George Mallory of North Adams, who was a more rapid than careful builder, and who could do a job for half the money asked by competitors for such work. It is related that several years before the war he was observed rushing down Main street with one of his hands held high above his head. In vain several of his ac-

quaintances wanted to know what was the matter. He only spun along the faster; meanwhile remaining as dumb as an oyster. Finally one of these made bold to collar him, thinking he had gone daft, and demanded the reason of this strange conduct. "You just clear out from me, you rascals," replied he, with a strange fire in his eye. "Don't you see I've got the exact measure of the height of a door for Bill Ferguson's house, and I'm going down to Al Darling's after it." No house or barn "raisin" could take place in Northern Berkshire in those days without Mallory, who on these occasions never was known to lift a hand on timber, joist or plank. But he could always yell the other fellows into lifting thrice their weight.

After his unfortunate experience as one of the "forty-niners" in seeking gold in California, Levi Randall was very averse to leaving his home on North Church street in North Adams, but a false report that his only and beloved daughter, Helen, then the wife of Rev. Mr. Walton, was ill at her home in Illinois, drew him speedily thither. He made quite a long visit with his son-in-law and after returning home was met on Main street by Rev. Dr. Anable, then pastor of the First Baptist Church. The Doctor liked to draw the witty Levi out and had the tact to do this, having a genuine friendship for him. Randall, in his peculiar and happy manner, was describing to Dr. Anable the fine things they had out West, and after enumerating in glowing terms some of these which had particularly struck his fancy, wound up by saying that the great West was a veritable Garden of Eden in everything that you could think of. "How about the quality of the drinking water out there, Mr. Randall?" asked the Doctor. Levi removed his hat, ran his fingers over his brows and through his hair, and with a sickly smile replied, "Well, now, Doctor, you've got me. The real truth of it is I never tried the water for a beverage the whole time I was in Illinois. Really I guess they have to take it all down to Milwaukee and make beer of it."

An old resident of Pittsfield named Stockbridge was once engaged in doing some carpentry in the basement directly beneath an open trap door in the old Peck store on East

street, when a very corpulent woman suddenly opened an outside back door and fell down eight feet upon his back, nearly crushing the spark of life out of his body. The woman was not much injured, however, though terribly shaken up and frightened. Recovering herself and her wits and while trying to do what she could for poor Stockbridge, the ludicrousness of the situation came home to her, and she suddenly burst out laughing, remarking, "well this is by all means the quickest trip that will ever be made between Pittsfield and Stockbridge."

The venerable David S. Pierce of Lansingburg, N.Y., who visited the scenes of his boyhood in Peru, Hinsdale, Lanesboro and Pittsfield in the summer of 1900, and whose father, Dr. Enoch Pierce, built the brick mansion once standing on the corner of North and Melville streets in 1840, the site now being occupied by the England brick block, resides at advanced age in Troy, N.Y. A large landscape painting, comprising a beautiful view from Hinsdale westward, giving a glimpse of Dalton and the Taconic mountains, was completed at this late visit. He tells us that when he was twelve years of age he went to his father and asked for permission to take lessons of Miss Wells in drawing and painting at a cost of \$4 for a course of instruction, this lady being a graduate of the old Rutger school. Dr. Pierce consulted the older Phineas Allen about the matter and the latter didn't think it a good plan to encourage David this way. David therefore sawed wood and obtained from money thus earned the only instruction he ever had.. That he thoroughly improved his crude facilities this painting fully proves.

The grandfather of David S. Pierce was Ebenezer Pierce of Peru, a delegate from Partridgefield to the Massachusetts Convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States, and a compatriot of Jonathan Smith of Lanesboro. In his late visit he stated that this vote of his grandfather for the Constitution was the proudest act of his Berkshire ancestry. His grandfather was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature for nineteen years. Afterwards he was one of twelve civil engineers appointed by the United States Government to survey the State of Ohio, and was a delegate to the Conven-

tion which adopted the Constitution of Ohio. He deceased at Marietta, Ohio in 1800, at the home of a lady who afterwards became the wife of High Sheriff George S. Willis of Pittsfield.

Dr. Enoch Pierce bought the Lanesboro farm north of the residence of Hon. Henry Shaw from Dr. Asa Burbank, a brilliant writer and able physician of that day, who removed to Albany, N.Y., where he practiced most successfully for awhile, but finally becoming financially embarrassed, returned to South Williamstown, where he deceased at

the home of his brother. This was the spot from which Dr. Burbank took the pear grafts which resulted in the propagation of the Bartlett pear at Boston by the once celebrated nurseryman of that name. It was when Dr. Burbank was in the Legislature that he championed the petition which resulted in the setting off of Lanesboro from Cheshire. He was an ardent Jeffersonian and Baptist, and those not of his political and religious stripe in Cheshire, who were incensed at this action, said they were glad to get rid of him as a townsman.

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## AN OLD BERKSHIRE HAT FACTORY

From *The Berkshire Hills*, January 1, 1906.

The manufacture of hats was one of the earliest established industries in New England which was pursued with any degree of perfection, and the first establishment of that character in Berkshire county was opened in a shop near the river at the foot of East street, Pittsfield, by Capt. Oramel Fleming in 1790, and on what was then known as the Comfort B. Platt place. The article there manufactured was known as the "cocked hat," whose fashion was handed down from the Puritan fathers, and it was not only worn by the gentry of that period but by very many of the common people. Fleming was an active democrat and as that party began to protect against the "cocked hat," which resembled in some particulars the soft felt hat of today, as a mark of aristocracy, which it made pretense of hating, and that party began to pronounce in favor of the silk dress, or what was vulgarly called the "stove-pipe hat," he removed his shop to the shores of Silver Lake and commenced the extensive manufacture of the latter headgear there. This lake, which had previously borne the name of Ensign pond, then took that of Hatter's pond from this business.

Comfort B. Platt purchased the Fleming hat shop in 1819 and carried it on until 1830, when, with his son of the same name, he purchased a two-story wooden building at the head of South street, which had been built by John B. Crocker, a son-in-law of the senior

Phineas Allen. Here they opened the first exclusive hat store in the county and built the Platt brick block in 1842, occupying the north store, which was remodeled in 1859. The elder Platt died in 1869 and his son, Comfort B., conducted the business here during his life, with the exception of a year or two spent in trade in New York city. He was succeeded by his son, who after conducting the business for a few years, gave up the trade, the conduct of the hat trade having passed into the hands of clothing stores exclusively for the past 25 years, before which it was a flourishing and profitable branch of general business.

Charles Peck and Henry Crittenden were located at North Adams in 1804 in a structure on Eagle street, near the foot of Union, in an old red building which was torn down in 1855, where they made hats to order for county merchants and for the Troy and Albany trade. They were succeeded by Alvah Crittenden, Samuel S. Noyes, and in 1816 by Enoch Chase. Solomon Bulkley at this time made and sold hats on Main street. In 1830 D. C. Carey had a hat store on Main street, William Ferguson a similar store on Eagle street in 1835 and Theodore Hastings on Main street in 1840, and for a number of years following.

A hat factory was located in 1800 just north of the lower cemetery in Lanesboro.

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## CELEBRATING THE FOURTH

From *The Berkshire Hills*, June 1, 1901.

In all the larger and in many of the smaller towns in Berkshire County from 1820 up to 1840 and 1850 there were a good many struggles between the younger men and some of the older citizenship over the firing of large cannon and old anvils bored out for ushering in the Fourth of July, and in some localities great efforts, never successful to cope with the smart boys of that day, were made to prevent the ringing of the church bells at midnight. The myriad of explosives for producing the big racket of the present day were then undreamed of, and old field pieces, home made ordinance of the loudest character, raw gun and blasting powder, and the town and village church bells were all the means to be had by the boys for ushering in their national Independence day at midnight and bidding that most dutifully observed occasion good bye at set of sun with bonfires for evening fireworks.

In all the towns it was the custom of the boys with their skillful cannoneers to place their ordinance as near the residences of more prominent citizens as possible and with heavy charges therein tamped down with paper, grass and bricks up to the muzzles, proceed to keep themselves and families awake from midnight to sunrise. This, with the clangor of the bells, the yelling of the operators and a great crowd of masculine spectators, created a pandemonium of noise, accompanied as it was by the jarring of houses and the shivering of window glass, most unpleasant to the sick and also to the well. Often mixed into these night hubbubs would be free fights between hostile town boy factions over the possession of a cannon, and feudal misunderstandings among boys of certain hostile town localities in which bitterness some town bullies grown to manhood would often take part. Sometimes, as a result of these factional fights, an old "Long Tom" cannon or a very loud-speaking old blacksmith's anvil would disappear for years to be finally fished out of a river or pond, as at Pittsfield, North Adams, Adams, Great Barrington, Lee and Williamstown after a disappearance of very many moons, while some of this "renowned old artillery" was buried so secretly as never to be resurrected except by accident.

There are many traditions of fatal accidents in Berkshire in these earlier days by the over-

loading and bursting of these home-made cannon. Quite a number of boys were killed in these accidents, and many were crippled by the loss of legs, arms and eyes. It was on such an occasion that the boys in Lanesboro placed a small cannon on the steps of the country store of George Presby to wake up "Uncle George," who was somewhat hard of hearing. The cannon exploded and instantly killed a son of Priest Shaw, the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, the latter being a brother of Hon. Henry Shaw, the father of Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw.) In fact there is hardly a village in all the county where some sad accident of this character did not cause great mourning in the early days, and in which the sons of prominent pioneer people if not killed outright, were injured beyond recovery or maimed for life.

While it was impossible to persuade the old time boys to fire their cannon elsewhere except on the most prominent streets and fronting the residences of the big men of the towns, the leading men of these towns took sides in the matter. Many quietly endured the nuisance on the score that they were once boys themselves and thus liked to celebrate, while others openly kicked against the custom and did all they could to prevent its continuance, only in every instance to be outwitted, outgeneraled and more spitefully annoyed by the lads of the past, as they certainly would be by the boys of the present generation. Finally, those who were prominent in their opposition to this custom of celebrating the great event, came in for unusual attention in these noisy demonstrations in all the towns, and most prominently in Pittsfield.

Since the issue of the May number of this monthly it has been learned that the blowing up of the Pittsfield Powder House in July 1838, was the result of the attempt of Lemuel Pomeroy, the then prominent musket manufacturer, to prevent the boys celebrating the Fourth that month and year in the old fashioned manner. There were at this time three boy factions in Pittsfield, whose battles or skirmishes used to take place at the head of East street. Frequently the west part boys came over and fought the center Pittsfield boys with cat-tails, the latter arming themselves with these weapons from Silver Lake, and being generally driven from

the field. But the most hostile and dominant faction to the center boys was that of Elm street, and in their mischief they were so backed up by the men of that street that it used to be a saying, "that in order to whip a man or boy on Elm street the whole street had to be whipped." and that "every dollar on the street would be spent for the defense of a man or boy citizen of Elm street, whatever his offense." Thus the main actors for maintaining the celebration of an old-style Fourth in opposition to Mr. Pomeroy, who had been nicknamed "The Dragon" by these boys, from his emphatic and frequent vocal use of that term when excited, was this juvenile Elm street faction, secretly pushed on by their local seniors and also sympathized with by many prominent citizens of the center of the town.

There were five pieces of cannon in a little engine house which stood in the rear of the present St. Stephen's church lot, which Mr. Pomeroy was in charge of and refused the use, having put them under lock and key. The Elm street boys broke in these doors and secured the ordinance and sufficient ammunition from the powder house. Constables Hall and Fairfield, (the former being in after years Deputy Sheriff Tim Hall,) securely locked the doors of the First Church, (now standing on the Maplewood grounds,) and were set to watch the structure. The cannon was removed from the engine house by breaking in the doors, while Grove Hurlburt and William Bement climbed the lightning rod to the belfry, and ascending blocked the church doors on the inside so effectually that the officers could not gain an entrance, and who finally gave up the attempt. While the bell was rung with unusual clamor, one of the cannon was loaded to the muzzle and taken to the front of Mr. Pomeroy's house on East street, lately owned by Hon. Henry W. Bishop, and sold by him last year to Bishop Worthington of Nebraska, and which is now known as the "Bishop's House." John and James Osborn were the cannoneers, the piece was touched off by John and a terrific report resulted, followed by deafening cheers from the boys and a great crowd of assembled spectators. Mr. Pomeroy appeared in his door and called on the crowd to disperse and quite a body of his hired men led by a stalwart colored man named Fletcher attacked the cannonaders. He was promptly knocked down by Grove Hurlburt with the cannon swab stick and belabored with it most vigorously, while the Elm street boys soon put

their opponents to flight, and Mr. Pomeroy precipitately retreated into his residence, thorough chagrined over the affair.

In retaliation for what he considered this grievous insult, Lemuel Pomeroy soon after had these five cannon drawn down in the night and thrown into Silver Lake, where tradition has it they remain deep down in the mud to the present day. The Elm street boys were informed of this by Matthias Lanckton and made many attempts to fish them out, but all their efforts proved unsuccessful. Then followed the blowing up of the Pittsfield Powder House in which Mr. Pomeroy had a large amount of government powder used in testing the muskets which he annually furnished the same. In addition the damages previously mentioned, the roof of the powder house landed near the tannery bridge on lower East street, the little engine house doors were blown in and its windows demolished, while there was not a pane of glass left in the old Town Hall. The front windows were also shattered in the Lemuel Pomeroy mansion and in the front part of the country store building of Buel and Ezekiel Colt, on the present site of the Athenaeum.

Constable Tim Hall went over Elm street the next morning and notified 25 of its suspected boys to appear that forenoon before Matthias Lanckton and Parker L. Hall for examination. Of these were Grove Hurlburt, Bill Jones, Bill Bement, Jim Sears, Frank Brown, Ira Platt, Jr., Dave Platt, Jim Congdon, Amos Sikes, Henry Crandall, Potter Shearer, Rans Shearer, Seth Cole, Jabez Bow, Andrew Clark, and Henry Clark. They were all rigidly examined and all proved an alibi, the hardest one to account for himself being Bill Bement. The old town hall had not a whole window light in it, but was crowded with spectators, the most of whom were friendly to the arraigned juveniles. Among those present were Simeon Brown, James Francis, John White, Oscar Curtis, Ed. Coggsell, Levi Beebe, Oliver Brown, William Fairfield, Ira Platt, Comfort Platt, Capt. Jonathan Allen, Edward A. Newton, Augustus Gold, John Osborn, Nathaniel Fairfield, George Newell, and Enoch White. Of course the real perpetrators of the explosion were never found out, but the Elm street boys always seemed to know that Abe Schofield, a carriage maker, and George Mead, a blacksmith and general mechanic, two shy and mischievous characters, and both having the reputation of being smarter than "steel traps," knew a good deal about it. ■

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|-----|-----|-----------------------|----|---|--------------|---------|
| 260 | 280 | Mary Morison          | 2  | F |              | Mass.   |
| 261 | 281 | Lovett Shepardson     | 65 | M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sally Shepardson      | 60 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     | 282 | William G. Shepardson | 34 | M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Celia G. Shepardson   | 24 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | George B. Shepardson  | 5  | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lovett N.? Shepardson | 2  | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Thomas Woods          | 24 | M | Laborer      | Mass.   |
|     |     | Catharine Woods       | 22 | F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Elna Woods            | 1  | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Daniel McWallace      | 22 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
| 262 | 283 | Thomas Abbot          | 30 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Eliza Abbot           | 28 | F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Julia Abbot           | 2  | F |              | Mass.   |
| 263 | 284 | John Joice            | 40 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Hannah Joice          | 38 | F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Bridget Joice         | 16 | F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Hannah Joice          | 14 | F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Thomas Joice          | 12 | M |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Bridget Mogan         | 41 | F |              | Ireland |
| 264 | 285 | Patrick Hines         | 28 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Mary Hines            | 28 | F |              | Ireland |
| 265 | 286 | Patrick Williams      | 37 | M | Laborer      | Mass.   |
|     |     | Frances Williams      | 25 | F |              | Conn.   |
|     |     | Martha Williams       | 7  | F |              | Mass.   |
| 266 | 287 | George Fitch          | 44 | M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Electa Fitch          | 36 | F |              | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Almeda Fitch          | 72 | F |              | Conn.   |
|     |     | George W. Fitch       | 8  | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Addison Chappel       | 15 | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Chappel          | 12 | F |              | Mass.   |
| 267 | 288 | Andrew Thompson       | 64 | M | Stone Cutter | Mass.   |
|     |     | Eunice Thompson       | 37 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Nancy C. Thompson     | 13 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Andrew C. Thompson    | 7  | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Eunice L. Thompson    | 4  | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah Dollby          | 28 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | John Gally            | 12 | M | (Illegible)  | Ireland |
| 268 | 288 | Solomon Cole          | 60 | M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Ann Cole              | 55 | F |              | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Jerusha Cole          | 30 | F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | William H. N. Cole    | 18 | M | Student      | Mass.   |
|     |     | Patrick Hine          | 38 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
| 269 | 289 | William Clahassa      | 40 | M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Charles Lane          | 33 | M | Laborer      | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Hulda Lane            | 30 | F |              | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Charles Lane          | 2  | M |              | Mass.   |
| 270 | 290 | Lafayette Butler      | 30 | M | Sadler       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Rossella Butler       | 27 | F |              | N.Y.    |

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|     |     | Rebecka Barrett    | 68 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Harriett Barrett   | 34 F |              | Mass.   |
| 271 | 291 | James L. Barrett   | 39 M | Stone Cutter | Mass.   |
|     |     | Harriet T. Barrett | 35 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Jed F. Barrett     | 35 M | Stone Cutter | Mass.   |
|     |     | Frank J. Barrett   | 4 M  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Freman A. Barrett  | 8 M  |              | Mass.   |
|     | 292 | Lucy B. Barrett    | 65 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Edwin Barrett      | 22 M | Gayton?      | Mass.   |
| 272 | 293 | William Fitch      | 49 M | Black Smith  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Julia A. Fitch     | 49 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Milton Fitch       | 26 M | Black Smith  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary H. Fitch      | 22 F |              | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Mary J. Fitch      | 2 F  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Julia J. Fitch     | 1 F  |              | Mass.   |
| 273 | 294 | William McMurry    | 50 M | Farmer       | Ireland |
|     |     | Allace McMurry     | 59 F |              | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Ellen L. McMurry   | 19 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Caroline McMurry   | 21 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Samuel Myres       | 17 M |              | N.Y.    |
|     | 295 | Julia Mattoon      | 71 F |              | Vt.?    |
|     |     | Frances C. Mattoon | 33 F |              | Mass.   |
| 274 | 296 | Michael Doran      | 23 M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Mary Doran         | 24 F |              | Ireland |
| 275 | 297 | Alp. Cambell       | 40 M | Laborer      | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lucy Cambell       | 35 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Catherine Cambell  | 14 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Marilla I. Cambell | 11 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lucy A. Cambell    | 8 F  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Edgar J. Cambell   | 6 M  |              | Mass.   |
| 276 | 298 | Anson Brooks       | 40 M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Harriet M. Brooks  | 36 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Crowell H. Brooks  | 15 M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Elisha N. Brooks   | 8 M  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Desire Brooks      | 7 F  |              | Mass.   |
| 277 | 299 | Daniel Sulvan      | 28 M | Miner        | Ireland |
|     |     | Margaret Sulvan    | 25 F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Patrick Sulvan     | 5 M  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mariah Sulvan      | 2 F  |              | Mass.   |
| 278 | 300 | Patrick Morisee    | 50 M | Laborer      | Ireland |
|     |     | Margaret Morisee   | 45 F |              | Ireland |
|     |     | Ann B. Morisee     | 12 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | John Morisee       | 10 M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mathew Morisee     | 8 M  |              | Mass.   |
| 279 | 301 | Nathaniel Root     | 45 M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Dolly Root         | 42 F |              | Conn.   |
|     |     | John B. Root       | 22 M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Almina Root        | 18 F |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Nelson H. Root     | 15 M | Farmer       | Mass.   |
|     |     | Francis Root       | 14 M |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lucy D. Root       | 8 F  |              | Mass.   |
|     |     | Jane E. Root       | 2 F  |              | Mass.   |
| 280 | 302 | Jacob B. Wade      | 55 M | Cooper       | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Mary J. Wade       | 45 F |              | N.Y.    |



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|     |     | Benjamin D. Wade    | 17 M | Cooper  | N. Y.   |
|     |     | Charles J. Wade     | 14 M |         | N. Y.   |
|     |     | Mary C. Wade        | 11 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Thomas H. Wade      | 8 M  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Susan M. Wade       | 6 F  |         | Mass.   |
| 281 | 303 | Samuel Belden       | 39 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Abby J. Belden      | 30 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Catherine M. Belden | 9 F  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary C. Belden      | 7 F  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Eveline S. Belden   | 2 F  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Ruben Bates         | 22 M | Laborer | Mass.   |
| 282 | 304 | Levi Horton         | 50 M | Laborer | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lucy Horton         | 47 F |         | Mass.   |
| 283 | 305 | William Buckley     | 21 M | Laborer | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah Buckley       | 25 F |         | Mass.   |
| 284 | 306 | Ira Ingalls         | 55 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah Ingalls       | 52 F |         | N. Y.   |
| 285 | 307 | Mary Powers         | 65 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Michael Powers      | 33 M | Laborer | Ireland |
|     |     | Ellen Powers        | 33 F |         | Ireland |
| 286 | 308 | Patrick Shulley     | 24 M |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Ann Shulley         | 23 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | John Shulley        | 2 M  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Nicholas Shulley    | 1 M  |         | Mass.   |
| 287 | 308 | John Berry          | 45 M | Farmer  | Ireland |
|     |     | Margaret Berry      | 40 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | John Berry          | 18 M |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Patrick Berry       | 15 M |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Ellen Berry         | 11 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | James Berry         | 9 M  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | William Berry       | 7 M  |         | Mass.   |
| 288 | 309 | John Powers         | 43 M | Laborer | Mass.   |
|     |     | Ann Powers          | 33 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Ellen Powers        | 14 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Mary Powers         | 12 F |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Michael Powers      | 3 M  |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | John Powers         | 2 M  |         | Mass.   |
| 289 | 310 | Thomas Sedgwick     | 52 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Luna Sedgwick       | 48 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lovisa Cook         | 76 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Henry S. Sedgwick   | 24 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Thomas Hennisee     | 18 M |         | Ireland |
|     |     | Hellen Grahame      | 18 F |         | Ireland |
| 290 | 311 | Miles Washburn      | 52 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Emely Washburn      | 52 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Phebe Washburn      | 88 F |         | Conn.   |
|     |     | Edwin Washburn      | 20 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | George G. Washburn  | 23 M | Student | Mass.   |
|     |     | John Ryon           | 12 M |         | Mass.   |
| 291 | 312 | Josiah Mack         | 57 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mariah Mack         | 55 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah M. Mack       | 31 F |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Henry Mack          | 16 M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Elisha Mack         | 19 M | Clerk   | Mass.   |

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|     |     | Amos B. Mack         | 22 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
| 292 | 313 | George W. Mack       | 24 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Schelia? A. Mack     | 20 F |           | Mass.   |
| 293 | 314 | Erna? Osborn         | 66 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Thalia Osborn        | 60 F |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Charles L. Osborn    | 28 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
| 294 | 315 | Oliver W. Osborn     | 32 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary C. Osborn       | 30 F |           | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Mary L. Osborn       | 8 F  |           | Ohio    |
|     |     | Thalia Osborn        | 6 F  |           | Mass.   |
| 295 | 316 | Elijah W. Stevens    | 48 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Julia Stevens        | 46 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | George M. Stevens    | 7 M  |           | Mass.   |
| 296 | 317 | Thomas S. Curtis     | 75 M |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Frederick Merrill    | 30 M | Farmer    | Conn.   |
|     |     | Mariah Merrill       | 25 F |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Serena Merrill       | 2 F  |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Charles Merrill      | 1 M  |           | Conn.   |
| 297 | 318 | William Bartlett     | 60 M | Farmer    | Conn.   |
|     |     | Emma Bartlett        | 59 F |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Samuel Bartlett      | 26 M | Carpenter | Conn.   |
|     |     | Jabez G. Bartlett    | 25 M | Carpenter | Conn.   |
|     |     | Levi Bartlett        | 20 M | Carpenter | Conn.   |
|     |     | Electa A. Bartlett   | 17 F |           | Conn.   |
|     | 319 | Benjamin F. Bartlett | 28 M | Farmer    | Conn.   |
|     |     | Abby Bartlett        | 20 F |           | Conn.   |
| 298 | 320 | Rufus Hewett         | 59 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah Hewett         | 49 F |           | N.Y.    |
|     |     | Rufus Hewett         | 23 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Elinor Hewett        | 19 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | George Hewett        | 9 M  |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Allice M. Hewett     | 6 F  |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Louisa Hewett        | 25 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Martha Hewett        | 87 F |           | Conn.   |
|     |     | Sarah E. Hewett      | 16 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Hewett          | 17 F |           | Mass.   |
| 299 | 321 | Louis Miller         | 40 M | Laborer   | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Miller          | 38 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Louis Miller         | 7 M  |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Miller          | 5 F  |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Sarah Miller         | 5 F  |           | Mass.   |
| 300 | 322 | Seloam Jenner        | 47 M | Machinist | N.H.    |
|     |     | Aurelia Jenner       | 47 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary A. Jenner       | 22 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | William M. Jenner    | 18 M |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Frances A. Jenner    | 9 F  |           | Mass.   |
| 301 | 323 | William Carson       | M    |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Carson          | F    |           | ?       |
|     |     | Timothy Miner        | 45 M | Farmer    | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lydia Miner          | 38 F |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Lydia Miner          | 2 F  |           | Mass.   |
|     |     | Mary Miner           | 1 F  |           | Mass.   |
| 302 | 324 | Samuel Haddock       | 40 M | Laborer   | Ireland |
|     |     | Matilda Haddock      | 40 F |           | Ireland |

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|     |     | Mary J. Haddock      | 5 F  |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | John Haddock         | 4 M  |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | James Haddock        | 3 M  |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Samuel Haddock       | 1 M  |            | Mass.    |
| 325 |     | Garret Colbert       | 41 M | Laborer    | Ireland  |
|     |     | Johannah Colbert     | 41 F |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Johannah Colbert     | 8 F  |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Patrick Colbert      | 6 M  |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Margaret Colbert     | 4 F  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | John Colbert         | 1 M  |            | Mass.    |
| 303 | 326 | Patrick Moore        | 32 M | Laborer    | Ireland  |
|     |     | Mary Moore           | 22 F |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Rosa Moore           | 1 F  |            | Mass.    |
| 327 |     | Michael Crowley      | 35 M | Laborer    | Ireland  |
|     |     | Barbara Crowley      | 39 F |            | Ireland  |
|     |     | Mary A. Crowley      | 6 F  |            | Mass.    |
| 304 | 328 | James Williams       | 34 M | Laborer    | Mass.    |
|     |     | Ann M. Williams      | 24 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Charles A. Williams  | 9 M  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Loisa S. Williams    | 6 F  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Allace A. Williams   | 4 F  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Horace L. Williams   | 2 M  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Albert M. Williams   | 1 M  |            | Mass.    |
| 305 | 329 | William Carson       | 56 M | Carpenter  | N.Y.     |
|     |     | Aurena Carson        | 47 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Mary A. Carson       | 21 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Frances A. Carson    | 15 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Emely C. Carson      | 12 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | William C. Carson    | 9 M  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Charles E. Carson    | 6 M  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Ester C. Carson      | 17 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Orin W. Carson       | 40 M | Lime Maker | Vt.?     |
| 306 | 330 | Edward McKann        | 20 M |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Orin Hurchinson      | 39 M | Lime Maker | R.I.     |
|     |     | Polly A. Hutchinson  | 37 F |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Orin A. Hutchinson   | 18 M | Lime       | R.I.     |
| 307 | 331 | Oliver Hutchinson    | 15 M | Lime       | R.I.     |
|     |     | Osker S. Hutchinson  | 13 M |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Orvill G. Hutchinson | 11 M |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Henry M. Hutchinson  | 8 M  |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Amy A. Hutchinson    | 6 F  |            | R.I.     |
|     |     | Sarah A. Dayten      | 36 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Albert A. Dayten     | 20 M | Lime       | Mass.    |
|     |     | A. D. Salisbury      | 20 M | Lime       | Mass.    |
|     |     | James O'Neal         | 24 M | Lime       | Ireland  |
|     |     | John McGlane         | 20 M | Lime       | Ireland  |
|     |     | Frank Platt          | 30 M | Lime       | R.I.     |
| 308 | 332 | Henry M. Dewey       | 41 M | Farmer     | Mass.    |
|     |     | Louisa Dewey         | 37 F |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Elisha Dewey         | 9 M  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Betsey Dewey         | 4 F  |            | Mass.    |
|     |     | Edwin McKann         | 28 M | Laborer    | Scotland |

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## SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REMINISCENCE

From *The Berkshire Hills*, February 1, 1901.

To very few of us whose eyes began to blink in the bright sun of the Berkshire valleys four score or more years ago, the reminiscences, recalling as they do scenes of Auld Lang Syne" that help to lubricate the rusty old hinges of memory's box of fragments that compose that kaleidoscope which in our second childhood brings happy content, as in turning it we let in flashes of the sunlight of memory upon what we saw or heard, that are as garnets and rubies to the inner vision, good to remember, good to know, and good to feel. Thinking of a mention in a previous issue of Capt. Bethuel Seeley, it brought vividly to mind the Captain as I saw him in my boyhood days, and listened to his somewhat loud but always cheery voice relating incidents or anecdotes that in his telling always found listening ears, for he was one of those rare men that saw, and in the telling gave point to the humor of his lapses of memory or thoughtless blunders, one of which I will jot down.

Before the days of railroads it was the custom of all well-to-do farmers to drive their own teams to Hudson, carrying out any excess of farm products, or manufactured goods from the few cotton and woolen mills of the county, and bringing in return raw material for the same mills, or goods and groceries for the merchants; and, as this constant going to and from Hudson, which was the shipping port to New York city, by farmers and teamsters who were careful and thoughtful of their teams and not indifferent to the warmth of the inner as well as the outer man, one or more taverns, with bar-rooms well warmed and bottles well filled, were to be found in every village between Great Barrington and Hudson, where proprietor, as well as his wife, were as well known by the farmers as were their near neighbors. The result being, that if, on a cold day, the "bar-room," usually the only room below stairs, except the kitchen, that had warmth on cold days, was over crowded, the overflow could be found near the kitchen fire, where, the pot filled to the brim with corned beef, pork, potatoes and cabbage, was suspended from the crane, and the pot lid was dancing

up and down in response to the bubbles of laughter from the boiling water and steam below.

It was one of these kitchens that Capt. Seeley entered one cold day, rubbing and extending his hands over the glowing flame, chatting meanwhile to the goodwoman who was taking her baked pies from the brick oven and the table was soon filled with loaves of bread and pies. Then the empty chairs were brought into temporary requisition, and the Captain, either from the warmth of the fire, or interesting conversation with the landlady, surprised both her and himself by sitting down in a chair on which was a hot pumpkin pie.

These taverns were to the then farmers and travelers what the club house is to the business men of today. As I was the baby of my father's large family, I was occasionally allowed to accompany him when he made a trip to and from Hudson, and as the accommodations at the taverns in Hudson for "man and beast" were more expensive than at Claverack, or Hillsdale, the latter was usually the "putting up" place for the night.

It was in the bar-room of these taverns where one could always hear the topics of the day, law, politics, or theology, discussed, with all the vigor, and as much either of the folly or of good sound horse sense as one can get from the rostrums of today. In one of these bar-rooms I heard a Dutch farmer use a sentence that has ever remained fresh in my memory, as it emphasized crude thought I had entertained in contra-distinction of the narrow sectarianism that then prevailed in all churches, carrying rancor and heated wrangling among those, who, barring their sectarian narrowness, were trying to live a Christian neighborly and upright Christian life. During a heated debate on sectarianism, this conservative Dutchman broke in with, "Ven I goes to Hudson to sell my veat, dey don't ax me vether I comes by Hillsdale, or by Claverack, or by Kinderhook, but 'is my veat goot'? It's not de *roat*, but de *veat* dat must be goot." I don't think I am at home in

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## A REVOLUTIONARY WAR SKETCH

From *The Berkshire Hills*, August 1, 1901.

We are deeply indebted to Josiah C. Pumpelly, a prominent citizen of New York City, for his hearty compliments at the appearance in publication of "The Berkshire Hills Monthly," upon the character of its contents, and its reproduction thus far of unpublished sketches of prized historic worth. Besides we are informed by him that though the name of General John "Paterson" is thus spelled upon his monument on the town square at Lenox, and also in some records of the State of New York, that in a commission as Lieutenant issued by the Colony of Massachusetts to Mr. Pumpelly's patriot great-grandfather, David Pixley, the name is spelled "Patterson." This revolutionary relic, sent to us for inspection we reproduce as follows:

### COMMISSION OF LT. DAVID PIXLEY

*The Congress of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay. To David Pixley, Gentleman, Greeting.*

We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Courage and good Conduct, Do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you the said David Pixley to be Lieutenant of the First Company in the Regiment of Foot whereof John Patterson, Esq., is Colonel, raised by the Congress aforesaid, for the defense of said Colony.

You are therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a Lieutenant in leading, ordering, and exercising the said Company in Arms, both inferior officers and soldiers, and to keep them in good order and Discipline; and they are hereby commanded to obey you as their Lieutenant; and you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from Time to Time, receive from the General and Commander in Chief of the Forces raised in the Colony aforesaid, for the Defense of the same, or any other of your superior Officers, according to Military Rules and Discipline in War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you.

By order of the Congress, Jos. Warren, President, P.T., Dated the 19th of May,

A.D. 1775. Sam Freeman, Secretary, P.T.

Mr. Pumpelly is proud to recall the fact that between these two brave and able officers, Patterson and Pixley, a strong friendship existed for 32 years. In 1791 they were both residing near each other in Tioga County, N.Y., and they both died there. He has in his possession an old newspaper, dated Feb. 8, 1799, recommending to the Honorable, the Council of Appointment of the State of New York "a certain person for the office of Sheriff, and signed by both David Pixley and John Patterson and five others, all members of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace."

David Pixley was one of Col. Patterson's Lieutenants when his regiment marched fully armed and equipped from Lenox to Bunker Hill and there so ably shared the hardships and adventures of the siege of Boston. They were also together in the ill-starred expedition to Canada under Montgomery and Arnold. Patterson when General was a member of that remarkable Council of War called by Gen. Washington on the eve of the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, and the monument on that famous field bears a splendid bas-relief of this scene, wherein can be noted many heroic revolutionary heroes. While the treacherous Lee sits scowling in the extreme left, Lafayette stands in the foreground with hand extended towards Washington, as he bravely combats every idea of defeat or failure, while near by, leaning upon the table is seen the figure of Patterson with his eyes riveted upon the face of Lafayette and his whole mien portraying the most intense and earnest interest.

This was indeed a fearful Council of War and had much to do in moulding the whole after history of the great struggle for liberty in America, and in it Gen. John Patterson was the noted representative of these Berkshire Hills. Even the man, Charles Lee, the marplot at both Moultrie and Monmouth, became in God's providence a factor towards America's freedom, for when a prisoner of war in New York he so strongly advised Lord Howe, that the same neglecting the direct orders of his own government, sailed

for Philadelphia, thus forcing that conjunction of events which assured the surrender of Burgoyne, the alliance with France, and the capture of Yorktown.

Of such are the lessons of history,, concluded Mr. Pumpelly, and it is for your excellent monthly to make sure that these lessons of records are not forgotten. ■■■■

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Dutch-English, but the gem is there all the same, which you can polish as you choose, but please don't dim.

When friction matches first were placed on sale in the shape of what were called "combs," Capt. Seeley was not very favorable to the new fangled notion. Coming home very late one dark night and picking up a supposed "comb of matches," he broke them

off one by one, and scratching the same, failed to strike a light, throwing the offending lucifers on the floor and going off to bed grumbling in the dark. On waking in the morning his wife found that the Captain had mistaken a treasured tortoise-shell side comb for the matches, which he had thoroughly wrecked.

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|-----|-----|-------------------|----|---|---------|---------|
| 309 | 333 | John E. Scoffield | 26 | M | Farmer  | Mass.   |
|     |     | Amariah Scoffield | 23 | F |         | Mass.   |
|     | 334 | Sarah Scoffield   | 54 | F |         | England |
|     |     | Edmond Scoffield  | 16 | M | Laborer | Mass.   |
|     |     | William Scoffield | 13 | M |         | Mass.   |
|     |     | Clarra Scoffield  | 8  | F |         | Mass.   |

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## THE BOOKSTALL

*Burgoyne's Nemesis: The New England Militia*, by Brian S. Barrett.

There's probably a hundred books written about Revolutionary War battles at Saratoga but this is the only one that gives a detailed account of the militiamen who took part in these battles. In "Burgoyne's Nemesis: New England Militia" author and historian Brian S. Barrett teased out new details from correspondence, military records and personal accounts to construct a well-documented and untold story about militia activities that occurred in upstate New York and Vermont. This book confirms the importance of militia reinforcements that came from Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire to stop an invasion. The militia reinforcement was comprised of thousands of ordinary farmers and tradesmen who were transformed into a formidable component of the Northern Continental Army. It played a key role in dogging General John Burgoyne and his 8000 man army during the fall of 1777. Along with Continental Soldiers, this so-called rabble of militiamen helped subdue British Regulars, Canadians, Indians and Hessians in less than two months. It was a turning point in the American Revolution. Anyone interested in United States History and the struggle to win independence will benefit from reading this book. It is available at:

<http://www.amazon.com/Burgoynes-Nemesis-New-England-Militia/dp/1518712444>

## SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING QUERIES

1. Give the full name, including middle name or initial, of the person subject to enquiry.
2. Establish identity of the person by giving place and date of birth, place and date of death, parentage, place and date of marriage and identity of spouse to the extent these data are known, as:  
John DOE b Hartford, CT 12 Jan 1900; d Fairfield, CT 19 Mar 1967 s/o Richard & Abigail (WESTON) DOE m Hartford 11 June 1923.
3. If unable to give a complete description of the person under enquiry, start with a son or daughter for whom more information might be available and ask for that person's ancestry.
4. Identify spouse in manner described in (2) above.
5. State what information is desired, as:  
Need ancestors of John and Abigail.
6. Place the question at the end of the query.
7. Do not abbreviate the names of persons or towns.
8. For any locale outside Massachusetts, be sure to identify the state.
9. Dates should be written: day, month, year as: 13 Oct 1743.
10. Use multiple queries rather than several parts to the same query.
11. Queries should not exceed four or five lines and should be submitted as an ASCII file on a diskette or E-mailed to [bfhainc@gmail.com](mailto:bfhainc@gmail.com) marked as a query on the subject line. Printed or typed queries will also continue to be accepted.
12. Well-known abbreviations may be used but elaborate use of them is not required.
13. Address for reply should be stated on each card so that the Editor is not obliged to keep their envelope as well in order to have a complete record.
14. Acknowledge receipt of all replies and reimburse respondent for postage and the cost of any material copied. One should not be left out of pocket for having answered a call for help. If the submitted material is of little use, that is the risk assumed in transactions by correspondence.
15. When requesting information, always include a SASE.
16. Help your query editor judge the effectiveness of this section. If you make a contact that provides significant help with your search, won't you let us know?

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