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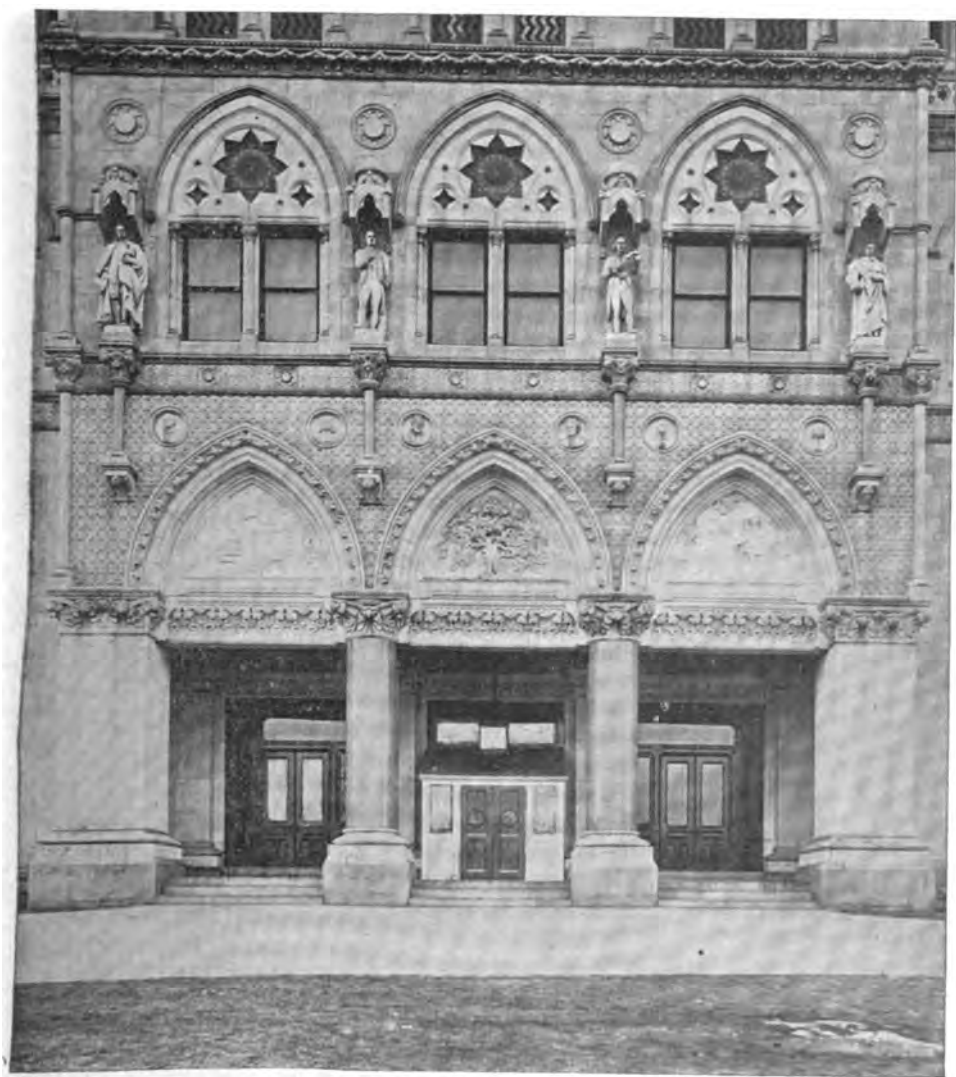
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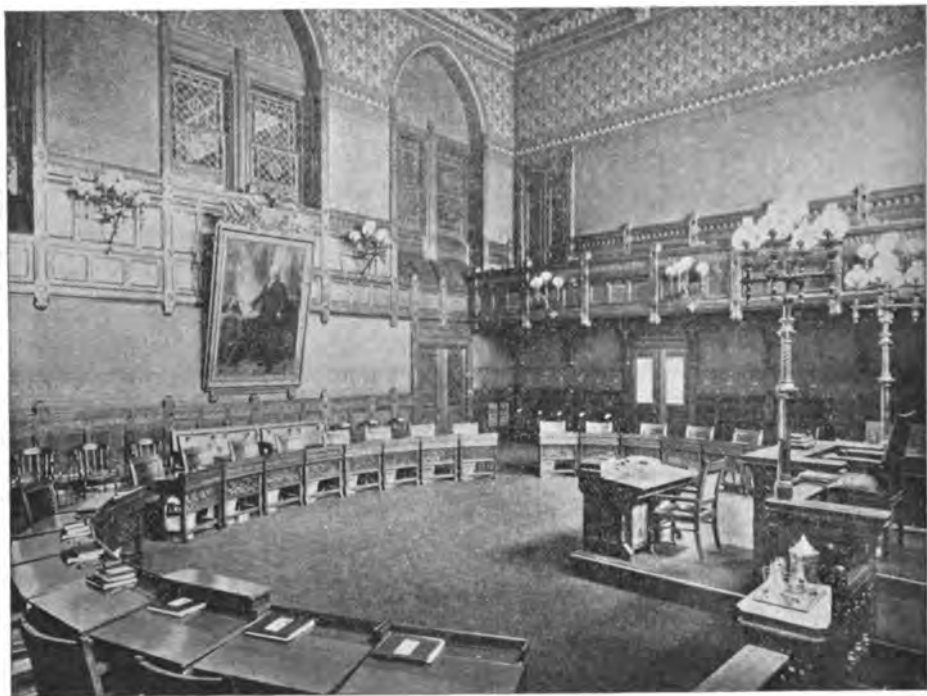
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THE SENATE CHAMBER.



THE HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE CAPITOL.

On the seventeenth day of July, 1871, resolutions of the General Assembly were approved by His Excellency, Marshall Jewell, Governor, appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting in the town of Hartford a new State House, authorizing the city of Hartford to issue "Capitol bonds" to the amount of one million dollars, and appointing Marshall Jewell of Hartford, William D. Bishop of Bridgeport, William A. Buckingham of Norwich, William H. Barnum of Salisbury, and William D. Shipman of Hartford, a board of commissioners to contract for and fully complete the building.

This commission accepted the present site from the city of Hartford and the plan of Mr. R. M. Upjohn of New York, as the design for the building. They also contracted with Mr. J. G. Batterson for the erection of the building for the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

In 1873, a resolution was passed by the General Assembly authorizing His Excellency the Governor to appoint a board of commissioners to construct a State House in Hartford, upon the site provided by the city, it having been decided to abandon the plan adopted by the former commission and build a fire-proof structure upon a more liberal scale.

Under this resolution Jeremiah Halsey of Norwich, Alfred E. Burr of Hartford, Nathaniel Wheeler of Bridgeport, William P. Trowbridge of New Haven, and Austin Dunham of Hartford, were appointed a Board of State House Commissioners.

Mr. Dunham died in March, 1877, and Gardner P. Barber of Hartford was appointed in his stead. Mr. Barber resigned on account of failing health, in September, 1879, and Franklin Chamberlin of Hartford was appointed to fill the vacancy. This Board returned Mr. Upjohn's plan to him for improvement, and in 1874 submitted to the General Assembly a new plan with an estimate of the cost, two million five hundred thousand dollars.

This "perfected plan" was approved by the General Assembly and one million dollars additional appropriated for construction. In 1877 the commissioners were authorized to "contract for the expenditure of two millions of dollars on the part of the State." The building was completed in 1880, at a total cost of \$2,532,524.43, which sum included heating and ventilating apparatus, elevator, statuary, etc., amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

The city of Hartford, in addition to providing the site, appropriated five hundred thousand dollars towards the construction of the building.

The furnishing of the building cost, in addition to the above-named sum, about one hundred thousand dollars.

The dimensions are as follows :

Extreme length, two hundred ninety-five feet, eight inches. Width of central part, one hundred eight-nine feet, four inches ; of wings, one hundred eleven feet, eight inches. Height from ground to top of roof, ninety-two feet, eight inches ; to top of crowning figure, two hundred fifty-seven feet, two inches.

THE OFFICES.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

The Governor occupies rooms 35, 37, and 39 on the second floor, southwest corner. Commissions to notaries public and commissioners of deeds for Connecticut residing in other States are issued by the Governor ; applications may be made to the Executive Secretary, Room 35.

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Secretary's office is directly opposite the Governor's entrance at room 36. Original bills and resolutions of the General Assembly whether passed or rejected, engrossed bills, original reports to the General Assembly, certificates of organization of corporations under charter of general law, annual statements of corporations organized under general law, and of chartered corporations when required by their charters, certificates of adoption of trademarks and assignments of the same, ancient records of the Supreme and Superior courts, records of the Connecticut Land Company, bonds of sheriffs and county commissioners, returns of county commissioners concerning jails and license money received, liens and mortgages on railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, seals and signatures of judges of probate, and other miscellaneous papers are on file or recorded in this office, and certified copies given under the great seal of the State when required. The acts and resolutions of the General Assembly are published and distributed, an annual statistical book compiled, published, and distributed, and the statement of vote at general elections, and an abstract of returns of county commissioners printed for use of the General Assembly by the Secretary.

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Treasurer occupies two rooms on the first floor, entrance at room 1. All payments by the State are made by the Treasurer upon order of the Comptroller, except State bonds and interest, for which no order is required. Deeds to the State, other than such as are required by law to be lodged with the Commissioner of the School Fund and original returns of turnpike and bridge companies, should be on file in this office.

THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

The Comptroller's office occupies three rooms on the first floor, entrance at room 2. All State printing, except what is known as the popular edition of the public acts, is done under his direction, and all bills against the State must be audited by him and paid upon his order. All printed annual reports of State Officers, commissions, and institutions are delivered to and distributed by him. He is the custodian of the State Capitol and grounds. The grand list of the towns and the enumeration of children are returned to, and are matters of record in his office.

The Superintendent of the State Capitol has an office at room 13 on the first floor. Under the Comptroller, he has charge of the building and grounds. Parties visiting the building, or desiring information concerning it, should apply at this office.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

The Attorney-General occupies rooms 45 and 47 on the third floor; the same floor with the Library and Supreme court room. This is a newly-created office by act of 1897. The duties of the Attorney-General are to have general supervision over all legal matters in which the State is an interested party, except those matters under the direction of the State's Attorneys. It is his duty to appear for the State, and heads of departments, and State boards and commissions in all suits and other civil proceedings in which the State is a party or interested. All writs, summons, and other processes served upon the State officers are transmitted immediately to him. All suits or proceedings in which the State is interested are brought by him or under his direction. He

is required to give opinions to all State officers, the State departments, and the General Assembly, when requested. When any measure affecting the State Treasury shall be pending before any committee of the General Assembly, such committee shall give him reasonable notice of such measure. The Attorney-General has arranged to be in his office in the Capitol on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of each week from 10.30 A. M. to 5 P. M. The office will be open on other days in charge of the stenographer.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

The Insurance Commissioner occupies rooms 14, 16, 18, and 20 on the first floor, entrance, room 14.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

The Adjutant-General's office is in rooms 15, 17, and 19 on the first floor; entrance, room 19. All matters connected with the military department are on record in this office, and the records of soldiers in the War of the Rebellion. Hospital aid for disabled soldiers of the rebellion should be applied for here, and information and aid in procuring pensions from the United States for such soldiers are furnished without charge.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

The Quartermaster-General's office is in rooms 56 and 58, on the third floor. The State armories, the Niantic camp-ground, State Arsenal, State rifle ranges, and all military supplies are under the control of this department, as well as the transportation of troops. Application for funeral expenses and headstones for deceased soldiers should be made here.

COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, ETC.

The offices of the several Commissions, Boards, etc. are located as follows:

The office of the Commissioner of the School Fund is in rooms 5 and 7 on the first floor. He has charge of the school fund of the State, and of the agricultural college fund.

Second floor. Highway Commissioner, rooms 25 and 27, east side; Inspector of Factories, room 26, east side.

Third floor. Railroad Commissioners, room 41, east side; State Board of Education, room 42, east side; Bureau of Labor Statistics, rooms 46 and 48, east side; Dairy Commissioner and Commissioner on Domestic Animals, room 54, west side; State Board of Agriculture, room 50, east side; Connecticut Prison Association, room 55, west side.

Fourth floor. Bank Commissioners, room 73, west side; Commissioner on Building and Loan Associations, room 79, west side; State Board of Charities, room 80, west side; Board of Education of the Blind, room 79, west side; Pharmacy Commission, room 72, west side.

The Ladies' Parlor, in charge of a matron, is room 53, third floor, west side.

SENATE CHAMBER, REPRESENTATIVES' HALL, ETC.

The Senate Chamber is on the second floor, east side, and the Hall of the House of Representatives extends across the southern central part of the building on the second floor.

The State Library occupies the northern central part of the building, on the third floor.

The Supreme Court room is in the west end of the building, third floor; office of the Reporter, room 57.

STATE OFFICIALS AND CLERKS.

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CLERK.							
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* Protectionist.

Name.	Pol.	Residence.	Age.	Birthplace.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	Home P. O. Address.
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JANUARY SESSION, 1899.

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14	PHILO H. SKIDMORE JR.,	<i>d.</i>	Bridgeport,	47	Bethlehem,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Bridgeport.
15	STURGES WHITLOCK,	<i>r.</i>	Huntington,	54	Ridgefield,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Shelton. ⁹
16	FRANK R. JACKSON,	<i>r.</i>	Woodstock,	45	Woodstock,	Farmer,	Married,	W'stock V'y. ¹²
17	FRANK DAY,	<i>r.</i>	Brooklyn,	52	Brooklyn,	Farmer,	Married,	Danielson. ¹³
18	GIDEON H. WELCH,	<i>r.</i>	Torrington,	54	East Haddam,	Lawyer,	Married,	Torrington. ¹⁴
19	DAVID L. SMITH,	<i>d.</i>	Cornwall,	55	Goshen,	Merchant,	Married,	W. Cornwall. ¹⁵
20	ASAHEL W. MITCHELL,	<i>r.</i>	Woodbury,	33	Woodbury,	†Town Clerk,	Single,	N. Woodbury. ⁹
21	GEORGE A. OLCOTT,	<i>r.</i>	Clinton,	62	Clinton,	Oyster Dealer,	Single,	Clinton. ¹⁶
22	CHARLES G. R. VINAL,	<i>r.</i>	Middlet'n,	58	Monroe, Me.,	Lawyer,	Married,	Middletown. ¹
23	WILLIAM C. HAVEN,	<i>r.</i>	Coventry,	47	Charlton, Mass.,	Physician,	Married,	Coventry. ¹⁷
24	WILLIAM H. HALL,	<i>r.</i>	Willington,	31	Willington,	Manufacturer,	Married,	S. Willington. ¹⁸

* In place of William Kennedy of Naugatuck, unseated.

† Sup't Water Company.

¹ Senate, 1897.	² House, 1895, Senate, 1897.	³ House, 1887, 1889, Senate, 1897.	⁴ House, 1891, 1897.
⁵ House, 1897.	⁶ House, 1891, 1893.	⁷ House, 1895, 1897.	⁸ House, 1897.
¹⁰ House, 1893, 1895.	¹¹ House, 1893, 1895, Senate, 1897.	¹² House, 1895.	¹³ House, 1889, 1895.
¹⁴ House, 1881.	¹⁶ House, May, 1869.	¹⁶ House, 1880, 1881, 1882.	¹⁷ House, 1889.
¹⁸ House, 1895, 1897.			¹⁸ House,

Republicans, 21; Democrats, 3.

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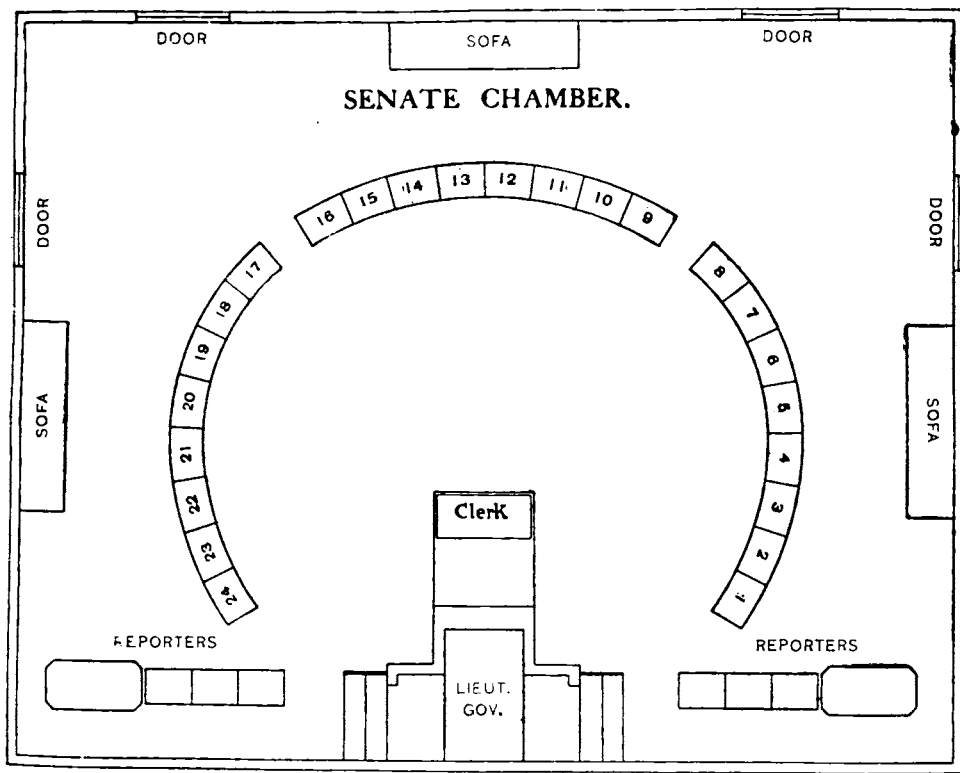
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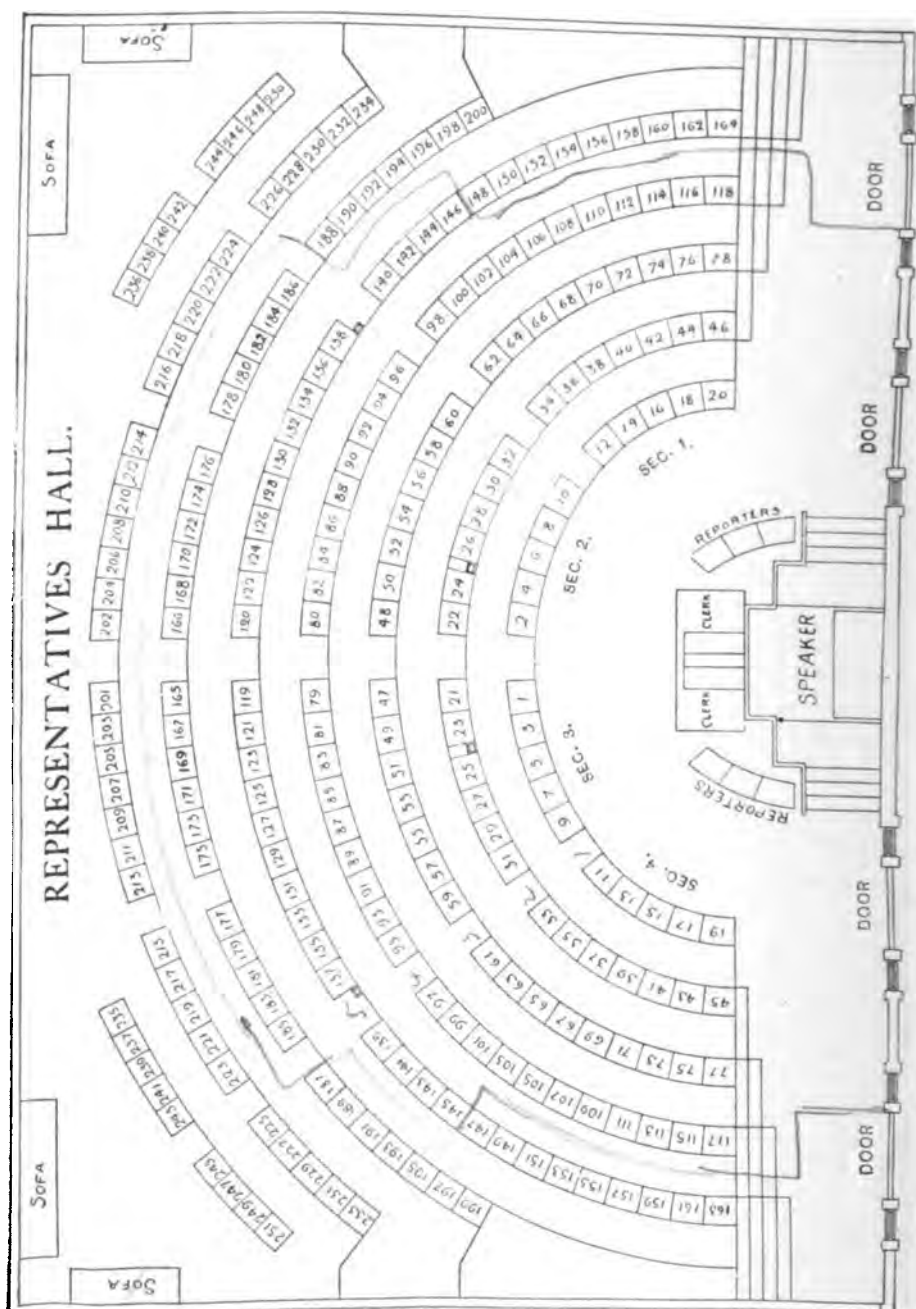
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ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF THE SENATE.

Republicans in Roman; Democrats in *Italics*.

Dist.	Name.	Committees.	Temporary Residence in Hartford.
10	Barnes, John H.	Banks, Judicial Nominations,	U. S. Hotel
11	Burnham, H. C.	State Prison, Federal Relations,	Hotel Hartford.
7	Burton, Franklin	Finance,	Hotel Heublein.
8	<i>Callahan, David</i>	Executive Nominations, Forfeited Rights,	"
6	Chittenden, S. H.	Humane Institutions, New Counties and County Seats,	Hotel Hartford.
2	Day, Frank	Agriculture,	78 Wethersfield Ave.
24	Goodrich, E. S.	Cities and Boroughs,	104 Main Street.
23	Hall, Wm. H.	Rds., Br. and Riv., Labor, Cont. Elec. (chm.), Sen. Appts.,	Hotel Hartford.
16	Haven, Wm. C.	Public Health and Safety, State Library,	U. S. Hotel.
13	Jackson, F. R.	Temperance, Senate Appointments (Chm.)	Hotel Hartford.
3	Keeler, Edwin O.	New Towns and Probate Districts, Cont. Exp. (chm.),	Hotel Heublein.
8	Kendall, George F.	Railroads, Engrossed Bills, Contingent Expenses,	"
5	Hall, Warren L.	Labor, Sale of Lands, Manual and Roll.	"
12	Lounsbury, C. W.	Woman Suffrage,	The Park.
20	Mitchell, A. W.	Education, Executive Nominations (clerk),	New Dom.
4	Muzzy, Adrian J.	Appropriations, Executive Nominations (chairman),	Hotel Heublein.
21	Olcott, George A.	Fisheries,	Hotel Hartford.
9	Pendleton, James	Military Affairs,	"
1	Phimpton, Linn B.	Insurance, Capitol Furniture and Grounds,	847 Asylum Ave.
11	<i>Skidmore, P. H. Jr.</i>	Eng. Bills, Sch. Fd., Cont. Exp., (clk.), Sen. Appts. (clk.),	Hotel Heublein.
19	<i>Smith, David L.</i>	Claims, Contested Elections, (clk.),	"
22	Vinal, Chas. G. R.	Judiciary, Cons. Amendments, Jt.,	"
18	Weich, Gideon H.	Incorporations, Joint Rules, Senate Rules,	"
15	Whitlock, Sturges	Manufactures, Put. Mem. Camp, Unfu. Bus., Con. Elec.,	"



MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

OF THE

House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut,

JANUARY SESSION, 1899.

Speaker, The Hon. FRANK B. BRANDEGEE, r., New London.

HARTFORD COUNTY.

Town.	Name.	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P. O. Address.
Hartford,	HENRY ROBERTS,	r.,	45	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Hartford.
"	HARRISON B. FREEMAN, Jr.,	r.,	29	Hartford,	Lawyer,	Single,	Hartford.
Avon,	ELWIN F. MERRIMAN,	d.,	39	Litchfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Unionville.
Berlin,	HORACE D. PAYNE,	r.,	28	East Haddam,	Treas. Brick Co.	Married,	Kensington.
Bloomfield,	ALFRED N. FILLEY,	r.,	54	Bloomfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Bloomfield.
Bristol,	OTTO F. STRUNZ,	r.,	48	Germany,	Merchant,	Married,	Bristol.
"	HERBERT J. MILLS,	d.,	47	N w Hartford,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Bristol.
Burlington,	CHARLES E. MORRIS,	r.,	50	Torrington,	Farmer,	Married,	Whitville.
Canton,	GEORGE P. EDWARDS,	r.,	60	Holden, Mass.,	Mechanic,	Married,	Collinsville.
East Granby,	ALMON B. PHELPS,	r.,	32	Sarasville, O.,	Farmer,	Single,	Copper Hill.
East Hartford,	EDWARD W. PRATT,	r.,	36	Essex,	Dentist,	Married,	East Hartford.
"	JAMES S. FORBES,	r.,	51	East Hartford,	Farmer,	Married,	Burnside.
East Windsor,	E. MORTON GRANGER,	r.,	42	South Windsor,	Gen. Stock D'r.	Married,	Melrose.
"	FREDERICK J. BARNES,	r.,	35	East Windsor,	Tobacco Dealer,	Married,	Warehouse P't.
Enfield,	ANDREW GORDON,	r.,	55	Scotland,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Hazardville.
"	CHARLES D. BENT,	r.,	47	Enfield,	Liveryman,	Married,	Thompsonville.
Farmington,	ADRN R. WADSWORTH,	r.,	43	Farmington,	Farmer & C. E.,	Married,	Farmington. ¹
"	*SAMUEL Q. PORTER,	r.,	77	Lee, Mass.,	Retired,	Widower,	Collinsville.
Glastonbury,	SAMUEL C. HARDIN,	r.,	52	Glastonbury,	Farmer,	Married,	Glastonbury.
"	ALPHEUS D. CLARK,	r.,	62	Middletown,	Retired,	Widower,	E. Glastonbury.
Granby,	DWIGHT F. NEWTON,	r.,	43	Granby,	Farmer,	Married,	West Granby.
"	BIRT B. MESSENGER,	r.,	52	Granby,	Farmer,	Married,	West Granby.
Hartland,	DAVID N. GAINES,	r.,	45	Hartland,	Painter,	Married,	East Hartland.
"	WILBUR S. MILLER,	r.,	24	Hartland,	Farmer,	Single,	Hartland.
Manchester,	CHAS. R. HATHAWAY,	r.,	41	Taunton, Mass.,	Lawyer,	Married,	So. Manchester.
"	HERBERT O. BOWERS,	r.,	31	Manchester,	Lawyer,	Married,	Manchester.
Marlborough,	HENRY G. AUSTIN,	d.,	36	Lebanon,	Farmer,	M'd,	Marlborough Mills.
New Britain,	CHARLES H. MOORE,	r.,	37	New Britain,	Ins. & R. E.,	Married,	New Britain.
"	THOMAS H. BRADY,	d.,	55	New Britain,	Manufacturer,	Married,	New Britain. ²
Newington,	GEO. E. CHURCHILL,	r.,	39	Newington,	Farmer,	Married,	Newington.
Plainville,	BURWELL CARTER,	r.,	71	Wolcott,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Plainville. ³
Rocky Hill,	SHERMAN E. DEMING,	r.,	53	Rocky Hill,	Stationary Eng.	Married,	Rocky Hill.
Simsbury,	LEWIS G. ENO,	r.,	47	Simsbury,	Farmer,	Married,	Simsbury.
"	SAMUEL T. WELDEN,	r.,	40	New York City,	Florist & Seeds,	Married,	Simsbury.
Southington,	CHARLES H. CLARK,	r.,	66	Southington,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Milldale. ⁴
"	CHARLES D. BARNES,	r.,	55	Southington,	Merchant,	Married,	Southington. ⁵
South Windsor,	WILLIAM R. WOOD,	r.,	39	South Windsor,	Farmer,	Single,	E. Windsor Hill.
Suffield,	CLINTON SPENCER,	r.,	42	Suffield,	Insurance,	Single,	Suffield. ⁶
"	GEORGE A. HARMON,	r.,	40	Suffield,	Farmer,	Widower,	Suffield.
West Hartford,	JOHN O. ENDERS,	r.,	29	Hartford,	Broker,	Married,	Hartford.
Wethersfield,	SAM'L N. WOODHOUSE,	r.,	47	Wethersfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Wethersfield.
"	EDWARD J. BULKLEY,	r.,	40	Wethersfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Wethersfield.
Windsor,	JUDSON S. LEONARD,	r.,	57	Westville,	Bookkeeper,	Married,	Rainbow.
"	LAWRENCE MULLALEY,	d.,	37	Windsor,	Merchant,	Married,	Windsor.
Windsor Locks,	JAMES C. GOURLEY,	r.,	36	Thompsonville,	Mechanical Eng.	Married,	Windsor Locks.

¹ House, 1897.

² House, 1875, 1876.

³ House, 1874, 1875, 1897.

* House, 1895.

* House, 1891, 1893.

* Ass't Clerk, House, 1879, Clerk, 1880, Senate Clerk, 1881.

* In place of Andrew Slater, unseated.

Republicans, 40; Democrats, 5.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.

Town.	Name.	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P.O. Address.
New Haven,	ALFRED W. FORBES,	d.,	40	New Haven,	Farmer,	Married,	New Haven.
"	JAMES P. BREE,	d.,	34	New Haven,	Lawyer,	Married,	New Haven.
Waterbury,	HAROLD R. DURANT,	r.,	27	New Haven,	Lawyer,	Married,	Waterbury.
"	FRANK P. BRETT,	d.,	29	Waterbury,	Lawyer,	Single,	Waterbury.
Ansonia,	REUBEN H. TUCKER,	r.,	51	Ansonia,	Public Official,	Married,	Ansonia. ¹
"	STURGES G. GARDNER,	r.,	39	New Haven,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Ansonia.
Beacon Falls,	HERBERT C. BALDWIN,	r.,	54	Oxford,	Farmer,	Married,	Beacon Falls. ²
Bethany,	ARTHUR H. DOOLITTLE,	d.,	27	Woodbridge,	Farmer,	Single,	Westville.
Branford,	CHARLES S. BRADLEY,	d.,	40	Branford,	F'm'r & Ice D'r,	Married,	Branford. ³
Cheshire,	CHARLES S. SPAULDING,	r.,	61	Norfolk,	Farmer,	Married,	Milldale.
"	JAMES R. LANYON,	r.,	27	N. Hamb'g, N.Y.	Town Clerk,	Married,	Cheshire.
Derby,	BENJAMIN HUBBELL,	r.,	57	Wilton,	Liveryman,	Married,	Derby.
"	ALBERT K. KENNEDY,	d.,	33	Great Britain,	Publisher,	Single,	Derby. ⁴
East Haven,	CHARLES W. GRANNISS,	r.,	54	East Haven,	Farmer,	Married,	New Haven, Sta. A. ⁴
Guilford,	FAYETTE W. ROSSITER,	r.,	62	Guilford,	Farmer,	Married,	North Guilford.
"	OLIVER N. BROOKS,	d.,	76	Westbrook,	Retired,	Married,	Guilford. ⁵
Hamden,	JOHN H. DAVIS,	r.,	30	Hamden,	Farmer,	Widower,	New Haven.
Madison,	JOHN H. MEIGS,	r.,	68	Madison,	Farmer,	Married,	Madison.
Meriden,	GEORGE W. COUCH,	r.,	56	Meriden,	Retired,	Married,	Meriden. ⁵
"	GEORGE L. ELLSBREE,	r.,	47	Palmer, Mass.,	Druggist,	Married,	Meriden.
Middlebury,	JOHN T. BASHAM,	d.,	48	New York,	Farmer,	Married,	Middlebury.
Milford,	FRANK H. WOODRUFF,	r.,	49	Orange,	Farmer,	Married,	Milford.
"	JAMES L. MILES,	r.,	58	Milford,	Contractor,	Married,	Milford.
Naugatuck,	JOHN M. PAGE,	d.,	60	No. Branford,	Merchant,	Married,	Naugatuck.
"	JOHN J. GORMAN,	d.,	38	Naugatuck,	Builder,	Married,	Naugatuck.
North Branford,	DAVID S. STEVENS,	r.,	41	North Haven,	Printer,	Married,	Northford.
North Haven,	D. WALTER PATTEN,	r.,	37	North Haven,	Farmer,	Married,	Clintonville.
Orange,	EDWIN S. THOMAS,	d.,	26	Woodst'k, Ill.,	Lawyer,	Married,	West Haven.
Oxford,	WILLIAM O. DAVIS,	d.,	41	Oxford,	Farmer,	Married,	Oxford.
Prospect,	EDGAR B. JERALDS,	r.,	46	Wallingford,	Mechanic,	Married,	West Cheshire.
Seymour,	CLIFFORD J. ATWATER,	r.,	40	Collinsville,	Lawyer,	Married,	Seymour.
Southbury,	ROBERT C. MITCHELL,	r.,	29	Southbury,	Mer't & Ins. Ag't,	Single,	South Britain.
Wallingford,	SAMUEL HODGKINSON,	r.,	48	England,	Foreman,	Married,	Wallingford. ⁵
"	JOHN B. KENDRICK,	d.,	47	Wallingford,	Auditor,	Married,	Wallingford. ⁵
Wolcott,	ARTHUR W. HARRIS'N,	g.d.,	33	Wolcott,	Stonemason,	Single,	Wolcott.
Woodbridge,	SAMUEL O. CLARK,	r.,	37	Woodbridge,	Farmer,	Married,	Orange.

¹ House, 1895, 1897.² House, 1876, 1880, 1883, 1884, 1891.³ House, 1897.⁴ House, 1895.⁵ House, 1893.⁶ House, 1887.

Republicans, 22 ; Democrats, 13 ; Gold Democrat, 1.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

New London,	FRANK B. BRANDEGEE,	r.,	34	New London,	Lawyer,	Single,	New London. ¹
"	CHAS. B. WHITTLESEY,	r.,	27	Auburn, Mass.,	Lawyer,	Single,	New London.
Norwich,	CURRIE GILMOUR,	r.,	51	Tariffville,	Insurance,	Single,	Norwich. ²
"	EDWIN W. HIGGINS,	r.,	24	Clinton,	Lawyer,	Single,	Norwich.
Bozrah,	WILLIAM KILROY,	d.,	33	Bozrah,	Farmer,	Married,	Yantic.
Colchester,	ADDISON C. TAINTOR,	r.,	63	Colchester,	Farmer,	Married,	Colchester.
"	EDWARD E. BROWN,	r.,	24	Manchester,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Comstock's B'ge.
East Lyme,	JOHN F. LUCE,	r.,	27	Niantic,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Niantic.
Franklin,	FRANK B. GREENSLIT,	r.,	42	Franklin,	Farmer,	Single,	Lebanon.
Griswold,	SAMUEL S. EDMOND,	r.,	28	Griswold,	Farmer,	Married,	Griswold.
Groton,	WILLIAM H. ALLEN,	r.,	72	Groton,	Retired,	Married,	Groton.
"	RALPH H. DENISON,	d.,	27	Groton,	Lawyer,	Single,	Groton.
Lebanon,	LLEWELLYN P. SMITH,	r.,	39	Windham,	Farmer,	Married,	Lebanon.
"	EDWARD H. MCCALL,	r.,	30	Lebanon,	Farmer,	Married,	Lebanon.
Ledyard,	JACOB GALLUP,	d.,	40	Ledyard,	Farmer,	Single,	Ledyard.

NEW LONDON COUNTY—CONTINUED.

Town.	Name	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P. O. Address.
Liebon,	JAMES B. PALMER,	r.,	54	Voluntown,	Farmer,	Married,	Jewett City. ²
Lyme,	SAMUEL N. JEWETT,	r.,	55	East Haddam,	Farmer,	Married,	North Lyme.
"	J. RAYMOND WARREN,	d.,	48	Lyme,	Hotel Steward,	Married,	North Lyme.
Montville,	MOSES CHAPMAN,	d.,	56	East Lyme,	Farmer,	Married,	Oakdale.
No. Stonington,	WILLIAM B. CARY,	r.,	57	Cherry Val'y, N. Y.,	Clergyman,	Married,	No. Stonington.
"	GEORGE F. COATS,	r.,	57	N. Stoningt'n,	Farmer,	Married,	No. Stonington. ⁴
Old Lyme,	FRANK L. SAUNDERS,	d.,	31	Lyme,	Engineer,	Married,	Lyme.
Preston,	DANIEL L. JONES,	d.,	31	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Physician,	Married,	Norwich.
"	GILBERT S. RAYMOND,	d.,	25	Preston,	Law Student,	Single,	Norwich.
Salem,	FRANK S. DEWOLF,	r.,	46	Salem,	Farmer,	Single,	Salem.
Sprague,	HENRY BUTEAU,	d.,	57	Canada,	Merchant,	Married,	Baltic.
Stonington,	FRANK H. HINCKLEY,	r.,	31	Stonington,	Lawyer,	Single,	Mystic.
"	GEORGE H. MAXSON,	r.,	45	Hopkinton, R. I.,	Farmer,	Married,	Westerly, R. I.
Voluntown,	EZRA BRIGGS,	r.,	68	Coventry, R. I.,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Voluntown. ⁵
Waterford,	ALBERT H. LANPHERE,	d.,	44	Waterford,	Collector,	Married,	Waterford.

¹ House, 1882.² House, 1897.³ House, 1875, 1876.⁴ House, 1895.⁵ House, 1872.⁶ House, 1887.

Republicans, 20; Democrats, 10.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

Bridgeport,	CHARLES C. GODFREY,	r.,	44	Saybrook,	Physician,	Married,	Bridgeport.
"	HUGH STIRLING,	r.,	51	England,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Bridgeport.
Danbury,	CLIFFORD L. TAYLOR,	r.,	36	Danbury,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Danbury.
"	WILLIAM E. LUKE,	r.,	41	New York City,	Writer,	Married,	Danbury.
Bethel,	FREDERICK N. PORTER,	d.,	38	Bethel,	Clerk,	Married,	Bethel.
Brookfield,	ROBERT W. GREEN,	r.,	29	New Milford,	Salesman,	Single,	Brookfield C't'y.
Darien,	THADDEUS BELL,	r.,	67	Darien,	Merchant,	Married,	Darien.
Easton,	DANIEL W. EDWARDS,	r.,	45	Easton,	Farmer,	Married,	Stepney.
Fairfield,	RUFUS B. JENNINGS,	r.,	68	Fairfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Greenfield Hill.
"	FRANCIS P. SHERWOOD,	r.,	35	Southport,	Banker,	Married,	Southport.
Greenwich,	SEAMAN MEAD,	r.,	60	Greenwich,	Farmer,	Married,	Greenwich. ¹
"	NATHANIEL A. KNAPP,	r.,	34	Greenwich,	Merchant,	Married,	Round Hill.
Huntington,	FREDERICK G. PERRY,	r.,	60	Huntington,	Retired,	Married,	Shelton. ²
Monroe,	DAVID A. NICHOLS,	r.,	42	Monroe,	Ins. Agent,	Married,	Monroe. ³
New Canaan,	JAMES HOYT,	r.,	70	New Canaan,	Nurseryman,	Married,	New Canaan.
New Fairfield,	FREDERICK E. KNAPP,	r.,	39	New Fairfield,	Farmer,	Married,	New Fairfield. ⁴
Newtown,	JOHN F. KEATING,	d.,	34	Newtown,	Mechanic,	Married,	Sandy Hook.
"	JOHN F. HOULIHAN,	d.,	39	Newtown,	Mechanic,	Single,	Newtown.
Norwalk,	JOHN B. LIGHT,	r.,	43	Carmel, N. Y.,	Lawyer,	Married,	So. Norwalk.
"	CLARENCE F. OSBORN,	n. d.,	32	Norwalk,	Retired,	Married,	Norwalk.
Redding,	ALBERT A. GORHAM,	r.,	44	Redding,	Creamery prop.,	Married,	Redding.
"	JOHN TODD,	r.,	64	Easton,	Farmer,	Married,	West Redding.
Ridgefield,	JOHN P. KEELER,	r.,	73	Ridgebury,	Farmer,	Married,	Ridgebury.
"	EBENEZER A. HOYT,	r.,	52	Ridgefield,	Farmer,	Married,	Ridgefield.
Sherman,	*JOHN M. PICKETT,	r.,	68	New Milford,	Farmer,	Married,	Gaylordsville. ⁵
Stamford,	MICHAEL KENEALY,	r.,	44	Stamford,	Lawyer,	Married,	Stamford. ⁶
"	WATSON E. RICE,	r.,	50	Shrewsbury, Mass.,	Physician,	Married,	Stamford.
Stratford,	EDWIN F. HALL,	r.,	39	Portland, Me.,	Lawyer,	Married,	Stratford. ⁶
Trumbull,	DANIEL M. NICHOLS,	r.,	63	Nichols,	Carpenter,	Single,	Nichols.
Weston,	IVERSON C. FANTON,	r.,	45	Easton,	Farmer,	Married,	Westport.
Westport,	JOHN HENRY JENNINGS,	r.,	50	Westport,	Farmer,	Married,	Southport.
Wilton,	†GEORGE F. BROWN,	r.,	42	Wilton,	Farmer,	Single,	Cannon.

¹ House, 1895, 1897.² House, 1879.³ House, 1897.⁴ House, 1889.⁵ House, 1881.⁶ House, 1889.

* Died, April 13th. George A. Barnes, House of 1897, served through entire session.

† Frederick D. Benedict, House of 1897, served until January 17.

Republicans, 28; Democrats, 3; National Democrat, 1.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Town.	Name.	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P. O. Address.
Windham,	CHARLES A. GATES,	r.,	31	Mansfield, O.,	Station Agent,	Widower,	Willimantic.
"	WILLIAM A. KING,	r.,	43	Greenfield, Mass.,	Lawyer,	Married,	Willimantic. ¹
Putnam,	FRANKLIN W. PERRY,	r.,	57	Dudley, Mass.,	Merchant,	Married,	Putnam.
"	BYRON D. BUGBEE,	r.,	34	Millbury, Mass.,	Merchant,	Married,	Putnam.
Ashford,	CLIFTON H. WRIGHT,	d.,	37	West Ashford,	Farmer,	Married,	West Ashford.
"	THEODORE M. LYON,	r.,	42	Eastford,	Merchant,	Married,	Westford.
Brooklyn,	JOHN C. WILLIAMS,	d.,	42	Brooklyn,	Farmer,	Married,	Brooklyn.
Canterbury,	GEORGE H. GREENE,	r.,	44	Canterbury,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Canterbury.
"	BRAMAN M. JOHNSON,	d.,	37	Canterbury,	Merchant,	Single,	Jewett City.
Chaplin,	WINSLOW B. GALLUP,	r.,	44	Canterbury,	Farmer,	Married,	No. Windham.
Eastford,	EDWIN O. SUMNER,	r.,	29	Eastford,	Farmer,	Single,	Eastford.
Hampton,	LESTER H. JEWETT,	r.,	56	Hampton,	Farmer,	Married,	Clark's Corner.
Killingly,	OLIVER W. BOWEN,	r.,	55	Foster, R. I.,	Liveryman,	Married,	Danileson.
"	GEORGE A. WILLIAMS,	r.,	30	Killingly,	Gen. Agent,	Married,	Killingly.
Plainfield,	JOHN W. ATWOOD,	r.,	34	Plainfield,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Wanregan.
"	MOSES A. LINNELL,	r.,	53	Providence, R. I.,	Jeweler,	Married,	Moosup.
Pomfret,	FAYETTE L. WRIGHT,	r.,	45	Foster, R. I.,	Farmer,	Married,	Pomfret Center.
"	WILLIAM D. FAY,	r.,	43	Pomfret,	Merchant,	Married,	Abington.
Scotland,	GEORGE S. CAREY,	r.,	38	Scotland,	Farmer,	Married,	Scotland.
Sterling,	ROBERT L. JOHNSON,	r.,	58	Cranston, R. I.,	Farmer,	Married,	Oneco.
Thompson,	O'MEARA G. CHASE,	r.,	54	Killingly,	Merchant,	Married,	Mechanicville.
"	EDWARD F. THOMPSON,	d.,	59	Slatersville, R. I.,	Farmer,	Married,	No. Grovesendale.
Woodstock,	LUTHER J. LEAVITT,	r.,	43	Craftsbury, Vt.,	Farmer,	Married,	No. Woodstock.
"	JARVIS T. HALL,	r.,	47	Ashford,	Bullder,	Single,	W. Woodstock.

¹ House, 1882.

Republicans, 20 ; Democrats, 4.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

Litchfield,	JAMES P. WOODRUFF,	d.,	30	Litchfield,	Lawyer,	Married,	Litchfield.
"	JOHN H. HARRIGAN,	d.,	35	Litchfield,	Clerk,	Married,	Litchfield.
Winchester,	GEORGE S. ROWE,	r.,	50	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Banker,	Married,	Winsted.
"	ELLIOTT B. BRONSON,	r.,	40	Winchester, Lumber Mer. & Mfr.		Married,	Winsted.
New Milford,	NOBLE BENNETT,	d.,	56	New Milford,	Merchant,	Married,	New Milford.
"	*J. LEROY BUCK,	d.,	56	New Milford,	Real Estate,	Married,	New Milford.
Barkham's'd,	SAMUEL H. CASE,	d.,	60	Barkhamsted,	Farmer,	Married,	Barkhamsted. ¹
"	WILLIAM J. MARTIN,	d.,	42	Goshen,	Farmer,	Married,	Winsted.
Bethlehem,	FRED H. THOMSON,	r.,	40	Bethlehem,	Farmer,	Married,	Bethlehem. ²
Bridgewater,	MARCUS B. MALLET,	d.,	33	Bridgewater,	Farmer,	Single,	Bridgewater.
Canaan,	JOHN H. BELDEN,	r.,	43	Falls Village,	Merchant,	Married,	Falls Village.
Colebrook,	WILLIAM H. VINING,	d.,	53	Derby,	Farmer,	Married,	Mill Brook. ³
"	HOMER P. DEMING,	r.,	28	Colebrook,	Farmer,	Single,	Robertsville.
Cornwall,	PATRICK O'DONNELL,	d.,	34	Cornwall,	Clerk,	Single,	West Cornwall.
"	WILLIAM M. CURTISS,	d.,	28	Norfolk,	Physician,	Married,	Cornwall B'ge.
Goshen,	EDWIN O. WRIGHT,	d.,	32	Goshen,	Farmer,	Married,	West Goshen.
"	JOHN P. PORTER,	r.,	28	Goshen,	Clerk,	Single,	Goshen.
Harwinton,	JAMES MARTIN,	r.,	54	Providence, R. I.,	Farmer,	Married,	Thomaston.
"	LUCIUS W. FOX,	r.,	56	Litchfield,	Farmer,	Married,	Harwinton.
Kent,	FRED. H. CHASE,	d.,	43	Kent,	Merchant,	Married,	South Kent.
Morris,	GEORGE H. PAGE,	d.,	53	Canaan,	Town Clerk,	Married,	Morris. ²
New Hartford,	†FRANK P. MARBLE,	d.,	44	Warren, Mass.,	Druggist,	Married,	New Hartford.
"	EDGAR A. CLARKE,	r.,	41	New Hartford,	Watchmaker,	Single,	Bakerville.
Norfolk,	HENRY H. BRIDGMAN,	r.,	56	No'th'pton, Mass.,	Retired,	Married,	Norfolk.
"	MELVIN E. SNOW,	r.,	33	Prospect Ferry, Me.,	Contractor,	Married,	Norfolk.

* George H. Jackson, House of 1897, served until January 17.

† Henry E. Messenger, House of 1897, served until January 25.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY—CONTINUED.

Town.	Name.	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P. O. Address.
No. Canaan,	HORACE E. HOLT,	<i>g. d.</i>	48	North Canaan,	Carpenter,	Married,	Canaan.
Plymouth,	WILBERT N. AUSTIN,	<i>d.</i>	39	Goshen,	Liveryman,	Married,	Plymouth. ⁴
Roxbury,	GEORGE R. CROFUT,	<i>d.</i>	48	Roxbury,	Farmer,	Married,	Roxbury.
Salisbury,	WILLIAM B. RUDD,	<i>r.</i>	60	Fredonia, N. Y.,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Lakeville.
"	WILLIAM CONKLIN,	<i>r.</i>	63	Salisbury,	Butcher,	Married,	Salisbury.
Sharon,	MYRON F. WHITNEY,	<i>d.</i>	59	Sharon,	Livestock D'r,	Married,	Sharon. ⁵
"	J. DWIGHT ST. JOHN,	<i>d.</i>	66	Sharon,	Farmer,	Married,	Sharon. ⁶
Thomaston,	GEORGE A. STOUGHTON,	<i>r.</i>	64	Plymouth,	Banker,	Married,	Thomaston. ¹
Torrington,	JAMES A. CARPENTER,	<i>r.</i>	42	England,	Mill Overseer,	Married,	Torrington.
"	ELIAS PRATT,	<i>r.</i>	39	Essex,	Physician,	Married,	Torrington.
Warren,	WILLIAM FORESTELLE,	<i>d.</i>	42	Warren,	Farmer,	Married,	Warren. ⁷
Washington,	POWELL G. SEELEY,	<i>r.</i>	41	Washington,	F'rmer & M'ch't,	Married,	Washington.
"	GEORGE A. TOMLINSON,	<i>r.</i>	54	Bellport, N. Y.,	Merchant,	Married,	Marbledale.
Watertown,	ALBERT A. STONE,	<i>d.</i>	51	Sharon,	Bookkeeper,	Married,	Oakville.
Woodbury,	EDWARD COWLES,	<i>r.</i>	69	Bethlehem,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Woodbury.
"	CHARLES S. CURTISS,	<i>r.</i>	42	Woodbury,	Farmer,	Married,	No. Woodbury.

¹ House, 1873.² House, 1835.³ House, 1881.⁴ House, 1891.⁵ House, 1880, 1897.⁶ House, 1889.⁷ House, 1893.

Republicans, 20 ; Democrats, 20 ; Gold Democrat, 1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Middletown,	ROBERT G. PIKE,	<i>r.</i>	41	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Real Estate,	Married,	Middletown.
"	CHARLES W. WARNER,	<i>r.</i>	35	Middletown,	Prop'r Granitewks.	Married,	Middletown.
Haddam,	WILBUR F. SMITH,	<i>d.</i>	58	Haddam,	Farmer & Lum. D'ler,	Married,	Higgenum.
"	IRVING T. SHAILER,	<i>d.</i>	33	Haddam,	Farmer,	Single,	Tylerville.
Chatham,	WILLIAM B. TIBBALS,	<i>r.</i>	45	Chatham,	Mechanic,	Widower,	Cobalt.
"	GWINNETT CARPENTER,	<i>r.</i>	54	East Hampton,	Farmer,	Married,	East Hampton.
Chester,	ANDREW E. WARNER,	<i>r.</i>	60	Chester,	Farmer,	Single,	Chester.
Clinton,	Z. SILAS WELLMAN,	<i>r.</i>	47	Clinton,	Farmer,	Married,	Clinton.
Cromwell,	*WILLIAM R. McDONALD,	<i>r.</i>	57	Nova Scotia,	Merchant,	Married,	Cromwell.
Durham,	WILBUR L. DAVIS,	<i>r.</i>	33	Durham,	Farmer,	Married,	Durham C't'r.
"	JOHN R. SMITH,	<i>r.</i>	37	Hudson, N. Y.,	Painter,	Married,	Durham.
E. Haddam,	WILLIAM H. SCOVILLE,	<i>r.</i>	41	East Haddam,	Co. Commiss'er,	Married,	East Haddam.
"	NORRIS W. RATHBUN,	<i>r.</i>	39	East Haddam,	Farmer,	Married,	Millington.
Essex,	FRANK R. GALLAHER,	<i>d.</i>	39	Up'r Alton, Ill.,	Retired,	Single,	Essex.
Killingworth,	CHARLES N. DAVIS,	<i>d.</i>	52	Killingworth,	Farmer,	Married,	Killingworth.
"	J. SHERMAN GRISWOLD,	<i>d.</i>	49	Killingworth,	Farmer,	Married,	Killingworth.
Middlefield,	CHARLES N. BURNHAM,	<i>r.</i>	41	East Haddam,	Merchant,	Married,	Middlefield.
Old Saybrook,	HENRY I. CLARK,	<i>r.</i>	58	Old Saybrook,	Farmer,	Married,	Saybrook.
Portland,	GEORGE C. BELL,	<i>r.</i>	40	Portland,	Merchant,	Married,	Portland.
Saybrook,	HENRY M. SNELL,	<i>r.</i>	38	Taunton, Mass.,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Deep River.
"	FREDERIC W. WILLIAMS,	<i>r.</i>	72	Essex,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Deep River. ¹
Westbrook,	CARLOS H. CHAPMAN,	<i>r.</i>	58	Westbrook,	Farmer,	Married,	Westbrook.

¹ House, 1876, 1877.

* Charles B. Frisbie, House of 1897, served until January 11.

Republicans, 17 ; Democrats, 5.

TOLLAND COUNTY.

Town.	Name.	Pol.	Age.	Birth-Place.	Occupation.	Married or Single.	P.O. Address
Tolland,	ALBERT D. STEDMAN,	d.,	48	Tolland,	Farmer,	Married,	Rockville.
"	*FRANK A. NEWMAN,	d.,	42	New Bedford, Mass.	Beltmaker,	Married,	Tolland.
Andover,	EDGAR D. WHITE,	d.,	50	Andover,	Farmer,	Married,	Andover.
Bolton,	CHARLES N. LOOMIS, Jr.,	d.,	26	Bolton,	Farmer,	Single,	Bolton.
Columbia,	FREDERICK A. HUNT,	r.,	42	Columbia,	Farmer,	Married,	Columbia.
Coventry,	ALEXAN'R S. HAWKINS,	d.,	60	Griswold,	F'm'r & Teach'r,	Married,	Willimantic. ¹
"	HENRY C. WALKER,	d.,	48	Coventry,	Farmer,	Married,	Coventry.
Ellington,	CHARLES A. THOMPSON,	r.,	37	Ellington,	Farmer & Mfr.,	Married,	Melrose. ²
Hebron,	FRANCIS G. WALDO,	r.,	53	Hebron,	Farmer,	Married,	Hopevale.
"	FRANK R. POST,	r.,	46	Hebron,	Farmer,	Widower,	Hebron. ³
Mansfield,	GEORGE P. HANKS,	d.,	63	Mansfield,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Spring Hill.
"	FRED O. VINTON,	r.,	34	Mansfield,	Merchant,	Married,	Eagleville. ⁴
Somers,	JAMES A. THOMPSON,	r.,	52	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Master Mech'ic,	Married,	Somersville.
"	FRANKLIN V. KIBBE,	r.,	55	Somers,	Farmer,	Married,	Somers.
Stafford,	RICHARD G. BEEBE,	d.,	41	Stafford,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Stafford. ⁵
"	OSCAR W. SANFORD,	r.,	71	Fall River, Mass.,	Carpenter,	Married,	Stafford.
Union,	ROBERT E. WEBSTER,	r.,	37	Union,	Farmer,	Married,	Union.
"	FRANCIS L. UPHAM,	r.,	46	Union,	Farmer,	Married,	Staffordville.
Vernon,	FRANCIS T. MAXWELL,	r.,	37	Rockville,	Manufacturer,	Married,	Rockville.
"	EDWARD A. KUHNLY,	r.,	47	Greenville,	Merchant,	Married,	Rockville.
Willington,	ORIGIN HALL,	r.,	54	Stafford,	Machinist,	Married,	So. Willington.
"	CHARLES H. BROWN,	r.,	40	Boston, Mass.,	Clergyman,	Married,	Willington.

* John S. Usher, House of 1897, served until January 18.

¹ House, 1879, 1884.

² House, 1897.

³ House, 1879.

⁴ House, 1895.

⁵ House, 1881.

Republicans, 14 ; Democrats, 8.

Total Republicans, 180 ; Democrats, 69 ; Gold Democrats, 2 ; National Democrat, 1.

TELLERS.—Sec. 1, Mr. GALLAHER, of Essex ; Sec. 2, Mr. BOWERS, of Manchester ; Sec. 3, Mr. VINTON, of Mansfield ; Sec. 4, Mr. SHERWOOD, of Fairfield.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CLERK.—FRANK E. HEALY, r., Lawyer, Windsor Locks (P. O., Hartford.)

ASSISTANT CLERK.—GEORGE E. HINMAN, r., Lawyer, Windham (P. O., Willimantic.)

CHAPLAIN.—Rev. CLARENCE H. BARBER, Manchester.

MESSENGERS.—LEON T. WILSON, Putnam ; ERNEST C. RUSCOE, Wilton ; FRANK W. GRISWOLD, Goshen ; ARTHUR W. GLOVER, Windsor Locks.

DOORKEEPERS.—SAMUEL A. FLIGHT, Hamden ; FRANK W. CLARK, Milford ; GUSTAV A. EIGEL, Chatham ; GEORGE W. ROUSE, Norwich ; GEORGE B. BRADFORD, Montville ; GEORGE TOWNE, Union.

CLERK OF BILLS.—SAMUEL A. EDDY, North Canaan (P. O., Canaan) ; Assistant, GEORGE A. HOLCOMBE, Hartford.

ASSISTANTS TO SUPERINTENDENT (for session).—In charge of Committee rooms, JEDEDIAH R. GAY, Montville ; HOWARD G. HUBBELL, Bridgeport ; CHARLES O. LINDEBORG, New Britain

COAT ROOM MESSENGERS.—*Republican Side*, JAMES H. WILKINS, New Haven.

Democratic Side, FRED C. DIBBLE, East Granby.

COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Agriculture—Room 50, 3d fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Day. House Chairman, Mr. Palmer of Lisbon; Clerk, Mr. Seeley of Washington; Messrs. Jewett of Hampton, Pickett of Sherman, Granger of East Windsor, Newton of Granby, Spaulding of Cheshire, White of Andover.

Appropriations—Room 26, 2d fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Muzzy. House Chairman, Mr. Barnes of Southington; Clerk, Mr. Stirling of Bridgeport; Messrs. Forestelle of Warren, Bulkley of Wethersfield, Gardner of Ansonia, McCall of Lebanon, Atwood of Plainfield, Bronson of Winchester.

Assignment of Seats (House)—Chairman, Mr. Whittlesey of New London; Clerk, Mr. —; Messrs. Mead of Greenwich, Bradley of Branford.

Banks—Room 73, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Barnes. House Chairman, Mr. Rowe of Winchester; Clerk, Mr. Sherwood of Fairfield; Messrs. Gaines of Hartland, Johnson of Sterling, Gardner of Ansonia, Smith of Durham, DeWolf of Salem, Mullaey of Windsor.

Capitol, Furniture, and Grounds—Comptroller's office. Chairman, Senator Plimpton. House Chairman, Mr. Pratt of East Hartford; Clerk, Mr. Brown of Colchester; Messrs. Smith of Lebanon, O'Donnell of Cornwall, Page of Naugatuck, Basham of Middlebury, Rice of Stamford, Carey of Scotland.

Cities and Boroughs—Room 60, 3d fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Goodrich. House Chairman, Mr. Hathaway of Manchester; Clerk, Mr. Gourley of Windsor Locks; Messrs. Gilmour of Norwich, Davis of Hamden, Nichols of Monroe, Martin of Harwinton, Thompson of Ellington, Marble of New Hartford.

Claims—Room 6, 1st fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Smith. House Chairman, Mr. Whittlesey of New London; Clerk, Mr. Leavitt of Woodstock; Messrs. Sumner of Eastford, Woodruff of Milford, Deming of Colebrook, Carter of Plainville, Keefer of Ridgefield, Warner of Middletown.

Constitutional Amendments (Joint)—Room 72, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Vinal. House Chairman, Mr. Williams of Saybrook; Clerk, Mr. Leonard of Windsor; Messrs. Smith of Lebanon, Clark of Woodbridge, Thompson of Thompson, Nichols of Trumbull, Chapman of Montville, Martin of Barkhamsted.

Constitutional Amendments (House)—Room 72, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Mr. Light of Norwalk. Clerk, Mr. Bowers of Manchester; Messrs. Jennings of Fairfield, Clarke of New Hartford, Chase of Thompson, Hawkins of Coventry, Brady of New Britain, Beebe of Stafford.

Contested Elections (Senate)—Chairman, Senator Hall (24th District). Clerk, Senator Smith; Senator Whitlock.

Contested Elections (House)—Chairman, Mr. King of Windham. Clerk, Mr. Whitney of Sharon; Mr. Gordon of Enfield.

Contingent Expenses (Senate)—Chairman, Senator Keefer. Clerk, Senator Skidmore; Senator Kendall.

Contingent Expenses (House)—Chairman, Mr. Gates of Windham. Clerk, Mr. Pratt of Torrington; Mr. Gourley of Windsor Locks.

Education—Room 42, 2d fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Mitchell. House Chairman, Mr. Wright of Pomfret. Clerk, Mr. Brown of Colchester; Messrs. Meigs of Madison, Rathbun of East Haddam, Filler of Bloomfield, Bridgman of Norfolk, Brown of Wilton, Kulhny of Vernon.

Engrossed Bills—Room 33, 2d fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Kendall and Senator Skidmore. House Chairman, Mr. Freeman of Hartford. Clerk, Mr. Mills of Bristol.

Executive Nominations—Chairman, Senator Muzzy. Clerk, Senator Mitchell; Senator Callahan.

Federal Relations—Room 76, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Barnham. House Chairman, Mr. Forbes of East Hartford. Clerk, Mr. Raymond of Preston; Messrs. Warner of Chester, Jewett of Lyme, Hunt of Columbia, Bennett of New Milford, Johnson of Canterbury, Davis of Oxford.

Finance—Room 6, 1st fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Burton. House Chairman, Mr. Roberts of Hartford. Clerk, Mr. Tucker of Ansonia; Messrs. Gates of Windham, Stoughton of Thomaston, Osborn of Norwalk, Post of Hebron, Enders of West Hartford, Smith of Haddam.

Fisheries and Game—Room 66, 4th fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Olcott. House Chairman, Mr. Pike of Middletown. Clerk, Mr. Fanton of Weston; Messrs. Holt of North Canaan, Allen of Groton, Welden of Simsbury, Wood of South Windsor, Linnell of Plainfield, Miles of Milford.

Forfeited Rights—Room 75, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Callahan. House Chairman, Mr. Atwater of Seymour; Clerk, Mr. Fay of Pomfret; Messrs. Stone of Watertown, Edwards of Easton, Barnes of East Windsor, Saunders of Old Lyme, Jeralds of Prospect, Taintor of Colchester.

Humane Institutions—Room 79, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Chittenden. House Chairman, Mr. Brown of Willington; Clerk, Mr. Lanyon of Cheshire; Messrs. Belden of Canaan, Bowers of Manchester, Perry of Putnam, Luke of Danbury, Burnham of Middlefield, Jones of Preston.

Incorporations—Senate Ante-Room. Chairman, Senator Welch. House Chairman, Mr. Light of Norwalk; Clerk, Mr. Patten of North Haven; Messrs. Carpenter of Torrington, Hardin of Glastonbury, Bugbee of Putnam, Mead of Greenwich, Snell of Saybrook, Gallaher of Essex.

Insurance—Room 7, 1st fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Plimpton. House Chairman, Mr. Maxwell of Vernon; Clerk, Mr. Williams of Killingly; Messrs. Marston of Stonington, Hubbell of Derby; Wright of Goehen, Gordon of Enfield, Knapp of Greenwich, Tibbals of Chatham.

Judiciary—Supreme Court Room. Chairman, Senator Vinal. House Chairman, Mr. Kenaly of Stamford; Clerk, Mr. Higgins of Norwich; Messrs. King of Windham, Freeman of Hartford, Hall of Stratford, Hinckley of Stonington, Durant of Waterbury, Woodruff of Litchfield.

Judicial Nominations—Lieut.-Governor's Room. Chairman, Senator Barnes. House Chairman, Mr. Bowers of Manchester; Clerk, Mr. Ray-

mond of Preston; Messrs. Briggs of Voluntown, Carpenter of Torrington, Rosier of Guilford, Clark of Glastonbury, Houlihan of Newtown, Griswold of Killingworth.

Labor—Room 46, 3d fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Hall (5th District). House Chairman, Mr. Hodgkinson of Wallingford; Clerk, Mr. Harmon of Suffield; Messrs. Bent of Enfield, Perry of Huntington, Buteau of Sprague, Warren of Lyme, Walker, of Coventry, Wellman of Clinton.

Legislative Expenses—Chairman, Senator Mitchell. House Chairman, Mr. Hathaway of Manchester; Clerk, Mr. Rowe of Winchester; Messrs. Bell of Darien, Harrigan of Litchfield, Luce of East Lyme, Gaines of Hartland, Brady of New Britain, Brooks of Guilford.

Manual and Roll—Chairman, Senator Hall (5th District). House Chairman, Mr. Bowen of Killingly; Clerk, Mr. Taintor of Colchester; Mr. Chase of Kent.

Manufactures—Room 76, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Whitlock. House Chairman, Mr. Ellsbree of Meriden; Clerk, Mr. Payne of Berlin; Messrs. Cowles of Woodbury, Clark of Southington, Briggs of Voluntown, Todd of Redding, Brady of New Britain, Hanks of Mansfield.

Military Affairs—Room 15, 1st fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Pendleton. House Chairman, Mr. Godfrey of Bridgeport; Clerk, Mr. Luce of East Lyme; Messrs. Thompson of Somers, Fox of Harwinton, Williams of Brooklyn, Baldwin of Beacon Falls, Moore of New Britain, Lanphere of Waterford.

New Counties and County Seats—Room 79, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Chittenden. House Chairman, Mr. Brett of Waterbury; Clerk, Mr. Clarke of New Hartford; Messrs. Carpenter of Chatham, Austin of Marlborough, Page of Morris, Merriman of Avon, Doolittle of Bethany, Kendrick of Wallingford.

New Towns and Probate Districts—Room 79, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Keeler. House Chairman, Mr. Bree of New Haven; Clerk, Mr. Denison of Groton; Messrs. Green of Brookfield, Miller of Hartland, Greene of Canterbury, Conklin of Salisbury, Kibbe of Somers, Shailer of Haddam.

Public Health and Safety—Room 72, 4th fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Haven. House Chairman, Mr. Pratt of Torrington; Clerk, Mr. Thomas of Orange; Messrs. Strunz of Bristol, Coats of North Stonington, Chase of Thompson, Hoyt of New Canaan, Davis of Durham, Curtiss of Cornwall.

Putnam Memorial Camp—Room 67, 4th fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Whitlock. House Chairman, Mr. Bell of Portland; Clerk, Mr. Loomis of Bolton; Messrs. Churchill of Newington, Tomlinson of Washington, Gorham of Redding, St. John of Sharon, Crofut of Roxbury, Austin of Plymouth.

Railroads—Room 41, 3d fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Kendall. House Chairman, Mr. Spencer of Suffield; Clerk, Mr. Vinton of Mansfield; Messrs. Scoville of East Haddam, Porter of Goshen, Edmond of Griswold, Stevens of North Branford, Jennings of Westport, Kennedy of Derby.

Roads, Bridges, and Rivers—Room 65, 4th fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Hall (24th District). House Chairman, Mr. Wadsworth of Farmington; Clerk, Mr. Bowen of Killingly; Messrs. McDonald of Cromwell, Hoyt of Ridgefield, Eno of Simsbury, Hall of Willington, Ellsbree of Meriden, Curtiss of Woodbury.

Rules (Senate)—Senator Welch.

Rules (House)—Chairman, Mr. Hall of Stratford; Clerk, Mr. Atwater of Seymour; Mr. Raymond of Preston.

Rules (Joint)—Chairman, Senator Welch. House Chairman, Mr. Kenecal of Stamford; Clerk, Mr. Bronson of Winchester; Messrs. Deming of Rocky Hill, Warner of Middletown, Newman of Tolland, Case of Barkhamsted, Slater of Farmington, Chapman of Montville.

Sale of Lands—Comptroller's Office. Chairman, Senator Hall (5th District). House Chairman, Mr. Rudd of Salisbury; Clerk, Mr. Clark of Old Saybrook, Messrs. Harrison of Wolcott; Messenger of Granby, Kilroy of Bozrah, Sanford of Stafford, Keating of Newtown, Wright of Ashford.

School Fund—Room 7, 1st fl., E. side. Chairman, Senator Skidmore. House Chairman, Mr. Beebe of Stafford; Clerk, Mr. Lyon of Ashford; Messrs. Lanphere of Waterford, Thompson of Bethlehem, Upham of Union, Bell of Darien, Mitchell of Southbury, Edwards of Canton.

Senate Appointments (Special)—Chairman, Senator Jackson. Clerk, Senator Skidmore; Senator Hall (24th District).

State Library—Chairman, Senator Haven. House Chairman, Thomas of Orange; Clerk, Mr. Bridgeman of Norfolk; Mr. Porter of Bethel.

State Prison—Room 53, 3d fl., W. side. Chairman, Senator Burnham. House Chairman, Mr. Cary of North Stonington; Clerk, Mr. Snow of Norfolk; Messrs. Gallup of Chaplin, Taylor of Danbury, Chapman of Westbrook, Woodhouse of Wethersfield, Couch of Meriden, Webster of Union.

Temperance—Room 80, 4th fl., W. Side. Chairman, Senator Jackson. House Chairman, Mr. Granville of East Haven; Clerk, Mr. Knapp of New Fairfield; Messrs. Phelps of East Granby, Greenall of Franklin, Hall of Woodstock, Gallup of Ledyard, Mallett of Bridgewater, Stedman of Tolland.

Unfinished Business—Chairman, Senator Whitlock. House Chairman, Mr. Stoughton of Thomaston; Clerk, Mr. Forbes of New Haven; Mr. Vining of Colebrook.

Woman Suffrage—Chairman, Senator Lounsbury. House Chairman, Mr. Rice of Stamford; Clerk, Mr. Coats of North Stonington; Messrs. Gorman of Naugatuck, Davis of Killingworth, Morris of Burlington, Buck of New Milford, Whitney of Sharon, Waldo of Hebron.

Farmers' Association.—Room 60, 3d fl., E. side. President, Mr. Wadsworth of Farmington. Vice-President, Mr. Fanton of Weston; Secretary, Mr. Warner of Chester.

Veteran Association—Room 67, 4th fl., E. side. President, Senator Lounsbury. Vice-Presidents, Senator Vidal and Mr. Conch of Meriden; Secretary, Mr. Barnes of Southington.



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MAJOR GENERAL ISRAEL PUTNAM.
(Engraved from the Painting by Thompson in the Governor's room, Capitol.)



Very truly yours.

George E. Lounsbury.

GOVERNOR.

HON. GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY.

GOVERNOR.

Hon. George E. Lounsbury, elected Governor of Connecticut on November 8, 1898, is the fifth child of the late Nathan and Delia Scofield Lounsbury, and was born May 7, 1838, in Poundridge, Westchester County, New York. He is the sixth in descent from Richard Lounsbury and Elizabeth Dubois, who settled in Rye—then a part of the Colony of Connecticut—about the year 1650, and whose land purchased from the Indians is still known as "The Lounsbury Farm." His grandfather, Enos Lounsbury, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. Though born out of the State, Mr. Lounsbury is virtually a native of Connecticut, as his father and all his ancestors were natives of Stamford. In the Spring of 1839, when only a few months old, he came with his parents to Ridgefield to the farm which for forty nine years has been his home. His early education was that of the district schools and in these he taught from his seventeenth to his twentieth year, when he entered Yale College, from which he graduated in 1863 with distinguished honor. He studied theology and passed his examinations for the diaconate and the priesthood, graduating from the Berkeley School at Middletown in 1866. For a year, as deacon, he had charge of the Episcopal parishes in Thompsonville and Suffield. A serious throat trouble compelled him to decline to take the vows of the priesthood, and in 1867, with his brother, Phineas C. Lounsbury, he went into the business of manufacturing boots and shoes, in which business he is still extensively engaged as a member of the firm of Lounsbury, Mathewson & Co. at South Norwalk.

He ran for office for the first time in 1894, when he was elected State Senator from the Twelfth District by an unprecedented majority. In the Legislature of 1895 he was Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and his work in legislation was so acceptable that he was renominated in 1896 by acclamation and re-elected by more than twice his majority of two years before. In the Legislature of 1897 he was Chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions. The Reformatory and other matters of importance were referred to this Committee, and its reports were received with almost unanimous approval by the Legislature and people of the State. In the Republican State Convention held at New Haven on September 15th, 1898, Mr. Lounsbury was nominated for Governor on the first ballot, receiving nearly three-fourths of all the votes cast. The election in November was a tidal wave. The Republicans swept the State by a majority which has been exceeded only twice in the history of that party.

Mr. Lounsbury was married in 1894 to Mrs. Frances Josephine Whedon, daughter of Joseph J. Potwin, of Amherst, Mass. His brother, Phineas C. Lounsbury, was Governor of Connecticut in 1887 and 1888.



J. Francis Calef

SURGEON-GENERAL.

General J. Francis Calef, M. D., of Middletown, surgeon-general, was born in Middletown, October 14, 1855, and is the eldest son of former State Treasurer Hon. Arthur B. Calef. He is a lineal descendant of Robert Calef of Boston, the sturdy opponent of witchcraft two hundred years ago, and connected through his father with Major General Joseph Warren, who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, Daniel Webster, and Ebenezer Eastman, a revolutionary officer. Through his mother he is a lineal descendant of Colonel Asa Foster of the Continental army.

Dr. Calef graduated with honors from the Middletown high school and from Wesleyan University class of 1877, taking prizes in natural science and winning special honors in chemistry. He was also a member of his class crew. He was graduated from Yale Medical College in the class of '80, and during his last year at Yale was assistant to Professor Benjamin Silliman in the chemical laboratory. Declining hospital appointment, which he had won in competitive examination, he at once established himself in Middletown, where he practiced over a year. Ten active years were then spent in Cromwell, after which he returned to Middletown and bought

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and fitted the handsome residence and offices on Broad street which he has since occupied.

Dr. Calef enjoys a very large and lucrative practice and is one of the leading physicians of the state. He was for a number of years a member of the school board and has held other positions of trust. From 1880 to 1886 he was secretary of the Middlesex County Medical Society. During that time he took a prominent part in the enactment by the Legislature of the present coroner's law, upon the passage of which he was appointed medical examiner, which position he has ever since held. Dr. Calef is medical examiner for many of the strongest life insurance companies in the country. In 1892 he was vice-president of the Alumni Association of Wesleyan University and for several years he has been vice-president of the incorporated association of the Psi Upsilon Chapter. In 1897-'98 he was president of the Middlesex County Medical Society.

Dr. Calef has taken a deep interest in the Connecticut Medical Society, having been elected a Fellow three times, twice a member of the nominating committee and several times a delegate to other state societies. For several years he has been a member of the State examining committee representing the Connecticut Medical Society, and during the last two years chairman of the medicolegal committee of the same society. A number of the papers he has presented before that body have been honored by review in foreign medical journals. For years Dr. Calef has advocated the need of a thoroughly equipped hospital in Middletown, and at the meeting of the County Medical Society in 1895 secured their unanimous endorsement of the project. He was then selected as one of the five members of the society to obtain a charter from the General Assembly for the Middlesex hospital. Since that time he has been a trustee of the institution. For several years Dr. Calef was, by the Governor of the State, selected to investigate the mental condition of criminals believed to be insane or to have recovered their reason.

Since the establishment of city health officers, October 1, 1895, Dr. Calef has held that position. Knowing that by reason of its salubrious situation Middletown must needs be a healthful city if preventable diseases could be eliminated, stringent measures were at once adopted to accomplish that end. The result has been that the annual total mortality of the city was lower in 1898 than in 1894 and the rate of infant mortality greatly reduced. During his service the sanitary condition of the city has been greatly improved and no serious epidemic has gained a foothold, although smallpox, diphtheria and scarlet fever have several times been brought into the city. Dr. Calef is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York Academy of Medicine, the Sons of the American Revolution, associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Patron of Husbandry, and a member of other benevolent societies.

April 10, 1883, he married Laura Dart, daughter of Dr. Ira Hutchinson of Cromwell, Conn. Their children are, Lucy Foster, born April 9, 1884, died in infancy; Edith Dart, born December 1, 1885; Irene Hutchinson, born April 9, 1891; Arthur Benjamin, 3rd, born July 28, 1892.



John W. Atwood

PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

General John Walter Atwood of Plainfield, Paymaster-General and representative from Plainfield is the son of James S. and Julia A. M. Atwood and was born at Wauregan, town of Plainfield, May 18, 1864. He received his education in the private and public schools at Wauregan and later at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Sheffield Scientific school, Yale College. After leaving college he entered Wauregan mills to learn cotton manufacturing and in 1888 he was made superintendent, which position he still successfully holds, and is also owner of large manufacturing interests. He has always been a staunch republican, but prior to the present session of the Legislature never held any public office. He was a popular and valuable member of the important Committee on Appropriations and gained a large circle of friends at the Capitol. He was Commissary-General on Governor Lounsbury's staff until July 1, when, on the resignation of General H. O. Averill, he was appointed Paymaster-General. He has done much towards making Wauregan one of the best and prettiest manufacturing villages in the state. He richly deserves continued honors.

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H. O. Averill

PAYMASTER-GENERAL—(RESIGNED).

General Heman O. Averill of Washington, Paymaster-General, resigned, was born in Washington, August 20, 1856, on the Averill homestead, the birthplace and residence of his lineal ancestors since 1746. He was educated in the public schools, Whittlesey Seminary and the scientific department of Oberlin College. He has held nearly all the local or town offices at one time or another. He was a member of the House during the famous deadlock session of 1891 and represented the Twentieth district in the Senate in 1895. In 1893 he helped to organize the Washington Seed & Supply Company, becoming its first secretary and treasurer. He has since been elected president, which position he now holds. Mr. Averill is past master of Washington Grange No. 11, P. of H., and Excelsior Pomona Grange No. 7, P. of H., also of Rising Sun Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M. At the last general election he was elected judge of probate for the district of Washington. On July 1, 1899, he resigned the position of Paymaster-General, to accept the appointment of Governor Lounsbury as State Commissioner on Domestic Animals.

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Geo. H. Cowell.

JUDGE-ADVOCATE GENERAL.

General George Hubert Cowell of Waterbury, Judge-Advocate General, was born in Waterbury, March 25, 1840. He studied in the local high school and at Wilbraham Academy, and was graduated at Yale in 1868. In the following year he received the degree of LL. B. at Columbia Law School. He was judge of the Waterbury city court from 1877 to 1883, deputy judge of the Waterbury district court from 1887 to 1893, judge of the city court from 1895 to 1897 and was appointed judge of the district court for four years from 1897. He served as assistant clerk and clerk of the House and Senate from 1871 to 1873. In 1875 and '76 he was chief clerk of the post-office department in Washington. His military experience was as first lieutenant of Company A, Second regiment, C. N. G., from 1871 to 1875. He was grand master of the Odd Fellows in 1892 and is a member of the Knights Templar, the Royal Arcanum, the Good Fellows, the Heptasophs, Improved Order of Red Men, Patrons of Husbandry and of the Sons of the Revolution. He was a valuable member of the House in 1895 and 1897, creditably serving on the Judiciary Committee both sessions. He was chairman of the republican town committee of Waterbury for six years and member of the state central committee for four years.

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John W. Lowe.

AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Colonel John W. Lowe of New Haven, aide-de-camp, was born in New Haven, April 25, 1859. He is the son of William Lowe, who was one of Connecticut's leading surgeons, and was educated in the public and normal schools and early in life started to study medicine and chemistry, entering the profession of pharmacy, which he has followed ever since. He was first elected to the common council in 1888 and served two years; he was then elected to the board of aldermen, where he served four years. Mr. Lowe is an ex-member of the New Haven Grays and Foot Guard. He was promoted from the ranks on the staff of Colonel Doherty of the Second regiment as paymaster with the rank of lieutenant and was reappointed by Colonel Burpee. He is a thorough military man, but has never allowed the fascination of militarism to induce him to neglect his business, which is that of a leading druggist in New Haven, at corner of Howard and Sylvan avenue. He has been vice-president of the Young Men's Republican Club and for six years represented Connecticut as vice-president of the National Republican League clubs. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and other societies, among them being Wooster Lodge of New Haven, Pulaski Chapter, Crawford Council, American Lodge, K. of P., Sterling Lodge, Order of United Workmen. Mr. Lowe married, Sept. 15, 1885, Miss Costella Z., daughter of the late George G. Bradley of New Haven, and has three sons and one daughter. Colonel Lowe is at present president of the Connecticut State Pharmaceutical Association, and is also treasurer of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Lowe has been conspicuous in politics and military affairs for many years. Probably no one of the three candidates had such strong support as he. Prominent republicans from all over the state urged his appointment, evincing the wide circle of his friendship. He has always been a strong republican and has always been foremost among the younger element of the town in promoting the party interests. Mr. Lowe, although living in a democratic ward, has carried it four times in the court of common council each term by an increased majority.



Isaac M. Ullman

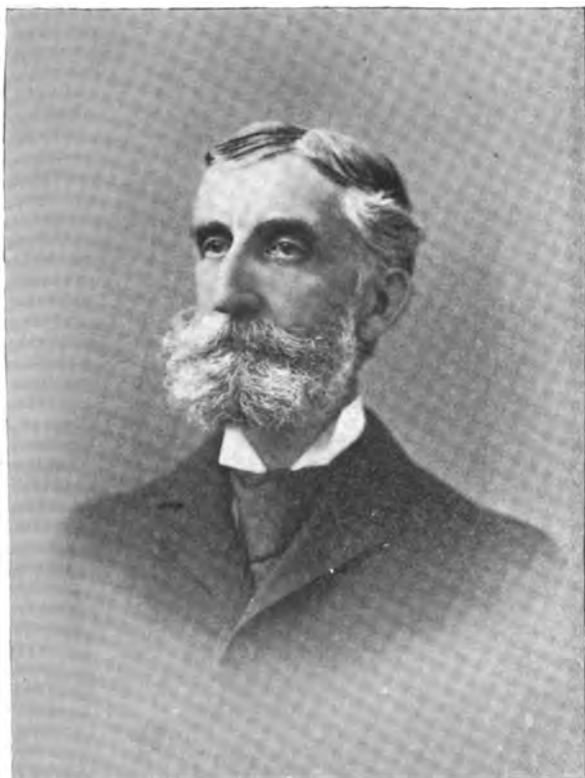
AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Colonel Isaac M. Ullman of New Haven, aide-de-camp, was born in New Haven thirty-five years ago and has ever since resided there. Colonel Ullman attended the public schools of New Haven until he was twelve years of age, when, his father dying, leaving a widow and five small children, the subject of this sketch being the oldest, he left school to render to his mother such pecuniary assistance as he could for the benefit of the family. At that time he entered the business house of Strouse, Adler & Co., of New Haven, one of the largest manufacturers of corsets in the country. Beginning as office boy Col. Ullman rapidly rose through the various intermediate positions until he became superintendent of the establishment, a position which he still holds.

Col. Ullman has always been an ardent republican and early began to take an active interests in the political affairs of the nation. Never seeking or desiring office for himself, although frequently importuned to do so, he has ever been ready to assist his friends in that direction and also in promoting the welfare of his party. His strength of character and recognized executive ability easily makes him a strong force in his community. He is one of the most active members of the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, and is one of the number whose efforts have made that club so successful and so potent a force in local politics.

About eight years ago Colonel Ullman married a daughter of Max Adler, President of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, and one child has blessed the union.

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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Hon. Lyman A. Mills, lieutenant-governor, was born in Middlefield (then a part of Middletown,) February 25, 1841, where he still lives. He is a son of the late Rev. Charles L. and Elizabeth Lyman Mills, and nephew of the late David Lyman. Prominent in the management and as an officer of the Metropolitan Manufacturing Company from a time not long after its origin in 1860—and recently manager of the Middlefield plant of The American Wringer Company, and at present managing the Gun Sight business of the late William Lyman. Mr. Mills has been a manufacturer nearly all his business life.

He has the care and management of various property and estate interests and is a director of the American Wringer Company, a trustee of the Middletown Savings Bank, president of The Levi E. Coe Library Association, and holds other positions of trust and responsibility. He has held important town offices by unanimous vote.

In 1895 he was a member of the State Legislature and served on the committee on Finance. On June 6, 1866, he married Jane Louisa, daughter of Alfred Andrews, of New Britain. Two children have blessed the union: Herbert Lee, born February 26, 1868, and Charles Rowland, born January 28, 1877.

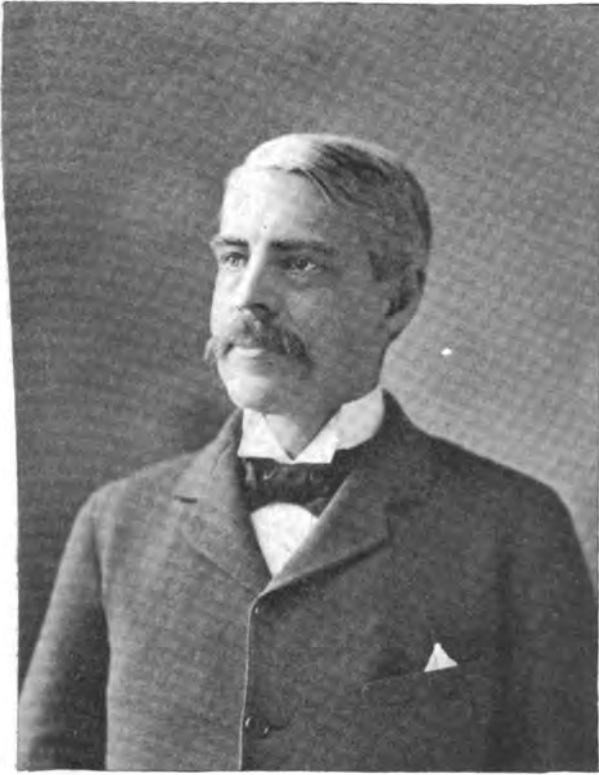
Aside from his other business pursuits Mr. Mills has been widely known for thirty years as a successful breeder of Jersey cattle and in all the lines in which his numerous activities have taken him, he has won an enviable name for honorable dealing as well as for exceptional business capacity. The able manner in which he presided over the Senate commanded universal approval and admiration.



Huber Clark

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Hon. Huber Clark of Windham, secretary of state, resides in the city of Willimantic. His parents were Aaron and Alpha M. Clark of Haddam, Middlesex county, where he commenced teaching in the common schools when eighteen years old. He afterward graduated from the State Normal school, New Britain, and studied two years at Charlotteville seminary, Schoharie county, New York. After leaving school he was principal of the High school at Portland for two years and also taught in East Bridgeport one year. He read law while teaching and in 1864 went to Denison, Iowa, where he remained two years, teaching school one year, and was admitted to the bar at the expiration of two years. Returning home he commenced the practice of law in Willimantic in March, 1866, where he has since continued to be a leading attorney and counsellor at law. On June 4, 1868, he married Marie C. Blood, daughter of the late Rev. Lorenzo W. Blood, formerly presiding elder of the Providence district. He was judge of the probate court for the district of Windham for thirteen years, and a member of the House of Representatives in the general assembly of 1872. In 1897 he was returned to the House of Representatives, served on the Judiciary Committee and was chairman of the Committee on Rules. He was one of the ablest debaters on the floor of the House, and established a reputation as a careful and judicious legislator, and a fearless advocate of whatever he believed to be right and just. He has devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his chosen profession, and has established a good and substantial practice. He has ever been one of the most valued and painstaking of the town's officers and has hosts of friends and acquaintances who respect and esteem him for his sterling qualities.



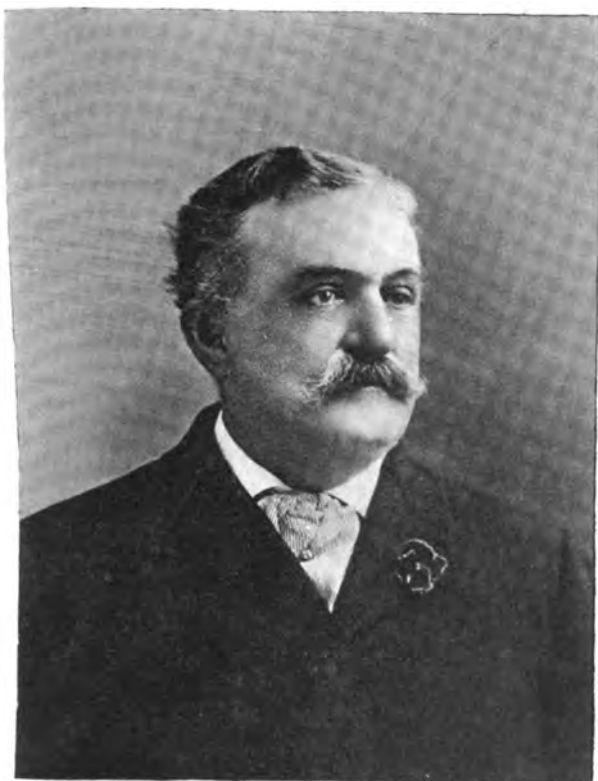
Charles S. Mersick

TREASURER.

Hon. Charles Smith Mersick of New Haven, treasurer, was born in New York City, December 13, 1840. He is the son of John Charles and Sarah (Daggett) Mersick. His father was born in Boston and his grandfather came from Austro-Hungary to Portsmouth, N. H., in 1800, settling in Boston a year later. His mother was the granddaughter of Naphthali Daggett, president of Yale college in 1776-7, and daughter of Richard Smith of Smithtown, Long Island, third of three generations of that name. Among the ancestors of Charles Smith Mersick were two governors of the American colonies, and many others prominent in civic and military life, from one of whom General U. S. Grant traced his ancestry. Mr. Mersick's early education was obtained in the public and private schools of New Haven, and from 1857 to the present time, with the exception of one year in New York city, he has been in the hardware and metal business on State street, New Haven. In 1881 Mr. Mersick was elected a director of the Merchant's National Bank in New Haven, and in 1889 he succeeded ex-Governor Bigelow to the presidency of that institution. In 1872 he was elected a member of the common council, and in 1894 and 1896 he was elected city treasurer of New Haven by a vote that attested his unusual popularity. His term as treasurer of the city does not expire until June, 1899. Mr. Mersick has had a large experience as a banker and in the handling of insolvent estates and he has a well-won reputation as a clear-headed, reliable business man. He is a director in the New Haven Savings Bank, and also in many manufacturing companies. He was a director in the New Haven Free Public Library and helped to establish it upon its present firm foundation. He was a charter member of the Republican League club and was active on its executive committee, and is one of the most popular republicans in New Haven, both in and out of the party.

In 1865 he married Ellen Louisa English, daughter of George D. English, and niece of the late ex-Governor James E. English. They have one child, a daughter, Mary English Mersick.

Mr. Mersick's popularity has been won by demonstrated worth, by loyalty to his party and to the welfare of his state in which he has ever taken a deep interest.

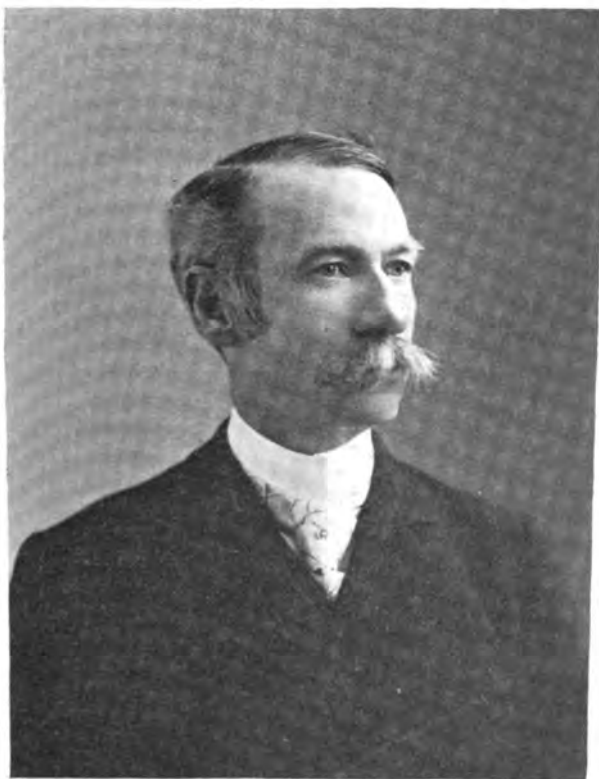


Thompson S. Grant

COMPTROLLER.

Hon. Thompson S. Grant of Enfield, state comptroller, was born in the town of Enfield, and with the exception of twelve years spent in business in New York city, has resided there all his life. He was born June 21, 1843, and belongs to one of the best known families of that part of the state, being son of the late Dr. H. A. Grant, surgeon-general of the state on the staff of the late Governor William A. Buckingham, the patriotic "War Governor," who is associated with all the illustrious men of that era. Mr. Grant had never filled public office till the election of 1896, when his fellow citizens elected him to the Assembly in 1897, where he was of great service upon several special committees on which his experience and practical abilities enabled him to do effective work. He is of excellent business judgment and strict integrity and is admirably fitted for the responsible position to which he has been chosen. Mr. Grant manages a large farm on Enfield street and is also a wholesale dealer in leaf tobacco, and is extensively and favorably known to the cultivators of that product. He is chairman of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Enfield and enjoys to a high degree the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens and a large circle of friends throughout the state. His wife died September 13, 1894, and two children born to them were also taken away by death.

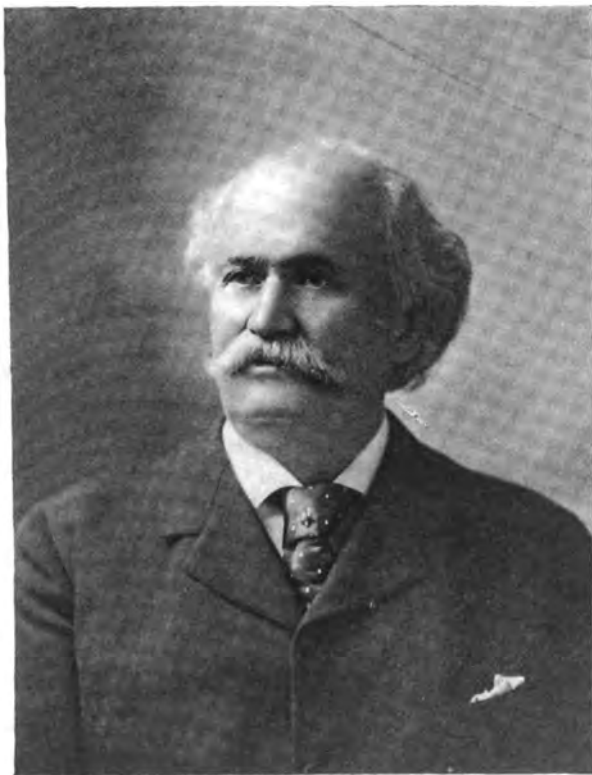
His election to the office was a source of unbounded satisfaction to his fellow citizens of both parties.



Charles Phelps -

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Hon. Charles Phelps of Rockville, chosen secretary of state for Connecticut in the election of 1896, was nominated by the republicans for the position of attorney-general of the state in 1898, and was elected by a large majority. The office is a new one, and Mr. Phelps is the first official of that rank which the state has ever had. He was also the only state official renominated for office on the new ticket of 1898. Mr. Phelps was born in East Hartford, August 10, 1852. His father was the Rev. B. C. Phelps, a retired Methodist clergyman, who lived in Vernon. Mr. Phelps was educated at the East Greenwich Academy, and at Wesleyan University from which last mentioned institution he was graduated in 1875. He then began to study law in the office of Hon. B. H. Bill, of Rockville, and was admitted to the bar in 1877. He began the practice of the law in Tolland, but subsequently returned to Rockville, where for over twenty years he has done business, building up a very extensive practice and becoming known as one of the leading legal minds of the state. Mr. Phelps has been coroner of Tolland county since the institution of the office in 1883, and represented the town of Vernon in the assembly of 1885. His services in the legislature were of credit to himself and advantage to the town. In 1892 he was chosen senator from the twenty-third district and was one of the leaders on the republican side. It was an exceptional session, in that there were but two republican lawyers, Messrs. Phelps and Holcomb, in an evenly divided senate. When Rockville became a city, Senator Phelps was appointed city attorney and prosecuting attorney, which latter office he has held ever since. He has been engaged in many important legal cases, which he has conducted with marked ability and success, among them being those of the famous Utah Copper Belt mining claims, the case of J. J. Regan vs. the New York and New England Railroad Company, and Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston, in the Windemere suits. He brings to the office of attorney-general a training that especially fits him for the work. It is fortunate for the state that a republican of so much experience and ability as Mr. Phelps is its first Attorney-General. Mr. Phelps is very popular, has a wide circle of warm friends, and is high up in the ranks of Odd Fellowship.



L B Plimpton

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Hon. Linus Bacon Plimpton of Hartford, republican senator from the First district, is a native of Southbridge, Mass., where he was born June 28, 1830. In early manhood he engaged in various pursuits, mainly of a mercantile character, and in 1863 came to Hartford from Rockville and entered upon the business in which he has achieved a success second to no other envelope manufacturer in the country. He began in the Howard building on Asylum street, June, 1865, the manufacture of envelopes on a moderate scale of about 100,000 per day. The Plimpton Manufacturing Company was organized about 1873 with Mr. Plimpton as its president and general manager. In 1874, the company bid for the great stamp envelope contracts with the government, and were successful in their first bidding. The sensation in the paper circles occasioned by this result is yet remembered, and they have held the contract for twenty-four years.

The government work has always been conducted in a factory on Jewell street, independent of any other business. Large as have been the operations necessitated by this work, they have always been secondary to the company's manufacturing for the trade. This increased to such an extent that it finally outgrew the spacious quarters on Asylum street and in 1886 the company began the erection of the mammoth factory on Pearl street now occupied, and the output of envelopes has increased from 100,000 a day, the first year, to about 4,000,000 per day at present time.

Senator Plimpton has always been a stalwart and earnest republican. Until his election to the senate of 1897 he repeatedly had refused to be a candidate for an elective office. He was the capable chairman of the Committee on Insurance the last and the present session. He served two terms as a police commissioner of Hartford under the appointment of Mayor Bulkeley. He is a director in the Hartford Manila Company, and the Hartford, Manchester & Rockville Tramway Company. He is a Mason and a member of the Sons of American Revolution and also of the Hartford Club and Republican Club of New York.



E. S. Goodrich

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Hon. Elizur S. Goodrich of Wethersfield, republican senator from the Second district, was born in that town sixty-three years ago and has always held that his home though he has for years maintained a town residence which he occupies a portion of the year. He attended the schools of Wethersfield and Williston seminary, and on completing his education began active work and is to-day at the head of two of the largest corporations of Hartford. He was one of those interested in the Hartford and Wethersfield Horse Railroad Company, now the Hartford Street Railroad Company which began operations in 1863. He was made president of the road and, through the long fight which was finally crowned with success, he was the direct manager of the business. With the growth of the road the duties of the president became more and more arduous and he is to-day at the head of a system in which is invested millions of dollars of capital and which is considered by railroad authorities one of the best, if not absolutely the best in the country. While holding the reins of this great enterprise he has also been at the head of the Hartford & New York Transportation Company which operates the lines of steamers between Hartford and New York and all the freight and tow boats on the river. Taking the company when it had practically become bankrupt he has built it up to a good working basis, discarded the out-of-date steamers and built others which are in every way equal to the best of the Sound fleet. Mr. Goodrich's life is an example of the success which may be secured by natural acuteness and indomitable energy. He has never been an aspirant for political honors though an active supporter of the republican party and his election as a member of the General Assembly in 1895 was unsought. In that year he served on the Committee on Incorporations and Judiciary. He was chosen senator from the Second district, session 1897, by a large majority, and was re-elected the present session by the largest majority given any senator in the district. He was the efficient chairman of the leading Committee on Cities and Boroughs both sessions.



Geo. F. Kendall

DISTRICT NO. 3.

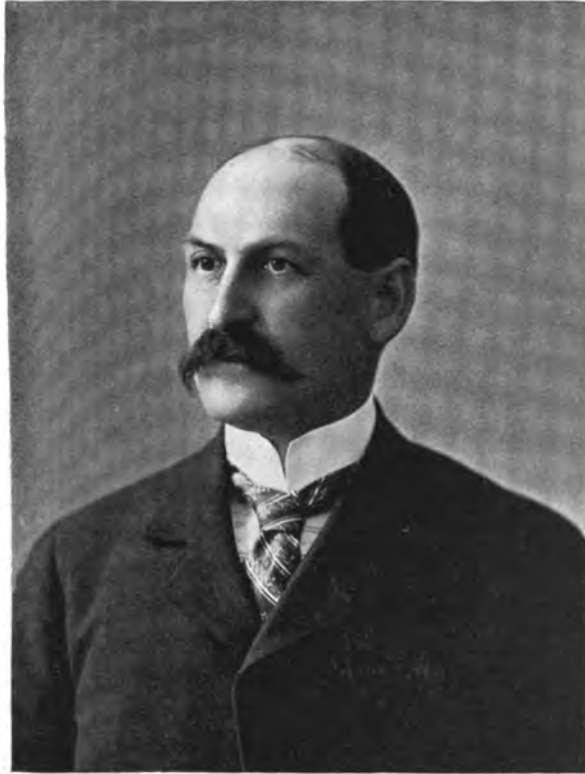
Hon. George F. Kendall of Suffield, republican senator from the Third district, was born in that town September 2, 1849, and was educated at the Suffield Literary institute, and Wesleyan academy. He was married October 6, 1870, to Miss Julia A. Cowing. He is an expert accountant, a staunch republican and has creditably held the offices of assessor, school visitor and other town offices. He was a prominent member of the General Assembly in 1887 and 1889, and was on the Committee on Appropriations, his first term, and chairman of the Committee on Roads and Bridges the second. He is a Knight Templar and a member of Sphinx Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He very acceptably served as chairman of the Railroad Committee in 1897 and the present session. He was also chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills and a member of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. On April 28, 1899, he was appointed by Governor Lounsbury Commissioner of Building and Loan Associations, for four years from July 1, 1899.



A. J. Muzzy

DISTRICT NO. 4.

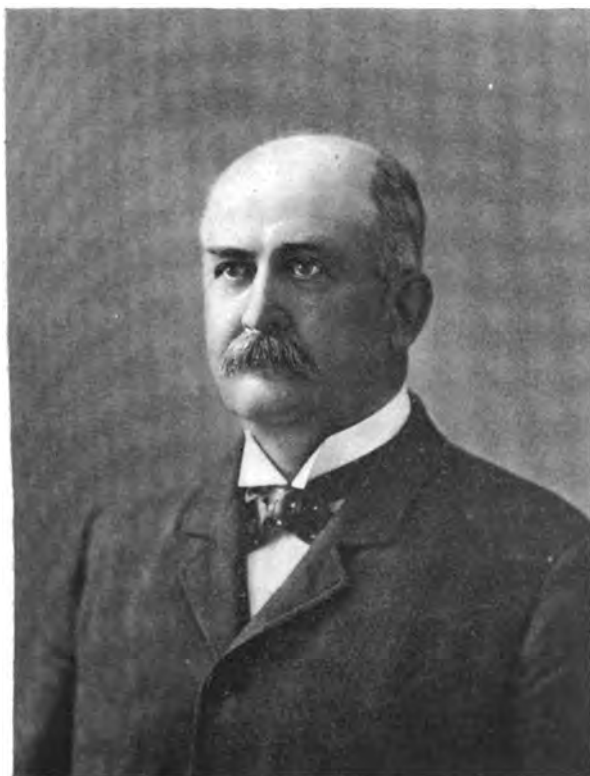
Hon. Adrian J. Muzzy of Bristol, republican senator from the Fourth district, is a highly honored native and merchant of Bristol, and was born January 24, 1851. He received an excellent education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen he formed a copartnership under the style of W. & A. J. Muzzy and carried on a flour and feed business at the old Downs' mill. In August of 1873, with T. F. Barbour, he opened a store for the sale of clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, under the name of Barbour & Muzzy. In September, 1876, he sold out his interests in W. & A. J. Muzzy and Barbour & Muzzy and succeeded O. B. Ives in the dry goods business at the Riverside Avenue store. In January of 1883 he admitted his brother, F. L. Muzzy, as a partner. The firm has built up, as it highly deserves, the largest business in that section of the state. Mr. Muzzy was the chief promoter, and one of the charter members of the Bristol and Plainville Tramway Co., and is at present a director and its secretary. He is also president of the Masonic Building Co., a member of the Masonic Chapter, Royal Arcanum, Son of the American Revolution and Country Club. On May 22, 1873, he married Florence E. Downs of Bristol. They have one child living, Adrienne F., born April 19, 1885. Mr. Muzzy is a wide awake republican and has served with distinction as a member of the town committee. He was a member of the House in the famous deadlock in 1891, and was the efficient clerk of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs in '07 and chairman of the important Committee on Appropriations and Executive Nominations this session. Among the other offices he has creditably held are: director of the Board of Trade, first vice-president and director of the Bristol Club, director of the Y. M. C. A., superintendent of the Cemetery Association and vestryman of Trinity church. Mr. Muzzy has always been one of the most enterprising and public spirited of Bristol's business men, actively taking the lead in all measures for the public welfare. He is popularly known as the "Bristol hustler," and being a man of high character and good attainments is greatly esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends.



Warren L. Hall.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Hon. Warren L. Hall of Waterbury, republican senator from the Fifth district, was born in Cheshire, May 21, 1856. He is a son of Charles and Amy (Morse) Hall. His ancestry on the side of his father is clearly traced back seven generations, he being a descendant of Pierre Bontecon, a trader and merchant who landed and settled in New York in 1689, taking an active part in the history of the old French church. Mr. Hall is president of the well known and popular W. L. Hall Company, wholesale grocers and provisioners. The firm do a large and ever increasing business, employing a large number of men. They have an office at 318 Washington street, New York. Mr. Hall was elected by the republicans of Waterbury to represent them in 1895 and 1897 in the General Assembly and creditably served them on the Committee on Banks the former session and as chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers the latter session. He is familiar with the municipal affairs of Waterbury, having had the honor of serving as councilman in 1894 and 1895, and alderman and president of the Board of Aldermen in 1896 and 1897. He was secretary of the Waterbury Board of Trade in 1893-94 and vice-president during the last four years. He is a prominent Odd Fellow and a member of the Red Men. Mr. Hall is the wide awake and enterprising president of the City Land and Improvement Company and of the Hillbright Land Company, each company doing business in New Haven County, developing and making hundreds of acres of land to blossom into handsome buildings and desirable lots. On December 14, 1881, he married Esther L. Andrews of Naugatuck. His residence is at 96 Cook street, where his estimable wife and two children, Lamont A. and Beatrice A., adorn and beautify his home. Mr. Hall this session was the efficient senate chairman of the Committees on Labor, Sale of Lands and Manual and Roll. He is a thorough gentlemen in every way and has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his town and county. His admirable qualities have gained for him a large circle of warm friends. He richly merits continued honors.



Samuel H. Chittenden

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Hon. Samuel H. Chittenden of Madison, republican senator from the Sixth district, was born in East River (Madison), November 18, 1845, and is the son of Samuel C. and Amanda (Munger) Chittenden and is seventh in line from Wm. Chittenden who came to Guilford in 1639, and was the Magistrate of the Plantation and Deputy to the General Court until his death. His father for many years carried on the lumber business at East River, starting it before the building of the N. H. & N. L. Railroad, bringing his lumber by sailing vessels from Maine and Albany. He was one of the original projectors and stockholders of the railroad. Senator Chittenden was fitted for college at Guilford Institute and Lee's Academy in Madison, graduating from Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1867 and a few years later took an additional course receiving the second degree of C. E. In February,

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1868, under the patronage of Cornelius S. Bushnell, then a director of the Union Pacific Railroad he commenced work as a civil engineer on the U. P. R. R., the end of the track was then a few miles west of Cheyenne. Joining the field party of Major Lawrence he traveled from the end of the track with freight wagons through the Indian Country and with an escort of U. S. Cavalry commenced work on location through the Bitter Creek section and later moved west to Echo Canon and the location over the Wahsatch Summit, and 1868 and 1869 saw the road built and running to a connection with the C. R. R. west of Salt Lake City. Some unprecedentedly rapid work was done during this time, grading and track laying. He remained with the road in general engineering work until 1876. After about a year spent on the Quinnipiac Bridge at Fair Haven, he went to Alabama for work on the Mussel Shoals improvement of the Tennessee River and the Coosa River in Georgia as assistant engineer under Major W. R. Ring of the U. S. Engineers. From 1880 to 1890 he was engaged in connection with his brother Geo. B. Chittenden, in mining in Arizona and New Mexico and in general engineering work and contracting in Washington, D. C., among other work building the enlarged dam across the Potomac River at Great Falls for the increased water supply of the city. Since 1890 he has resided at East River having retired from engineering work and holds the offices of Town Clerk and Judge of Probate of the town of Madison. He has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers since 1876. He was the efficient chairman of the Committees on Humane Institutions and New Counties and County Seats and was universally respected by his colleagues.



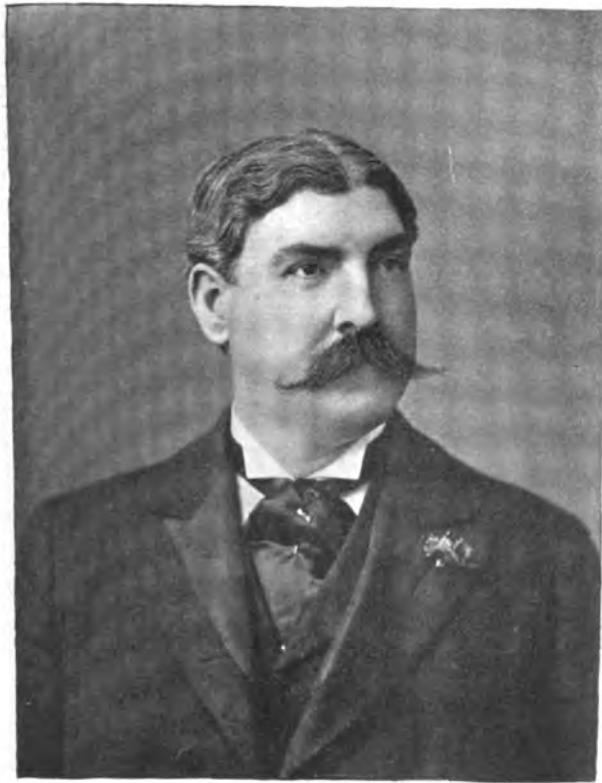
Franklin Burton

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Hon. Franklin Burton, republican senator from the Seventh district, was born in Stratford, Sept. 10, 1851. He is the son of Hamilton and Phebe (Peck) Burton, grandson of Silas and Mary (Patterson) Burton, great grandson of Samuel and Martha (Clarke) Burton, great-great grandson of Ephriam and Betty (Wells) Burton, great-great-great grandson of Judson and Eunice (Lewis) Burton, great-great-great-great grandson of Solomon and Marcie (Judson) Burton, all residents of the town of Stratford. Through his great-great-great-great grandmother, Marcie Judson, he is related in direct line to William Judson of Stratford, 1639. Through his great-great-great grandmother, Eunice Lewis, he is related in direct line to Benjamin Lewis, Stratford, 1674. Through his great-great grandmother, Betty (Wells) he is related in direct line to Governor Thomas Wells of Connecticut. Through his great grandmother, Martha Clarke, he is related in direct line to James Clarke, New Haven, 1640. Through his grandmother, Mary Patterson, he is related in direct line to Andrew Patterson, Stratford, 1684. Through his mother, Phebe Peck, he is related in direct line to Joseph Peck, Milford, 1649. Through his grandmother on

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his mother's side, Mary Beardsley, he is related in direct line to William Beardsley Stratford, 1639. Through his great grandmother on his mother's side, Mary Blakeman, he is related to Rev. Adam Blakeman (in direct line), Stratford, 1639. Mr. Burton was educated at Stratford Academy, and entered the dry goods store of Samuel H. Brush, Derby, in 1868, where he was engaged until 1873. He was a bookkeeper in the office of Osborn & Cheesman Co., brass manufacturers from 1874 to 1883, teller of the Derby Savings Bank, from 1885 to 1888, and has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Savings Bank of Ansonia since 1888. He was clerk of the board of warden and burgesses, borough of Ansonia and auditor of the city of Ansonia in 1893-1894. He has been mayor of the city of Ansonia since November, 1897, and is director and treasurer of the Ansonia Library. He is a member of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On January 10, 1884, he married Helen Louise Birdseye. They have four children: Warren Hamilton, died July 14, 1885; Rodney, died February 15, 1888; Franklin Birdseye, born May 13, 1886, and Ruth, born October 14, 1892. Mr. Burton was an influential member of the General Assembly in 1897, serving with credit on the Committee on Banks. This session he was chairman of the Committee on Finance and proved to be one of the most popular and effective men in the senate. As a citizen of Ansonia he is deeply interested in its future, and his high position as a public official renders his counsel of great value in all that pertains to its growth and welfare. He has plainly shown that he richly merits the confidence the citizens of his city and district have reposed in him.



David Callahan

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Hon. David Callahan of New Haven, democratic senator from the Eighth district is a native of that town ; lawyer by profession. He is the son of James and Mary (Coleman) Callahan and was born November 16, 1857. At 16 years of age, Mr. Callahan took up the trade of a printer and worked at it for 10 years. At the end of that time he went to Chicago and studied law. He was deputy sheriff of Cook county, Illinois, from 1884 to 1887. He returned to New Haven a few years later and has remained there ever since. In 1891 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, and was elected speaker of the so-called "rump" house. In 1893 he was again a member of the House of Representatives. He has been judge of the city court in New Haven for two years, and was defeated for senator of the eighth district in 1894 and 1896. Mr. Callahan is unmarried and is an orator of considerable ability.



James Pendleton

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Hon. James Pendleton of Stonington, republican senator from the Ninth district; born in Stonington, July 29, 1854; is the third son of the late Harris and Sarah Ann (Chester) Pendleton. Mr. Pendleton obtained his education in the public and private schools of Stonington. At the age of 20 he entered the employ of a contractor and builder, being assigned to office work, where he remained until 1878, when he engaged in the provision and fruit business. In 1881 he was appointed to the office of Postmaster at Stonington by President Chester A. Arthur. This position he filled acceptably for nearly five years, when a democratic successor was appointed. In 1884 he was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of William and Olive (Raymond) Potter of Brooklyn, N. Y. Three sons have blessed the union: Frank Raymond, born January 21, 1886; Carroll Chester, born October 30, 1888; William Clifford, born April 5, 1890. For three years he held the office of Selectman, discharging its duties to the satisfaction of his townsmen. He was for several years Registrar of Electors, and has held several minor offices. He was for seventeen years a Burgess, and is now filling his fifth year as Warden of the Borough of Stonington. In business and politics Mr. Pendleton is an active worker, being the proprietor of a large retail grocery and baking business. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1895 and 1897 as a republican, by a large majority, from a strongly democratic town, and was honored by the Speaker in the appointment to a position upon the important Committee on Railroads in '95 and on Finance in '97. This session he was the efficient senate chairman of the important Committee on Military Affairs.



John Holyoke Barnes,

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Hon. John Holyoke Barnes of Norwich, republican senator from the Tenth district was born in that city, March 13, 1864, and is a son of the late William W. Barnes of Baltimore, Md. His mother's maiden name was Nellie J. Holyoke. He was graduated from the Baltimore City College at Baltimore, Md., 1885, and from the law department of Boston University, with degree of L. L. B. in 1892. He is City Attorney for Norwich, Attorney for the County Commissioners and a hard worker for the best interests of the "Grand old Party." He is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Putnam Phalanx. In the legislature of 1897, as a member of the House, he served on the important Committee on Finance and was clerk of the Committee on Judicial Nominations, and took a leading part in the debates of the house and had the pleasure of being highly successful in his commendable efforts. This session he creditably served as Senate Chairman on the Committees on Banks and Judicial Nominations.

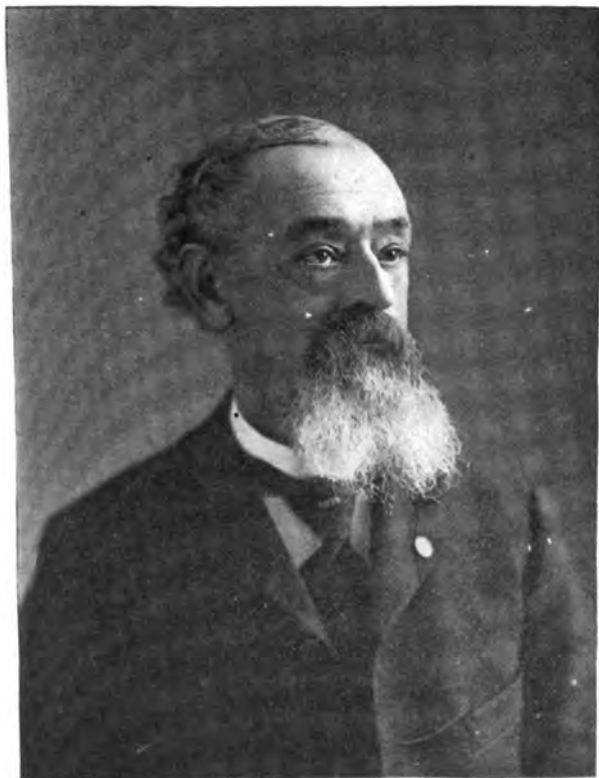


H. C. Burnham

DISTRICT NO. II.

Hon. Henry Clay Burnham of Lyme, republican senator from the Eleventh district, was born in East Haddam. August 16, 1844, and was educated in the public and private schools of that town. He is the son of Israel D. and Mary (Chester) Burnham of East Haddam and in early life he engaged in mechanical pursuits. He changed his residence to the adjoining town of Lyme where he now resides in 1874, and entered the mercantile business where he has since been the proprietor of one of the leading general stores in the lower Connecticut valley and during quite a portion of the time engaged extensively in shipping native lumber and wood to the city markets. On June 25, 1866, he married Fannie E. Phelps. They have one daughter Frances H., born January 2, 1878, and one son, H. C. Burnham, Jr., born in June, 1883. He is well and favorably known in the Eastern part of the state and along the Connecticut River. He is a republican and always an earnest worker for the interests of the party, and has held the various town offices and for many years was the trial justice of the town. He represented his town in the Legislature of 1885, and has been Postmaster at Hadlyme almost continuously for the last fourteen years. He has been a Mason and Knight Templar for several years and is a charter member of Sphinx Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was senate chairman of the Committees on State Prison and Federal Relations.

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C. W. Lounsbury

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Hon. Charles W. Lounsbury of Darien, is the son of Alexander and Mary (Lockwood) Lounsbury and was born in Eddyville, Ulster Co., N. Y., March 22, 1842. He was educated in the common schools, and at an early age began to learn the tinner's trade, which he followed for a time. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Connecticut Volunteers, and he remained in the service three years and two months. On his return from the army he located in Darien and established a tin shop, plumbing and hardware store, which he has since successfully conducted. He has long had an influential standing among the republicans of the state and has done much effective work for the party. In 1864, he attended the National Convention that nominated Lincoln and Johnson, and in 1893 and 1895 he creditably represented his town in the Legislature, serving both terms on the Committee on Humane Institutions. Senator Lounsbury had the honor of receiving a greater majority than that given any other candidate in the state except in the Hartford district (and that District has more than two thousand votes to draw from), his majority exceeding thirteen hundred. He is active in local affairs, having served as a member of the board of school visitors and district committee and on the Superior Court committee on the oyster grounds. For twenty years he was a trial justice in his town and at present he is a notary public. He has settled several estates. On January 24, 1868, he married Jane L., daughter of John and Elizabeth Torrington of Baltimore, Md. Three children have blessed the union: Charles E., Ada M. and Earle M. Senator Lounsbury is a member of Hobby Post, No. 23, G. A. R., and Rippowam Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, while for ten years he was an active worker in Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, F. & A. M., in which he has held office as warden and treasurer. He very acceptably served as chairman of the Committee on Woman Suffrage. His proverbial industry, faithfulness and thoroughness are super-added by an unimpeached record for integrity and ability.



Edwin O. Keeler

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Hon. Edwin O. Keeler of Norwalk, Republican senator from the Thirteenth district and president pro. tem. of the senate, was born in Ridgefield, January 12, 1846. He was educated in the schools of his native town. When fifteen years of age he came to Norwalk to live and in 1867 he became interested in the grocery business and has successfully been engaged in this line since. He is now a member of the well known and popular wholesale grocery firm of Holmes, Keeler & Selleck Co.

He is held in high esteem in Norwalk and in 1894 had the honor of being elected the first Mayor of the city. A year previous to this he was chosen president of the Fairfield National bank succeeding the late United States Treasurer Hyatt. He is also president of the Norwalk Electric Light Co., director in the Norwalk hospital and an ex-president of the Norwalk Club as well as a director in the Norwalk Street Railway Co. He is one of the prominent Knight Templars and is also a member of the Connecticut Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mr. Keeler has done splendid work in the Legislature and his constituents are pleased with him. In 1892 he ran for representative and his plurality was 189, in 1894 he was chosen again by a plurality of 710 and in 1896 his plurality for Senator amounted to 1552. In his own district in 1896, Mr. Keeler received a plurality of 2655, more than double ever given to any other candidate.

He creditably served as chairman of the Committee on Claims the first term, the Committee on Banks the second, the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers the third and New Towns and Probate Districts and Contingent Expenses the present session. He represented the Fourth Congressional district at the National Republican convention at St. Louis in 1896.

On May 13, 1870, he married Miss Sarah V. Whiting of Franklin, Mass.

Senator Keeler is an earnest church worker and has been chairman of the committee of the First Congregational church of Norwalk for twenty-one consecutive years. He proved to be a model presiding officer.



Philo H. Skidmore Jr

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Philo H. Skidmore, Jr. of Bridgeport, Senator from the Fourteenth district, was born in Bethlehem, August 8, 1851. He is the son of Philo H. and Abigail (Ives) Skidmore. His parents moved to Bridgeport in 1854. His father established the Pacific Iron Works, manufacturers of Engines, Boilers, Iron Foundry and general machine work. The subject of this sketch removed to Newtown in 1867, where he lived until 1870, the fall of which year he went to Florida to manage a small railroad, running from Tocvi to St. Augustine. He was married in St. Augustine June 12, 1870, to Irene L. Brower. They have had five children: Nellie Brower, born April 3, 1874, Amy Carruthers, born Feby. 24, 1876. Irene Laurie, born March 21, 1877, Philo Hurd, born Dec. 19, 1878, and Preston Howard, born May 8, 1883. Three of whom are now living. Mr. Skidmore returned to Bridgeport in the winter of 1874, taking the position of bookkeeper in the Pacific Iron Works, which place he held till June 1879, when he entered the firm of P. H. Skidmore & Sons. The firm continued till 1884, when Mr. Skidmore became sole proprietor of the Pacific Iron Works, since which time he has successfully carried on the business, which is the largest in its line in this state. Mr. Skidmore has served as Common Councilman and Alderman for four years, has been a member of the Board of Health and Board of Police Commissioners, and at the present time is a member of that board. He was elected Senator from the 14th Senatorial District in 1898, and was the only democratic candidate elected. He is a member of all masonic bodies and a thirty-two degree Mason; is president of the Algonquin Club, which is the most prominent club in Bridgeport, if not in the state.



Sturges Whitlock

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Sturges Whitlock of Huntington, republican senator from the fifteenth district, was born in Ridgefield, January 28, 1844, and attended Jackson academy and the public school in Derby. He married Miss Mary Olive Singer of New York. He is president of the Whitlock Machine Co., manufacturers of the celebrated Whitlock printing presses; is a staunch republican and has been assessor of the town of Derby, and a wide awake member of the Board of Burgesses of Birmingham, and is also a director of the Board of Trade at Derby and Shelton and is a prominent Mason. In the Legislature of 1897, Mr. Whitlock was a popular member of the Committee on Manufactures. This session he was the capable chairman of three committees, Manufactures, Putnam Memorial Camp, Unfinished Business and a member of the Committee on Contested Elections.

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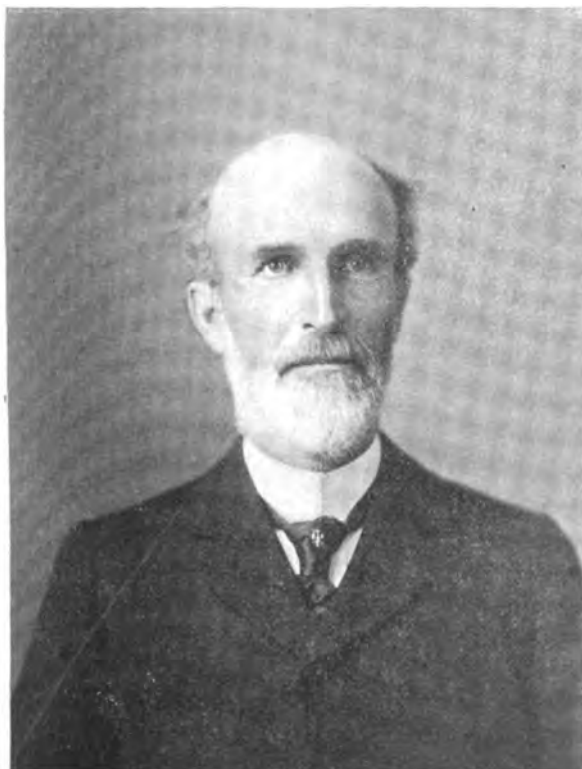


Frank R. Jackson

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Hon. Frank R. Jackson of Woodstock, senator from the sixteenth district, was born in Woodstock, Oct. 17, 1853, and received his education in the district and select schools. He is a successful farmer and is widely known as a popular and active republican. His county honored him by electing him messenger in the house in the Legislatures of 1886, 1891 and 1893. He has very acceptably held the town office of constable, registrar and grand juror, and is now collector of taxes. On Dec. 23, 1876, he married Julia Putnam of North Ashford. One child, a daughter, Eva Mirriam, has blessed the union, born March 28, 1878. He is a Mason, and was a faithful and active member of the Legislature of '95, serving on the railroad committee. He gained hosts of friends in the Legislature of '97 as an efficient assistant to the superintendent of the capitol. This session he was the efficient chairman of the Committees on Temperance and Senate Appointments.

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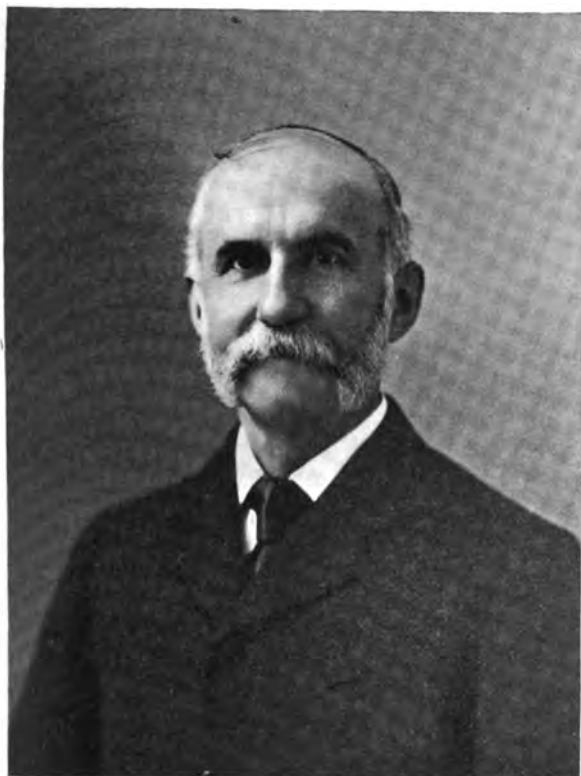


Frank Day:

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Hon. Frank Day of Brooklyn, senator from the seventeenth district, is a native of Brooklyn, and was born July 28, 1846. He was educated in the common schools and the West Killingly academy. He is a prosperous farmer and has been prominent in local affairs, being a secretary of the school board, an assessor and registrar. He has been a successful president and secretary of the Windham County Agricultural society and a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He was a member of the house of 1889 and 1895. The latter and this session he was the chairman of the important committee on Agriculture. He gained a wide reputation as a popular, wide-awake and efficient member of the General Assembly. He has served the state faithfully and with excellent discretion in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

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Gideon H. Welch

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Hon. Gideon H. Welch, of Torrington, senator from the eighteenth district, was born in East Haddam, Sept 22, 1844. He was fitted for college at Wilbraham Academy and graduated from Yale College in the class of 1868, and from the Yale Law School in 1870. During the years 1869 and 1870 he was clerk of the city of New Haven. He went to Torrington on August 1, 1870, where he has since continuously resided in the successful practice of law. On October 8, 1873, he married Susan C. Agard, by whom he has one child, Bradley A. Welch, now in Yale University, class of 1902. Judge Welch was Town Clerk eighteen years, Borough Clerk four years, and has served many years as school visitor. In 1881, he represented Torrington in the General Assembly. He has been superintendent of the Cemetery of the Wolcottville School Society for over twelve years, clerk of the Congregational Society twenty-four years, justice of the peace for twenty-seven years and is now a director in the Torrington Water Company and the Torrington Electric Light Company. He has been Judge of Probate for the District of Torrington ten years and Judge of the Borough Court six years. In September 1867, he was appointed by Governor Cooke, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Litchfield County to fill vacancy occasioned by the appointment of Judge A. T. Roraback to the Superior Court and by the present General Assembly has been reappointed to that position for the term of four years. Judge Welch was senate chairman of the Committee on Incorporations and became somewhat prominent in his successful opposition to the payment of Counsel fees in the Senate Contested Election cases and to the passage of the so-called "libel law" and in the hostility to the payment of gratuities to newspapers and their reporters.

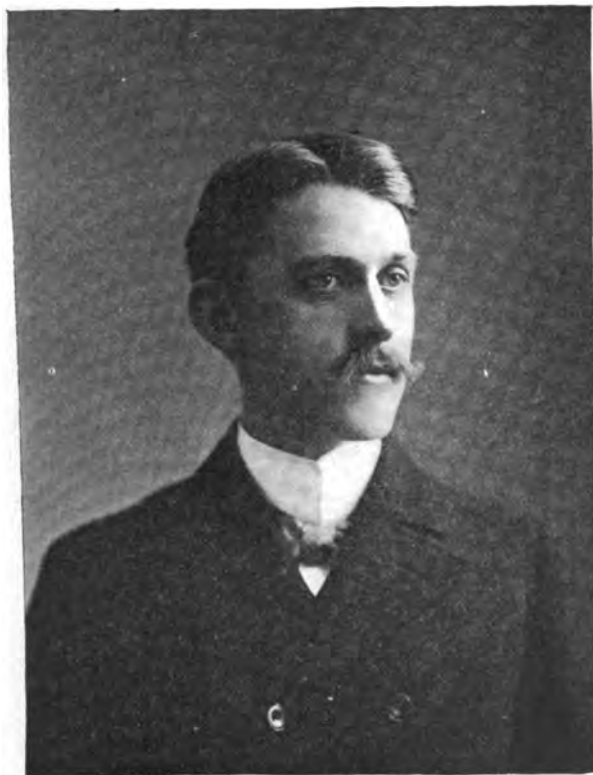


David L. Smith

DISTRICT NO. 19.

Hon. David L. Smith of West Cornwall, senator from the nineteenth district, was born in Goshen, April 19, 1843. His father, David F. Smith, moved from Goshen to Sharon in 1859. His educational opportunities were only those of the common schools of his native town, carefully looked after by his father, who was an excellent teacher of the old style, while always regretting the lack of a thorough business education in youth, he has been able to supplement this by touch and contact with men of affairs in conducting a prosperous business. His early years were spent on his father's farm in summer, and teaching in the winter. His first Legislative experience was as representative from the town of Sharon at the age of 25.

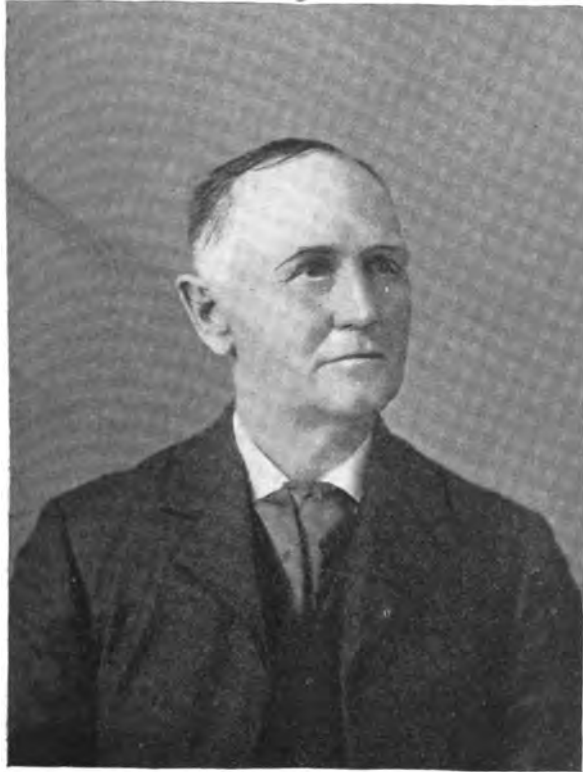
In 1871, Mr. Smith left his father's farm to accept a position in an extensive lumbering operation in Saratoga county, offered him by Hon. Theo. S. Gold of Cornwall, returning from there he entered the service of Pratt & Foster who for more than 30 years conducted a large mercantile business at West Cornwall and remained with them until their failure, whereupon he was appointed one of the trustees for settlement of their estate. Immediately after closing up their affairs he organized and became the head of the firm of Smith & Sons which has done a profitable business in general merchandise at West Cornwall and West Goshen, for the last 20 years. He is a democrat in politics but not radical and has many ardent friends in the other party, has held nearly all the local offices in the gift of his town. Mrs. Smith was Mrs. Mary L. Gregory, only child of Ichabod S. Everett of Ellsworth, to whom he was married in 1879. He gained many warm friends at the Capitol.



Asahel W. Mitchell

DISTRICT NO. 20.

Hon. Asahel W. Mitchell of Woodbury, republican senator from the Twentieth district is the son of Hon. Asahel W. and Harriet (Allen) Mitchell and was born in Woodbury, October 16, 1865. His father was a prominent and influential member of the Legislature from Woodbury in 1856 and 1876. Senator Mitchell was in 1883 with the Bradstreet commercial agency at New Haven, after which he was in the office of the American Ring Company at Waterbury. Owing to the failing health of his father he went home, in October, 1887, to take charge of his affairs and has resided in Woodbury ever since. His father died September 10, 1888. Senator Mitchell is a popular and progressive citizen. He is always quick to respond to any call pertaining to his party or the public benefit of his town and district. He is the capable superintendent of the Woodbury Water Company, and has creditably held the offices of town clerk four years, auditor ten years, and justice of the peace nine years. He was a valuable member of the Legislature of '97, serving on the Railroad Committee and acting as clerk of the county representatives' meetings. This session he has been the efficient chairman of the important Committee on Education, clerk of the Committee on Executive Nominations and chairman of the county representatives' meetings. He became favorably known as one of the most popular and wide awake members of the session.



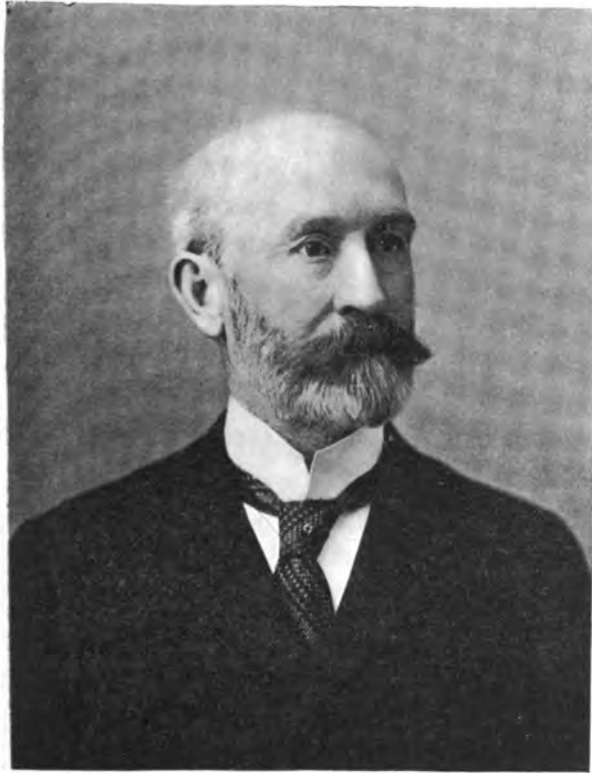
George A. Olcott

DISTRICT NO. 21.

Hon. George Austin Olcott of Clinton, republican senator from the Twenty-first district, is a son of Austin and Achsah (Wright) Olcott and was born in Clinton, June 5, 1837, and received his education in the schools of his native town. Upon completing his education he went into the coasting and fishing trade and conducted the business successfully for many years. He is at present interested in oyster culture at Clinton, a place which has become famous for the size and flavor of the oysters grown there. He ships many bushels of oysters every year to the markets of this and other states.

Mr. Olcott represented his town in the Legislature in 1880, 1881 and 1882. He has served his town as Judge of Probate, as a member of the Board of Relief, and as Registrar of Voters.

Mr. Olcott is the popular and efficient secretary of the Board of County Commissioners for Middlesex County. He has acted in that capacity since his appointment in July, 1897, and has plainly shown that he was well qualified by experience to creditably conduct the affairs of the county. He has always been an active republican and has ever been one of the most valued and painstaking of the town's and county's officers. He served as the senate chairman of the Committee on Fisheries and Games and was highly esteemed by his colleagues in the Legislature.



Charles G. R. Vinal

DISTRICT NO. 22.

Hon. Charles G. R. Vinal of Middletown, republican senator from the Twenty-second district, was born January 14, 1840, at Monroe, Maine. He was educated at Wesleyan University and on October 19, 1865, he was married to M. Amelia Hotchkiss who is a daughter of the late Hon. Julius Hotchkiss, a congressman and lieutenant-governor of the state. He is a lawyer by profession and a republican in politics, and has filled several offices acceptably, among them being mayor of Middletown, judge of probate, town treasurer, and clerk of the superior court of Middlesex county.

In 1897 he represented the 22nd district in the senate and was chairman of the Engrossing Committee, Federal Relations and Forfeited Rights. This session he was chairman of the Judiciary and Constitutional Amendments (joint) Committees. In 1862 and 1863 he served as first lieutenant in the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers.



W. C. Haven

DISTRICT NO. 23.

Hon. William C. Haven of Coventry, republican senator from the Twenty-third district, was born in Charlton, Mass., September 15, 1851. He is the son of the late Rev. John Haven, for thirty years pastor of the Congregational church in Charlton. He attended Munson (Mass.) Academy and later received his medical education at the University of the city of New York, graduating in 1877. After serving as assistant physician at the New York City Insane Asylum, Ward's Island, he commenced practice in the spring of 1878 in Brookfield, Mass., removing to Coventry, March 1, 1885, where he has since successfully practiced. On June 19, 1877, he married Lucy R. Fitts of Charlton. They have had two children, Walter S., born June 14, 1882, and Anna H., born October 17, 1887, died April 4, 1892. Dr. Haven is a member of the State Medical Society and president of the Tolland County Medical Society. He is also a member of Manchester lodge F. & A. M., Trinity Chapter No. 9, F. & A. M. and has been master of Coventry Grange, No. 75, for several years. He was a prominent member of the House in 1889, creditably serving on the Committee on Humane Institutions and was also House chairman of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. This session he is senate chairman of the Committees on Public Health and Safety, and State Library. He is a man of strictest integrity and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him, whether in his professional or social relations.



William H. Hall.

DISTRICT NO. 24.

Hon. William H. Hall of Willington, has the honor of being the youngest member of the Senate. He is the only son of Gardiner and Fannie (Parker) Hall and was born in South Willington, May 31, 1867. He and his father constitute the company of Gardiner Hall, Jr. & Co., manufacturers of thread. He is well fitted for public life as he received an excellent education in the Willimantic High school, Wesleyan academy and Wesleyan university, from which he graduated in 1892. He was a popular and influential member of the House of 1893, '95 and '97 and of the Railroad Committee for three consecutive sessions, twice being the efficient clerk. He has been agent of the town deposit fund, and has been registrar of voters for seven years. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a wide awake and active republican. On June 14, 1894, he married Alice May, daughter of Judge and Mrs. William D. Holman. They have been blessed with two children, Dorris Elizabeth, born January 30, 1897, and Gardiner Holman, born April 9, 1899. As the capable chairman of the Committees on Roads, Bridges and Rivers, Labor, Contested Elections and member of the Committee on Senate Appointments he became popularly known as one of the most active members of the session.



Frank B. Brandegee

SPEAKER.

Frank Bosworth Brandegee, speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives, was born in New London on July 8, 1864. In lineage he unites the Puritan with Huguenot. One branch of the ancestral tree reaches back to Elder William Brewster, who landed from the Mayflower, and another to Daniel Deshon who was exiled from France by the revocation of the edict of Nantes. He attended the common schools of his native town, and graduated from the Bulkeley High school in the class of 1881. He immediately entered Yale and graduated with honor in the class of 1885. While in college he took a lively interest in athletics and for three years pulled the bow oar on his class crew. The year after his graduation he traveled abroad making an extensive tour of Great Britain and the Continent. He has included in his travels nearly every state and territory in the United States, as well as Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands and Canada.

In 1888 he was admitted to the bar of New London county, and since that time has practiced his profession in New London. He is a member of the law firm of

Brandegee, Noyes & Brandegee, one of the largest and most successful firms in Eastern Connecticut. In the autumn of 1888, he was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly, and served with conspicuous ability as chairman on the part of the House of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs. In 1889, when Major John A. Tibbits resigned the office of corporation counsel of the city of New London to assume the position of United States consul at Bradford, England, he was succeeded by Mr. Brandegee, who held the office for seven years. He is one of the most active and prominent of the younger republicans east of the Connecticut river.

In 1892 he was a delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis. He enjoys a large acquaintance among the leading republicans of the state, and was favorably mentioned for governor in 1894, as the candidate of the younger element of the party. At the state convention in September last, he was unanimously chosen a member of the republican state central committee, and the decisive republican victory in that portion of the state demonstrates that the interests of the party were committed to competent hands.

Mr. Brandegee is the only son of the Hon. Augustus Brandegee, who was speaker of the Connecticut House in 1861 and member of Congress from the Third district from 1863 to 1867. He inherits the ability, eloquence and popularity of his distinguished father. He is widely known through the state, and by his frank and cordial manner and winning personality makes friends wherever he goes. He is an easy and forcible writer, a strong and persuasive speaker and has the courage of his convictions. His character is unblemished, and his public and private life without stain. He is one of the best specimens of the young men who are coming to the front to take the place of the Republican Old Guard, and is a factor to be reckoned within the future of that party, both in the state and country. He made a model speaker.



Michael Kenealy

STAMFORD.

Michael Kenealy of Stamford, republican leader of the House of Representatives, the son of John and Johanna (Fitzgerald) Kenealy, is a native of Stamford and was born July 8, 1854. In 1873 he entered the law office of J. H. Olmstead where he studied for three years. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1876, and has since successfully practiced law. He was prosecuting attorney and corporation council for several years and has always taken a deep interest in the upbuilding of his town.

Mr. Kenealy was a member of the House in 1897, creditably serving on the Judiciary Committee and as chairman of the Committee on Judicial Nominations. This session his previous valuable experience and judicial training made him the natural choice of the speaker for the important position of chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the leader of the House. He was also chairman of the Joint Committee on Rules. He made a record of which to feel proud. His recognized ability as a sound thinker, logical reasoner, and fluent speaker, made him a valuable and capable legislator, both for his town and for the state, and won the high regard of all at the Capitol.



James P. Woodruff

LITCHFIELD.

James Parsons Woodruff of Litchfield, was born at Litchfield, October 30, 1868. He was graduated from Amherst College 1891. From Yale Law School 1893. Admitted to Litchfield County Bar July 29th, 1893. He took a year of post graduate work in Yale Law School 1893-'94 receiving the degree of M. L. The same year received the degree of M. A. from Amherst College. In July, 1894, he formed a partnership with his father, Hon. George M. Woodruff, for the practice of law in Litchfield. He was married February 12, 1895, to Lillian Churchill Bell of New York City. He has been a member of the Board of Education in the Town of Litchfield since 1894, a member of the Board of Burgesses from April, 1895 to April, 1898, Warden of Borough 1896-1898, Director in Litchfield Savings Society and Litchfield Mutual Fire Ins. Co., and Clerk of the Probate Court for the District of Litchfield. He was the popular and capable "leader" on the "Democratic side" and was a valuable member of the Judiciary Committee.



W. A. King

WINDHAM.

William A. King of Windham, was born in Greenfield, Mass., and is a graduate of Amherst College. After graduation he studied law, and is located at Willimantic, in the practice of his profession. This was his second term in the Legislature.



John H. Light

SOUTH NORWALK

John H. Light of South Norwalk, was born in Carmel, N. Y., March 27, 1855, being the son of Belden and Anne Light.

When a young boy he came with his parents to reside in the town of New Canaan.

Having finished the usual course of instruction in the public schools, and being naturally of studious tastes, he became ambitious of carrying his studies further. In manly fashion he earned by hard work enough money to carry him through Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, N. Y., where he graduated with honors in 1880. He then began to teach school at the same time studying law.

He was duly admitted to the Fairfield County Bar, September, 1883, and began his practice in South Norwalk, where he soon attracted attention. In 1884 he was appointed City Attorney of South Norwalk, and has held the office continuously through all party changes, to the present time.

In February, 1896, Mr. Light was made Prosecuting Attorney for the Criminal Court of Common Pleas of Fairfield County, and has held the position with marked satisfaction to Bench and Bar. It is a well understood fact that he can put through more business and finish up his

cases in a shorter time than is possible to most lawyers. This comes from a remarkable gift of concentration, and the ability to seize the salient points of a matter with instant perception. He is known as a very successful jury lawyer, and in all arguments is logical and convincing.

In 1898 Mr. Light made the speech putting the Hon. George E. Lounsbury in nomination as a candidate for Governor, and this speech immediately placed him among the foremost orators of Connecticut. As a public speaker he is always in demand. For years he has been one of the most gifted and popular stump speakers, and his addresses on Memorial Days and during other patriotic celebrations, together with his literary lectures before lyceums and woman's clubs have won the admiration of highly appreciative audiences.

In appearance he is striking. He is about six feet in height, and has a fine physique. His face is somewhat rugged, its expression frank and fearless. His voice is a powerful organ, yet melodious and resonant. His gestures are numerous and are those easy, unconscious motions peculiar to the natural orator who is absorbed in giving utterance to his thought, and whose thought moves rapidly. He rarely writes a word of his frequent speeches upon a variety of topics. He combines in his personality in an eminent degree the essentials of marked ability. There is an elemental force in him rarely met with and then only in the born leader of men. He can cleave his way through great difficulties by mere force, but his sunny disposition and magnetic qualities are so winning that he is enabled to reserve this great power for supreme moments. He resembles Benjamin Franklin in preferring to persuade rather than to push an issue, yet once embarked in a quarrel, he is a magnificent fighter. It is not strange that in a comparatively short time he came to stand among the foremost lawyers at the Bar of his County.

Notwithstanding the intense life of a busy lawyer, and a man of affairs, consulted upon questions of public and private policy by his friends, clients, neighbors and fellow citizens, he makes opportunity to live much in the thought of the philosophers, poets and statesmen whose writings are our priceless possessions, for he is a "bookman," owning one of the finest private libraries in the State, besides his professional library which is extensive and valuable. Therefore he is deeply interested in the educational welfare of his community, and he has served for years as Acting School Visitor, as one of the School Committee of his District, and as Vice-President of the Public Library. His culture, judgment and knowledge of human nature make him most valuable in these capacities.

For years he refused all solicitations to enter the lists for political preferment, though so admirably fitted to succeed. He chose rather to devote his undivided attention to serving his clients, and to use his leisure for his literary studies. But in the fall of 1898, seeing that he might serve his party and his town he consented to stand as a candidate for the office of Representative. He was nominated by the republicans, and the democrats also announced that there could be no better representative of the interests of the town than John H. Light, and thus was seen the unusual spectacle of opposing parties, united upon, and electing the same man, because of their confidence in him.

He entered the House with the prestige of a born leader, yet he is never inclined to push himself in any way. He is a cautious adviser and is known to be indifferent to money-getting. His ambition is to be a good citizen, rather than to gain gold and honors.



Henry Roberts

HARTFORD.

Henry Roberts of Hartford, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 22, 1853, being the son of George and Elvira Evans Roberts. The first twelve years of his life were spent on a farm in South Windsor, this state. His early education was obtained in the public schools of South Windsor and Hartford, and in 1873 he was graduated from the Hartford High school. He then entered Yale College, and after a course of four years in the academic department, graduated in the class of 1877. In 1879 he graduated from the Yale Law school, but did not study law with the intention of practicing the same. He began his successful business career when he entered the office of the Hartford Woven Wire Mattress Company in 1880; in 1884 he was made secretary, and president in 1886, which position he has held ever since. Mr. Roberts is a director in the Hartford Trust Company, State Savings Bank, Hartford Electric Light Company, Farmington River Power Company, and a trustee of the Co-Operative Savings Society and the Slater Industrial School at Winston, North Carolina. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American

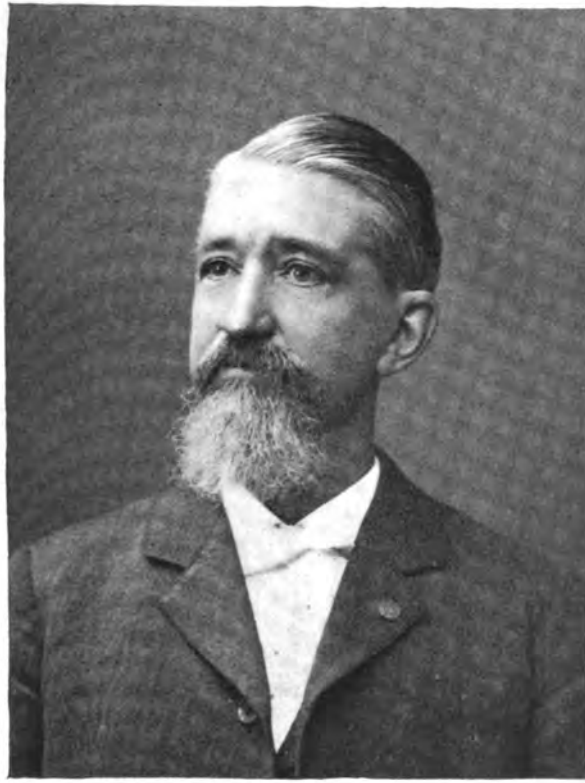
Revolution, and the Hartford, Colonial, Country and Republican clubs. In 1897 he was elected Alderman of the Sixth ward in Hartford for two years, and was chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. On October 5, 1881, he married Caroline E. Smith of Bridgeport. Three children have been born to them, John Taylor, Francis Thatcher, deceased; and Edward Constant Roberts. Mr. Roberts' ancestors were of Welch origin, and can be traced back to William Roberts, who came to this country in 1654; another ancestor, George Roberts, was an officer in the Revolutionary war. His mother's parents were Jason Evans and Horatio Taylor Evans, the latter being a descendant of Captain Thomas Evans, first, to whom a monument was erected at Deerfield Cross Roads, Mass., for bravery in the French and Indian wars. As chairman of the important Committee on Finance he took a prominent part in the proceedings of the House. Politically and socially Representative Roberts is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know, and in his business life he has done much to build up and promote the best interests and prosperity of Hartford. He won the high esteem and respect of all at the Capitol.



Harrison B. Freeman, Jr.

HARTFORD.

Harrison B. Freeman, Jr., of Hartford, is the son of Harrison B. and Frances (Bill) Freeman, and was born in Hartford, August 22, 1869. His father has long been a prominent and influential citizen of Hartford, holding many high offices, including that of Judge of the Hartford Police Court, Judge of Probate and a member of the Common Council. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools and graduated from the High school in the class of '87. He graduated from Yale University in the class of '92 and Yale Law School in the class of '94, having also studied law in the office of the late C. J. Cole. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1894, and has successfully practiced in his native city ever since. Mr. Freeman was appointed special prosecuting attorney of the Hartford police court in April, 1895, and still retains that position. He is a member of the Republican and Colonial Clubs of Hartford, and the Yale Club of New York City. Although one of the youngest members of the House he was among the foremost in influence with his associates. He was a member of the Judiciary Committee, and chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills and has filled all his positions of trust and responsibility in a faithful and judicious manner.



Charles D. Barnes

SOUTHINGTON.

Charles D. Barnes of Southington, was born there January 12, 1843. He attended the common schools in Southington and Meriden and the Meriden Academy. He enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, in June, 1862, and was promoted to corporal and then to sergeant. He was wounded and captured March 8, 1865, at the battle of Kinston, N. C., and was taken to Libby prison, where he remained until the close of the war. He was sergeant major of the New England Battalion of Paroled Prisoners at Annapolis, Md., and was discharged June 9, 1865. In 1874 he established the boot and shoe business, and sold out in 1895. In 1881 the Southington Lumber & Feed Co. was organized, with Mr. Barnes as secretary, treasurer and manager, which position he now holds. On September 27, 1865, he married Sarah H. Hamlin. One son, Frank H., born August 4, 1866, blessed the union. The son is now in business with his father. On July 2, 1895, he married Margaret Harper Taylor of Winchester, Va. In town affairs he has held the office of selectman, and in 1874 was elected town clerk, treasurer and registrar of vital statistics, continuing until 1897, when he declined a renomination owing to the pressure of other business affairs. When the borough of Southington was formed Mr. Barnes was named for warden on the only ticket in the field. He declined, but served on the board of burgesses and was chairman of the Committee on Sewers and Streets. He has been a director and one of the loaning committee of the Southington Savings bank nearly twenty-five years and was elected vice-president at its last annual meeting. He is also a director in the Southington National Bank and has been its president since 1890. He was a charter member of Trumbull Post No. 16 of the G. A. R., and was its first commander, holding that position for four years. He was a member of the deadlock House of 1871 and served as clerk of the Committee on Appropriations, and in 1893 was House chairman of the same committee and also one of the Committee on Banks. Mr. Barnes has always been a staunch republican. He was one of the most influential members of the House. As the capable chairman of the important Committee on Appropriations his ever watchful eye was on the purse strings of our commonwealth, thereby saving the state many thousands of dollars.



Clinton Spencer.

SUFFIELD.

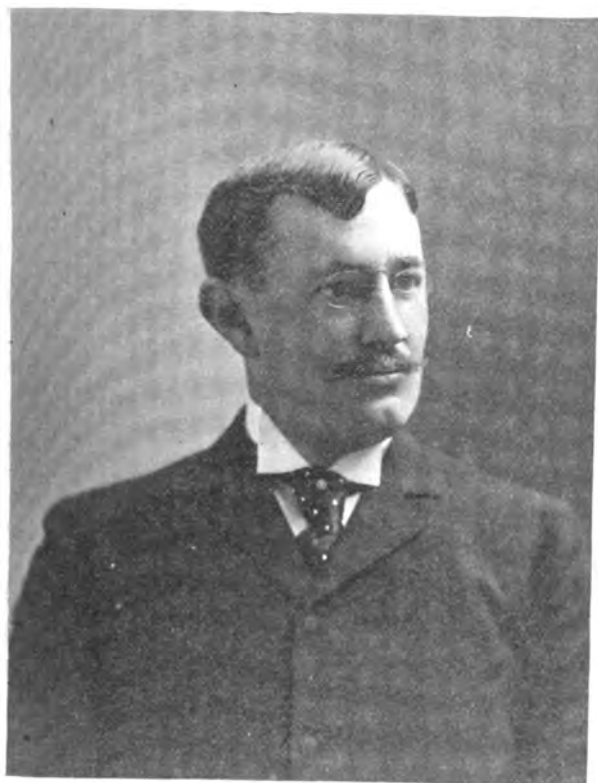
Clinton Spencer of Suffield, is the son of Alfred and Caroline (Reid) Spencer and is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature and was born January 2, 1856. He was prepared for college by E. Benjamin Andrews, now superintendent of schools at Chicago, and entered Yale and graduated in 1878, and from Yale law school, 1881. He served as assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, session 1879, clerk of the house, 1880, and clerk of the senate, 1881. He was with General Francis A. Walker one year in census work at Washington, D. C., and was the efficient secretary of the republican state central committee of Connecticut during the campaign of 1882. Mr. Spencer went to St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1884, and returned to Connecticut, January, 1896. He formed a connection with the Aetna Indemnity Company, upon their organization in the spring of 1887, and has devoted his time to them and to the Aetna Life Insurance Company since that time, in addition to his private affairs. He made Suffield his home, residing at the old homestead and being unmarried. He is a Knight Templar, thirty-second degree Mason, Shriner, Elk, vice-Chan. K. of P. and superintendent of schools at Suffield. Mr. Spencer was the capable chairman of the leading Committee on Railroads. His career in all of the public positions he has held secures for him an exceptional reputation for business ability and sagacity, while his methods have always indicated the keenest sense of integrity and honor.



Adrian R. Wadsworth

FARMINGTON.

Adrian R. Wadsworth of Farmington, Ph. B. C. E., is a native of the town he represents and was born November 26, 1855. He is a descendant of William Wadsworth who landed in Boston September 16, 1632, and accompanied Rev. Thomas Hooker on his famous march through the wilderness from Cambridge to Hartford in 1636, and in the following year was chosen collector and afterward served five years as selectman of Hartford. His son John settled in Farmington, and was a member of what is now called the State Senate and was present when his brother Joseph seized the Charter and secreted it in the Oak. The Wadsworths have been among the most prominent and public spirited families of the town. The subject of this biography entered Yale College in 1877, and graduated in the class of 1880, from the Scientific Department. In 1882 he was elected and accepted the position of City Surveyor of Shamokin, Penn. In the following year he accepted a position with the Clarke Bridge Co. in Virginia. In 1883 he spent the larger part of the year in general practice in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., returning home in December, where he has since lived, interested in the management of a large farm and the general practice of surveying. In 1886 he began the construction of a general supply of water for family use, which includes a reservoir of twenty acres and between three and four miles of piping, the main being six inches in diameter, with twelve hydrants on Main Street and New Britain Avenue. Mr. Wadsworth is the acting Treasurer and Secretary as well as Superintendent. He is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Farmington Creamery Co., the oldest in New England. He represented his town two years ago in the House of Representatives, being chairman of the Committee on Forfeited Rights clerk of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, and president of the Farmers' Association of Representatives organized to secure favorable legislation for agricultural interests. This session he was chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers and was re-elected President of the Farmers' Association. He has creditably held many local offices of trust in town affairs, including Justice of the Peace, First Selectman, etc. For two years he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Connecticut Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors. On April 16, 1890, he married Charlotte B. Steele of Hartford, and their family includes, Helen, born April 10, 1891, and Adrian R., born Feb. 23, 1895.



Charles B. Whittlesey

NEW LONDON.

Charles B. Whittlesey of New London, although not born in the State, comes entirely of Connecticut parentage. He is the son of Ezra Chappell and Elizabeth T. Whittlesey, and was born in Auburn, Mass., April 16, 1871, and lived there until he was thirteen years old. He then moved to New London and graduated from the Bulkeley High School there in 1887, and from the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, in 1888. After a business experience of three years as business manager of the *New London Day*, Mr. Whittlesey entered the Yale law school, and graduated in 1894. He was admitted to the New London County bar the same year and has successfully practiced in New London ever since. He is a member of Brainard Lodge of Masons. He was the popular and efficient chairman of two committees: Claims and Assignment of Seats and gained many strong friends at the Capitol.



Edwin F. Hall

STRATFORD.

Edwin F. Hall of Stratford is the son of Samuel M. and Anna (Ross) Hall, and was born in Portland, Me., July 14, 1859. He removed to Stratford in early childhood, where he has since resided. He received a high school education and studied law with Judge I. M. Bullock and Hon. Robert E. De Forest of Bridgeport, and was admitted to the Fairfield County bar March 8, 1881, and has practiced law in Bridgeport since that time. In 1892 he took a post-graduate course in Yale Law School, and in 1893 received the degree of Master of Laws with honor. He was a member of the house of 1889, creditably serving as chairman of the house committee on Constitutional Amendments and member of the committee on Engrossed Bills. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow. He has faithfully held several town offices. On August 8, 1896, he married Jeannie P., daughter of Stephen D. Smith of Stratford. They have one daughter, Mary, born May 6, 1898. Mr. Hall, though young, has made an enviable reputation, and his inflexible sense of honor and rectitude has secured for him the implicit confidence of all. He has ever been a conscientious worker in all his undertakings and stands high among the list of the foremost and prominent men of Fairfield county for integrity, sound business judgment and success in the affairs of life. He was an efficient member of the leading committee on Judiciary and chairman of the house committee on Rules.



F. L. Wright.

POMFRET.

Fayette Lawson Wright of Pomfret Centre (Pomfret) is a son of Albin and Lucinda (Matterson) Wright, and was born in Foster, R. I., September 18, 1853. He received an excellent education in the public schools and at Howe's Business College, Worcester. His father was widely known as an expert weaver, having started the looms of several large cotton mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island, among them being the mills at Centreville, Anthony and Washington, R. I., and Attawaugan. Mr. Wright, on January 1, 1887, was engaged as manager of the New England branch of the Good Roads Machinery Company of Kennett Square, Pa., with headquarters at Boston. The business of this company originated in Pomfret and was removed to Pennsylvania in September, 1886. Mr. Wright has been connected with the firm since February, 1883, and has pushed its business with determined energy and success. The firm manufacture the Champion road machinery, which has the reputation, the country over, of being the best road machinery made. Mr. Wright is also a director of the American Road Machine Company and owns and manages the fine "Lake Farm" of three hundred acres at Pomfret Centre, where he has resided since the fall of 1876. He has been the efficient chairman of the republican town committee since 1895, and is a member of the state sewage commission, to which place he was appointed by Gov. Cooke in 1897. On May 1, 1879, he married Adaliza W., daughter of Joseph and Mary Chandler of Pomfret. They have been blessed with three children, Fred Chandler, born April 18, 1880; Joseph Albin, born Dec. 4, 1887, and Gladys Williams, born Nov. 15, 1891. Mr. Wright is a highly respected member of the Congregational church of Pomfret. He was the popular chairman of the important committee on Education and plainly showed he "was the right man in the right place."



George S. Rowe

WINCHESTER.

George S. Rowe of Winchester was born July 9, 1848, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He received his education in the public schools of that city and at a private school in Winsted, where he now resides, having moved there from New York City in 1862. Mr. Rowe has always been in the banking business, having been connected with the Hurlbut National Bank of Winsted for twelve years, and for the past twenty-three years he has been treasurer of the Winsted Savings Bank. He has been honored in many ways by the citizens of his town, being at the present time one of the burgesses of the Borough of Winsted. On May 28, 1873, he married Clara M., daughter of Charles Alvord of Winchester. Mrs. Rowe's father was for many years town clerk of Winchester and represented the town in the General Assembly. Mr. Rowe creditably served as house chairman of the committee on Banks, also as clerk of the committee on Legislative Expenses.



James B Palmer

LISBON.

James Babcock Palmer of Jewett City (Lisbon) is a son of Capt. Benjamin W. and Betsey (Babcock) Palmer, and was born in Voluntown, August 7, 1844. He has been a farmer all his life except five years—1866 to 1871—when he was in the livery business in Griswold. He has also dealt largely in farm implements of all kinds and owns 32 registered Guernsey cattle and about 100 registered sheep of the best breeds which he has shown for the past ten years at all the leading fairs in New England, and has won about \$800 a year on them and over fifty medals, including several gold medals. He is also breeder of the O. I. C. hogs—"the best on earth." Among his noted stock is "Lord Lyman," who has taken over one thousand prizes, and "Meddasky," with a butter record of 16½ pounds in seven days. His sheep were carefully selected from the best flocks in England. Mr. Palmer is a life member of the American Guernsey Cattle Club and New England Fair Association, Dorset and Shropshire Breeders' Associations, director and ex-vice-president of the State Agricultural Society, and president of the New London Agricultural Society four years and vice-president for sixteen years. He has creditably held about every office in his town, having lived in it 25 or more years. He represented the town in 1875 and 1876. The town only registers 147 votes and 142 voted this year and he was elected by 23 majority, the largest the town ever gave in the memory of man, as the town is naturally democratic. He was a member of the Agricultural Committee in '75 and clerk of the committee on Fisheries and Games in '76. The present session he is chairman of the committee on Agriculture. He was married Dec. 20, 1870, to Abbie E., daughter of Youngs and Eliza Morgan of Poquonoc Bridge. They have one son living, James B., Jr., a graduate of Storrs College. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Baptist church and has been chairman of the church committee the past seven years. His "Round Hill Farm" is one of the most widely known farms in New England.



Charles W. Grannis

EAST HAVEN.

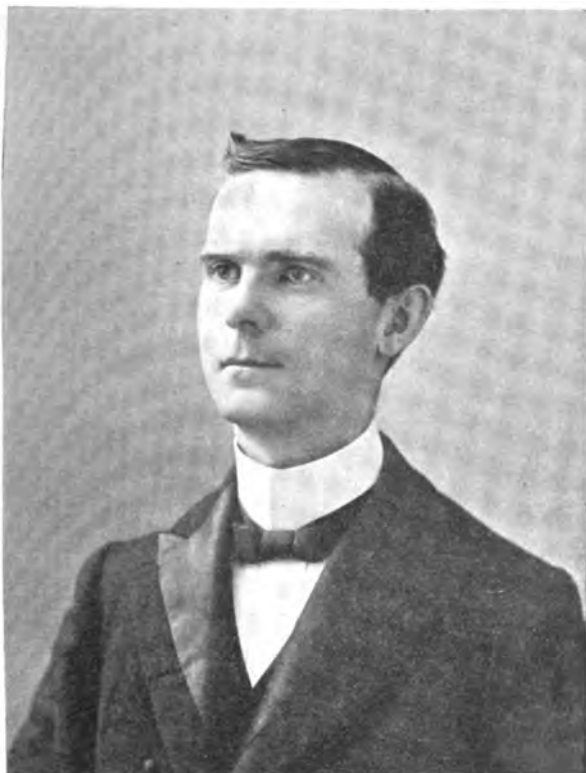
Charles W. Grannis of East Haven is an honored native of that town and was born Nov. 10, 1844. He is a son of Frederick Grannis, and grandson of Jared Grannis, who was one of the followers of General Israel Putnam to Boston after Concord and Lexington. His mother was Emily, daughter of Nathaniel Bailey of New London, and is of the same family as Anna Bailey, who prominently figured in the defense of Stonington. On Sept. 21, 1861 he left school and enlisted in the Tenth Connecticut Infantry, where he served until August 30, 1865, when he was honorably discharged for reason of being severely wounded twice in action. He has since been successfully engaged in farming and dairy business. He has always been a wide-awake and active republican, and was a popular member of the Legislature in 1895, faithfully serving on the Temperance Committee. On February 24, 1874, he married Annie, daughter of Henry J. Irwin of Baltimore, Md. They have been blessed with three children, Irwin, born December 21, 1874, a successful physician of New Haven, Charles Andrew, born Feb. 27, 1876 who died in infancy, and Lincoln, born June 9, 1882, a student in the Booth Preparatory School at New Haven. He has been a Mason since 1866, and is a member of the G. A. R. and of Foxon Grange, P. of H., being master of the Grange in 1890 and '91. Mr. Grannis was the faithful chairman of the committee on Temperance and is unusually respected for his upright and honorable bearings.



Frank P. Brett

WATERBURY.

Frank P. Brett of Waterbury is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature, and was born December 13, 1869. His father, Patrick Brett, was a native of County Sligo, Ireland, and his mother, Elizabeth Slater of Vermont. He received his education in the public schools of Waterbury, graduating from the High School in April, 1888. He then studied law two years in the office of Chas. A. Colley, Esq., of Waterbury, and entered the Yale Law School September, 1890, graduating June, 1892. He was admitted to the bar at New Haven June 29, 1892, and has since that time successfully practiced law in Waterbury. He is a member of the state militia, enlisting in Company G, Second Regiment, C. N. G., in 1892, appointed corporal in 1894, sergeant in 1898, and still holds same rank. He is a popular member of the Foresters of America, Order of Chosen Friends and Knights of Columbus. He was elected a member of the Town Board of School Visitors in 1895, for term of three years and re-elected for a like term in 1898. Mr. Brett is one of the rising young democrats of the state and his sterling qualities have gained for him the universal confidence and esteem of the public in general.



James P. Bree.

NEW HAVEN.

James P. Bree, one of the representatives of New Haven, was born in that city December 16, 1864. He received his education in the Hillhouse High School. He learned the printer's trade and has done considerable writing for the local newspapers of New Haven. He applied himself to the study of the law and took a course in Yale Law School from which he graduated in 1890. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of the state. Mr. Bree has always been a consistent democrat. He has made the principles and history of the democratic party the subject of his earnest study and is convinced that the party formed by Jefferson is one thoroughly representative of true, genuine Americanism than any other. His personal friendships are not, however, confined to political comrades. Among the republicans he has many warm friends who admire his high character, integrity and conspicuous ability. The members of the republican majority in the house manifested their friendly regard for Mr. Bree when they loudly applauded the report of the committee on contested elections in favor of seating him as one of the representatives of New Haven against a republican contestant. Mr. Bree has been twice married. His first wife, who was Miss Nellie A. Leddy of New Haven, died in March, 1894, leaving Mr. Bree one son, Vincent, who is now seven years old. In December, 1894, he married his second wife, who was Miss Annie E. Gray of Forestville. He has a growing law practice, and his practice before the probate court of New Haven is quite extensive. Mr. Bree has actively identified himself with temperance work and for two years he was the president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Connecticut, a position which is now filled by the Rev. Walter J. Shanley, the rector of St. Joseph's cathedral in Hartford. Mr. Bree has also held office in the A. O. H. and in the Knights of Columbus. He has also served as a member of the court of common council of New Haven and has been auditor of town accounts. Mr. Bree was a hard working, influential member of the house and a ready, pleasing speaker, and very often raised to a high plane of genuine eloquence. In his style of speaking Mr. Bree has an individuality that is effective. His diction is remarkably pure and graceful, and his voice has a pleasing quality and is of wide compass. He could be heard with ease in the remotest corner of the house. Mr. Bree was always listened to with attention and respect. He achieved a few notable victories in debate during the session. One of them was on the bill for half fares on street cars for school children. He offered an amendment to the report of the committee on railroads which the house adopted by a practically unanimous vote.



Robert G. Pike

MIDDLETOWN.

Robert G. Pike of Middletown comes of an honored and worthy ancestry, being a lineal descendant of John Pike, Esq., a Puritan, who came over in 1632 and settled in Salisbury, N. H., with his two sons, of whom one was Major Robert Pike, commander of all the Massachusetts forces east of the Merrimac during the Indian wars of his time, and for a period of fifty years and more was a prominent and influential officer of the colony. Of the eighth generation from this honored ancestor, in a direct line, came the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Pike was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 11, 1837, and his early education was received in the schools of that city. He was prepared for Cheshire Military Academy and graduated from that well known institution in the class of 1871. He attended Racine College, in Michigan, for two years, where he took a course in civil engineering. When he had completed his college course he entered mercantile life, and abandoned that when he purchased the *Sentinel and Witness*, Middletown. He successfully conducted the paper for a time, but sold out his interest when he was appointed civil engineer on the Connecticut Shell Fish Commission under James F. Bogart, a position he held for five years. While holding his office he was instrumental in establishing stations by the triangulation system, successfully used in locating, surveying and buoying oyster grounds. After leaving this office he went to New York, where he was engaged at his profession of civil engineering by the state. Afterward he was interested in the building business throughout New York and New Jersey, and so successful was he there that he returned to Middletown and continued in the same business here in company with his father, the late Robert G. Pike, Sr. They having made a specialty of selling pleasant and comfortable homes, modern in style and conveniences, to the people on easy terms. In January, 1898, Mr. Pike was elected a member of the Common Council for two years, and was appointed as a member of important committees, and is the present chairman of the republican town committee. Mr. Pike is house chairman of the committee on Fisheries and Games for the session of 1899 of the General Assembly.



Francis T. Maxwell

VERNON.

Francis T. Maxwell of Vernon, is one of Rockville's most prominent and representative men. He is one of the leading citizens of Vernon, and has the respect of his fellow townsmen. He is the son of the late George Maxwell, and comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Mr. Maxwell was born in Rockville, January 4, 1861, and attended the public schools, and was a member of the class of '80, R. H. S. In 1877, he took a position in the office of the Hockanum Manufacturing Company, of which he subsequently became secretary. In 1891, he succeeded his father as Treasurer of the company, a position he still holds. This company manufactures the finest grade of woolens and worsteds. He is a director in Hockanum Co., the New England and Springville Manufacturing Companies, president of the Rockville Public Library, director in the Rockville National Bank, the Rockville Building and Loan Association, the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and the Rockville Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He is a member of the Ecclesiastical Society of the Union Congregational church and an officer in the Men's Union. On November 17, 1896, he married Florence Russell Parsons of Providence. They have two children, Helen, born April 19, 1898 and Priscilla, born April 13, 1899.

Mr. Maxwell has always been a republican, and has taken an active interest in municipal and town affairs. He was a member of the common council in 1896, resigning from that body upon his removal from the fourth ward. He was colonel and aide on Governor Bulkeley's staff in 1893, and went with the governor's party to the World's Fair.



Richard G. Beebe

STAFFORD.

Richard G. Beebe of Stafford is an honored native of that town and was born September 18, 1857. He is the son of Richard S. and Mary (Pinney-Salisbury) Beebe. His father was a member of the Legislature in 1868 and 1874. Mr. Beebe was educated at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham and Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass. He was the youngest member in the house in 1881 and served as clerk of the committee on State Prison. At the last election Stafford went republican by 92 majority. Mr. Beebe, who is a democrat, overcame this and led the other successful candidate by 19 votes. He has creditably held several town offices of trust including that of clerk of probate for three years and assistant town clerk.

He is secretary and treasurer of the Riverside Woolen Company, director in the Central Woolen Company and director of the first National Bank of Stafford Springs and the Stafford Savings Bank. He has been a Mason since 1879 and is past master of Wolcott lodge, No. 60, Stafford. On July 19, 1883, he married Effie, daughter of Alfred D. Cady of Stafford. Mr. Beebe has traveled extensively and is widely and favorably known. To satisfactorily meet the public demand in his public and private life is his earnest aim, and it is hardly necessary to say that he is succeeding in a gratifying manner. As the capable chairman of the committee on School Fund and as a member of the committee on Constitutional Amendments he gained hosts of warm friends at the capitol.



Edwin S. Thomas

ORANGE.

Edwin Stark Thomas of Orange was born at Woodstock, Ill., Nov. 11, 1872, being a son of George William and Mary Stark Thomas. On his father's side he is a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla, while his mother as the name suggests is a descendant of the historic John and Molly Stark, the story of whose bravery in the War of the Revolution is now a matter of history. Mr. Thomas' early life was spent in the West, his parents residing successively in Woodstock, Ill., Chicago and Omaha and at the latter place the subject of this sketch received his early education in the grammar schools. At the age of eight years he removed to Newington, here continuing his studies first at Hartford, finally graduating with honor from the High School at New Britain in 1891. The same year he accepted a position as teacher in the public school at Voluntown, where he continued one term, leaving in the fall to enter the academic department of Yale University. He pursued his studies for a freshman year, when he left and went to New York, and in connection with his cousin managed very successfully the Hotel Bartholdi in New York until he entered the law department of Yale University in 1893, graduating in June, 1895, and being duly admitted to the bar of Connecticut the same month.

At present he is practicing his chosen profession in New Haven, having an office in the First National Bank building on Church street, and is well known as a rising young legal light.

On September 7, 1894, Mr. Thomas married Louise L. Peck, daughter of Sheriff J. H. Peck, well known in local society. He is a member of Jos. Andrew chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 46, New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knight Templars, the New Haven Grays and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Mr. Thomas is a democrat and was elected by a majority of 84 votes, while the state republican ticket was elected by 150 majority. He enjoys the distinction of being the second democrat to represent Orange in the legislature in sixty years. He is house chairman of the committee on State Library and clerk of the committee on Public Health and Safety. He is also county auditor of New Haven county. Mr. Thomas has occasion to look with pride upon the record he has made. Indeed it may truthfully be said of him, "the end is not yet."



Elias Pratt.

TORRINGTON.

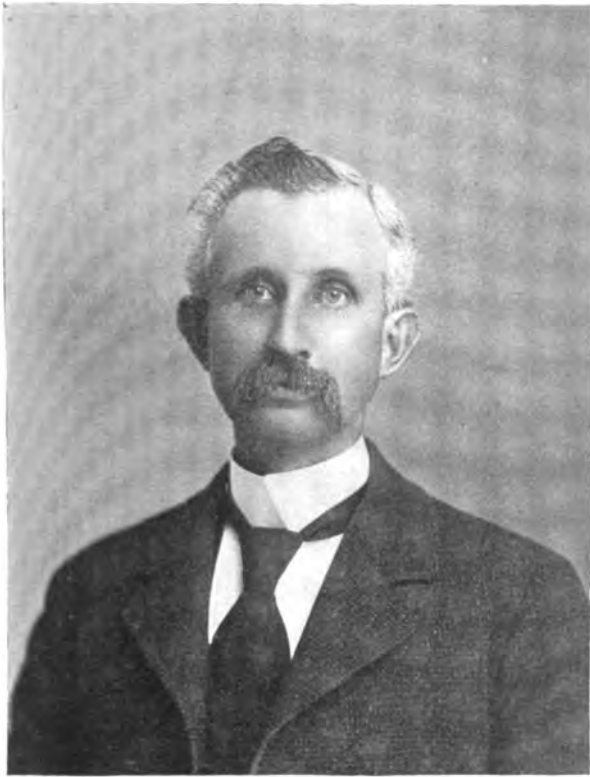
Elias Pratt of Torrington is the son of Edwin and Cornelia (Lord) Pratt, and was born in Essex, October 29, 1859. He studied in the schools of his native town and in the Middletown and Hartford high schools, and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1887. The following year and a half he served in the City Hospital, New York. On January 1, 1889, he began the practice of medicine in Torrington. He is master of Seneca Lodge, F. & A. M., and a member of Cyrus Chapter, R. A. M., of Torrington Council Royal Arcanum, and of the Litchfield County and Connecticut State Medical Societies, and has been health officer of Torrington the past six years. On June 14, 1890, he married Maria, daughter of Hervey Blake of Torrington. They have one child, a son, Edwin Blake, born April 4, 1892. Mr. Pratt was the efficient chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Safety and clerk of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. He is a successful physician and has a large circle of friends who admire and esteem him for his sterling qualities and upright character.



Edward W. Pratt

EAST HARTFORD.

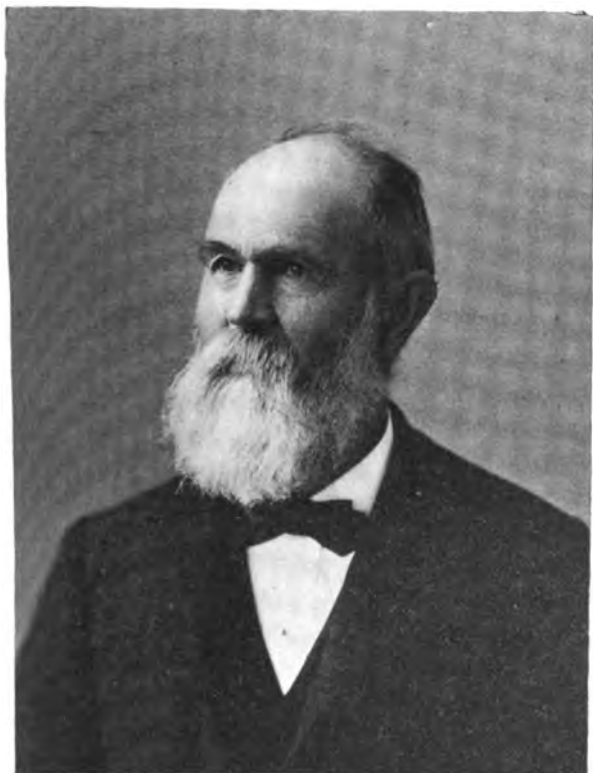
Edward W. Pratt of East Hartford, was born in Essex, August 11, 1862, being the third son and fourth child of Edward W. and Cornelia M. Pratt. The Pratt family is one of the oldest in Connecticut. Lieutenant William Pratt came from the parish of Stevenage in Hertfordshire, England, to Hartford, in company with the Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1636. He was one of the band who went from Hartford on the expedition against the Pequots in 1637, which resulted in the destruction of their fort at Mystic and the end of their power as a tribe. For this service he subsequently received one hundred acres of land. He removed to Saybrook in 1645, and represented that town in the General Assembly of the colony in twenty-three consecutive sessions. Following is the line of descent: Lieutenant William, John, John Jr., Lieutenant John, Asa, John, Elias, Edward W., Edward, Jr. Dr. Pratt's education was obtained in the common schools of Essex, supplemented by a course in Hills academy of that town, a year in the South school of Hartford and a year in the Hartford High school. In 1879, owing to financial reverses in his family, he was obliged to leave school, and after a brief career as a school teacher in Ivoryton, he went to Harlan, Iowa. Here he was employed on the Harlan Herald. In 1882, he began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. F. A. Shailer of Essex. Three days a week he passed with Dr. Shailer and three days in the factory of Tiley and Pratt as bone sawyer, earning the money to complete his technical education. In the fall of 1883, he matriculated in the Philadelphia Dental College. February 28, 1885, he graduated one of three at the head of his class of seventy-three. His commencement essay was on "The Habits of a Dentist." Dr. Pratt located first in Glastonbury in 1885, with a branch office in Hartford. In 1888, he opened an office in East Hartford, where he has remained in continuous and successful practice ever since. His thorough, reliable and artistic workmanship is attested by any patient who has sat in his chair. He is a past master of Orient Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., a Royal Arch and Council Mason and has served two terms as regent of the local Royal Arcanum. He is a republican and has been at the head of the Glastonbury and East Hartford clubs. He has been connected with the Governor's Horse Guards in various positions, the last being that of chief of staff with rank of captain. Dr. Pratt on November 20, 1889, married Charlotte H. Holmes, daughter of Ambrose N., and Julia Plummer Holmes of Glastonbury and they have one son, Everett Doane. They live in a cozy home in East Hartford where the doctor and his wife enjoy unusual popularity and esteem. The doctor is the efficient chairman of the committee on Capitol Furniture and Grounds.



James S. Forbes

EAST HARTFORD.

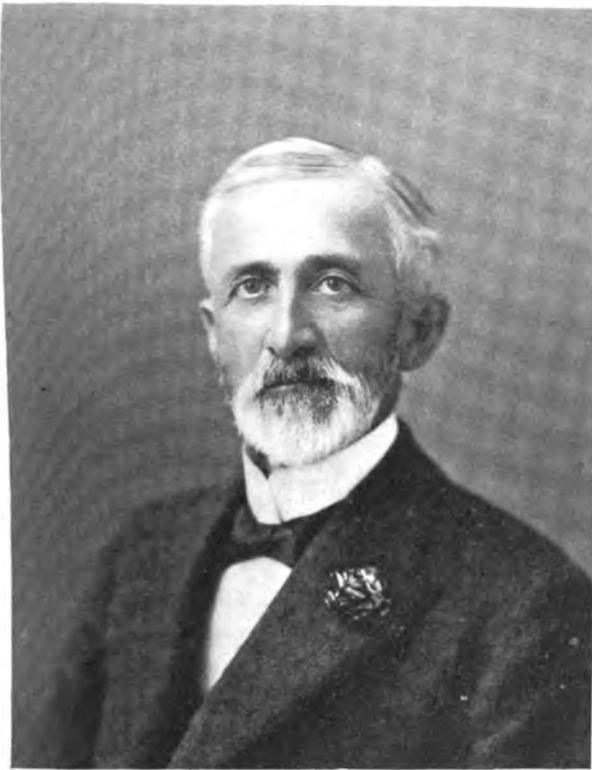
James S. Forbes of East Hartford, is the son of Giles Forbes and Sarah Pitkin Stanley, each representatives of prominent and influential families of East Hartford. His school education began in the district school of Scotland (now Burnside) and was completed in the Grammar school at East Hartford Centre. He was born on the homestead, which is a part of "ye three mile lot" purchased by James Forbes, the settler, in 1660, and helped work the old farm until of age; then, having the Western fever, he went to the State of Iowa living there in 1867-8-9. Returning home, rich in experience, if not in purse, he resumed work on the homestead, cultivating tobacco and fruits. As the farm grew in productiveness and acreage, a dairy was added. Mr. Forbes is the leading dairyman and in the front rank of tobacco and fruit producers of East Hartford. He is a republican, and first and last his votes and influence have been with his party, and he has creditably held at various times many of the town offices, including that of selectman, and is a highly respected member of the Burnside Methodist Episcopal church and has been for ten years the efficient superintendent of its Sunday school. He is also a member of the East Hartford Grange. On Jan. 1, 1874, Mr. Forbes married Miss Jennie M. Hills of East Hartford. They have two children, Fannie M., born Feb. 17, 1880, and Francis, born July 18, 1881. Mr. Forbes was the faithful chairman of the committee on Federal Relations, and is highly respected for his upright qualities by an unusually large circle of friends.



Thaddeus T Bell

DARIEN.

Thaddeus Bell of Darien, is a highly respected native of that town and was born January 20, 1831. He is a descendant of Francis Bell who located at Stamford in 1641, and a grandson of Thaddeus Bell, a member of the Legislature for thirteen terms from the towns of Darien and Stamford. His father, Hon. Holly Bell, had the honor of representing the town of Darien in the Legislature five sessions. His mother, Abigail Scofield, was a descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tillie, daughter of John Tillie and wife, all passengers on the historic "Mayflower." At the age of eighteen Mr. Bell went to New York City and engaged in shipbuilding, in which he spent about four years in that and other places. He then spent several years in the railroad business, one year in Chicago and seven in Darien and vicinity. In 1861, he resumed the work of shipbuilding at the navy yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., and in 1863, was station agent at Darien for a year, after which he spent two years in the United States Navy as Assistant Paymaster. Since locating permanently at Darien he has been successfully engaged in contracting and of late has been interested in mercantile business. Mr. Bell has been a selectman of his town for eight years, postmaster four years and is now serving as town clerk and treasurer. On June 11, 1854, he married Caroline E., daughter of Hon. Henry Morehouse, who was a member of the Legislature five terms. They have been blessed with five children. Three are yet living, Albert B., of Denver, Col., Grace L., a student at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Clarence W., now teller in the First National Bank at Stamford. He is universally respected and esteemed as one of the most honorable and clearest headed men of affairs in his section of the state. He faithfully served on two committees, Legislative Expenses and School Fund.



G A Stoughton

THOMASTON.

George Andrew Stoughton was born in Plymouth on November 10, 1834, the son of Andrew and Julia (Hooker) Stoughton. Enjoying the advantages in early boyhood of farm life and discipline, which, with the opportunities of the country district school and two or three terms in the Terryville Institute furnished the equipment for his start in life. Leaving the farm at 16 years of age he spent one year as store clerk in Plymouth for Henry Terry, afterwards serving in the same capacity for A. Hemingway in Terryville, whose daughter, Mary A. he married on April 1, 1855. They have been blessed with five children, George H. born Jan. 16, 1857, Edward C. born April 18, 1860, Andrew born Jan. 30, 1864, Nellie S. born Dec. 19, 1867, died Dec. 19, 1873, Lizzie S. wife of Rev. Frederic Sawyer of Newtown, born Jan. 14, 1873. On March 11, 1856, he commenced business for himself in Plymouth Hollow, where for nearly twenty-five years he was associated in a general merchandise business, most of the time, under the firm name of Burr & Stoughton. In 1873 he represented the town of Plymouth in the Legislature, Thomaston then being a part of Plymouth. In the spring of 1874 he started a movement for a savings bank in Thomaston, of which he was treasurer for the first few years, and is one of its directors at the present time.

Mr. Stoughton has given some attention to the pocket cutlery business, one of the industries of the town, being a director and treasurer of the Thomaston Knife Company since its organization in the spring of 1833.

In politics he has always been a republican. His church connections are with the Congregational church. For over twenty years continuously he has been a member of the Thomaston school board and most of the time one of the acting visitors. He gained many warm friends in the Legislature as a valuable member of the important committee on Finance and the chairman of the committee on Unfinished Business.

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Chas. A. Gates

WINDHAM.

Chas. A. Gates of Willimantic (Windham), was born August 22, 1867, in Mifflin Township, Richland County, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools and business college at Mansfield, Ohio. In April, 1888, when instead of following the advice of Horace Greeley, "young man go west," he came east and located in Willimantic as baggage master for the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. He was promoted from time to time until he was appointed to an agency, since which time he has been agent of the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. at Franklin, Mass., Waterbury, Southbridge, Mass., and at present is station agent of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., at Willimantic.

He is an enthusiastic republican and in the Legislature was a valuable member of the Finance Committee and chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

He is Past Chancellor and Treasurer of Natchaug Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias, Permanent member Grand Lodge K. of P. of Connecticut, member of Past Chancellor's Association No. 1, Treasurer of S. G. Adams Div. No. 23, U. R. K. P., member of Purinton Temple No. 1, Past Grand Obwebetuck Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F. and Permanent member of Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.

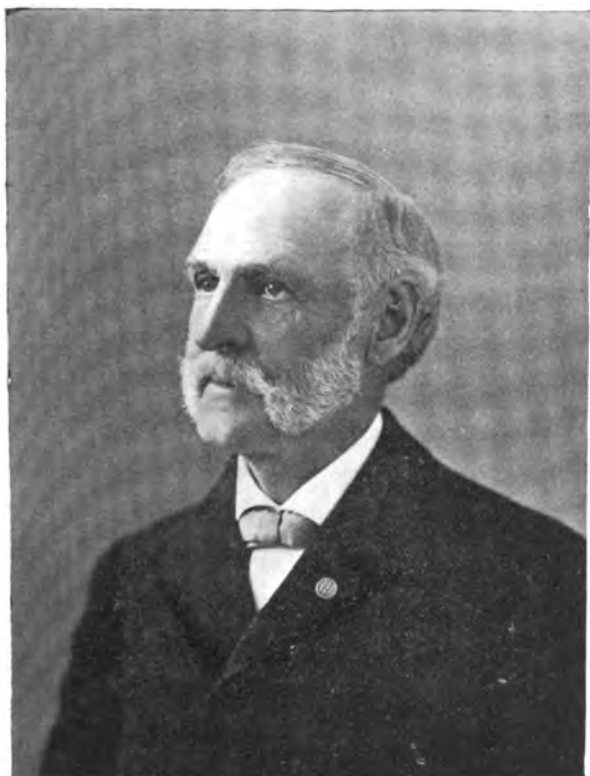
On April 15, 1893, he married Miss Cora A. Rogers, an estimable daughter of R. E. Rogers of Willimantic. Mrs. Gates passed away very unexpectedly February 22, 1896. To them was born two sons, Theodore W., born December 25, 1894, died March 4, 1895; Raymond F., born February 5, 1896. Mr. Gates is highly respected for his upright and genial qualities, which have won for him hosts of warm friends at home and at the Capitol.



Charles H. Brown

WILLINGTON.

Rev. Charles Hovey Brown of Willington, is a son of Gilbert C. and Nancy (Hovey Brown) and was born in Boston, Mass., April, 24, 1858. He attended the Boston public schools and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in the department of civil engineering in 1880. He was employed from June, 1880, to January, 1881, in Columbus, Ohio, on the P. C. & St. L. R. R., and from January, 1881 to November, 1883, on the Mexican National Railroad and from June, 1884, to May, 1886, on the C. C. C. & I. R. R. in Cleveland, Ohio. In the fall of 1887 he entered Newton Theological Institute from which he graduated in 1890, and on October 2, of that year was ordained and settled over the Willington Baptist Church, where he has since successfully preached and labored. He has also been prominent in town affairs, being secretary of the school board since 1891, and has been an auditor and assistant treasurer of the town. On June 28, 1898, he married Mrs. Ida M. Bronson of Willington, daughter of George A. Cosgrove. He was the moderator of the Ashford Baptist Association in 1897, having very acceptably served as clerk of the Association from 1890 to 1893. His father had the honor of being a member of the Common Council of Boston three years, 1863 to 1865. Mr. Brown served as chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions and several times during the session acted as chaplain of the House and Senate, gaining a large circle of friends among the Solons at the Capitol.



William B. Rudd

SALISBURY.

William Beardslee Rudd of Salisbury, is the son of the Rev. George Robert Rudd and Frances Beardslee, his wife, was born at Fredonia, N. Y., August 17, 1838. In 1858, he moved to Lyons, N. Y., with his parents. Then he received a common school education at the Lyons Union School. In 1854 he began his business life with his elder brother, E. P. Rudd, of the firm of Rudd & Carleton, publishers, of New York city. Mr. Rudd was an officer in the 98th New York Volunteers in 1861-1862, and in November, 1864, was commissioned adjutant of the 107th Regiment, New York National Guard. On June 7, 1865, he married Maria Coffing Holley, and in the spring of 1866 moved to Lakeville. His connection with the Holley M'fg. Co. began at that time and still continues. Mr. Rudd has always been an active member of the republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was a member of the Connecticut State Central Committee for fifteen years, a district delegate to the Cincinnati Convention in 1876, and alternate delegate to the Chicago Convention in 1888. Some twelve years ago he was republican candidate for senator from the 19th district. He was defeated by Mr. Staub of New Milford. In 1881-2 he served as Aide-de-Camp on Governor Bigelow's staff, and in 1889, he was appointed Quartermaster-General by Governor Bulkeley, and held the office two terms, by reason of a disagreement in deciding upon Governor Bulkeley's successor. Mr. Rudd has been a Mason since 1864. He is a Past Commander of O. H. Knight Post, G. A. R., a member of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, of the Hartford Club, and of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Samuel Hodgkinson

WALLINGFORD.

Samuel Hodgkinson of Wallingford, was born in Congleton, England, January 9, 1851, and is the son of Thomas and Annie Hodgkinson of Congleton, England. He attended the public school in his native city, and served two years in the Earl of Chester's Cavalry, and also served three years in the Fifth Cheshire Volunteers. He came to the United States in 1873, and became a resident of Wallingford at that time. He cast his first ballot for the lamented James A. Garfield, on January 16, 1879. He married Sarah Laverine Averill of Branford, daughter of Captain Daniel Averill. They have one child living, Harold Daniel, born May 8, 1890. He has always been a stalwart republican and was

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elected a member of the town committee eighteen years ago, and has been chairman of the Republican Town Committee six years. In 1896, he was elected a member of the Legislature, and was House Chairman on the Labor Committee ; was also a member on Constitutional Amendments with Judge Cowell of Waterbury. He was re-elected in 1898, and was chairman of the Labor Committee. He has been a member of the Court of Burgesses of the borough of Wallingford since 1897, and a charter member of Accant Lodge of Odd Fellows of Wallingford, a member of the Friendship Encampment, a Chevalier in Sassacus Canton of New Haven, served two years as Noble Grand in Accant Lodge, and was Past Grand of Grand Lodge of Connecticut ; was Chief Patriot of Friendship Encampment of Wallingford, a member of the New England Order of Protection, and a member of Silver City Lodge of United Order of Workmen.

He entered the employ of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., in August, 1873, where he holds the position as foreman at present.

The *New Haven Leader* in speaking of Mr. Hodgkinson says : " Mr. Hodgkinson is chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Wallingford and for many years has been identified with Wallingford's best interest. He is a man that is genial in deportment, having friends almost without number, and probably no enemies. There are few men who can boast of so strong a constituency and who is more worthy of high honors than this hard-working republican who has always been anxious to advance the cause of others, but has never shown the slightest disposition to reap the benefit for himself. He reluctantly consented to accept the nomination this year, but was elected by a majority that must be a source of considerable satisfaction to him."



Elwin F. Merriman

AVON.

Elwin F. Merriman of Avon, is the son of Joseph and Catharine (Bradley) Merriman and was born in the historic town of Litchfield, March 17, 1859. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools of his native town and the Litchfield Academy. He taught school in West Morris the winters of 1877-78 and 1878-79 and during the next two years taught in Litchfield. He then moved to Unionville; for the past eleven years he has successfully carried on a farm in Avon and retailed milk in Unionville. He has taken a deep and active interest in the welfare of his town and has creditably held several town offices. He was first Selectman in 1896, Assessor in 1894 and 1895, member of the Board of Relief in 1897, acting school visitor from 1893 to 1896, and in the fall of 1898, was elected democratic Representative in the republican town of Avon, by a large majority. He has been twice married. His first wife was Louise E., daughter of James H. and Esther B. Osborn of Litchfield, who passed to the Great Beyond, Sept. 4, 1884; their one child, Raymond E., died Jan. 19, 1893.

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His second wife Mary I., is the daughter of Major and Mary Porter of Unionville; they have one child, a daughter, Grace I., born April 17, 1893. Mr. Merriman is a highly respected member and steward of the Unionville Methodist church. He gained the reputation in the Legislature of being opposed to any unnecessary expenditure of the State funds; he made a strong fight for an appropriation for the Connecticut Agricultural College and offered an amendment to more than double the amount recommended by the Appropriation Committee which went through the House without opposition, but was reduced in the Senate. He was in all matters an independent voter and to his honor never was afraid to stand for what he thought was right.

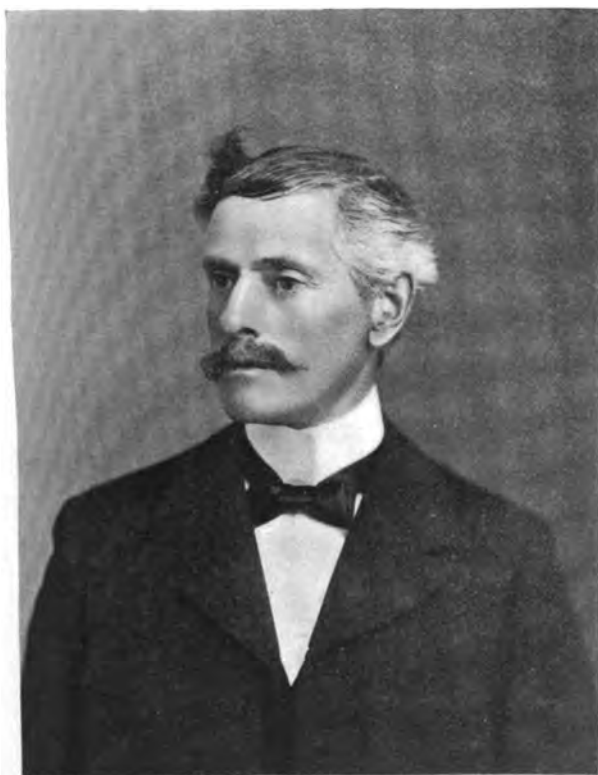


Geo A Harmon.

SUFFIELD.

George Alonzo Harmon of Suffield, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent and was born at Suffield, April 20, 1858, the son of George W., and Mary St. John Harmon and a descendent of Samuel and Joseph Harmon, the first settlers of the historic town of Suffield. Mr. Harmon was educated in the common schools of the town, the South Hadley Fall (Mass.) High school and the Connecticut Literary Institute. He is a successful farmer. On June 6, 1878, he married Nellie Johnson, only daughter of Warren and Catharine P. Wright. Mrs. Harmon died May 5, 1897. Mr. Harmon has always been a republican but was never active in politics. He was District Committee in 1892 and 1893, District treasurer, 1896 and 1897, assessor in 1897, member of the Board of Selectmen, 1898. He is a Mason, being secretary of Apollo Lodge, F. & A. M., and Washington Chapter, also recorder of Suffield Council, and member of Washington Commandery and Sphinx Temple of Hartford; also a member of the O. U. A. M. He was clerk of the Committee on Labor and gained many warm friends at the Capitol.

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Judson S. Leonard.

WINDSOR.

Judson S. Leonard, republican representative of Windsor, was born in Westville, October 9, 1841, and is the son of John Woods and Harriet Pelton Leonard. In 1842, his parents removed to Mount Clemens, Michigan, where he was educated in the public schools; afterward taking a course of study at Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Detroit. In 1863, he engaged in the mercantile business in New Haven, Michigan. In 1865, he married Jennie M. Doneghue of New Baltimore, a daughter of Captain Thomas Doneghue. In May, 1866, he came to Windsor, locating in Rainbow.

He was postmaster under Presidents Lincoln, Johnson and Grant. In November, 1869, he entered the employ of the Springfield Paper Company as bookkeeper and paymaster, remaining in their employ 28 years. Mr. Leonard has one daughter, Mabel Pelton, who is the wife of Walter L. Tower of Dalton, Mass. He is a Mason and a member of Washington Lodge, No. 70 of Windsor



Lawrance Mullaley

WINDSOR.

Lawrance Mullaley of Windsor, was born in Windsor, September 16, 1861, and has always resided in that town. His parents were Lawrance and Margaret (Dooley) Mullaley, who were well to do farmers. Lawrance attended school in the little brick school house on Stoney Hill, second school district, and assisted about the farm, until 1879, when he opened a general store in his native town and by strict attention to business and fair dealings has established a lucrative and increasing trade, necessitating larger accommodations, and after a few years he removed into the largest business store in the town, which he now occupies. He has held the offices of constable and truant officer but has never identified himself with politics to any great extent. In 1889, he married Margaret Cannon, daughter of John Cannon of Windsor Locks. They have been blessed with two interesting children, William L. and Rettar, aged seven and three years respectively. In the fall election of 1898, he was elected to represent his town in the Legislature overcoming a large republican vote, and receiving a handsome majority, and was the first democrat to represent the town since 1886. Mr. Mullaley served on the Committee on Banks and was highly respected by his associates. His services in the Legislature have been very satisfactory to his constituents.



Horace D. Payne

BERLIN.

Horace Davis Payne of Berlin, is one of the youngest and most popular members of the General Assembly. He is the son of Clarence D. and Laura (Carter) Payne, and was born in East Haddam, August 19, 1870. His father was a member of Co. C, 13th Connecticut Volunteers. He was assistant postmaster at East Haddam in 1886 and 1887. He came to Berlin May 28, 1888, where for ten years he was engaged with the C. P. Merwin Brick Company, when he was chosen manager and treasurer of the Central New England Brick Company, whose offices are in New Britain, a position he has since held with rare success and efficiency. He is a director of the Merwin Brick Company. On February 19, 1895, he married Maude M., daughter of Homer S. Merwin of Berlin. They have one daughter, Barbara M., born March 15, 1896. He is treasurer of the Kensington school district and was a member of the school board for years. He is chaplain of the New Britain Council No. 738, R. A. Mr. Payne was the efficient clerk on the important committee on manufactures, and his upright and genial qualities have made him universally popular. He richly deserves continued honors.



Alfred N. Filley.

BLOOMFIELD.

Alfred N. Filley of Bloomfield, is a native of the town he represents in the General Assembly, and is the youngest son of the late Jay H. Filley. He attended the common schools, and academy of his native town, and continued his education at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Is also a graduate of Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Filley enjoys the highest esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen, irrespective of party; and is prominent in town affairs, having served on the board of selectmen eight terms, between 1879 and 1895. Has been actively engaged in the cause of education for the past twenty years, and is chairman of the school board. Is town treasurer, serving on his second term.

He was elected president of the Bloomfield Cemetery Association, in January, 1891, and has served in that capacity from that date to the present time.

Has been a member of Charter Oak Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Hartford, for several years; that fraternal organization being the only one with which he is connected. Has been treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomfield for 18 years, and a member of its official board, for a longer period. Is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hartford, joining at the time of its organization in 1878.

Mr. Filley is a republican in politics, and was elected by a large majority to the Legislature of 1899, in a town which—with two or three exceptions—has been democratic for a long series of years. He was a member of the important committee on Education.



Otto F. Strunz.

BRISTOL.

Otto Frederick Strunz of Bristol, was born in Saxony, Germany, December 14, 1850, and is the son of William and Louisa (Teisner) Strunz. In the fall of '54 he came to America with his parents, who settled in Broad Brook, and attended the common schools in that village until he was sixteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the trade of wool dying. He served the term of apprenticeship, then took up the trade of carpenter and joiner. In 1871, he came to Bristol and worked for Elbert Case four years as a joiner, then for other builders until 1879; he then purchased the coal business of A. C. Hendee. In 1880 he started the Bristol bakery, which was successfully conducted for eight years in connection with the coal and wood business. August 1, 1889, he sold the baking business to J. W. Lounsbury, with the intention of taking life a little easier, but was prevailed upon to assume charge of the plant of the Bristol Electric Light Co., which position he held for five years, when he assumed the position of superintendent of the Consolidated Electric Light and Bristol and Plainville Tramway Co., the arduous duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of all concerned. Feeling the effects of long continued, close application to business and the numerous responsibilities, he resigned the position of superintendent, which was reluctantly accepted by the directors.

In addition to his extensive and growing coal and wood business, Mr. Strunz still has many varied business interests: president of the *Bristol Press* Publishing Co.; president of the local branch of the Co-operative Society of Savings of Connecticut, and other interests locally. He is also a baseball enthusiast, and a member of Franklin Lodge, F. and A. M., and Ethan Lodge, No. 9, K. of P. On May 30, 1879, he married S. Addie Thompson of Bristol.

Mr. Strunz was a popular member of the committee on Public Health and Safety and gained many warm friends in the Legislature.



Herbert J. Mills

BRISTOL.

Herbert James Mills of Bristol, is the son of James R. and Mary (Mix) Mills, and was born in New Hartford, September 15, 1851. His grandfather, Roger H. Mills, was one of the early settlers of New Hartford. When only five years old Mr. Mills moved with his parents to Beloit, Wisconsin, where they resided until April, 1867, when they returned East and lived in Bristol a short time. In November, 1871, they went to Springfield, Mass., where Mr. Mills learned the paper box trade. He returned to Bristol again in November, 1873, and entered the employ of his uncle, Benijah Hitchcock, who carried on a box business, and stayed with him until November, 1887, when he bought the business of him. In January, 1890, he built his present factory on Church street, and fitted it up with the most modern and improved box making machinery. In 1894, he was elected as one of the first assessors of the borough, serving two years. In 1896, he was elected as one of the burgesses, and in 1897, was appointed as one of the special committee to appraise the property of the town and help make out a new tax list. On May 1, 1878, he married Delia B., daughter of Isaac Dozier of Bristol. They have been blessed with two children. Bertha Dozier, born August 31, 1879 and Roger Herbert, born April 4, 1884. Mr. Mills is a highly respected member of the Masonic fraternity, Knights of Pythias and Heptasophs. He has held high offices in the two last societies, and is also prominent in the Gun and Wheels clubs of his town, being president of the former for eight years, and a director of the latter. Mr. Mills is a democrat but had the honor of being elected to the General Assembly in a town which is republican by about two hundred majority. He faithfully served as clerk of the Committee on Engrossed Bills.



Almon B. Phelps.

EAST GRANBY.

Almon Blake Phelps of East Granby, is a son of Canfield and Mary (Hawley) Phelps, and was born in Sarahsville, Noble Co., Ohio, November 26, 1866. His father was a prominent Westerner and died when he was five years of age. At an early age his parents moved to Edgerton, Williams Co., Ohio, where he lived until he was sixteen years of age, when he came East to reside with his uncles, Almon and Drayton Phelps, at East Granby. In the spring of 1887, he purchased the F. E. Stevens farm at Copper Hill, which place he continues to make his home. The farm contains one hundred acres, and is one of the best in town. It is located near the famous Newgate prison. Mr. Phelps was an assessor of his town in 1895, '96 and '97; has been a member of the board of education four years, and is now a selectman of the town. He is a popular and progressive republican and had the honor of receiving the largest majority of any republican in his town. His wife, Florence M. Viets, passed to the Better Beyond, August 9, 1897, leaving two children, Nellie Esther, born October 20, 1887, and Mary Viets, born August 9, 1897. Mr. Phelps was a faithful member of the Committee on Temperance and by his ever genial and courteous bearing gained many warm friends in the Legislature.

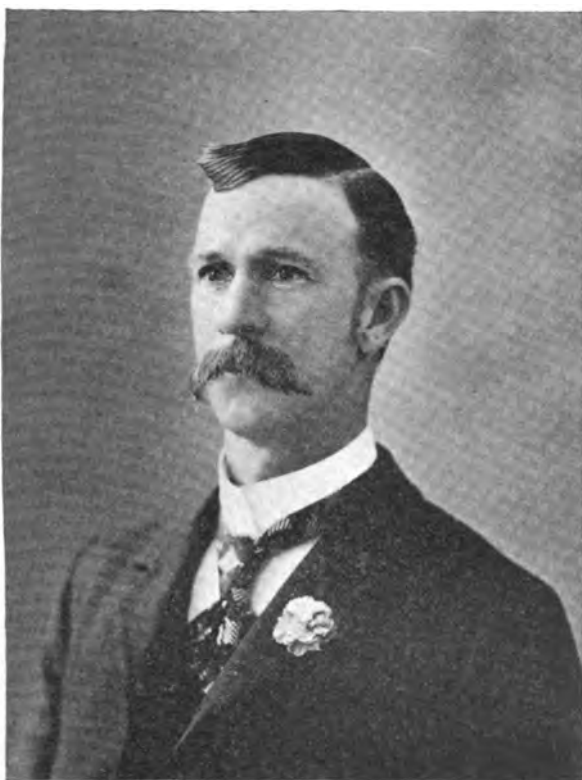


Andrew Gordon

ENFIELD.

Andrew Gordon of Enfield, is the son of William and Jean (Bauchop) Gordon, and was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 4, 1843, coming to this country the next year. His father was a member of the Legislature in 1867. On September 27, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Connecticut Volunteers, and on September 17, 1862, was wounded at Antietam, a minie ball passing through his left shoulder. He re-enlisted in 1863, and on June 2, 1864, was again wounded in the left shoulder, a piece of shell striking him at Cold Harbor. He was honorably discharged May 31, 1865, for disability by reason of wounds. In the fall of 1874, he engaged with his brothers, David and George, in the manufacture of tinware and shoddy at Hazardville, under firm name of Gordon Brothers and is now successfully manufacturing shoddy. On May 6, 1866, he married Miranda, daughter of Asa Lewis of Hazardville. Mrs. Gordon's mother was Louisa Lyon, a cousin of Gen. Lyon. They have been blessed with three children, Louis Edward, born April 24, 1872, George Judson, born July 12, 1874, Eleanor Margaret, born August 5, 1885. On May 11, of the present year Mr. Gordon was elected Sen. Vice Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. He is a highly respected member and steward of the Methodist Church of Hazardville. He gained many warm friends in the Legislature, where he faithfully served on the Committees on Insurance and Contested Elections.

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D. F. Newton

GRANBY.

Dwight Francis Newton of Granby is a native of that town and was born July 3, 1855. He is the son of Francis G. and Mary (Cornwell) Newton, and received an excellent education in the common schools, Granby Central Academy, Miss Belle Dewey, principal, and at the Granby Select School, under the tutorship of T. D. Murphy and Miss McLean. He is a successful farmer and for the past twelve years has been the efficient agent of the Granby Creamery. In 1889, '95, '96, '97 and '98 he faithfully served his town as a selectman, being chairman of the board the last three years. On December 24, 1878, he married Addie C., daughter of John W. and Melisa (King) Ruic of Suffield. They have three children, George F., born November 21, 1879, Charles F., born June 20, 1883 and Dwight J., born January 7, 1895. Mr. Newton has been a Mason since 1877. He was a member of the Committee on Agriculture and is highly respected and esteemed for his admirable qualities.

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David N. Gaines

HARTLAND.

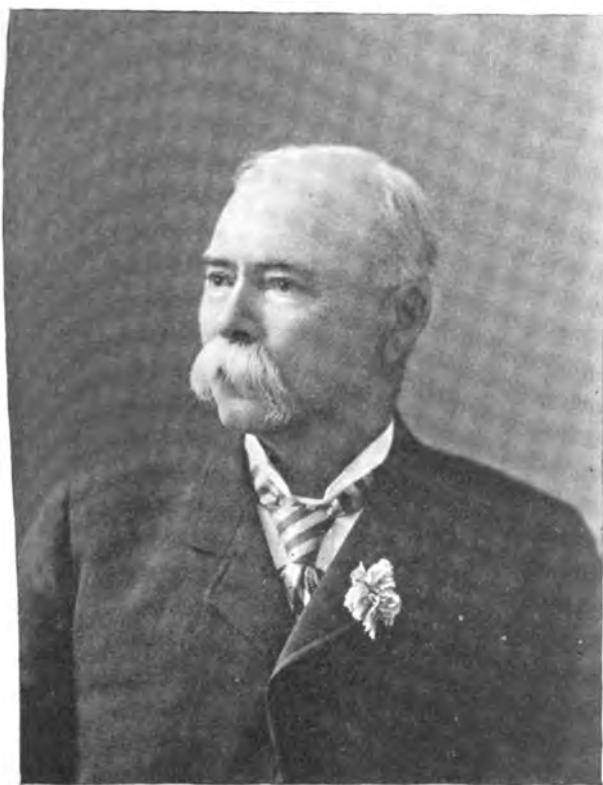
David Northway Gaines of Hartland, is a son of Lester K. and Mabel (Northway) Gaines and was born in East Hartland, June 22, 1854, where he has lived all his life. At the age of sixteen he engaged in the house painting and decorating business, in connection with farming, and has successfully followed the trade since. His father was the popular and efficient town clerk of Hartland for several years. The Gaines homestead has been in the family for about half a century. Mr. Gaines has been honored by his townsmen with several important public positions. He has been the capable chairman of the school board the past two years, chairman of the republican town committee in 1886, and has been a delegate to several republican conventions. He has also been clerk and treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Hartland since 1890. He has also been an enthusiastic worker for the republican party and was elected to the General Assembly by a flattering vote. On December 3, 1874, he married Fannie A. Brown of Winsted. They have two children, Mabel Eliza wife of Rolla Bunnell, born July 8, 1876, and Charles Henry, born September 17, 1880, who resides with his parents. He had the honor to serve on two committees in the General Assembly, Banks and Legislature Expenses, and has been a Mason since 1876.



Lewis G. Eno

SIMSBURY.

Lewis Goodwin Eno of Simsbury, is the son of Chauncey E. and Harriet (Goodwin) Eno and was born in Simsbury, March 23, 1851. Mr. Eno is a descendent of James Eno who came from England and settled at Windsor in 1646, and subsequently removed to Simsbury, where the Eno family in 1740, were instrumental in causing the organization of St. Andrew's Parish, the oldest Episcopal church in Connecticut. The family have been prominent in military, business and official circles. Mr. Eno's grandfather, Chauncey, was a member of the Legislature in 1828, and his father was a prominent member of the General Assembly in 1881. Mr. Eno received his education in the common and select schools of Simsbury, in Wilbraham, Mass., and the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield. He has the honor of receiving the largest majority ever given to a representative of his town. He is a successful farmer and has always been a staunch republican. On June 4, 1879, he married Anna, daughter of Justin Bradley of Simsbury, who was a member of the Legislature in 1844. They have been blessed with two children: Caroline Humphrey, born April 30, 1882, and Harriet Goodwin, born March 29, 1884. He was a member of the Committee on Roads, Rivers and Bridges and won many warm friends at the Capitol.



Thomas H. Brady

NEW BRITAIN.

Thomas H. Brady of New Britain, is a native of that town and was born January 25, 1843. He began his public service back in the volunteer fire department and was a lieutenant in the New Britain light battery of the state militia in 1865 and 1866. When the city charter was adopted in New Britain he was elected alderman from the old third ward, for three successive terms, '71, '72 and '73. In 1874, he served on the board of selectmen and was elected a member of the General Assembly in '75 and '76, creditably serving on important committees. From 1879 to 1884, he was water commissioner and was chairman of its board four years, refusing renomination on account of his extensive manufacturing business. He has been a popular police commissioner for several years and still holds that office. He has also faithfully held other offices. Mr. Brady was elected to the present Legislature as a democrat in a district largely republican. His colleague had a republican majority of 637. On May 10, 1881, he married Nellie J. Riordan of South Windsor. Nine children have blessed the union. Mr. Brady is a highly successful and prosperous manufacturer of fine electric supplies, and has taken out some thirty-five valuable patents. His goods have a wide reputation of being the best there is on the market and are largely sold in this country, Canada, Europe and South America. He is one of the most prominent and highly respected democrats in the state and had the honor of being a member of three committees: Constitutional Amendments, Legislative Expenses and Manufactures. The best interests of his native town have always been foremost in his mind and his earnestness and deep interest have won recognition and hosts of warm friends.



Burwell Carter

PLAINVILLE.

Burwell Carter of Plainville, is one of the most popular and genial members of the General Assembly and is widely known as the "Previous Question man." He was born in Wolcott, November 13, 1827. At the age of 10, he came to Plainville, then to Farmington. A few years later he removed to Ansonia, and afterwards to New Haven, and finally back to Plainville, where he has since resided, successfully conducting a brass foundry. He married Sarah E. Bird of New Haven for his first wife. On March 1, 1851, he married Miss Achsah Tallmadge who has been a model helpmate. He has had the honor of representing his town in the Legislature four sessions, 1874, 1875, 1897, 1899, and has proved to be a wideawake and valuable member. He has ever taken a deep interest in the welfare of his town and as first selectman and chairman of the Republican Town Committee has done unestimable service for his town and party. Mr. Carter is a highly respected Mason and Odd Fellow and has been president of the Crocodile Club from its organization. It is universally conceded that his "previous questions" have saved the state many thousands of dollars. His nomination and election for the fourth time as a Representative were graceful tributes to his efficiency and popularity.

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S. T. Welden

SIMSBURY.

Samuel Thomas Welden of Simsbury, is a son of Samuel and Nancy (McGerr) Welden, and was born in New York City, April 5, 1838. On January 2, 1872, he came to Simsbury, where he has since resided. He was educated in the public schools of New York City. On November 3, 1872, he entered the employ of Toy, Bickford & Co., now Ensign, Bickford & Co., Simsbury, the original manufacturers of safety fuse, where he was employed until July 8, 1889. On July 1, 1889, he bought the florist business from the estate of C. A. McLean and has since successfully carried on a florist and general hardware business. His large and ever increasing patronage in Simsbury and surrounding towns speaks plainer than words as to his popularity and upright dealings. Mr. Welden is a member and ex-chaplain of St. Marks lodge No. 36, F. & A. M. and is a Chapter Mason. He has taken an active part in church work, serving as steward and trustee of the M. E. Church of Simsbury. He has also been president of the Epworth League. On November 2, 1882, he married Harriet A. Case, eldest daughter of Ralph and Mary Case of Simsbury. Mr. Welden was a member of the Committee on Fisheries and Game and won many warm friends in the General Assembly.

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Charles H. Clark

SOUTHINGTON.

Charles Hull Clark of Southington, was born in that town October 23, 1832, and was educated in the common schools and at Lewis Academy in Southington. In 1854, in company with his two older brothers he engaged in the manufacture of bolts and carriage hardware under the firm name of Wm. J. Clark & Co., located in Southington, District of Milldale. He was superintendent of the factory until 1862, when he enlisted in the Twentieth Conn. Vol., serving until the fall of 1864. During the last year of service he was Lieutenant on the staff of Col. James Wood, who commanded the Third Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Army Corps, in front of Atlanta. On his return home he again resumed active duty at the factory and is at present a member of the firm of Clark Bros. & Co., and is a director in the Southington National and Savings Banks. He was elected to the Legislature of 1895, and again in 1899 by an increased majority, receiving the support of many political opponents. In politics he has always been an enthusiastic Republican. On August 21, 1862, he married Mary E. Dickerman of Southington. He was a popular member of the Committee on Manufactures.

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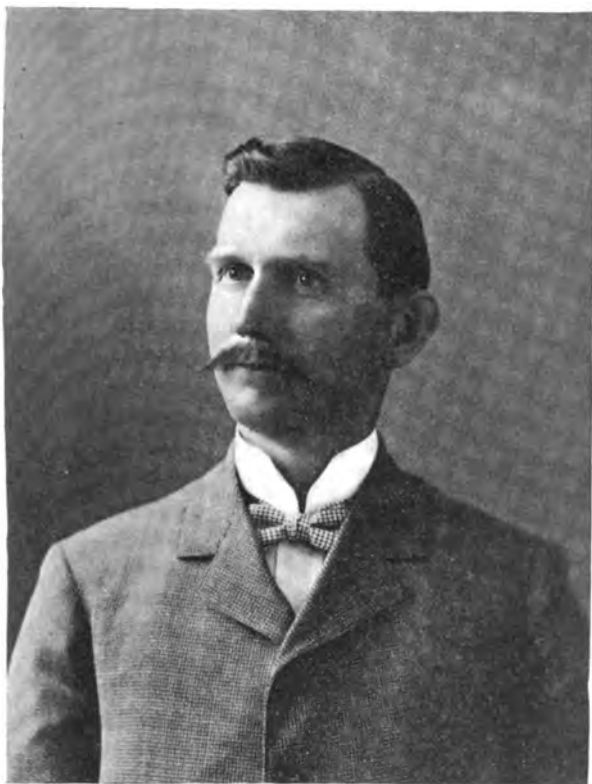


Birt B Messenger

GRANBY.

Birt B. Messenger of Granby, is the son of Seymour and Sally (Beeman) Messenger, and was born in the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly, April 29, 1846. He is the youngest of five brothers and received his education in the common schools and is a life long resident of his native town. He belongs to one of the oldest and most highly respected families in Granby, is also a successful farmer and a firm supporter of the republican party and principles. He creditably held the office of assessor five years, 1892, '93, '95, '96 and '97, and has been the efficient clerk of the district school committee several years. On April 3, 1878, he married Mary, daughter of Marvin and Eunice Frazer of Granby. Three children have blessed the union : Fred B., born January 15, 1879, William R., born October 19, 1885 and Ruth B., born April 19, 1893. Mr. Messenger enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him and merits continued honors from his townsmen.

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James C. Gourley

WINDSOR LOCKS.

James C. Gourley of Windsor Locks, is a model example of a self-made man. He is the son of James and Mary (Chestnut) Gourley and was born in Thompsonville, April 5, 1862. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to Windsor Locks where he received his education in the common schools. At the early age of eleven he was engaged as a knitter in Medlicott & Co's. mill at Windsor Locks. In November, 1880, he went to work for George P. Clark, manufacturer of special machinery. After he had served his apprenticeship he was successively promoted to assistant foreman, foreman and superintendent of the plant, resigning in November, 1898. On September 7, 1887, he married Mary L. daughter of Louis Steele of Windsor Locks. Two children have blessed the union: Irving J. born March 25, 1890, and Nelson A. born January 30, 1897. Mr. Gourley was a valuable member of the Board of Selectmen of his town in 1896, '97 and '98. He has been junior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for several years and treasurer the past four years. He is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 109 F. and A. M., Washington Chapter, R. A. M. No. 30., and Suffield Council, No. 23, R. and S. M. He is a stalwart Republican and has creditably filled every office to which he has been chosen. He was the efficient clerk of the committee on Cities and Boroughs and a member of the committee on Contingent Expenses, gaining the universal respect of all at the Capitol



E M Granger

EAST WINDSOR.

Elisha Morton Granger of East Windsor, was born in South Windsor, April 9, 1856. He is a son of Francis Horace and Elizabeth Morton Granger, and was educated in the common schools. Before he was fifteen years of age he dealt in cattle and dressed meats. At the age of twenty-one he located at Junction City, Kansas, where for seven years he was engaged in shipping cattle to the Eastern markets. He then for nine years conducted a cattle and meat business in company with his brother, William E. Granger at Broad Brook. In the spring of 1893, they dissolved partnership, Mr. Granger still conducting the cattle business, his brother taking the meat business. Mr. Granger now resides in Melrose, on a fine farm of four hundred acres. He is a wholesale and retail general live stock dealer, and doubtless feeds as many cattle as any man in the State, having constantly on hand two hundred head. He received third premium on working oxen at the World's Fair at Chicago and exhibits many fine cattle at our state, county and local fairs.

In the fall of 1891, he was third selectman of his town and from 1892-96, was first selectman. On Nov. 5, 1890, Mr. Granger married Susie C. Vining of Broad Brook. They have been blessed with two children: Dorothy Elizabeth, born August 17, 1893, Elisha Morton, Jr., born August 25, 1896. Mr. Granger was a valuable member of the Agricultural Committee and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances both in this and adjoining states.



Frederick J. Barnes

EAST WINDSOR.

Frederick J. Barnes of East Windsor, was born January 29, 1863, at Warehouse Point and removed to Hartford the same year, living there until 1876. He received his education in private schools and the West Middle Grammar school up to that time when he entered the "E. A. C." at Cheshire where he was graduated in the class of '79, as captain of Co. B, having been promoted through the various grades in his four years course ; prepared for Yale Scientific School but on account of ill health gave it up and entered business life the following year. He was located in Detroit, Mich., for a while, then became connected with the Warehouse Point Silk Co., where he was general superintendent for a number of years, leaving there to go with a large New York house in the leaf tobacco business, which brings him in close touch with the farmers in the tobacco growing districts of the state, to whom he is well and favorably known. In 1887, he married Alice Morgan Johnson of Detroit, Mich., a daughter of Waldo M. Johnson formerly of Hartford. They have been blessed with four children, all boys, Morgan Kingsbury, aged twelve ; Frederick Heath, aged ten ; William Bartlett, aged five, and George Kingsbury, aged three. He has always been a staunch republican and taken a great interest in politics ; never sought any office, but was elected a Justice of the Peace for several years. He is descended from a long line of revolutionary ancestors, tracing back on both sides to 1631 and 1636, and is a member of the Sons of the Revolution. He served on the Committee on Forfeited Rights and gained many strong friends in the General Assembly.



W R Wood

SOUTH WINDSOR.

William Russell Wood of South Windsor, is the son of the late Dr. William Wood and was born, in that town, June 9, 1859, at the home of his grandfather, Erastus Ellsworth. His early education was received at the public school of the town, and at the Academy at Glastonbury. His father hoped to educate him for a physician but his own inclinations were not in that line. He enjoyed the farm, and the death of his grandfather seemed to make the way plain for him to gratify his tastes and farming has since been his occupation. Mr. Wood is a staunch republican and has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of his native town. He is universally respected by a large circle of friends.

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Reuben H. Tucker.

ANSONIA.

Reuben H. Tucker of Ansonia, is a member of the House of Representatives for the third consecutive time, having very acceptably served during the sessions of 1895 and 1897.

He is a staunch republican in politics. He cast his first vote for President Grant in 1868, and those who know him never question his republicanism. With him it is country first, the republican party next, and self last. He is well known in the state not only by his service in the Legislature, and his long continued presence as a member of the various party conventions, but as a member of the Masonic fraternity with which he has been prominently identified for the past thirty years. He is a past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, a past priessant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, a member of the general Grand Chapter of the United States ; at present holds an of-

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ficial position in the order of High-priesthood, and positions of trust and responsibility in all the grand bodies with which he is connected. He has been at the head of all the local masonic bodies in his locality.

In political life, besides his service in the Legislature, he has been called to many official positions, having served for ten consecutive years as town clerk, five terms as warden of the Borough of Ansonia, before it became a city, for nearly a score of years as justice of the peace, and many other minor offices. He is at present both an assessor and tax-collector of the city of Ansonia, and for the past sixteen consecutive years has been a public official.

Mr. Tucker was born in Ansonia, August 9, 1847, the records of the town of Derby—of which Ansonia was then a part—show that Mr. Tucker was the first child born in that portion of the town that is now a thriving city of nearly fifteen thousand inhabitants, after it received its name from its founder Anson G. Phelps. He was married, January 2, 1867, to Adelia L. Boughton of Woodbury. Three out of five children are still living.

While warden of the Borough of Ansonia, Mr. Tucker was called upon to drive the first spike in the track of the Ansonia and Derby street railroad, that being the first electric railroad built in Connecticut, he has the honor of having driven the first spike in an electric road in Connecticut. Mr. Tucker was the efficient clerk of the Committee on Finance and gained many strong friends at the Capitol.



S. G. Gardner

ANSONIA.

Sturges G. Gardner of Ansonia, was born in New Haven, April 15, 1859. He is head of the firm of John B. Gardner's Sons, manufacturers of clock trimmings. His father, John, a native of Germany and a man of prominence in Ansonia, learned his trade of clock maker in the factory of Jerome of New Haven and came to Ansonia in 1857, and founded the present large business. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools, High school, and St. Paul's Academy. At an early age he entered the factory of his father and in 1878, when less than twenty years old was admitted to partnership. His brother Louis was later admitted and the firm was known up to the father's death as John B. Gardner and Sons, but in 1892, was changed to John B. Gardner's Sons.

Mr. Gardner has taken an active interest in the affairs of his city. He is of staunch republican principals and gained many strong friends in the General Assembly, where he creditably served on the Committee on Appropriations. He is a 32nd degree Mason. He married in 1880, Anna Wolf, daughter of John Wolf, she was born in Broadbrook, where her father was a woolen manufacturer. They have three children : Anita, Louise and John.



Herbert C. Baldwin

BEACON FALLS.

Herbert C. Baldwin of Beacon Falls, was born September 3, 1840, in that part of Oxford that was set to Beacon Falls, is a son of Lucian, and he a son of Matthew Baldwin, who was a resident of Naugatuck formerly called Salem. Lucian married Aurelia Tolles, settled in Oxford and engaged in farming, and for many years taught school winters. He died in Sept. 1855, when the subject of this sketch was 15 years of age. Mr. Baldwin then hired out on a farm and worked, attending school winters for three years, then working by the day and jobbing until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted in September, 1861, in Co. K, 13th Regt. Conn. Vols., was mustered into the U. S. service, November 7, following. His regiment was sent to the department of the Gulf and he took part in every movement and service that was assigned to the regiment; was in the battles of Georgia Landing, Irish Bend where the regiment captured the rebel flag belonging to the

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St. Mary's Canoneers, Cane River, Mansura Plains and all through the seige of Port Hudson and being one of the forlorn hope storming column, that was called for by General orders, and promised a medal of honor, which promise like many others were never fulfilled. Was also through the Red River campaign and helped to keep the rebels back while the dam was being built to get the fleet down over the falls just above Alexandria, his regiment being the only Connecticut regiment on that campaign. Re-enlisted in 1864, and his regiment with most of the 19th Army Corps were transfered to Virginia under Sheridan where he was in the battles of Berryville, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek that fall, then was sent to Savannah and met Sherman's troops then coming up through into North Carolina when Lee surrendered his army and Johnston following suit ; his regiment was sent back to Savannah and then marched up to Augusta and finally to Atlanta and divided up a company in a place to do provost duty, and keep the peace in different places in Georgia until the spring of 1866, when they were mustered out of service, he enlisted private and served being promoted Corporal, Sergeant, Orderly, and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and Brevetted 1st for gallant services. After the war he bought the farm where he still resides. He is a member of Upson Post No. 40, G. A. R. of Seymour, was assessor in 1871 and 1872, and elected first selectman of his town in 1873, and continued thereafter until October, 1886, when he was defeated by the democrats and Knights of Labor, and was the minority member of the board ; in October, 1887, and 1888, he was elected first selectman and 1889 was defeated, being on the minority again, and 1890 was elected first again, and 1891 refusing the nomination, feeling that he had fully served his time. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1878, and has held the office since with the exception of two years. Represented his town in 1876, being on the Committee of Canvass of Votes, 1880 serving on the Military Committee, 1883 Committee on State Prison, 1884 Educational and Contingent Expenses, 1891 State Prison and this session is assigned to the Military again. He has always been a staunch republican in politics. He was married on Christmas, 1866, to Josephine H. Jones, in central New York. Their children are Edward D., who died February 18, 1869, at the age of eight months and one week ; Lucian E., Alfred C., Hattie M., Herbert C. Jr., William A., who died at the age of one year, five months, two weeks and two days, and Harold T.

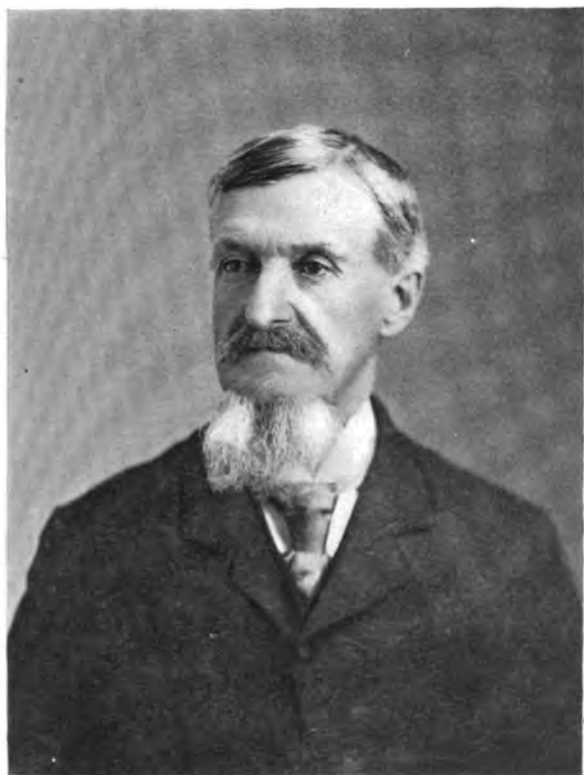


Arthur H. Doolittle

BETHANY.

Arthur H. Doolittle of Bethany, was born in Woodbridge, August 12, 1871, but has always resided in the town which he has the honor to represent in the Legislature. He is a son of Andrew J. Doolittle, who is a Union veteran, belonging to the 23rd Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers and who was a popular member of the House in 1889.

His education was acquired in the common schools with an additional course in a Business College at New Haven. He is a farmer by occupation and an active member of Woodbridge Grange, No. 108, of which he has been Master for two years. He is also a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., and Croswell Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a democrat, and is highly respected by a large circle.



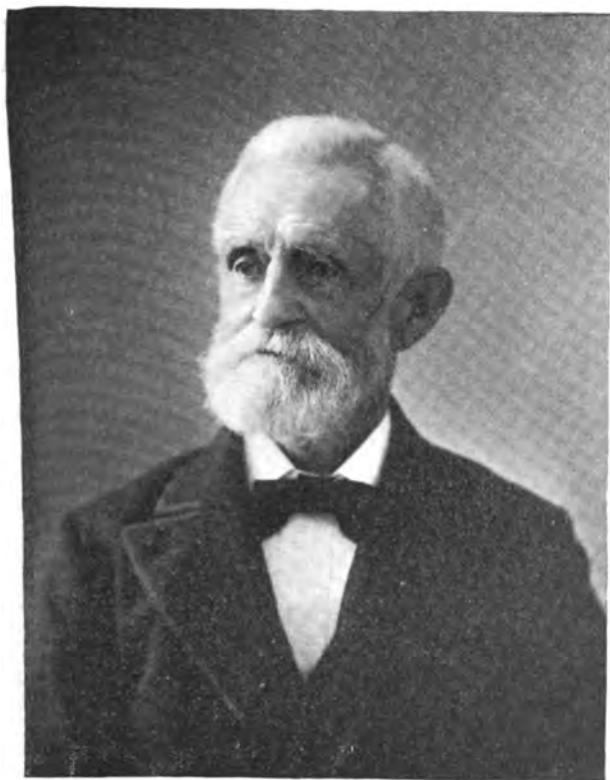
Fayette W. Rossiter

GUILFORD.

Fayette W. Rossiter of Guilford, is the son of Theophilus and Elizann (Chittenden) Rossiter and was born in North Guilford, March 11, 1836. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and for seven terms, commencing in 1856, was a school teacher. On February 8, 1866, he married Louisa A., daughter of John Norton of North Guilford. Three children have blessed the union : Charles N., born March 18, 1867, a popular carpenter of Guilford ; Walter F., born May 3, 1871, who resides at home ; Ellen L., born May 31, 1875, a talented school teacher.

Mr. Rossiter was collector of taxes in 1872, and was a valuable member of the board of selectmen five years, 1873, '74, '89, '90 and '91. He has been treasurer of the North Guilford Grange and is highly respected by a large circle of friends for his upright qualities. He was a member of the Committee on Judicial Nominations.

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O. N. Brooks

GUILFORD.

Captain Oliver N. Brooks of Guilford, was born in Westbrook, Feb. 7, 1822. His father was Nathan Brooks and his mother Nancy A. Clark, both of whom were natives of Chester. Captain Brooks has good, old New England patriotic blood in his veins, his father having been a veteran of the war of 1812, and his grandfather, Joseph Clark of Chester, a Revolutionary hero.

Captain Brooks received his education in the common schools and the Academy at Clinton. At the age of fifteen he began a sea faring life and was promoted to the command of a vessel at the age of twenty-one years, and followed the sea until he was twenty-nine years old.

On November 15, 1851, he was appointed keeper of the lighthouse on Faulkner's Island in the Sound, five miles off the Guilford shore, and held the position with much credit to himself and satisfaction to the

government for thirty-one years, until he resigned on November 15, 1882. The story of his life upon the island is an interesting one and would make an entertaining narrative of actual adventures as the captain was noted for his bravery. During his service upon this lonely isle he rendered assistance to seventy-one vessels in distress in the vicinity of the island and took off several crews from wrecked vessels in a boat managed by himself alone when there seemed no other possible chance to save the wrecked men from perishing. One noteworthy rescue was that of the crew of the big schooner Moses F. Webb which went ashore in a fearful storm on Goose Island on the night of Nov. 23, 1858, and through the roaring tempest and mountainous waves the subject of our sketch managed his frail craft and single handed saved the lives on the fated ship. For this he received from the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York, a handsome gold medal valued at fifty dollars and appropriately inscribed, besides a large purse of money to himself and an elegant silver tea set to his wife from citizens of New Haven. Since leaving the government service he spent nearly three years in California and was appointed postmaster of the town of Arch Beach, Los Angeles county, June 21, 1889.

He was a member of the General Assembly from Guilford in 1893. On January 4, 1846, he married Mary M. Hart of Guilford. They have two children, Mary E., wife of Henry I. Thrall and Nancy A., wife of Edward G. Husted. Mr. Brooks has been a Mason since 1858.



John H. Davis

HAMDEN.

John Hubbard Davis of Hamden. is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature and was born March 23, 1868. He is the son of Samuel and Emily (Mansfield) Davis, and was educated in the public schools of New Haven.

Mr. Davis was first selectman of his town four years, from 1894 to 1898, and filled the important position in a highly successful and praiseworthy manner. He is a popular member of the following societies : Hamden Grange No. 99, Sons of the American Revolution, Yale Conclave No. 244, Improved order of Heptasophs, New Haven Tent No. 9, Knights of the Maccabees, Sterling Lodge No. 46, A. O. U. W., Day Spring Lodge No. 30, F. & A. M., Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., New Haven Commandery No. 2. Knights Templar and Pyramid Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Bridgeport.

Mr. Davis is a prosperous farmer and market gardener. By strict attention to business and honorable dealings he has established the largest trade in his section of the county. He has been society committee of the Whitneyville Congregational church for ten years, and was a member of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs.



J. T. Basham

MIDDLEBURY.

John T. Basham of Middlebury, was born on the ocean in an American ship, February 24, 1850, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Few) Basham, who were both born in England and came to this country in 1850, settling in Bethany. They moved to Middlebury in 1880. They had six children of whom John T. was the eldest. On February 24, 1874, he married Martha J., daughter of William and Charity Culver of Middlebury. Mr. Basham has lived in Middlebury since 1869. In January 1878, he purchased the fine farm of L. P. Benham which he sold in February 1893, and now resides on the well known "De Forest farm" in the centre of the town. He is a strong democrat and has taken a deep and active interest in the affairs of the town. He has creditably held the office of selectman, justice of the peace, assessor and collector of taxes. He is a farmer, but part of his time is taken up with a blacksmith shop that he bought out three years ago. He has been a valuable citizen and has gained hosts of true friends.

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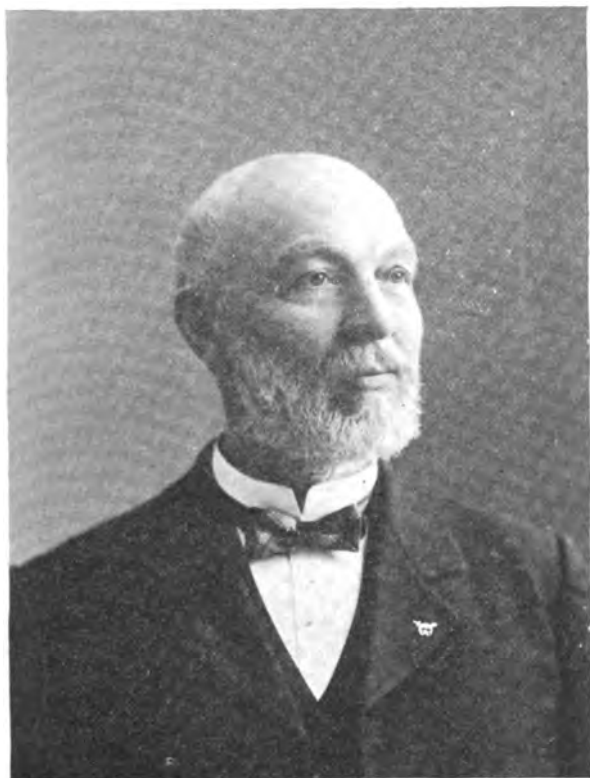


James L. Miles

MILFORD.

James L. Miles of Milford, is the son of Theophilus Miles and Eliza J. Curtis, and was born in Milford, September 23, 1841. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and spent his life with his parents up to the age of eighteen years, when he went to New Haven to learn the builder's trade. After completing his apprenticeship, he returned to Milford, where he still continues to carry on the business as mason, builder and contractor in all its branches. He was for two years, 1890 and 1891, selectman of the town of Milford and satisfactorily discharged his duties. He has always been a staunch republican in politics, and also is a Free Mason and Odd Fellow, having filled all the offices in the latter society.

He resides on the old homestead which has been in the family since 1800, and is one of the best farms in New Haven County. On October 9, 1862, he married Jennie L., daughter of George T. Corbin of Sherman. Five children have blessed the union: Charles C., Hattie L., Clifford H., Grace B. and Arthur. Mr. Miles was a faithful member of the Committee on Fisheries and Game. He has always been deeply interested in the upbuilding of his town, and his upright, genial and enterprising qualities have gained for him a large circle of warm friends.



John M Page

NAUGATUCK.

John Merriam Page of Naugatuck, the oldest son of Benjamin and Sarah Merriam Page, was born in North Branford, February 14, 1838.

He has three brothers : the Rev. Charles Page of North Branford; Hon. Benjamin Page, ex-mayor of Meriden, who was a member of the Legislature in 1895 ; and Robert Page of North Branford.

His sister is the wife of T. Andrew Smith of Northford who represented the town of North Branford in the General Assembly session of 1869. His father was a much respected citizen of North Branford and held many local offices in the gift of his town, being for several years Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Justice of the Peace. His mother was the daughter of Ashael and Elizabeth Merriam of Meriden.

He received his education in the public and private schools of North Branford and Meriden. On leaving school he learned the trades of tinsmith and plumber. These trades and that of merchant he is at present pursuing.

He is a member of the State and National Association of Master Plumbers and also the National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters.

In 1859, he was married by the Rev. J. Townsend to Carrie Celestia Cook of Wallingford, and went to Clinton, and resided until the death of his wife in 1862.

On November 7, 1864, he was married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wallingford, by the Rev. E. M. Gushee to Rebecca Irene Williams of Wallingford. They made

their residence in Northford where four children were born : Carrie Celestia, now Mrs. Horace Erwin Baldwin ; Nellie Maria, now Mrs. Walton Perkins Clarke ; Leafie Belle, now Mrs. William Hall Miner ; and Mattie Riena, now Mrs. Frank Adams Squires, all residing in Naugatuck.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. Page moved to Naugatuck, purchased a business in the plumbing, heating, sanitary, engineering and hardware line, and by his untiring industry has built up a widely established reputation.

His wife who was a lovable Christian woman died and on August 3, 1898, he was married in St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Meriden, by the Rev. A. T. Randall, to Sarah Celia Williams of Meriden, who for many years had been a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of that city.

Mr. Page is Senior Warden of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Naugatuck, having held that office since 1877; is a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and represented the New Haven County at a Conference of the Brotherhood held in Portland, Me., Feb. 1898.

Since 1893 he has held the office of Borough Treasurer of Naugatuck and is at present serving in that capacity.

He is a member of Natatuc Tribe I. O. R. M., No. 25, and Natatuc Haymaker's Association No. 25½.

Mr. Page took the degrees of Masonry in Compass Lodge of Wallingford in 1864 and in 1867 was instrumental in forming Corinthian Lodge 103 of Northford; was its first Worshipful Master which office he held for several years.

On moving to Naugatuck he became a member of Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M. and held the office of High Priest in the years 1884 and 1885.

During the years 1886-7 he held the office of Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Connecticut and is at present Deputy Supreme Patron of the order of the Amaranth for Connecticut.

He is a Knight Templar, a 32nd degree Mason and has an extended acquaintance throughout the State.



D. S. Stevens

NORTH BRANFORD.

David Stearns Stevens of North Branford was born at Quinnipiac in the town of North Haven, April 5, 1857, and is son of David and Eliza (Benjamin) Stevens.

He was the fifth of six children born to them, viz: Albert Benj. who died in Northford, Alice Eliza who married Jared B. Bassett of Nor. Haven; Elizur Seneca, of the firm of Maltby, Stevens & Curtis of Wallingford; Henry M. also residing in Wallingford, David Stearns, subject of this sketch; Agnes Gertrude who married Watson D. Augur of Middletown. By a second marriage to Frances J. Hart, Mr. Stevens had two more children: Frances Jane and Peter DeForest, both living in Virginia, to which state the father removed in 1883.

He became a resident of Northford in 1868 and for a number of years there carried on the business of spoon manufacturer.

As a boy David S. worked in his father's shops attending meanwhile the public schools of Northford but, completed his preliminary education at General Russell's institute in New Haven.

In 1875, he returned to his home in Northford, where he began the card printing business in his father's spoon shop, with an outfit costing \$36, which his father advanced to him. From the beginning his efforts were attended with success and the

industry grew so rapidly that in 1880, the present commodious rooms in the old Maltby place were secured.

In this place the business was developed until it became one of the leading industries of its kind in the country. As many as fifty hands have been employed in carrying on the operations, which embraces the manufacture and printing of an endless variety of plain and fancy cards and scrap-book pictures, which are sold in every part of the Union. In 1880, his brother Henry M. became associated with him, the firm since that time being Stevens Brothers. Since 1890, the latter has been in charge of the Wallingford Branch of the business which was established in that year. Mr. Stevens possesses a fertile brain which enables him to keep in advance of the ever varying changes of his business and to constantly devise and add new changes which have further enlarged it.

He has also developed a capacity for affairs which entitles him properly to a place among the representative self-made men of the County.

His skill, tact and indomitable energy and perseverance have brought him business prosperity and an honored name.

He is much esteemed in the community in which he resides and has identified himself with its best interests, serving so far as the urgent demands of his business would permit. Mr. Stevens was married Oct. 9, 1879, to Clara Hoadley Maltby, daughter of E. C. and Hannah Maltby, who was born Sept. 27, 1857. Her mother, Hannah Hoadley, was a daughter of the Rev. L. Ives Hoadley who was an honored minister of the Congregational church. Five children have been born as the fruit of the union; Douglas Maltby, born Sept. 4, 1880; Clifford Fleetwood, born July 9, 1885; Wilburt Benj. born Dec. 3, 1886; David Stearns, born July 23, 1888; Clara Marguerite, born Dec. 31, 1889. Mr. Stevens resides in the E. C. Maltby place at Northford, which has been finely fitted up for his home. He was a popular member of the Committee on Railroads.



D. W. Patten

NORTH HAVEN.

D. Walter Patten of North Haven, is the son of Dr. Daniel and Mary (Hyde) Patten and was born in the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature, February 7, 1862. He received an excellent education in the common schools, Giles' Private school and graduated from Yale, class '87 S. He was then for two years a successful instructor of mathematics in Gen. Russell's Collegiate and Commercial Institute, New Haven, and has ever since been a successful farmer. The report of the Dairy Commissioner for 1893, contains the following in regard to his model farm: "The Clover Dairy Farm, owned by D. W. Patten, and situate in the town of North Haven, is partly represented in the accompanying cut.

This farm contains 225 acres and has been in possession of the Patten family nearly forty years, the original "Pierrepont Farm," where the late Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, ex-minister to England was born.

As a dairy farm it is second to none in the county, having furnished milk for the New Haven market for more than thirty years.

A herd of fifty choice grade cows are kept, and the daily average supply of milk is more than 400 quarts. The hay crop is estimated at 100 tons. A silo having a capacity of 10,000 bushels is used through the winter to furnish one feed daily.

Mr. Patten, is a member of the State Pomological Society and has a peach orchard of 1,500 trees. He is also a charter member of the North Haven Grange and a member of the State Dairymen's Association."

Mr. Patten is a Mason and a valuable member of the Republican State League and the Republican Club of New Haven. He has been offered several important town offices, including that of first selectman but declined to accept. On October 16, 1889, he married Erminie Ivison, daughter of George I. Emley a veteran in the 10th Connecticut Volunteers. They have been blessed with two children: Edna Ivison, born October 23, 1890 and Mabel Sackett, born October 30, 1893. His father was an active member of the Legislature for three terms.

Mr. Patten was the efficient clerk on the important Committee on Incorporations and he became favorably known as one of the most active members of the session.



William O. Davis

OXFORD.

William Otis Davis of Oxford is a native of the town he represents in the General Assembly and was born October 22, 1857. He was educated in the schools of his native town and at Mt. Vernon Academy, N. Y. He has been selectman of Oxford five consecutive years from 1884, the last two years being first selectman. Previous to that he had served as assessor. He is a highly respected member of St. Peter's church and a vestryman. He is the son of Wm. H. and Frances J. (Mallet) Davis, a grandson of John Davis, Jr., and a great grandson of Colonel John Davis, whose father, Captain John Davis, was deputy from Derby to the General Assembly in 1768, and was justice of the peace from 1768 to 1779. Mr. Davis lives on Chestnut Hill, in the old homestead which was the home of his parents, a slightly location, commanding a wide view over the hills and valleys of his own and adjoining towns. On March 26, 1879, he married Hattie A., daughter of Washington Penham of Oxford. They have one child, Frances Mallet, born October 1, 1880. Mr. Davis was a member of the Committee on Federal Relations and gained many warm friends at the Capitol.



John B. Kendrick

WALLINGFORD.

John B. Kendrick of Wallingford is the son of Capt. John Kendrick of Massachusetts and Frances Edmonds of Virginia and was born in Wallingford, September 18, 1851. He attended school in Suffield and later at Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven. He was at Yale in 1872-6, and taught school for six years and spent one year in graduate study in New Haven. He has been auditor in the employ of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. since September, 1886. Mr. Kendrick was a member of the General Assembly of 1887, and has held several town and borough offices, including that of school visitor and borough treasurer. On August 24, 1881 he married Harriet A. Treadway of Wallingford. They have one son, John Treadway, born September 5, 1883.



Samuel O. Clark

WOODBIDGE.

Samuel O. Clark of Woodbridge, was born in Woodbridge, Nov. 1, 1861. He is a descendent of Governor Treat, and the son of Elias Treat Clark who served in the House in 1885 and 1886. His mother was Nancy M., daughter of Enoch Clark of Orange. He is a republican and comes of staunch republican ancestry, which has served in the Legislature in each generation. Mr. Clark was educated in the public schools, and at Yale Business College. He has creditably served his town four years as assessor, from 1894 to 1898, when he refused the office, after receiving every vote but one in the republican caucus. He married Miss Pauline C. Marquart, December 23, 1885, and has two sons Elias Treat and Charles Edward. He is a member of Orange Grange, and of the A. O. U. W. He is successfully engaged in the farming, dairy and cattle business and has gained hosts of friends by his upright and genial qualities.



Currie Gilmour

NORWICH.

Currie Gilmour of Norwich, is the son of good Scotch parents, David Gilmour and Isabella Sinclair (Campbell) Gilmour. He was born in Tariffville, town of Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn., in 1846. Mr. Gilmour was an able and valuable member of the General Assembly of 1897, where he faithfully served as chairman of the Committee on Sale of Lands. His course proving satisfactory to his constituents, they re-elected him to the session of 1899, where he very acceptably served as a member of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs, one of the busiest, and most important committees in the Legislature, as it is before this committee that all measures, relating to municipal government, multiform in character, are heard and determined, so that during the session, it has not been inaptly termed, the political storm centre of this State. He is Past Master of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., Chaplain of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., Companion of Franklin Council, No. 3, R. & S. M., and also a Sir Knight of Columbian Commandery, No. 4, K. I. Mr. Gilmour has lived in Norwich since 1853. He has always taken a deep interest in everything which tended to advance or benefit his town and is highly respected by a large circle of friends for his upright character.



Edwin W. Higgins

NORWICH.

Edwin W. Higgins of Norwich, was born in Clinton, July 2, 1874. Soon after that date his parents moved to Norwich, which has since been his home. He comes from Puritan stock, his ancestor, Richard Higgins having landed at Plymouth soon after its settlement, and a little later holding the office of deputy and selectman for several terms in Plymouth Colony.

Mr. Higgins was educated in the schools of Norwich and graduated from Yale Law School in 1897. He opened an office for the practice of law in Norwich the summer of his graduation and the following autumn was elected as a republican to represent the town in the Legislature by a plurality of 374 votes. Although the youngest member of the House, he received an appointment upon the Judiciary Committee and subsequently acted as its clerk. His careful and judicious attention to his duties upon this committee and his efforts during the session to promote in every way the interests of the town which he represented, were such as to win for him the confidence of his constituents.

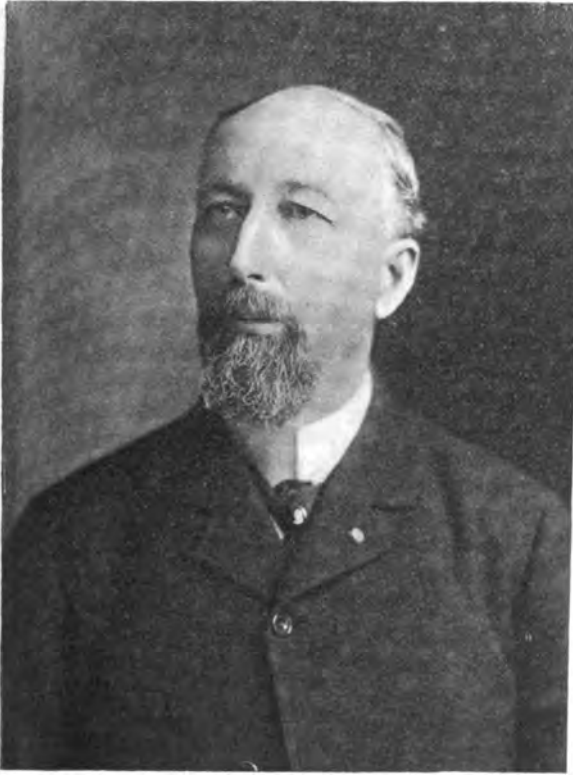


S. S. Edmond

GRISWOLD.

Samuel S. Edmond of Griswold, is the son of Andrew Edmond and Mary E. Tyler and was born March 2, 1869, on the farm on which he now lives, being the youngest of nine children. He received a common school education and worked on the farm until February 11, 1890, when he married Lucy I. Rude of Preston, and began farming for himself. They have two children, twin boys, Samuel S. Jr., and John T. born April 28, 1897. Mr. Edmond is an enthusiastic republican having served his town as selectman four years in succession, always running ahead of his ticket and is at present holding that office. He carried the town in the November election by a large majority, being the first republican elected from that town in six years. He not only had a strong man to run against but a democratic senator in the same town and a democratic town at that, so he may well feel proud of his success. He was a popular member of the Railroad Committee.

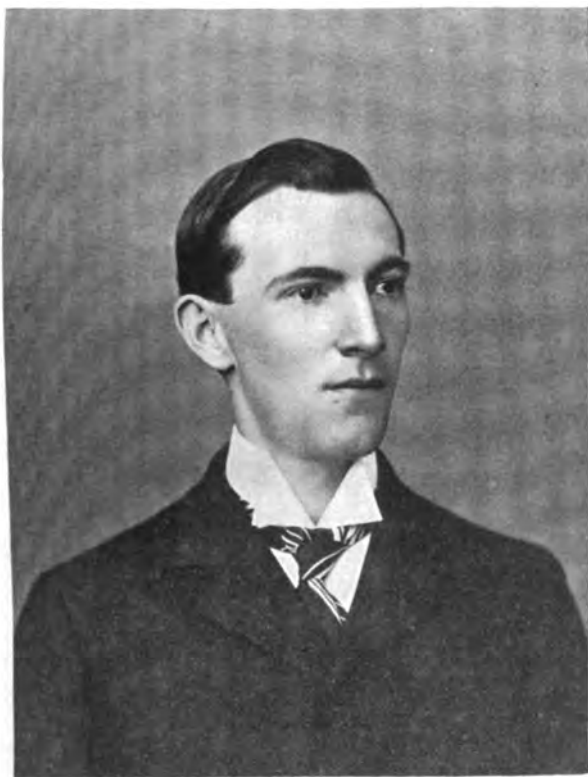
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J. Raymond Warren

LYME.

J. Raymond Warren of Lyme, the son of Dr. William J., and Maria (Peck) Warren, was born in Lyme, March 5, 1850, and was educated at the public schools in Lyme and at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. His father was a prominent physician of New London County. Mr. Warren spent the time from the spring of 1869 to the spring of 1875, as clerk in a large wholesale dry goods store in New York. Since June, 1883, he has been successfully engaged in the hotel business, twelve summers being spent as steward of the West End hotel at Long Branch, N. J., and three summers at Watch Hill, R. I., the winters being interspersed with engagements at Lakewood, N. J., and New London, Fall River and New Bedford. He has been elected to several offices in the town, including assessor and registrar of voters and was elected three consecutive terms as judge of probate, receiving the nomination of both parties, the latter office he resigned in the spring of '97, as business called him away for a year. On April 24, 1890, he married Carrie B., daughter of Horace B. Royce of Lyme. His genial and honorable bearing has gained for him hosts of close friends at home and at the capitol.

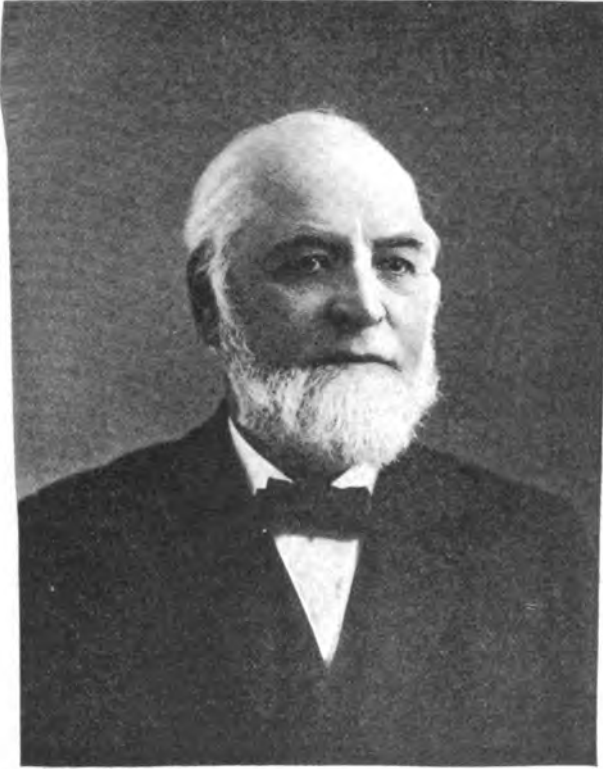


Gilbert Raymond.

PRESTON.

Gilbert S. Raymond, junior representative from Preston, was born in Poquetanuck where he now resides, April 15, 1873. He is the son of George Raymond and Hannah Waterman, and a descendent on his mother's side of Elder William Brewster. After attending the district school and the Norwich Free Academy, he worked on a farm until 1894, when he entered the law office of Hon. Charles F. Thayer of Norwich, as a typewriter in which office he is now a student. He has held the offices of Assessor, Auditor and Justice of the Peace, and is a member of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution, and Society of Mayflower Descendants. During the present session he served as Clerk of the Committee on Judicial Nominations, Clerk of the Committee on Federal Relations and member of the House Committee on Rules.

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Ezra Briggs

VOLUNTOWN.

Ezra Briggs of Voluntown, a son of Wanton and Mary (Tift) Briggs, was born in Coventry, R. I., October 9, 1830. After the proper age he attended school until about eight years old. From that time until his nineteenth year he worked in the cotton mills at Harrisville and Phenix, R. I., with the exception of one summer at farming and a little more than one year at school. In the spring of 1849, he entered the machine shop of Lanphear Levalley & Co., to learn machine making, and worked two years. He then attended the academy at East Greenwich, R. I., two terms and followed by teaching school until the spring of 1854, when he commenced bookkeeping for the Harris Lime Rock Co., and remained two years until the spring, 1856, when he changed to the office of James H. Read & Co., of Providence. In the autumn of the same year he engaged with the old firm of Brown & Ives as bookkeeper

at their cotton mill at Hope, R. I., remaining there until June, 1865, when he removed to Voluntown and entered into partnership with his brother in the manufacture of cotton cloth and yarns. The partnership was changed to a corporation, The Briggs Manufacturing Co., in 1886, and he has been the treasurer until the present time. While at Hope, R. I., in 1863, he was commissioned a captain in the militia. He is a staunch republican and has held various town offices in Voluntown. He represented the town in the Legislature of 1872. From the time he commenced work about the only vacation he has had was a six months trip to Europe in 1883.

His paternal grandfather served more than six years in the regular army in the Revolution, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. His maternal grandfather was also a soldier in the Revolution, was taken prisoner at the Capture of Fort Griswold in Groton and was confined in the Jersey Prison ship near New York. He was married September 23, 1857, to Christina Knight of Abington, Luzerne County, Penn. Their children with the exception of two sons, who died early in life, were as follows : George Tift, born December 11, 1858, married Marion B. W. Hovey and is now general manager of The Briggs Manufacturing Co. ; Marion J., born September 18, 1861, married Arthur H. Eddy, died April 17, 1890 ; Arthur L., born May 7, 1864, a graduate at military school in Worcester, Mass., and business book-keeper ; Sarah L., born January 20, 1871, married Wm. H. Barron, Jr. ; Emily F., born February 23, 1875, graduated at Boston University Medical school in June, 1898. Mr. Briggs was a member of two committees, Manufacturers and Judicial Nominations.



Albert H. Lanphere

WATERFORD.

Albert H. Lanphere of Waterford, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature. He is the son of Albert G. Lanphere and was born May 5, 1854. He has always been a prominent and valuable worker in his town, has been registrar of voters since 1875, a school visitor since 1878, being chairman of the school board since 1895, a collector of taxes since 1890, a justice of the peace since 1895, and has creditably held various other offices. He was a democratic member of the General Assembly in 1887, and held the position as messenger of the republican coat room in the Capitol under Comptroller Nicholas Staub, during the celebrated "dead lock" in 1891. On February 25, 1880, he married Ida L. daughter of Ansel C. Manwaring of Waterford. They have been blessed with one daughter, Mabel S. born November 11, 1881. Mr. Lanphere is a popular member of the A. O. U. W. He faithfully served on two important committees, Military Affairs and School Fund. He is held in the highest regard and esteem by a large circle of friends.



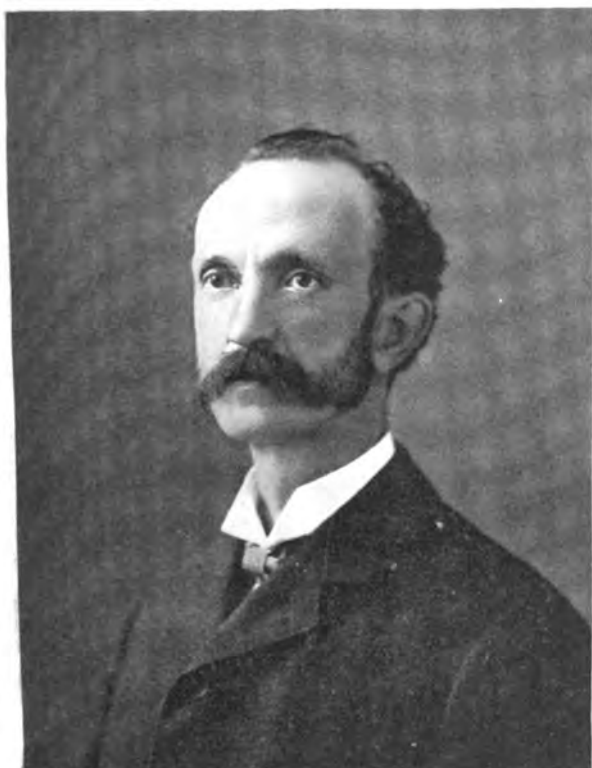
Wm H Allen

GROTON.

William H. Allen of Groton, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly and was born October 9, 1826. He is the son of Griswold and Betsey Allen and is a successful retired sea captain, having followed the sea forty-two years, twenty-five years of that time commanded different ships in whaling service. He was an efficient selectman of his town for several years.

On August 17, 1858, he married Georgianna, daughter of Olando Bailey of Groton. They have had four children, three are living : Ralph O., Frank W. and Ella B. Charles E. died in infancy.

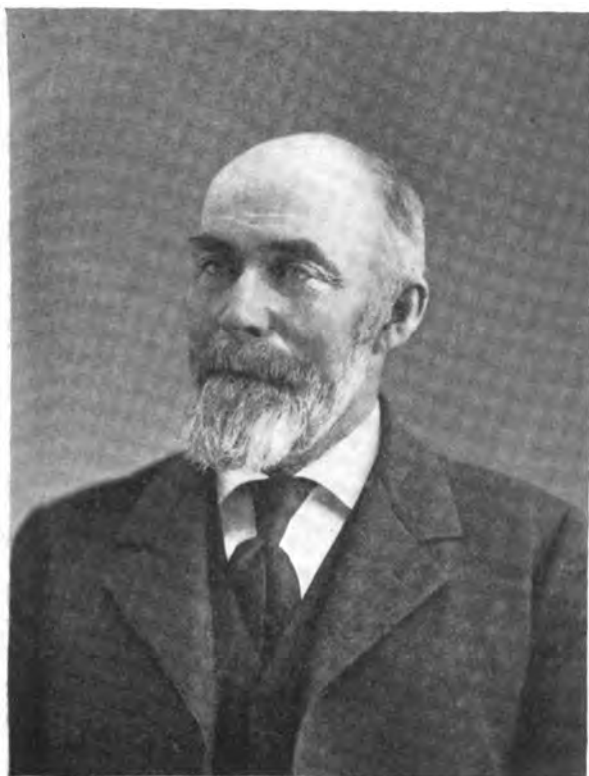
Capt. Allen was one of the most popular and genial members of the General Assembly. His jovial and solid common sense remarks in the House were always well received and gained for him a host of strong friends.



Hugh Stirling

BRIDGEPORT.

Hugh Stirling of Bridgeport, was born in London, England, January 16, 1848, and was the third son of Hugh and Eleanor Stirling. His father was born in Falkirk, Scotland, and was a descendant of Sir Thomas Stirling, born in Scotland in 1735, who served on the British side with great ability in the war of the Revolution. In November, 1856, the family, with the exception of Hugh, came to this country and settled in Bridgeport. Hugh was adopted by a cousin and placed in Grove House Academy, Highgate, where he remained until September, 1860, when he sailed for this country and joined his parents at Bridgeport. For fifteen years he worked at ornamenting in the Wheeler & Wilson and Howe sewing machine factories. In 1878 he was engaged as foreman of one of the departments of the Howe Machine Company, and he remained in that capacity until 1885, when he started the business in which he is now engaged, that of manufacturing mattresses. Mr. Stirling made his first appearance in political life as councilman for the old fifth ward, in 1882-83. He served with credit in the council and in 1885 he was appointed a police commissioner, serving on the police board till 1888. In 1891 he was made a member of the board of health and served in that capacity for three years. In 1897 he was appointed by Mayor Taylor a member of the board of appraisers of benefits and damages. On April 3, 1899, he was elected Mayor of the city. Mr. Stirling has always been popular with the republicans of Bridgeport and has been for over a year chairman of the town and city committee. His election as representative on the eighth of November last, was a cause of great rejoicing throughout the party in Bridgeport. Mr. Stirling is high up in the councils of the Masonic fraternity, having been Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut in 1890 and 1891, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut in 1895. On October 10, 1877, he married Anna E., daughter of Samuel Reid of Bridgeport. They have one child, a daughter, Anna E., born July 18, 1878. Mr. Stirling was clerk of the important Committee on Appropriations.



Seaman Mead

GREENWICH.

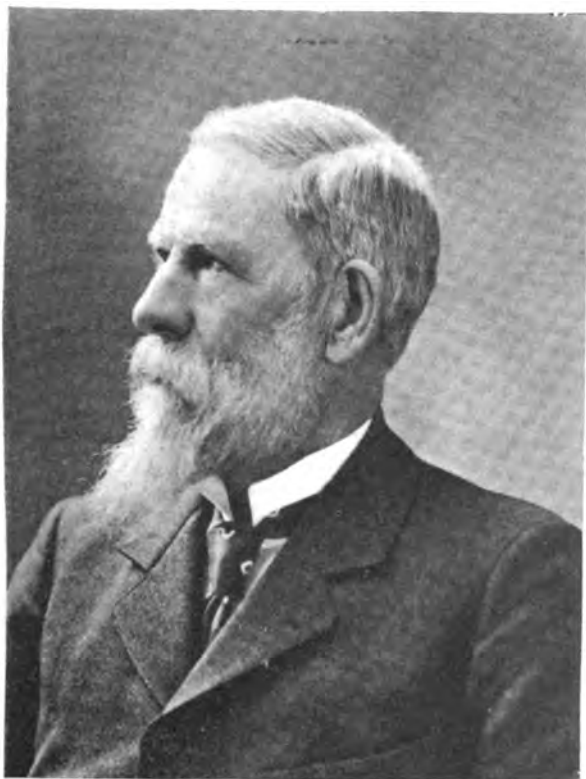
Seaman Mead of Greenwich, is the son of Thomas A. and Hannah (Seaman) Mead and is a native of the town which he has the honor to represent, for the third consecutive time, in the Legislature. He was born November 5, 1838, and is a graduate of the Greenwich Academy. Mr. Mead's ancestors for several generations, have been actively identified with the best interests of their town and state. His great grandfather, Amos Mead, was a surgeon in the French and Indian war; was several times a member of the Colonial, and afterwards of the State, Legislature, and was a ratifier of the Federal Constitution. His grandfather, Richard Mead, rendered valuable services during the Revolutionary war as a member of the Committee on Safety, and his father twice represented Greenwich in the Legislature, '52 and '72, and held many other positions of honor and trust. Mr. Mead is a retired farmer and is universally respected by his townsmen. He has been a popular and valuable assessor of the town for twenty-two years, the efficient chairman of the republican town committee for twelve years, and a director in the Greenwich Loan and Trust Company since its organization in 1887. In 1887 he was appointed for four years as a member of the State Board of Agriculture. On January 11, 1860, he married Sarah E., daughter of Edward Mead of Greenwich. Mr. Mead was a member of the important Committee on Incorporations and clerk of the Committee on Assignments of Seats. He gained hosts of true friends at the Capitol.



Nathaniel A. Knapp

GREENWICH.

Nathaniel A. Knapp of Greenwich, the son of Odle C. and Unice (Brown) Knapp, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly, and was born June 9, 1864. The Knapp family is one of the oldest and most respected families in Fairfield County. Mr. Knapp was educated in the common schools and the Chappaqua Mountain Institute, Chappaqua, N. Y. He left school at the age of eighteen, to succeed his father in the general merchandise business at Round Hill, where he is still successfully engaged, and has also acted as postmaster during the entire time. The business was conducted by his grandfather many years and was continued by his father for a half century. On February 7, 1889, Mr. Knapp married Emma Louise, daughter of Thomas Gilmore of New Haven. Two children have blessed the union: Charles Stanley, born June 5, 1893, and Anna Louise, born April 21, 1897. Mr. Knapp has always been a staunch republican and has creditably held several town offices. He was selectman three years, 1894, '95 and '96, the last two years being chairman of the board, was registrar of voters in 1897, '98 and '99, justice of the peace four years and has been district school committee the past three years. He is an active member of the Congregational church and for several years was the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Mason and a member of the O. U. A. M. Mr. Knapp was never defeated for any office and always received a large majority, having many strong supporters in both parties. He was a valuable member of the Committee on Insurance and gained many close friends at the Capitol.



Frederick G. Perry

HUNTINGTON.

Frederick G. Perry of Huntington, is an honored native of the town which he represents and is a son of the late Garry and Fanny (Bennett) Perry. Both his father and grandfather were life-long residents of the town and pursued the occupation of farmers. Mr. Perry was born Sept. 29, 1838, and received his education in the common schools and in the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, New York. After his return he took charge of the farm, his father having died. When the village of Shelton was projected, a portion of the farm lying near the Housatonic river was sold to the Ousatonic Water Company and is now covered by factories, stores and dwellings, being the most wealthy part of the borough. In 1872, Mr. Perry, with his brother, Miles B., engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business, which they successfully carried on until the year 1896, when they sold out and retired. In the year 1870, Dec. 21st, Mr. Perry united in marriage with Miss M. Elizabeth Beach of Trumbull and they have two children, Misses Emily and Fannie. He was a member of the Legislature of 1879 and was on the Committee on Retrenchment, Reform and Abuses. He has held for several years the office of selectman and town agent, was treasurer of the Ferry School District for 27 years; was an incorporator and has been a director of The Shelton Water Company since its organization, also an incorporator and director of The Shelton Savings Bank organized in 1893, and is a director in the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade. He was formerly a prominent member and director of The Union Agricultural Society and was again elected to that position this year. He is also a valued member of Ousatonic Lodge I. O. O. F. of Derby. Mr. Perry is a republican in politics, as he has been from his youth up, and was elected representative by a large majority at the election in November last.

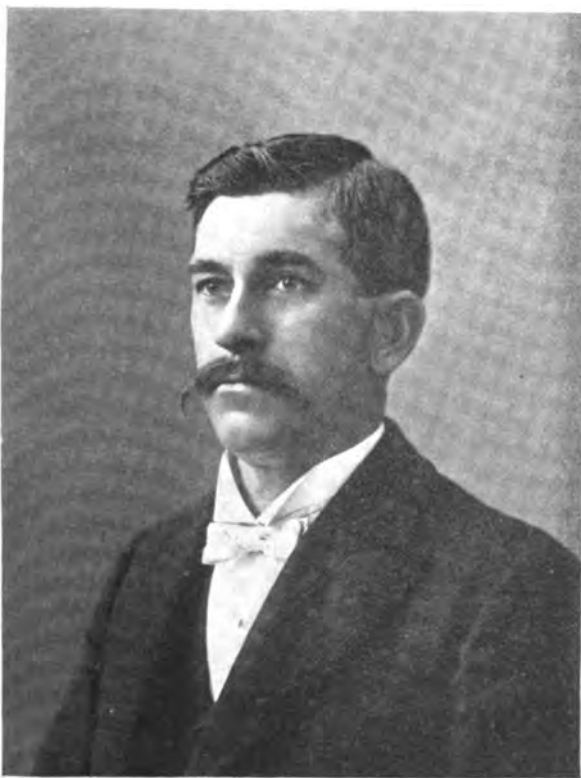


David A. Nichols

MONROE.

David A. Nichols of Monroe, is an honored native of the town he represents, was born May 19, 1856, and is a son of Daniel and Selina (Treadwell) Nichols. He received his education in the public schools, and at Eastman's business college, from which he graduated in 1875. Mr. Nichols is a prosperous fire insurance agent, representing several of the leading companies of the country ; is an enthusiastic republican but has many democratic friends ; he has had the honor of being elected to the office of town clerk nineteen consecutive years and for the last eight years has been nominated by both parties and again at the November election in 1896 he was the only nominee as the democrats again ratified his nomination and the republican ticket for representative was the only one voted, hence he was elected without friction. He received a rousing majority in 1898.

It is needless to say he is popular and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. On January 1, 1883, he married Elsie Beardsley of Monroe. They have three children, Daniel A., Morris Beardsley and Selina D. In 1897 he faithfully served on the important Committees on Finance and Judicial Nominations, and was a member of the State Prison Investigation Committee. This session he was a valuable member of the important Committee on Cities and Boroughs.



John F. Keating

NEWTOWN.

John F. Keating of Newtown, is a native of that town and was born August 4, 1864, being the only surviving member of the family of Patrick and Katherine Keating, whose family numbered five, respectively, three boys and two girls, of which John F., the fourth member of the family, is the only one living, the others died while quite young. In early youth he attended the common school and later a select school. After leaving school he was in the service of the N. E. R. R. Co. for a short time, afterwards securing employment in the service of the N. Y. B. & P. Co., serving in that capacity for a number of years and has filled the position as sample maker of the Hose Department for the past five years. He has always been prominently identified with the labor problem being a member of the K. of L. for a number of years. He has been one of the principals in forming a local Labor Union among his fellow workers, known as the Labor Worker's Union of Sandy Hook, being a member of the Board of Directors since the institution of the Union, and serving in the capacity as President for the last three years. He has been an active member of the K. of C. since the institution of the order in Newtown, serving in the office as Grand Knight in Putnam Council of Newtown for one year, previous to the institution of Virgilus Council of Sandy Hook, serving as Grand Knight in Virgilus for three years, since it was instituted. He has been interested in school affairs and is on the committee in the district where he resides for the past five years. He is also much interested in farming affairs from the fact that he resides with his parents on their large farm. In politics he is a democrat, having served the party as one of the delegates to the State Convention in Bridgeport, was unanimously nominated for representative to Hartford at the democratic caucus and elected by a majority over his nearest opponent by 210 votes. He was married to Miss Lucy Bradley, Oct. 27, 1897, by Rev. P. Fox. Mr. Keating needs no words of commendation as his career is a sufficient testimonial of his integrity and uprightness.



Clarence F. Osborn.

NORWALK.

Clarence F. Osborn of Norwalk, is the son of the late Charles F. Osborn and was born in Norwalk June 13, 1866. His mother was Harriet, daughter of the late Judge Stephen Smith. He is a descendant of the Jarvis family, and received his education in the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, Cheshire, graduating in 1884. After a few years in the woolen business in New York city, he went to California for his health, returning to New York in the spring of 1890, where he was engaged in business for himself, and retired from business in 1896. He is married and has one son, Dwight Jarvis. His wife was Marie Miller of Stamford. He is a popular and active member of all the local clubs of Norwalk and is especially interested in yachting. He is also a Knight Templar and a member of Pyramid temple. He is a gold democrat and had the honor of being elected to the General Assembly by a large majority from a strongly republican town. He is the first democrat to represent the town in the Legislature since 1884. He was a valuable member of the important Committee on Finance and plainly showed that he well merits and deserves continued honors.

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George A Barnes

SHERMAN.

George A. Barnes of Sherman, is a son of Albert and Catherine (Gaylord) Barnes and is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature for the fourth session. He was educated in a select school in Sherman and one in Danbury. On December 13, 1871, he married Euna L. Haviland of Sherman. They have one child a daughter, Edna A. He is a successful farmer and an enthusiastic republican, and very acceptably served in the General Assembly in 1879, 1885 and 1897, the first term on the Committee on Agriculture, the second and third on Fisheries and Game. This session he was a valuable member of the Committee on Agriculture. He has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of his town and has creditably served for seventeen years as a selectman and two years as registrar of voters; and is a member of the Congregational church. The many honors extended him by his townsmen speak louder than words as to his popularity and efficiency. He won many warm friends at the Capitol.



Iverson C Fanton

WESTON.

Iverson Coley Fanton of Weston is the son of Horace and Catharine (Dimond) Fanton and was born in Easton, September 22, 1853. His father was a prominent citizen of Easton, and was deputy sheriff for several years. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and at Staples Academy. At the age of eighteen he began to teach school in which he was successfully engaged five years in Redding, Easton and Weston. He has since been a progressive farmer, and has very acceptably filled several public positions. He has been a member of the school board since 1879, being chairman of the acting school visitors part of the time. He is treasurer of the Staples Guardian Fund and was an assessor in 1893. On October 31, 1876, he married Emma J., daughter of Horace Burr of Trumbull. Four children have blessed the union: Willard H., born January 3, 1880; Alma W., born January 27, 1882; Lena M., born March 31, 1884, and Dwight S., born July 4, 1893. Willard H. is a member of class 1902, Yale. Mr. Fanton is a well known and popular member of the grange, and is master of Fairfield County, Pomona No. 9, Grange, deputy of the state grange and past master of Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133. He was a valuable member of the Committee on Agriculture in the Legislature of '97 and this session was the efficient clerk of the Committee on Fisheries and Game. On June 20, 1899, Governor Lounsbury appointed him a member, for four years, of the State Board of Agriculture from the Fourth Congressional District.



J. H. Jennings

WESTPORT.

John Henry Jennings of Westport, was born August 5, 1840, in Westport, Greens Farms district, on the homestead in possession of his ancestors from the formation of the Fairfield settlement in 1648, and still remains as a part of the estate of our subject. The ancestors of Mr. Jennings have always been connected with the growth and welfare of the community in which they lived and died liberal supporters of its church and schools, thrifty and persevering in their business relations, they have contributed their full share to make Greens Farms what it is to-day, an agricultural community that has no superior in this state. John Morehouse, son of Burr and Mercy Jennings, and father of J. H., was of a family of seven children all of which settled near the ancestral home and all reared large families and succeeded well in business, and whose descendants are now abundant in this and adjoining towns. Mr. Jennings is a farmer by occupation, cultivating a large and productive farm in the most thorough manner and is one of the most successful farmers in the state. He was married November 20, 1867, to Mary C. Burr of Fairfield. They have three children: Oliver H., Mary Alice and Anna B. In politics a republican, but on all public questions an outspoken, fearless champion of what he thinks right and just. He has filled nearly all the offices in the gift of his town, was for twenty years chairman of the Society's Committee of Greens Farms Church, President of Creamery Association, President of Farmers Club for twelve years, Director of Westford National Bank for eleven years, Trustee of Pequot Library Association of Southport, Trustee of Staples High School in Westport, Committee of School for many years in his district and chairman of its Building Committee. He was a valuable member of the Committee on Railroads and gained the universal respect of all at the Capitol,



William J. Martin

BARKHAMSTED.

William J. Martin of Barkhamsted, was born at Goshen in 1856. The early part of his life was spent in Norfolk, where he was educated in the public schools. He was married in 1878, and moved to the town of Winchester, where he was elected superintendent of town farm, a position he successfully held for several years. In 1890 he purchased a large farm on the New Hartford road, where he now resides. Mr. Martin is well adapted to his business of farming, having an extensive milk route. His abilities are recognized by his townsmen, who have elected him to several town offices which he has creditably filled. Mr. Martin is a staunch democrat and at the Capitol was wide awake in the interests of his townsmen.

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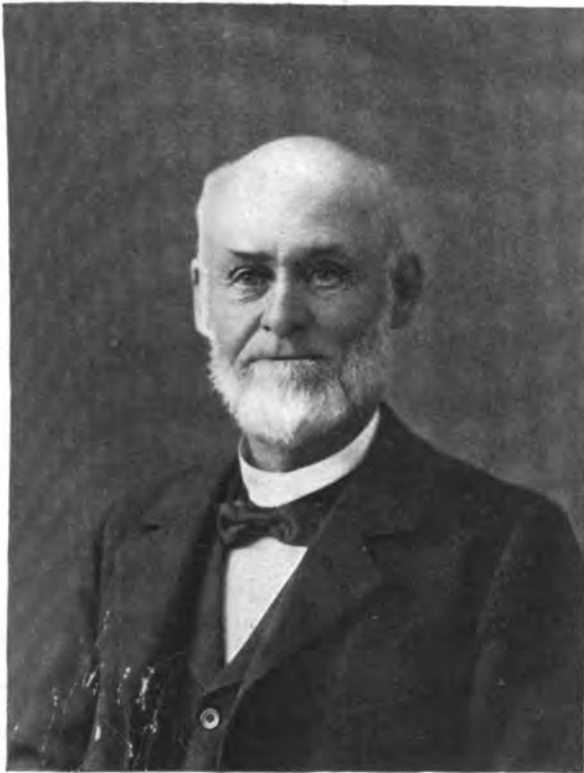


Powell G. Seeley

WASHINGTON.

Powell Gregory Seeley of Washington, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature and was born February 14, 1857. He is the son of Henry W. and Abigail (Hickox) Seeley and received an excellent education at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On November 17, 1885, he married Jennie Buckingham, daughter of the late Hon. Earle Buckingham of Washington, who was a popular and influential member of the Senate in 1866 and the House in 1881. They have been blessed with seven children: Helen M., born November 2, 1881; Earle B., born June 27, 1883; Mabel E., born November 17, 1886; Harry W., born December 13, 1888; Phillip R., born September 26, 1892; Frances E., born April 1, 1896 and Lewis G., born October 6, 1897. In the fall of 1882 he went to Holgate, Ohio, where he was engaged in the lumber business until the spring of 1889 when he returned to Washington, where he lives on an extensive farm of two hundred acres and successfully conducts a large feed and grain business, and has been secretary and treasurer of the Washington Feed Company since 1894. He has faithfully served his town as an assessor for the past six years and had the honor of being elected a republican representative by the highest vote of any person on the ticket. He is a highly respected member of Washington Grange No. 11, and gained many warm friends in the Legislature as the efficient clerk of the important Committee on Agriculture.

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Edward Cowles

WOODBURY.

Edward Cowles of Woodbury, is a son of David and Alma (Merriam) Cowles and was born in Bethlehem, September 19, 1829. He received his education in the common schools of his native town and was engaged in farming until the age of twenty-eight. In February, 1858, he entered into the manufacture of shears at Woodbury, as secretary and treasurer of the American Shears Company. In the year 1876 the company began to manufacture cutlery. In the spring of 1886 he was elected president of the company, a position he has since creditably and successfully held. The company do a \$100,000 business annually and have a flattering reputation, the country over, for honest goods and upright dealings. He is a highly respected member of the Episcopal church, director of the Citizens National Bank of Waterbury and president of the Woodbury Savings Bank. He has won for himself the confidence of all with whom he has been brought into contact, whether in political, social or commercial relationship. He was a faithful member of the Committee on Manufacture.



Charles S. Curtiss

WOODBURY.

Charles Strong Curtiss of Woodbury, is the son of Benjamin S. and Martha (Strong) Curtiss and was born in Woodbury, March 23, 1856. He counts among his ancestors some of the original settlers of ancient Woodbury. On November 8, 1883, he married Ellen M., daughter of George B. French of Watertown. Four children have blessed the union: George B., born September 13, 1884; Louise F., born April 23, 1886; Fred S., born October 25, 1889 and Alice M., born June 24, 1894. Mr. Curtiss is a staunch republican and a prosperous farmer. For the past twelve years he has been successfully engaged in the wholesale milk business, marketing his product daily in Waterbury. He was second selectman of the town in 1898 but was promoted to first selectman this year. His upright public and private career has gained for him the highest respect and esteem of a host of friends.

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F. W. Perry

PUTNAM.

Franklin W. Perry of Putnam, is a son of George N. and Sarah (White) Perry and was born in Dudley, Mass., June 15, 1841. He is a descendant from Josiah Perry, an ensign in the French and Indian war; also from Capt. Stephen Crosby of Thompson, who fell in the battle of Long Island. Mr. Perry was educated at Nichols Academy, Dudley and Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. At the outbreak of the Civil War, October 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, 25th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and was mustered out with the rank of sergeant at the expiration of three years service. He then entered Howe's Business College, Worcester and at the completion of his course became one of its corps of instructors. For five years following he was bookkeeper for Kinnicutt & Co., hardware dealers of Worcester, Mass. He then resigned and in July, 1870, formed a partnership with Charles H. Brown under firm name of Perry & Brown, hardware dealers, Putnam, which is now the oldest business firm in Putnam. The popularity and uprightness of the firm is evinced in the fact that Mr. Brown had the honor of representing his town in the last Legislature. Mr. Perry has always been a staunch and active republican. He has held a number of prominent positions, being president of Putnam Light & Power Co., president of Woodstock Agricultural Society for a term of two years, Grand Juror and member of school board. He is a member of the Second Congregational church and for many years held the office of deacon. He was married April 12, 1866, to Cornelia M., daughter of the late Col. Calvin D. Williams of Pomfret. They have three sons: George Williams, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, class '90 and now a successful civil engineer at Waukegan, Ill.; Edward Franklin, a graduate of Long Island College Hospital class '97 and for a year was at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Hospital; Robert Gilbert, a graduate of Amherst, class '97 and New York Law School, class '99. Mr. Perry was a valuable member of the Committee on Humane Institutions and won hosts of warm friends among the solons at the Capitol.



Byron D. Bugbee

PUTNAM.

Byron D. Bugbee of Putnam, was born in Millbury, Mass., on March 21, 1864. He received his education in Webster, Mass., and during his vacations followed his business bent by working in drygoods stores, while other youths were spending their time idling. Mr. Bugbee's ancestors were Yankees from "way back," some branches of the family on both sides having worked out the genealogies further than the first settlers. Some of his ancestors were residents of Muddy Brook, now East Woodstock. His father's name was Alonzo A. Bugbee and his mother's name was Aseneth Bates, a family of prominence both in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Bugbee, after his schooling, entered a drygoods store at Turner's Falls, Mass., in 1879, where he remained five years, and then went to Holyoke, and remained there two years in the same business. In 1886 Mr. Bugbee entered the drygoods store of H. C. Murray, in Willimantic, and shortly after the latter started a branch store in Putnam, taking in Mr. Bugbee as partner. Soon after he bought out Mr. Murray's interest, and has built up one of the leading drygoods stores in Eastern Connecticut. Mr. Bugbee is married, his wife was Arria S. Williams of Montague City, Mass. They have one son, Ralph X. He is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Grand lodge and has been District Deputy. Mr. Bugbee is a keen analyzer of human nature, and business matters of all kinds he masters with an intuitive mind, and being right in his opinions derived from a cool judgment, he stands firmly by them, and cannot be swayed by flattery or any way except sound reasoning. He proved to be one who was always faithful to his duties and the obligations as a Representative, and gained hosts of friends as a member of the Committee on Incorporations. His address in presenting to the state Hon. J. T. Thurber's fine oil painting of the historic Wolf Den was the first to receive applause in the House, a fact widely commended by the state press. The painting now adorns the executive chamber in the Capitol.



O. W. Bowen.

KILLINGLY.

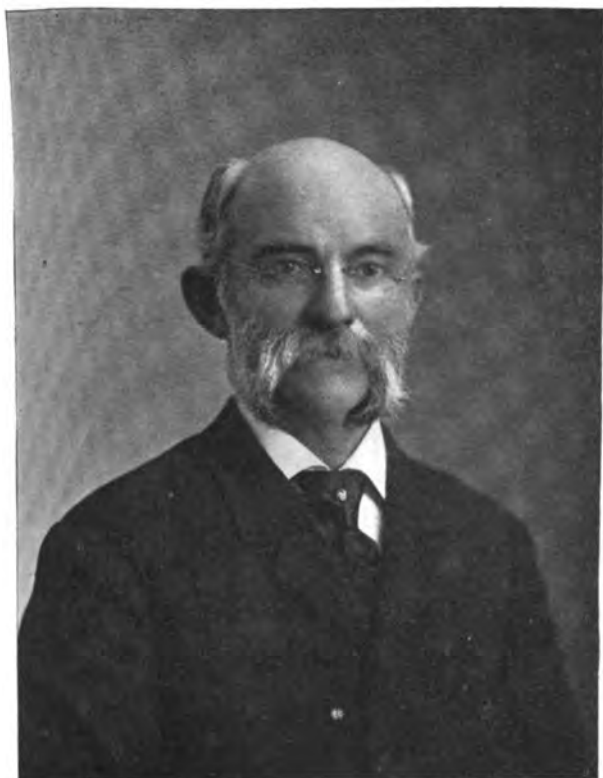
Oliver W. Bowen of Danielson (Killingly), was born in Foster, R. I., June 28, 1843. He is a son of Nelson and Olive (Green) Bowen. He came to Danielson in April, 1853. Two years later he removed with his parents to Wauregan, where he was educated in the public schools and at the Plainfield academy. He was clerk and assistant postmaster for H. A. Atkins five years, in what is now the Wauregan store, and was in the office of the Wauregan Company one year. In August, 1864, he left Wauregan to become clerk in the general store of Samuel Fenner, South Woodstock, where he was engaged about a year. He then went to Willimantic to assist his father in the building of the large No. 2 mill of the Willimantic Linen Company, where he staid three years, when he went to Taftville to work on another mill. His father was a prominent builder. The Wauregan mill and most of the mills at East Killingly were among the buildings he erected. Mr. Bowen returned to Danielson in October, 1869, and entered into the hardware and undertaking business with his father under the firm name of N. C. Bowen & Son. He started a livery stable in 1882, which he still owns. He has been a prominent and wide awake public official and was first selectman of the town and clerk of the board from 1888 to 1898, deputy sheriff for about twenty years, burgess of the Borough several years, member of the Board of Relief of the town, and has served on several important committees. He was president of the Windham County Agricultural society in 1892-93. He has filled all of these positions of trust and responsibility in a faithful and judicious manner. The high esteem in which Mr. Bowen is held by his townsmen was plainly shown in his last election as first selectman, when he received the largest vote ever cast for him. He was one of the most valuable members of the General Assembly, creditably serving as chairman of the Committee on Manual and Roll and clerk of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers.



George A. Williams

KILLINGLY.

George A. Williams of Dayville (Killingly), was born in Dayville, May 22, 1868. He is the son of Asa and Ellen E. Williams and received an excellent education in the public schools of his native town, at Phillips' academy, Exeter, N. H., and Eastman's business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Since leaving school he has been employed as assistant bookkeeper for the Sabin L. Sayles Woolen Co., as a traveling salesman, and as a postal clerk in the United States railway mail service. In 1895 Mr. Williams engaged in business at Dayville as a dealer in fruit, confectionery, etc., and in 1898 closed out his stock. On September 14, 1892, he married Alice E., daughter of John and Amanda Webster. They have two children, Hilda Amanda, born October 29, 1893, and Roger Webster, born February 14, 1896. Mr. Williams was the capable clerk of the Committee on Insurance and was one of the most active and popular young members of the House. He ably addressed the House several times on important measures and received applause, particularly in his speech on the consolidation of the school districts of Killingly. Toward the close of the session Speaker Brandegee appointed him as one of the members of a special committee to investigate and report to the next General Assembly concerning voting machines.



M. A. Linnell.

PLAINFIELD.

Moses Almond Linnell of Plainfield, is a son of Moses and Martha (Hall) Linnell and was born in Providence, R. I., May 25, 1845. He received an excellent education in the public schools in Scituate, Plainfield and Danielson. At the age of seventeen he removed with his mother, his father passing away in 1863, to Canterbury, where he worked in a woolen mill. Soon after he went to Thompson where for three years he had charge of a stitching room in James Kingsbury's shoe manufactory. From thence he went to Ansonia, where he learned the watchmaker's and jeweler's trade. For two years he was then engaged with his youngest brother, Philetus E., in top roller covering at North Grosvenordale. He then engaged in the watch, clock and clothing business at the same place until the fall of 1880, when he located at Moosup, where he still continues in the same enterprise. By strict attention to business and honorable dealings he built up a large trade and in 1889 erected a large and handsome building which he has since occupied as a store and residence. He also owns another modern house and built Linnell street, which is now adorned with some of the best residences in the town. Mr. Linnell is a staunch republican and has done much active and valuable service for his party. On September 2, 1874, he married Laura J., daughter of L. S. and Almira Botham of Eastford, and they have had one daughter, Eva, who died in infancy. Mr. Linnell has been a Mason since 1879, and by his sterling qualities has gained the universal respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.



L. H. Jewett

HAMPTON.

Lester H. Jewett of Hampton, is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the Legislature. He is the son of Ebenezer and Maria (Jennings) Jewett, and was born March 24, 1842. On October 25, 1863, he married Sarah Burnham, whose father, Asa Burnham, a teacher of repute, represented the town in 1856.

They have been blessed with three children : Chester Burnham, born August 11, 1864, has a farm and is running a successful meat business ; Mary Louise, born September 9, 1866, now Mrs. M. F. Palmer of Springfield, Mass. ; and William Walter, born January 12, 1870, has a large farm in the northern part of the town and has been master of the Grange for the past two years.

Mr. Jewett is a prosperous farmer and has for many years been a popular and valuable town official. He has creditably served as a constable, grand juror, assessor, justice of the peace, board of relief, and was first selectman from 1893 to 1898. He belongs to the Chauncy F. Cleveland Colony, U. O. P. F., and the Spiritualist Church in Willimantic. He was a faithful member of the important Committee on Agriculture and gained many strong friends at the Capitol.



Geo H Greene

CANTERBURY.

George Henry Greene of Canterbury, is the son of Elijah J. and Sarah (Button) Greene and was born in Canterbury, October 1, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. He was engaged in the junk business at Norwich for three years, when he returned to Canterbury, where he was employed in his father's grist mill. He went to Hartford in April, 1877, where he was superintendent of the town farm for two years, then returning to Canterbury where he conducted a general store for three years. The next five years he was freight agent at Manchester and then was engaged in farming at Canterbury. On March 1, 1893, he began to manufacture mast and yacht hoops and has since built up a large and ever increasing business. He sends his hoops to many places on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts and to Australia, Holland and other foreign countries. They have the reputation everywhere of being the best hoops, of their kind, made. On September 1, 1885, Mr. Greene married Fannie L., daughter of Samuel Dickinson of South Manchester. Six children have blessed the union: Gertie A., born November 18, 1886; George E., born July 12, 1888; Leona M., born April 14, 1890; Carroll H., born August 24, 1892; Arthur B., born August 14, 1894; Earl C., born June 21, 1898. Mr. Greene has successfully held several town offices. He was tax collector in 1896 and '97, member of the board of relief in '92 and '93, constable '96 and '97 and at present is the first selectman of his town. He has become prominently identified with the progress and development of his town, and associated with its interests most materially.



B. M. Johnson

CANTERBURY.

Braman M. Johnson of Canterbury, is the son of Thomas and Betsey (Mathewson) Johnson and was born in Canterbury, August 23, 1861. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and worked on the farm in Canterbury until 1886, when he went to Versailles and learned the meat business. In May, 1888, he went to Dayville, and with his brother, W. H. Johnson, conducted the Sabin L. Sayles meat market, returning to the old homestead in Canterbury in June, 1889. He then engaged with two of his brothers, W. H. and E. L. Johnson in the farming, cattle, carpentering and domestic lumber business. In April, 1896, they erected a substantial building at Jewett City, in which they have since successfully conducted a grain and grocery store. Mr. Johnson has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of his town and has creditably held several town offices, including that of selectman for two terms, 1892 and 1893. He has been a faithful member of the Methodist church since 1893, and the popular and active superintendent of the Sunday school since 1892. His election as a democratic representative from his town speaks louder than words as to his character and popularity. He was a member of the Committee on Federal Relations and gained many strong friends at the Capitol.

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Clifton H. Wright.

ASHFORD.

Clifton Hooker Wright of Ashford, is the son of Leander and Sally (Fisk) Wright, and was born in the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly, February 25, 1861. He was educated in the common schools. At the age of seven-~~teen~~ he engaged in teaming and four years later, 1882, entered into the wood and lumber business, which he has since successfully conducted. He is also an extensive dealer and trader in live stock of all kinds. On December 18, 1890, he married Ada C., daughter of William Whitaker of Ashford. They have been blessed with two children, Leander, born November 11, 1891, and Sally Howe, born October 29, 1897. His children are the fifth generation to live on the old homestead which has been in the family over a century and contains over one hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Wright was a member of the Board of Relief in 1895 and is serving his third term as first selectman of his town. He has always been a staunch democrat. In all matters relating to his town he has ever taken a keen and abiding interest, and is highly respected by a large circle of friends who admire him for his sterling qualities.



Theodore M. Lyon

ASHFORD

Theodore Mortimer Lyon of Westford, (Ashford) is a son of Philander and Vilura (Utley) Lyon and was born in Eastford, May 23, 1856. He received his education in the common schools of Ashford and at the Woodstock Academy. His first business experience began in May, 1872, when he was engaged as clerk in the general store of his brothers, J. V. and L. L. Lyon at Ashford. In March, 1880, he went to Rockville where he was clerk in a general store of his brothers for two years, and in January, 1882, he was clerk for his brother, L. L., at Mansfield. In February, 1883, he moved to Westford and formed the firm of Lyon and Chapman. His brother, J. V. bought out Mr. Chapman's interest in January, 1884, and the general store business was carried on under firm name of Lyon Brothers, until September, 1894, when the subject of this sketch became sole proprietor and has successfully conducted the business since. Mr. Lyon has ever been a valuable citizen of the town, and was a capable constable and collector for several years and has just retired from the office of postmaster of Westford, a position he held with great acceptance for fourteen years. Mr. Lyons is a director of the Stafford Agricultural Society and a member of the Stafford lodge, A. O. U. W. He was appointed notary public in 1888, and was clerk of the School Fund Committee. His father had the honor of being postmaster at West Ashford for ten years, resigning on account of old age.



Edwin O. Sumner

EASTFORD

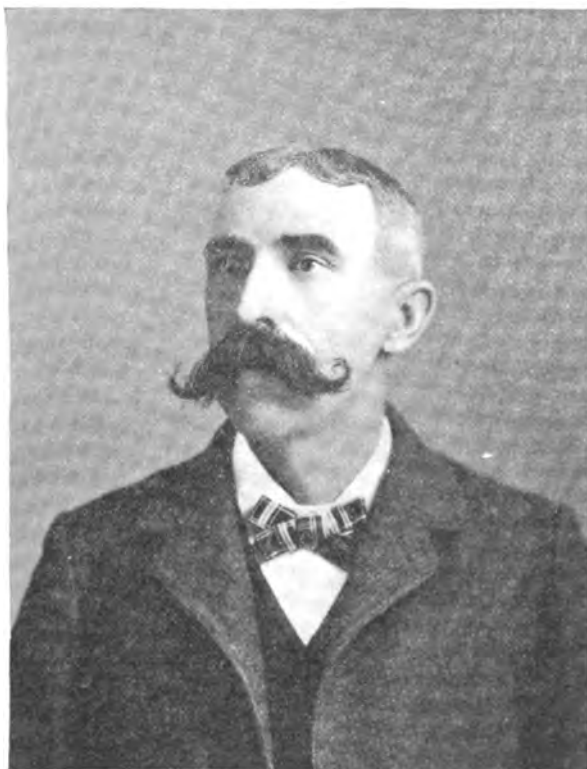
Edwin Otis Sumner of Eastford, is a native of that town and was born February 15, 1869. He was educated in the common schools and at Woodstock Academy. He traces his genealogy of the Sumners to Bicester, Oxfordshire, England. His ancestors came to New England in 1636 and settled at Dorchester, Mass. His father, Azel Sumner, is an old and highly respected resident of Eastford and was a member of the General Assembly in 1861, while his mother, Sarah (Hanks) Sumner is a descendant of the famous Rodney Hanks, who was the first man in the United States to spin silk by water power. His silk mill was erected in 1810 and still stands on Hanks Hill, Mansfield. Mr. Hanks' brother, Col. Benj. Hanks, became distinguished also as the maker of the first church bells and brass cannon in the country. Mr. Sumner is an active and highly respected member of the Congregational church and has been president of the Christian Endeavor Society. He is a member and trustee of the Putnam Lodge, No. 46, F. and A. M., also a member of the Crystal Lake Grange, No. 60, of which he was master in 1893, and now has the honor of being an officer of the Quinebaug Pomona, No. 2, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a director in the town library and has been a selectman of the town since 1896. He faithfully served on the Committee on Claims and his ever genial and upright qualities have made him universally popular.



John C. Williams

BROOKLYN.

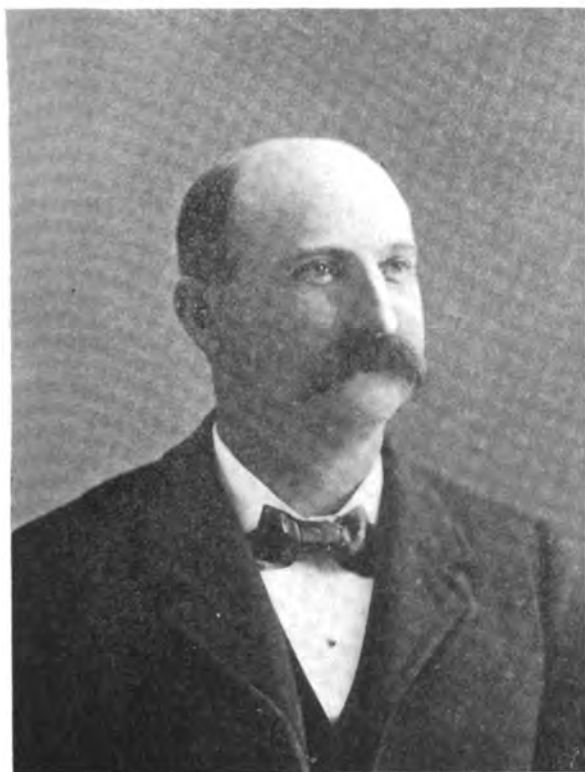
John Charles Williams of Brooklyn, is a son of Charles G. and Helen (Gallup) Williams, and is a native of the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly. He was born August 24, 1856, and was educated in the public schools and Bryant and Stratton's Business College, Providence. Mr. Williams has always lived on the old homestead, which has been in the family about eighty years, except from November 1, 1883, to April 22, 1888, when he was leader of the brass band connected with the Connecticut Hospital at Middletown, and a member of the City Band of Middletown. He has always taken a deep interest in music, both instrumental and vocal and is well and favorably known in musical circles. He has been leader of the Mechanics Band of Danielson for three years, Brooklyn Band three years, and Hampton and Eastford Bands for one year each. He has been chorister of the Unitarian church of Brooklyn since 1888. Mr. Williams has been an efficient and popular selectman of the town for six years, the past four years being first selectman. On August 24, 1886, he married Clara Boomhower of Hyde Park, Vt. They have two children, Charles Gardner, born June 9, 1890, and Lester Boomhower, born February 13, 1894. Mr. Williams is a prosperous farmer and is agent for the McCormick Mowing Machines. He is a member of the O. U. A. M., A. O. U. W. and the Brooklyn Grange, and was a member of the important committee on Military Affairs.



William D Fay

POMFRET.

William Dyer Fay of Pomfret, is a native of that town, and was born December 5, 1854, and is a son of Rufus S. and Caroline (Harty) Fay. He was educated in the common and select schools, with one year at the Academy in Hadley, Mass. At the age of eighteen he began to work at home on the farm teaching winters, until October, 1881, when he entered the employ of the N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Company, as station agent at Abington. On leaving the company in April, 1886, he entered the employ of G. W. Taft, manufacturer of road machines, as shipping clerk, and remained until fall, when the firm removed to Pennsylvania; he then, for a year, worked on the farm and shipped goods to Mr. Taft. In the fall of 1887, he was engaged for a year at Putnam as billing clerk for the N. Y. & N. E. Railroad, then returning to the farm. On January 1, 1893, he entered a general store in Abington, where he was engaged until March, 1898, when he entered the general store of T. S. and E. W. Clapp at Elliotts. He was a valuable member of the school board in 1891 and 1892, and is a charter member of Wolf Den Grange, of which he was efficient secretary for three consecutive years, 1887, 1888 and 1889, and master in 1892. In March, 1879, he married Sarah E. White of Pomfret, who was called to the Great Beyond, March 22, 1880. In February, 1881, he married Alice E. White. They have three children, Ethel M., born October 15, 1881, Albert Dyer, born March 28 1884, Clara Mildred, born May 4, 1892. Mr. Fay served as clerk of the committee on Forfeited Rights and was very popular among his colleagues.



Geo. S. Cary.

SCOTLAND.

George Sanford Cary of Scotland, is an honored son of the town he represents in the General Assembly and was born May 16, 1861, and is a son of Dwight and Susan (Bass) Cary. His father was a prominent member of the House in 1868, serving on the important Committee on Agriculture. The Cary family are among the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the town of Scotland. The subject of this sketch resides on the old homestead which has been in the family one hundred and fifty years. It is one of the largest and best farms in the town, containing about three hundred acres. Mr. Cary has successfully filled several town offices. He was selectman five years, from 1889 to 1894, chairman of the republican town committee four years, and a grand juror and registrar of voters for several years. He has been a delegate to one or more republican conventions each year since his majority and has done valuable service for his party. On April 28, 1895, he married Kate Barbara, daughter of John M. Cook, of Windham, who was born in Goshen, Litchfield County, March 14, 1868. They have one child, a son, Dwight E., born Sept. 4, 1896. Mr. Cary served as a member of the Committee on Capitol Furniture and Grounds. His ever genial manners gained for him many warm friends in the Legislature.



O'Meara G. Chase

THOMPSON.

O'Meara Giles Chase of Mechanicsville (Thompson) is a son of Giles and Orpah (Spaulding) Chase, and was born in Killingly, January 11, 1844, where he resided until the summer of 1862, when he entered the service of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad. On January 1, 1866, he was made engineer, running an engine between Hartford and Providence. In the fall of 1871, he entered the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., running the fast express between New York and Springfield. On February 1, 1886, he came to Mechanicsville and associated himself with his brother, David Chase, in the grocery business. On March 1, 1890, he bought out his brother and has since successfully carried on the business alone. On February 16, 1898, Mr. Chase was appointed postmaster at Mechanicsville, resigning January 1, 1899, when his estimable wife, Evelyn M., daughter of Rufus and Rosanna (Usher) Fitch of Rockville, succeeded him. He was married August 10, 1865. His wife was the wide-awake and popular president of the W. R. C. of Putnam in 1898.

Mr. Chase obtained his education in the common schools of Killingly, the Westfield Academy in Danielson and at the select school of Clinton L. Young. In politics he is a straight-out republican for principles, and for his upright character and consistent life he was selected to represent Thompson, that careful conservative old town, in the General Assembly. He was an assessor of the town in 1898 and has been a Mason since 1868. He faithfully served on two committees, Constitutional Amendments, House, and Public Health and Safety, and gained the high respect and esteem of his colleagues at the Capitol.



E. F. Thompson

THOMPSON.

Edward F. Thompson of Thompson, has the honor of being the first democrat who has represented his town in the Legislature in forty-one years. He is a son of Hiram and Betsey (Studley) Thompson and was born in Slatersville, R. I., June 11, 1839. He was educated in the public schools and at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. In April, 1860, he was employed in the office of the Wauregan Mills, Plainfield, for four years, then taking charge of the cloth room for a year at the Blackstone Cotton Co., Blackstone, Mass. In September, 1864, he opened a general store at Fishersville and was also bookkeeper and paymaster for the Grosvenordale Company at that place. In the fall of 1867, he removed to Uxbridge, Mass., and conducted a general store for three years. On January 1, 1870, he married Annie M., daughter of the late Robert Prince, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Thompson, where he has made his home since. Mr. Thompson is popularly known as a "hustler" and has been very successful in the milk, wood and lumber business.

Early in life he became a Christian, identifying himself with the Methodist Episcopal church of North Grosvenordale, and has always had a deep interest to work and contribute to its growth. He has been a trustee, steward and class leader for many years and the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school for twelve years past. In politics he has been always a democrat. He is secretary to the Thompson school committee and is serving his third term, and has creditably acted as one of the visitors most of the time, and also has been one of the registrars for years. He has been a Mason since 1864. His proverbial good nature and gentlemanly qualities gained for him the universal respect of all his colleagues in the General Assembly.



Luther J. Leavitt.

WOODSTOCK.

Luther James Leavitt of Woodstock, was born in Craftsbury, Vt., February 26, 1855, and at the age of four months came to Woodstock. He received an excellent education in the public schools and Woodstock Academy. He is a son of Jeremiah W. and Mary (Child) Leavitt. His father was well and favorably known as the chorister of the Congregational church for many years. Mr. Leavitt taught school two terms before he became of age when he went to Randall's Island, N. Y., where for a year he was an overseer in the Boys' Reformatory, he then returned to the farm, which contains one hundred and fifty acres, where he has lived since. On March 27, 1884, he was married to Annie, oldest daughter of Hon. A. A. Paine, who represented his town in the General Assembly of 1887. They have been blessed with two children, Susie Augusta, born January 6, 1885, and Ellen Bernice, born September 16, 1887. Mr. Leavitt has creditably served his town as town committee and a member of the school board for several years, and assessor for three years, 1895-1898. He was the efficient superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school from 1885 to 1895, and is a popular member of the Woodstock Grange and the A. O. U. W. He gained many friends in the Legislature where he served as clerk of the Committee on Claims.



Jarvis T. Hall

WOODSTOCK.

Jarvis Turner Hall of Woodstock, was born in Ashford, March 12, 1851, and is a son of Jesse T. and Lois (Chapman) Hall. His father was widely known as a successful school teacher and debater. When but a few months old, Mr. Hall's parents moved on a farm in Union, where he lived until of age, attending the common and select schools and working on the farm. After he became of age he went to work on a farm of Captain Chauncey Paul, where he spent three very happy years. His memory of the beloved Captain is indeed pleasant, he being very good and kind to him. In the spring of 1875, he came to West Woodstock to work for J. H. Stetson, a highly respected carpenter and builder, remaining until his employer retired from business in 1891. He has continued in the business the past eight years and by strict attention to business and honorable dealings has built up a large and ever increasing patronage. On September 8, 1875, he married M. Edla Stetson, daughter of J. H. Stetson, who passed to her reward above, February 28, 1891. Their only child, Ethel, born April 13, 1888, died April 4, 1897. Mr. Hall served on the Board of Assessors in 1892, '93 and '94, and is a popular member of the Masons, Legion of Honor and the A. O. U. W. He is an active member of the Second Congregational church of Woodstock, being a member of the church committee and treasurer of the Ecclesiastical Society. He faithfully served on the Temperance Committee.



Winslow B. Gallup.

CHAPLIN.

Winslow B. Gallup of Chaplin, was born in Canterbury October 2, 1854. His parents were Lucian and Jane Baldwin Gallup. He received his education in the common schools and Plainfield Academy. On January 1, 1879, he married Mary E. Bradford of Canterbury, only daughter of John and Jane Congdon Bradford. In the spring of 1879, he bought a good farm in Chaplin containing 145 acres, where he has resided and followed farming ever since. He is also an auctioneer and a successful salesman. Mr. Gallup is a member of the Congregational church and active in church work. He was chosen deacon Jan. 1, 1898, is president of the Y. P. S. C. E., and has been leader of the church choir for over ten years. He has received various town offices within the gift of the people, and has been Assessor the past eleven years. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. He received one of the largest majorities ever given a representative from his town. Mr. Gallup served in the Legislature on the Committee on State Prison.



J. H. Harrigan.

LITCHFIELD.

John H. Harrigan of Litchfield, is a native of the town he represents in the General Assembly, and is the son of Michael and Bridget (Drury) Harrigan and was born May 28, 1863. He was educated in the common and private schools of his town. At the age of sixteen he entered the office of the *Litchfield Inquirer* as a compositor, where he was engaged for five years. He then held the same position, for a year and a half, with the *Ansonia Sentinel*. On March 15, 1885, he accepted a position as clerk in the large general store of F. D. McNeil & Co., where he has since been successfully engaged. On October 4, 1893, he married Teresa A., daughter of Michael and Catherine Peacocke of Litchfield. Two children have blessed the union: Joseph H., born March 28, 1896, and Margaret C., born November 5, 1897. Mr. Harrigan is a popular and active member of St. Anthony's Church. He has been a grand juror and justice of the peace, is a staunch democrat, and has a watchful eye for the best interests of his town and good government.



E. B. Bronson

WINCHESTER.

Elliott B. Bronson of Winchester, is the son of Theron and Maria (Munsill) Bronson and was born in Winchester, August 7, 1858. He comes from an old and highly honored family. His great grandfather, Azias Bronson was a member of the Legislature in 1783 and '84, his grandfather, Isaac Bronson, from 1823 to '32 and his father in 1849. Mr. Bronson received a common school education and afterwards attended the Hopkins Grammar school, New Haven, preparatory to entering Yale College. He was obliged, through ill health, to discontinue his studies in this direction. Afterwards he went into the lumber business with his brothers, Edward H. and Wilbur M., under firm name of Bronson Brothers. They have extensive lumber yards and three steam saw mills at Torrington and Winsted, and also conduct a large general store at Winchester, which has been in the family for over a century. Mr. Bronson was postmaster for ten years and an active member of the Republican town committee since 1880. On August 3, 1886, he married Emily Frances, daughter of Col. Ira Pettibone, of the Tenth Connecticut Volunteers, and who has represented his town in the Legislature. Mr. Bronson has been a deacon of the Winchester Congregational church since 1888, vice-regent of the R. A. and is a trustee of the Heptasophs. He was a valuable member of the important committee on Appropriations, and clerk of the committee on Joint Rules. He was also County Caucus Committee and clerk of the Litchfield County meetings. He is unusually popular at home and at the Capitol.



Noble Bennitt

NEW MILFORD.

Noble Bennitt of New Milford, was born in that town, November 1, 1842. He is the son of Stanley Griswold Bennitt, and Clarissa Morehouse. The loss of both parents in his infancy, left him to the kind care of an uncle and aunt; in this home, while sitting at her spinning wheel, his grandmother taught him his catechism, this, with the district school, was his only preparation for a life of usefulness and the career of a successful business man.

Mr. Bennitt is not a believer in the gospel of luck, being convinced that industry and integrity, combined with practical knowledge, assures success in business, and that such training should be commenced at an early age. This theory is largely exemplified in his own career.

His boyhood was spent on a farm. When sixteen he was employed as clerk in his uncle's store in New Milford. At the age of nineteen he bought out the business which afterwards proved a profitable investment.

In 1869, when twenty-eight, he started the retail grain business, seventeen years later F. W. Robinson was admitted as partner under the firm name of Bennitt & Robinson continuing the retail business,

selling at wholesale throughout the Eastern States. This partnership was dissolved by mutual agreement in 1892, having been profitable and pleasant to both. Since then Mr. Bennett has conducted his entire business, alone, with a pardonable pride in the quick delivery of his enormous sales, amounting to half a million yearly, all the while handling the output of ten feed mills, in as many different towns, ready to start others at a moment's notice, sure of running them at a profit.

This mammoth trade was not established without surmounting many difficulties.

At the start grain was carted in bulk, in an ox team, then a small building by the side of the track was hired and the grain shovelled into the bins from the cars. Two years later an elevator, of a capacity of 150,000 bushels, was erected and a four horse sweep power was used to unload; this seemed all that would ever be needed but in less than two years eight horses were used. Then more power was wanted and found in the use of the street water; again a ten horse power wind mill was brought into requisition but proved unsatisfactory, so finally a steam engine, with fifty horse power, was introduced which has proved sufficient. Mr. Bennett was not satisfied until he became an expert in the management of this engine. All these experiments, while costly and disappointing, carried with them the lesson of perseverance and the determination to conquer in the battle of life, which has been the keynote of Mr. Bennett's character.

In May, 1898, Mr. Bennett introduced in New Milford the first Acetylene Gas plant in use in the United States and it is in successful operation in many of the large buildings in the town, aside from stores and houses. Mr. Bennett is a heavy investor in first class mortgages besides owning largely of real estate in his native town of New Milford. He is a member and owner of the Valley Club, and is a director of the New Milford Agricultural Fair Association.

In politics, Mr. Bennett has always been a democrat, having the interests of his party at heart, laboring energetically for the success of its candidates.

Through his ancestors he is eligible to join the society of the Colonial Wars, also the Sons of the Revolution.

Three of his great great grand-fathers, Capt. Joseph Canfield, Capt. Benjamin Stone, and Private Silas Hill, were soldiers in the Colonial Wars. And a fourth, Capt. Isaac Bostwick, was all through the American Revolution, his Company being pensioned by Special Act of Congress in 1818, because they were with George Washington on the night he crossed the Delaware, Dec. 25, 1776. So his claim is well established to blue American blood, descending from such Colonial and Revolutionary stock.

Mr. Bennett is a prominent member of St. John's Episcopal Church and holds the office of vestryman, he is also a member of the Masonic order. While he gives largely to churches and charitable societies all is done without ostentation and a hand is always given to friends in need.

Mr. Bennett was married on May 15, 1857, to Martha, daughter of Henry W. Booth, a prominent citizen of New Milford. They had one child, Howard, who died young. He won many warm friends at the Capitol.



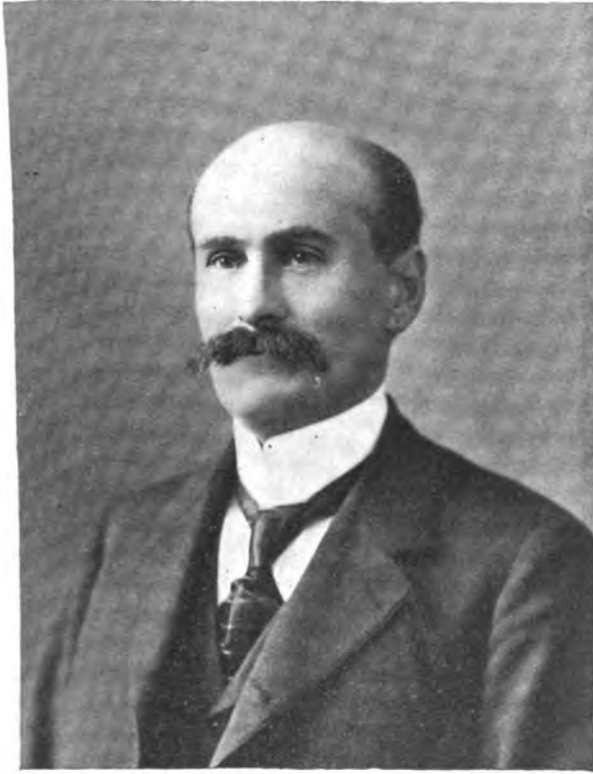
Samuel H. Case

BARKHAMSTED.

Samuel H. Case is a native of the town he represents in the General Assembly, and was born November 22, 1838. He was educated in the common and select schools of the town. He is the son of Hira and Emeline (Blakeslee) Case. He has been engaged in farming on the old homestead, which has been in the family for more than 100 years. Here his grandfather, Obed Case lived, and his father was born, lived and died there, at the age of 84 years, an honored and respected citizen.

Mr. Case has been a life long Democrat but has many Republican friends who supported him at the last November election. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1873, and has creditably held many town offices, including that of Justice of the Peace, for more than twenty years, member of the Board of Relief, Selectman for eight years, member of the School Board for four years and for the past two years has been Acting School Visitor. He has been a Master Mason thirty-five years, joining the Northern Star, now Amos Beecher Lodge, in May, 1864, and was a Veteran Mason for five years.

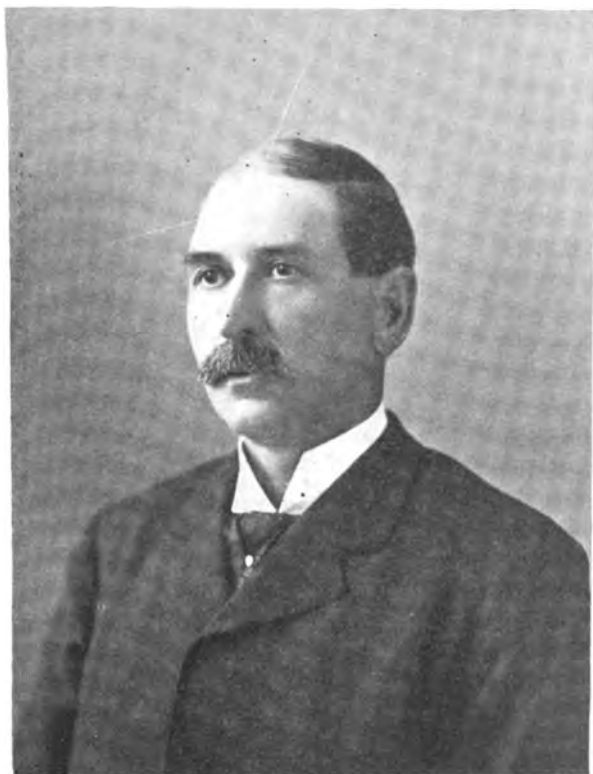
On March 20, 1866, he married Julia E. Phelps of Granby. They have three children, Jessie M. born Nov. 28, 1867, wife of George E. Thompson, Principal of the North West Grammar School, Norwalk. Wilbert S. born July 28, 1870, now the efficient bookkeeper for H. Brainerd, 84 and 86 Pratt St., Hartford, successor to Ripley Bros., in whose employ he was for ten years; Clifford P. born April 19, 1886, now in school. Mr. Case has a large circle of friends who admire him for his sterling qualities and upright character.



John H. Belden

CANAAN.

John Henry Belden of Falls Village (Canaan), is a native of that town and was born August 16, 1855. He is the only son of the late Deacon Henry and Cornelia (Munson) Belden. His father passed to the Better Beyond on March 18, 1899. He was a descendant of Richard Belden, one of Wethersfield's original settlers, the last of Jonathan Belden's seven children and the last charter member of the Falls Village Congregational church. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools, supplemented by three years at the Rocky Dell Institute under the tutorship of the late John H. Hurlburt. In the spring of 1874, he entered the general store of George W. Hall, and learned the business from the bottom round, continuing in Mr. Hall's employ until March 1, 1891, when he formed a co-partnership with James H. Kennard and embarked in the clothing and gents' furnishing goods business at Falls Village. On January 14, 1892, he became sole proprietor and has conducted the business very successfully ever since. On January 1, 1891, he married Fannie M., daughter of James Munroe and Cornelia (Bagley) Clark of Niantic. They have two children, Catherine Cornelia, born July 24, 1892, and Richard Clark, born April 4, 1896. Mr. Belden is a staunch Republican and was a highly respected member of the committee on Humane Institutions. His uprightness of character, combined with honest and straight forward business principles have won for him the uttermost confidence of his townsmen.



Horace E. Holt.

NORTH CANAAN.

Horace E. Holt of North Canaan, is the son of Stephen and Lydia Holt and was born in North Canaan, January 30, 1850. He attended the public schools in his native town until sixteen years old then took a course at Humphrey's High school in Norfolk. He commenced the building business in the spring, 1868, and has successfully followed it since, with the exception of five years as superintendent of a Sash, Door and Blind Factory. He has creditably served the town as Justice of the Peace for eight years, and as a grand juror and Notary Public, is a highly respected member of Housatonic Lodge of Masons No. 61, and filled all the offices in the Lodge, serving as Master for four years. He has become prominently identified with the progress and development of his town, and associated with its interests most materially. Although his town is strongly republican he received a majority of eleven votes as a national democrat, which speaks plainer than words as to his popularity. He was an active member of the committee on Fisheries and Game.



Edwin O Wright.

GOSHEN.

Edwin Oscar Wright of Goshen, is the son of Henry G. and Louise (Howe) Wright and was born in the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly, October 21, 1866. His father is a popular and influential citizen of Goshen, having represented the town in the Legislature in 1878, and has creditably held several town offices, including that of first selectman. Mr. Wright received a common school education, supplemented by several years at Goshen Academy. He is a prosperous farmer and has reason to be proud of his popularity as he was elected on the democratic ticket by a large majority, in a republican town. On December 25, 1889, he married Jennie L. daughter of Darius D. Thompson of Goshen. One child, a daughter Louise Edna, born May 18, 1897, has blessed the union. The Thompson family is one of the oldest and most respected families in Goshen. Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Wright's father, represented the town in the Legislature in 1864. Mr. Wright is a member of the Torrington Lodge of the K. of P., and of Goshen Grange No. 142, of which he was overseer in 1898. He was a valuable member of the Committee on Insurance and gained hosts of good friends at the Capitol.



John P. Porter

GOSHEN.

John Patterson Porter of Goshen, is the son of Charles J. and Ellen (Bennett) Porter and was born in Goshen, October 21, 1870. He received an excellent education in the common schools and at Goshen Academy. After leaving school he entered his father's general store and meat market where he is still successfully engaged as clerk. His father is a prominent and popular resident of Litchfield County. He was an active member of the Legislature in 1866 and 1893, and was the capable sheriff of Litchfield County four years from 1881 to 1884. The subject of this sketch was the efficient tax collector of the town for four years, from 1895 to 1899 and has been a constable the past four years. He was a faithful member of the leading committee on Railroads and plainly showed that he was in every way worthy of further honor from the hands of his constituents.



James Martin

HARWINTON.

James Martin of Harwinton, son of William H. and Mary (Welch) Martin, was born in Providence, R. I., April 2, 1845, where he spent the early years of his life. He received his education in the public schools. Later he came to Colebrook, and July 11, 1862, enlisted as a drummer in the 19th Infantry, afterward 2nd. C. V. H. A. He was discharged July 7, 1865, and returned to Colebrook.

On April 22, 1868, he married Clarissa A., daughter of Horace C. and Susan (Wolcott) White, and settled in Harwinton where he has led a farmer's life. They have three children living, Susan M., born August 4, 1871, Georgia E., born May 15, 1877, and Robert J., born June 27, 1882.

He was a delegate to the State Conventions in 1896 and 1898, is a staunch supporter of the republican party and a member of the Republican Town Committee, and of Russell Post No. 68, Dep't of Conn. G. A. R. He has also been a member of the school committee of his town, and district clerk for several years, and very acceptably served in the Legislature on the Committee of Cities and Boroughs.



Lucius W Fox

HARWINTON.

Lucius W. Fox of Harwinton, is a son of Marcus and Marcia (Hubbell) Fox and was born in Litchfield, January 21, 1812. He received his education in the public schools of Washington, and on September 18, 1861, enlisted in Company I, Eighth Connecticut Volunteers. He took an active part in all the marches and battles of the regiment for two years and eight months and on September 26, 1864, was honorably discharged. On December 26, 1864, he married Elma G. Sriver of Washington. They have been blessed with two children, Louie J., born in Woodbury, August 10, 1866, and Ida M., born in Pebble Creek, Dodge County, Nebraska, June 17, 1870. He lived in Washington until the spring of 1866 when he moved to Woodbury, where he resided until the spring of 1867, when he made Watertown his home until the spring of 1869; he then spent two years in Pebble Creek, Nebraska where he took a Government homestead of eighty acres along the Union Pacific Railroad. Selling his claim, on March 25, 1871, he came to Harwinton, where he now lives on one of the finest farms in that section. He is widely and favorably known as a successful caterer at State camps and other public gatherings, he is an expert at the business. He has been a director and vice-president of the Harwinton Agricultural Society for several years and one of the organizers of the Harwinton Creamery Company, of which he was a successful agent and collector for several years. Mr. Fox is a highly respected and valuable member of the society committee of the Congregational church of Harwinton and has received much deserved praise and credit for having the honor of collecting several hundred dollars which cleared the church from debt; he was a member of the committee on Military Affairs, and gained many close friends at the Capitol.



Frank P. Marble

NEW HARTFORD.

Frank P. Marble of New Hartford, was born in Warren, Mass., on June 14, 1854. He removed to Winsted two years, lived there until 1864, when he removed to New Hartford, where he has since resided. Educated at the New Hartford High School, at twenty years of age he entered into the drug business with his brother, in which he continued until his brother's death, Jan. 29, 1894; he has since successfully continued the business. He has held many important state and town offices, and was town auditor for fifteen years. In 1883, he was appointed deputy sheriff for Litchfield County under Henry J. Allen, served in that office until 1894, was town tax collector in 1892 and 1893. In 1894, resigned the office of deputy sheriff to accept the office of postmaster under President Cleveland, served as postmaster until March 1, 1899. On Nov. 8, 1898, Mr. Marble was elected to represent his town in the Legislature, by a large majority by the assistance of voters from the opposite party. He is one of three democrats that have been elected to the Legislature from his town, in twenty-five years. He was a member of the committee on Cities and Boroughs, one of the most important committees of the House. Mr. Marble is a most enthusiastic Mason, having received thirty-two degrees in that order, is also an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias.

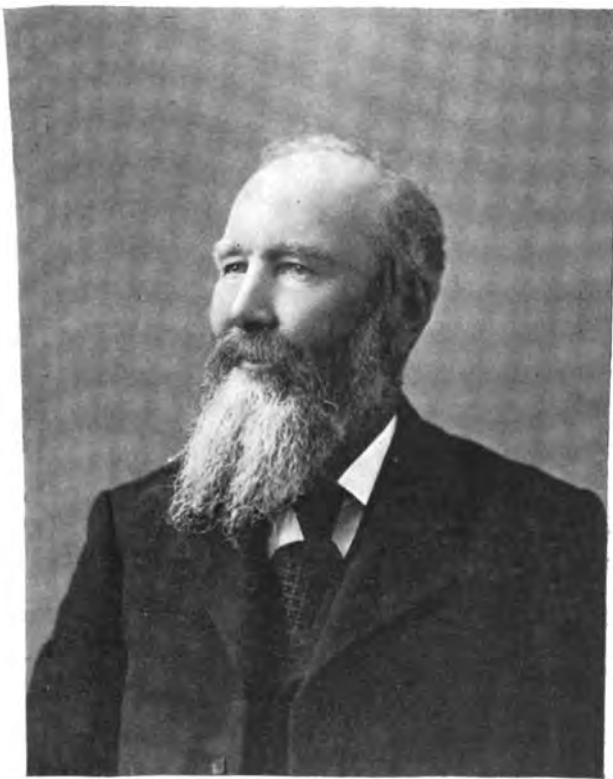


Edgar A. Clarke

NEW HARTFORD.

Edgar A. Clarke of New Hartford, is a son of Albert and Elizabeth (Baker) Clarke and was born in Bakersville, in the town of New Hartford, February 13, 1857. He is a descendant of the Bakers who founded Bakersville; his grandfather, Anthony Baker was highly respected as a prominent business man of the town. Mr. Clarke received an excellent common school education and taught school in Harwinton and Bakersville. Since October 14, 1893, he has been the efficient and popular postmaster at Bakersville, where he successfully carries on the trade of watchmaker. He is a staunch republican and a registrar of voters for the second district of New Hartford and a justice of the peace. He was a member of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and clerk of the Committee on New Counties and County Seats, and gained hosts of friends in the Legislature, because of his rare good nature and genial deportment.

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Wm H. Vining.

COLEBROOK.

William H. Vining of Colebrook, was born at Derby, March 10, 1840, from which place he removed to Simsbury when six years of age. His father was William Vining, son of Thomas Vining a native of Simsbury; his mother was Orpha Hart, daughter of Titus Hart, one of the first settlers of Colebrook. Mr. Vining was brought up a farmer and received a common school education. In the spring of 1862 he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was engaged in the Livery business for three or four years, afterwards working in the Springfield Armory for a year when he married Jane S. Hart on Nov. 26, 1867, and came to Colebrook, to the old homestead, where their grandfather first settled in 1780, after serving in the Revolutionary war, where Mr. Vining still resides. Mr. Vining has held the office of Selectman, being chosen in 1879 to 1887, was Assessor 1888 and 1889, and first Selectman 1892 and '93 also Selectman 1894. He has held the office of Grand Juror and Justice of the Peace and Collector, he was Representative in the session of 1881. Mrs. Vining was the daughter of Timothy Hart of Colebrook, and granddaughter of Titus Hart. She and her husband reside on the farm where she and her father were born, it having remained in the family since it was first settled by her grandfather in 1780. Mr. and Mrs. Vining have six children: Adin W. born Nov. 8, 1868, Roscoe W. born April 7, 1872, Leon H. born Aug. 24, 1875, (he died Oct. 3, 1877) Lillian J. born Nov. 2, 1878, Florence M. born Nov. 4, 1885, Henry H. born Jan. 14, 1890. The oldest son Adin, is a prosperous farmer in Bloomfield, Roscoe is a successful Methodist minister, stationed in Edinburg, N. Y. As a popular and wide awake citizen of Colebrook, Mr. Vining is deeply interested in its future and his town has found his council of great value in all that pertains to its growth and welfare.



J. A. Carpenter

TORRINGTON.

James Alfred Carpenter of Torrington is a son of George and Maria (Burns) Carpenter, and was born in Liverpool, England, July 14, 1856. At the age of seventeen he came to the United States, locating at Norwalk, where he learned the trade of wool sorter. In December, 1874, he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., and worked at his trade in New York city. In April, 1876, he moved to Ansonia and in February, 1879, to Torrington. There he took the position as overseer of the wool department of the Warrenton Woolen Company, which position he still holds. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows since 1877, and is a past officer of Ridgely Lodge No. 51, also a past officer of Torrington Council No. 1164, the Royal Arcanum and a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M. He has been a justice of the peace of his town since 1894, and the borough sheriff since 1893. On October 22, 1879, he married Annie, daughter of James N. and Rebecca Band of Ansonia. Mr. Carpenter was a faithful and valuable member of two important committees, Incorporations and Judicial Nominations. His influence is ever felt for the good of the community in which he resides and where he is universally respected.



Melvin E. Snow.

NORFOLK.

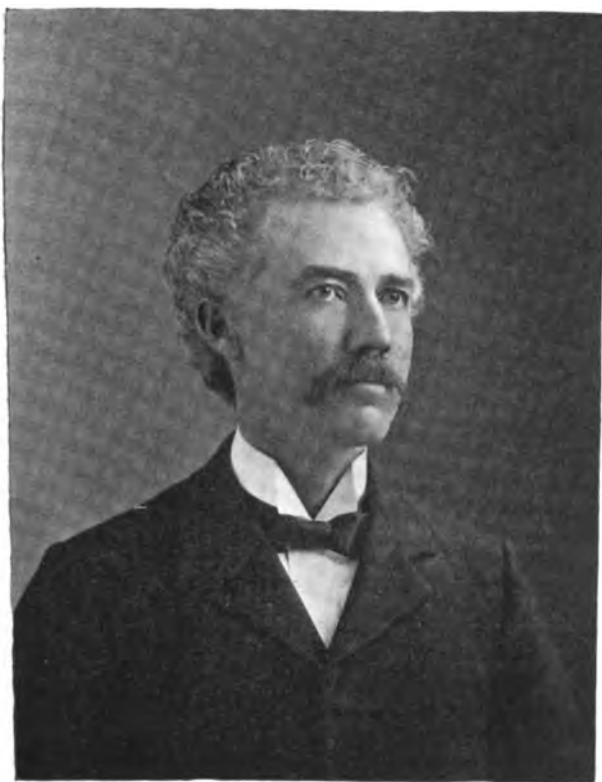
Melvin E. Snow of Norfolk, is the son of Odbrey M., and Ruth (Ginn) Snow, and was born in Prospect Ferry, Me., June 10, 1865. He was educated in the common schools. His father has been a prosperous mason and contractor for a quarter of a century. Mr. Snow has always followed the same trade and has been in partnership with his father since September, 1895. The firm have established a flattering reputation. Mr. Snow is an active member of Western Star lodge No. 37, F. & A. M., Meridian Chapter, No. 15, and Tyrian Council of Winsted. He is past master of the former and is a member of the Royal Arcanum. On May 20, 1891, he married Netta M., daughter of Remus A. Norton of Winsted. They have one child, a daughter, born July 12, 1895. Mr. Snow faithfully served as clerk of the Committee on State Prison and gained many warm friends in the General Assembly.



W. M. Curtiss

CORNWALL.

William M. Curtiss of Cornwall, has the honor of being the youngest Representative from Litchfield County. He is the son of Richard and Johanan (Hannifin) Curtiss and was born in Norfolk, November 12, 1870. He was educated in the common schools, Robbin school at Norfolk, spent two years, 1891 and '92 at Yale Medical school and in 1893, was graduated from the Baltimore University School of Medicine. Since the spring of 1893, he has successfully practiced medicine in Cornwall. On June 12, 1895, he married Genevive, daughter of Edward Bierce of Cornwall Bridge. They have been blessed with one child, a daughter, Mabel Eloise, born July 6, 1896. Dr. Curtiss is a popular member of the Connecticut State Medical Society, Litchfield County Medical Society, I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. He is past master workman of the latter society. His father is a professional contract grader and has done much more than any other person to beautify the town of Cornwall. Dr. Curtiss' pleasing qualities have made him unusually popular. He gained many strong friends at the Capitol.



William Forestelle.

WARREN.

William Forestelle of Warren, was born in Warren, April 26, 1857, and is the son of William and Catherine (Duggan) Forestelle. He received his education in the public school, which he left when very young to attend to the farm on which he now lives and has been very successful with his good management of farming. He was for several years an extensive dealer in cattle. From the time he became twenty-one years of age he has creditably held some public office. He has been selectman for thirteen years in the town which he now represents and in 1893 he was a member of the House. In 1893 he was appointed health officer, which position he still holds. He has also been a Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror. As a faithful and valuable member of the important Committee on Appropriations he gained many strong friends at the Capitol. He is a staunch democrat.

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Wilbert N. Austin

PLYMOUTH.

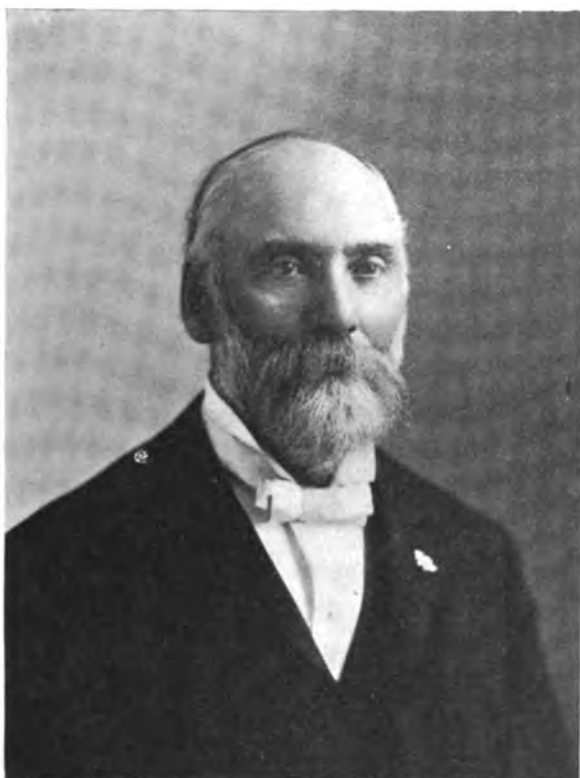
Wilbert Nelson Austin of Plymouth, the son of Theodore and Esther (Roberts) Austin, was born in Goshen, June 23, 1859. A few years later his father moved to Wolcottville, now Torrington, where he received his education in the High school. In 1877 they removed to Plymouth where he has since resided with the exception of one year in Thomaston. After his father's death he bought the Stage and Livery business with George D. Gregory as a partner conducting it under the firm name of Austin & Gregory. In the winter of 1884 he bought Mr. Gregory's interest and is still carrying on the same but much more extensive business. As a business man Mr. Austin exhibits industry, honesty, and ability and has achieved a substantial success. He is a member and warden of St. Peter's church, Plymouth, and a member of Franklin Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Thomaston. He has creditably served on the public school committee several times and has always taken a lively interest in educational matters. He has represented Plymouth in the General Assembly twice, in the year 1891 being the famous "dead lock" year. On December 20, 1882, he married Miss Minnie I. Mattoon. They have three children, Ellsworth Welles, Arline and Roland Mattoon. In politics Mr. Austin is a democrat.



A. A. Stone

WATERTOWN.

Albert A. Stone of Watertown, was born in Sharon, September 27, 1847. He is the son of James A. and Caroline (Cartwright) Stone and received an excellent education in the public schools, the Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and Bryant & Stratton's Business college, Davenport, Iowa. In the fall of 1865, he was engaged as teacher of mathematics in the latter college and in April, 1866, removed with his parents to Cheshire, where he successfully taught school for three years. In December, 1869, he came to Watertown where he has since been the efficient cashier and bookkeeper of the well known Oakville Company, manufacturers of safety pins and novelties from wire and brass. On September 11, 1884, he married Ella M., daughter of George and Sarah (Lathrop) Hosmer of Springfield, Mass. His mother was the daughter of David S. Cartwright an influential member of the Legislature in 1850. Mr. Stone has been a valuable member of the Board of Relief and School Board. He has the honor of being one of three democrats who have represented his town in the Legislature in twenty-five years, and was elected by seventy-five majority which speaks plainer than words as to his popularity and uprightness.



Wm R McDonald

CROMWELL.

William R. McDonald of Cromwell, is the son of William McDonald and Margaret E. Clark, and was born in Nova Scotia, April 15, 1841. He received his education in the schools of New Brunswick and came to the state of Connecticut in 1869. In August, 1873, he established a general store in Cromwell which he has since successfully conducted, and is one of the best known men of Middlesex County. Mr. McDonald has enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen during all of his long residence among them, and he has been elected to every office that was within their gift, with few exceptions, including Postmaster, Auditor, Justice of the Peace, Assessor, Grand Juror, and Chairman of the Town Committee and State Central Committee. When the good roads movement took definite form in the State Legislature and a commission was decided upon to carry out the provisions of the

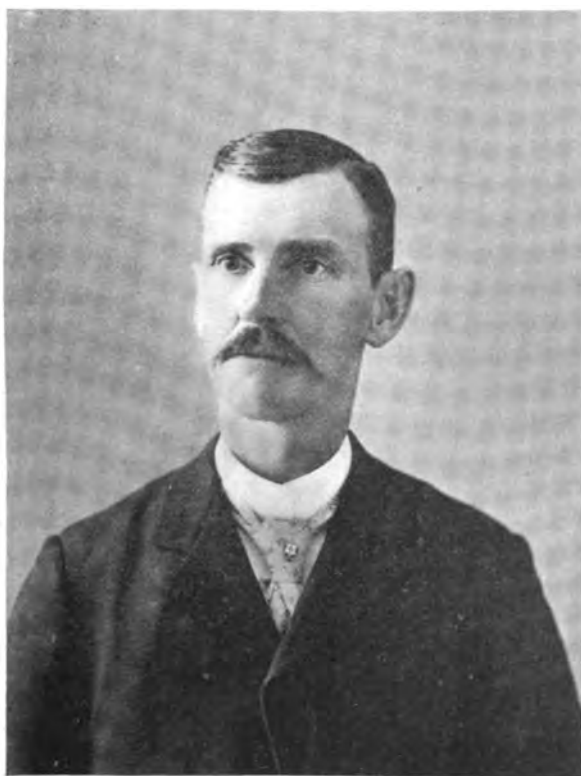
new law, Mr. McDonald was selected as a member of this commission, and he did much to give the work an impetus in this State which has been accumulative in its force and which has started a movement for good roads such as the State has never known. Oct. 22, 1872, he married Sarah S. Treat, daughter of Lorenzo H. Treat and Mary Kirby. Mr. McDonald has attained prominence in society circles. He is a Mason of the thirty-second degree ; a member of Cyrene Commandery of Middletown ; a member of the Mystic Shrine ; a member of the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, and of the Middletown Club. Ever regardful of the interests of the town he has been a promoter of many enterprises there, among the number being the Cromwell Creamery, the Cromwell Silver Plate Company, the New England Brownstone Company, the Meriden, Waterbury & Cromwell Railroad, and many other smaller enterprises. He is a stockholder and promoter of the new water works and is much interested in the good roads movement in Cromwell. He was a valuable member of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Rivers.



Wm H. Scoville

EAST HADDAM.

William Henry Scoville of East Haddam, is a son of William W., and Mary (Ufford) Scoville. He was born at East Haddam, on July 7, 1857, and obtained a good practical education in the public schools of his native town. In 1880 he entered the employ of George W. Swan, a meat dealer, and one year later purchased a half interest in the business. Swan & Scoville sold out to buy the well-established livery business of Swan Brothers, which was successfully conducted for some time and then sold to Thomas G. Swan. Mr. Scoville became the proprietor of the Gelston House, one of the best-known hotels in the lower end of the County, and continued there until 1891, when he sold out to Ralph B. Swan, the present owner and proprietor. During Mr. Scoville's management the patronage of the house was largely increased. Mr. Scoville again acquired control of the Gelston House livery stables, and conducted them until his appointment as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. He is treasurer of the Board. Mr. Scoville first held public office in 1882, when he was appointed as Constable at East Haddam. He was later made a Deputy Sheriff under John I. Hutchinson, and continued to serve in the same capacity under Sheriff Thomas S. Brown. He has been brought into contact with some of the most desperate criminals that have come into the toils of the law, and has always displayed a bravery and courage that has made him a valuable officer and a trusty assistant of the Sheriff. He served his town as Tax Collector in 1888, and again in 1891. Mr. Scoville has always been a staunch republican and is a member of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F.; of Columbia Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Burning Bush Chapter of the latter. He was a popular and valuable member of the Committee on Railroads.



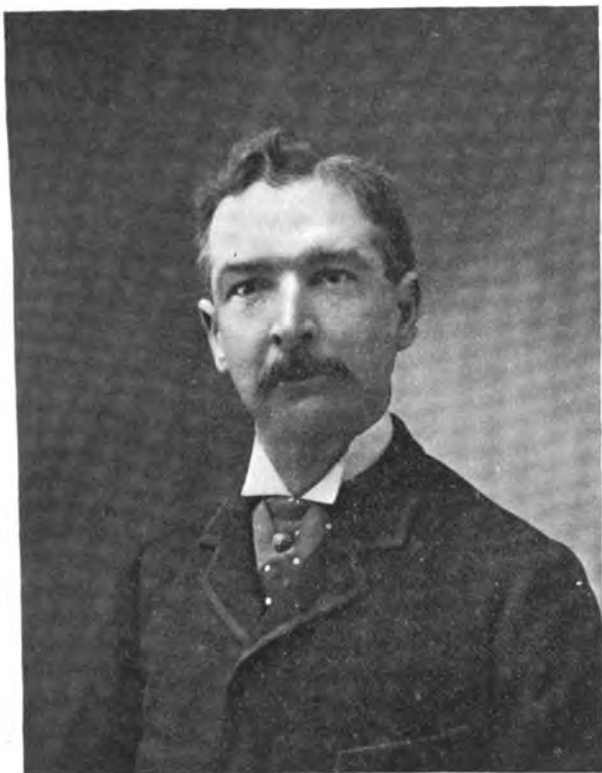
Norris Wheeler Rathbun

EAST HADDAM.

Norris Wheeler Rathbun of East Haddam, is the son of Norris and Louisa (Swan) Rathbun and was born in that town, December 23, 1858. He was educated in the schools of the town and at Providence Conference Academy, East Greenwich, R. I., where he took a four years' course. For several years he was a successful teacher and for nineteen years a member of the Board of School Visitors and its efficient secretary. On May 25, 1887, he married Frances Lovina Emmons, a daughter of Edwin A. Emmons of East Haddam, who was a popular member of the House in '69, '70, '74 and '76.

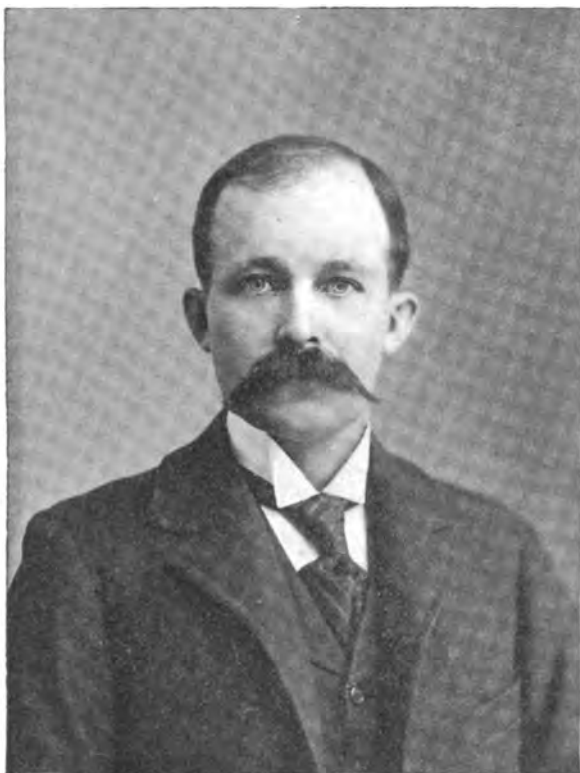
In politics Mr. Rathbun is a staunch republican. The Rathbun family were among the first settlers of the country, John Rathbun being one of the original proprietors who purchased Block Island from the Indians. Mr. Rathbun is a successful farmer and does an extensive business in loans and investments. He has been a Mason since 1884, and is a member of the East Haddam grange. He creditably served on the important Committee on Education and is highly respected for his admirable qualities by a large circle of friends.

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ESSEX.

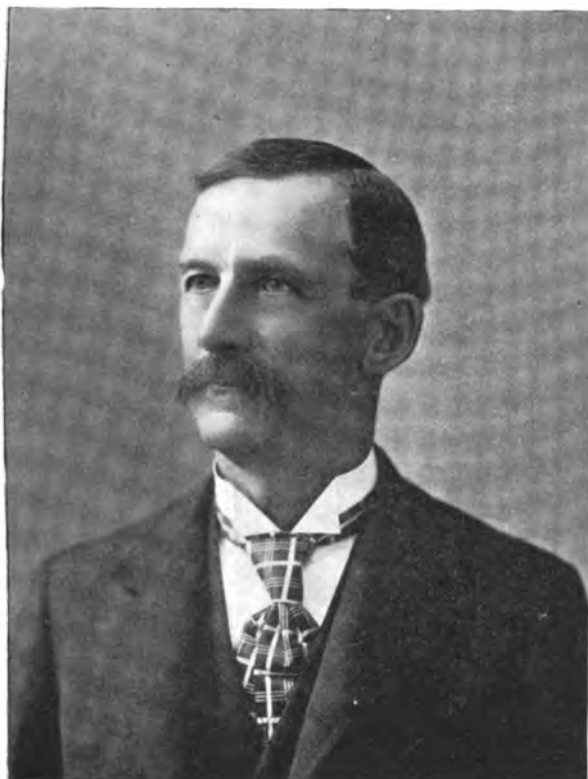
Frank R. Gallaher, democratic representative from the town of Essex, was born in Upper Alton, Illinois, thirty-nine years ago. He graduated from Yale in 1882, after a four years course and then engaged in business in New York, from which he retired several years ago, travelling extensively both in this country and throughout Europe several times, but is now a permanent resident of Connecticut, being president of the Essex Light and Power Co., and identified with various local institutions. He took no active interest in politics until '96. Since then he has been a delegate to state and other conventions and has served as assessor and chairman of the board of selectmen. Mr. Gallaher took a prominent part in the General Assembly both in debate and as one of the leaders on the minority side in the House. After the adjournment of the Legislature he was appointed, by Governor Lounsbury, the democratic member of the State Sewerage Commission.



C. N. Burnham

MIDDLEFIELD.

Charles Nelson Burnham of Middlefield, is the son of Israel D. and Mary (Chester) Burnham and was born in East Haddam, April 13, 1857, receiving his education in the public and private schools of that town. He remained upon the farm until the age of twenty-one, when he removed to Lyme, and was there engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, H. C. Burnham, until February 1, 1884, then moving to Middlefield, where he has since successfully conducted a general store and meat business, also engaged in farming and peach culture quite extensively. He was tax collector in 1893, auditor for several years, and served the town four years as selectman, being chairman of the board from 1894 to 1897, also chairman of the board of school visitors since 1892. On March 25, 1883, he married Hattie B., daughter of Emory W. Gates of Hadlyme. They have three children: Harold Gates, born September 15, 1885; Lawrence Gates, born April 7, 1892; Charles Nelson, Jr., born September 28, 1895. He has for several years been a highly respected member of the Congregational Church Committee, and is a member of Pythagoras lodge, No. 45, F. & A. M., Lyme; Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown and Cyrene Commandery, No. 8, Middletown. His brother, Henry C., is the present senator from the Eleventh district. Mr. Burnham was a valuable member of the Committee on Humane Institutions, and has filled all his positions of trust and responsibility in a faithful and judicious manner, and well merits continued honors from the hands of his townsmen.



Edgar D. White

ANDOVER.

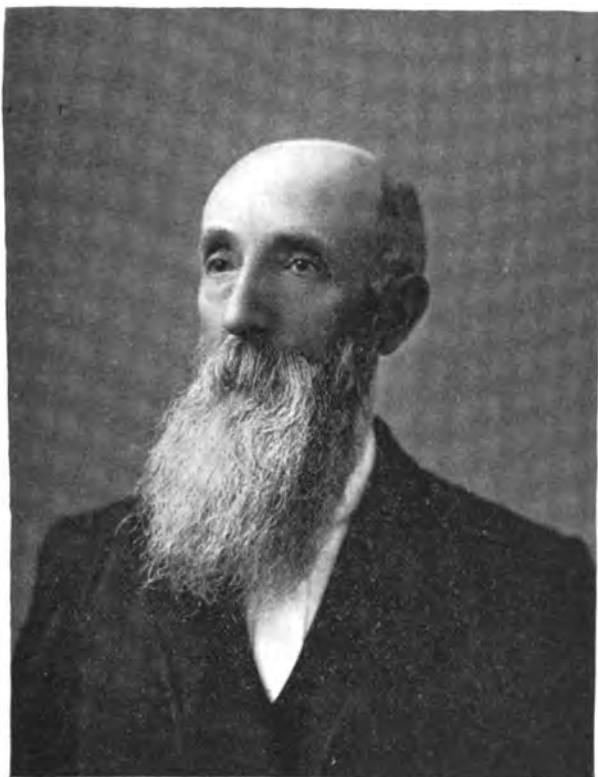
Edgard D. White of Andover, is the son of George H. and Lucia (Parker) White, and was born in Andover, February 20, 1848, receiving his education in the public schools of Andover and the select schools of that town and of Willimantic. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, in which he was successfully engaged most of the time winters and part of the time throughout the year for about twenty-two years. The larger part of his summers during this time were spent on the farm, and a portion of the time he was employed as bookkeeper at New Britain and as railroad station agent at Hop River from October, 1872 to June, 1873. Since giving up teaching he has spent much of his time in various positions of trust, such as settling estates, etc., and has been almost constantly in office from the age of twenty-one. Mr. White has creditably served his town as assessor, school visitor, constable, grand juror, justice of the peace, agent and treasurer of town deposit fund and local school fund, auditor, tax collector, and member of board of town school committee, and has served four years as clerk of the probate court in his district and is notary public in his town. He has been a trustee and deacon of the Baptist church for several years, clerk and treasurer since 1883, and superintendent of the Sunday school, and is Master of Andover Grange, No. 76. On March 16, 1869, he married Lydia Amanda, daughter of Norman Sprague, late of Andover. They have one daughter, Edith B., wife of William J. Maxwell of Bolton, born April 12, 1872. Mr. White is a life long democrat and faithfully served on the important Committee on Agriculture. He has through his well spent career been noted for his thorough work and it is no wonder that his friends are legion.



Chas. N. Loomis Jr.

BOLTON.

Charles Northam Loomis, Jr., of Bolton, has the honor of being the youngest member of the General Assembly from Tolland county. He is the only son of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Hickman) Loomis and was born in Bolton, August 22, 1872. His father is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Bolton. He was a prominent and influential member of the Legislature in 1885, serving on the Railroad Committee, and has been town treasurer since 1893. Mr. Loomis, Jr., was educated in the public schools of his native town and has always been engaged in farming, except from May, 1894, to April, 1896, when he was clerk in the general store of J. A. Alvord at Manchester. He was the efficient collector of taxes for his town in 1893, 1894, 1895 and the present year. He is an active member of Bolton Grange, No. 47, of which he was lecturer in 1897 and 1898. He is unmarried, and is a democrat, and was clerk of the Committee on Putnam Memorial Camp and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.



A. S. Hawkins.

COVENTRY.

Alexander Stewart Hawkins of Coventry, is the son of John and Sally (Crandall) Hawkins, and was born in Griswold, December 25, 1838. After receiving an academic education he successfully taught ten years, from eighteen to twenty-eight years of age, in this state and Rhode Island. In May, 1866, he engaged in the general store business at Liberty Hill. After three years there he adopted farming as an occupation, in connection with teaching winters. He gave up teaching in 1890, and continued his farm work. He was elected an acting school visitor in 1875, and has served continuously ever since. He has been an assessor every alternate year since 1879, first selectman for seven years, member of board of relief, and has been justice of the peace and grand juror for several years. He is a member of Eastern Star Lodge of Masons. On March 18, 1869, he married Mary E., daughter of Capt. Ogden Kingsley of Columbia. He is a prominent democrat and served in the House of 1879 and 1884, on the Manufactures and Railroad Committees respectively. In all matters relating to his town he has ever taken a keen and abiding interest. He has hosts of friends not only in his own town but throughout the state.

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Chas. A. Thompson.

ELLINGTON.

Charles Abbot Thompson of Ellington, is an honored son of the town he represents in the General Assembly and was born May 8, 1861. He is a son of J. Abbot and Mabel (Clark) Thompson.

His father was a prominent member of the Legislature in 1872, '83 and '84. Mr. Thompson graduated from Williston Seminary in the class of '81. On December 9, 1886, he married Miss Della G. Snow, daughter of Otis Snow of Rockville. Two children have blessed the union: Mabel S., born December 13, 1895, and Abbot B., born January 1, 1898. He is a prosperous farmer and manufacturer, being the junior member of the well known and popular firm of J. A. Thompson & Son. He is an enthusiastic republican and a valued member of the school board of his town. He is also the capable president of the local branch of the Connecticut Building and Loan Association, treasurer of the Union Agricultural Society, president of the Ellington Public Library Association, and a charter member of Ellington Grange. He possesses the confidence of all his associates, whether in a business or social relation, and is recognized as part of the bone and sinew of the mercantile and social life of the town. In the Legislature of 1897, he was a member of the important Committee on Finance, and was appointed member of the State Board of Agriculture which office he still holds, and is treasurer of same. This session he was a valuable member of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs, and well merits continued honors.



Fred O. Vinton

MANSFIELD.

Fred O. Vinton of Mansfield, (Eagleville), is the son of Simeon O. and Lucretia Maria (Coggshall) Vinton, and was born in the town he has the honor to represent in the General Assembly, April 26, 1864. Although Mr. Vinton is one of the youngest members of the Legislature this is the second time he has been a member, having creditably served in 1895. He received an excellent education in the common schools, Willimantic High school and Hannum's Business College, Hartford. Since 1889, he has been successfully engaged in the general merchandise business. He was appointed postmaster in 1894, and has been the popular and efficient station and express agent at Eagleville since 1890. On November 1, 1890, he married Annie E., daughter of Raymond E. Rogers of Willimantic. Mr. Vinton is a descendant of one of the oldest and most respected families in Tolland County. His grandfather represented the town of Willington in the Legislature and his father was a representative from the town of Mansfield in 1863, '68 and '79. Mr. Vinton has done valuable service for the "G. O. P." and is at present the wideawake chairman of the Republican Town Committee. As the capable clerk of the important Committee on Railroads he gained hosts of friends at the capitol. He well merits renewed honors from the hands of his townsmen.



James A. Thompson.

SOMERS.

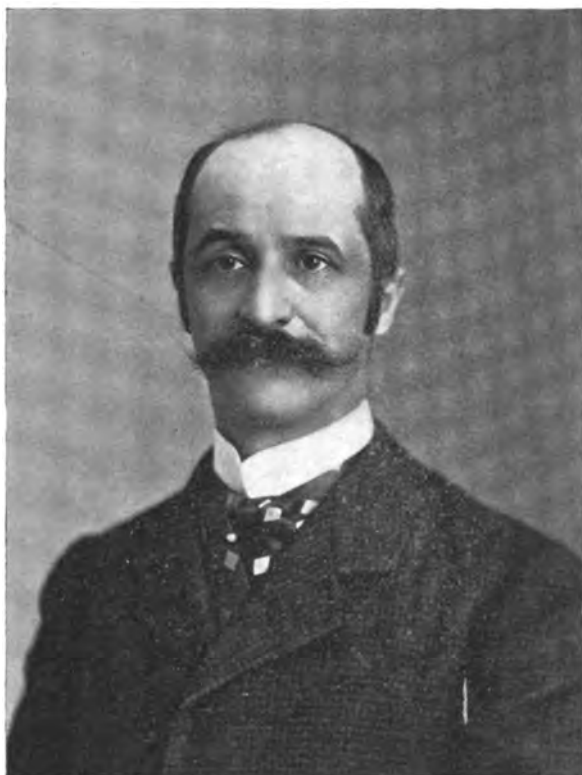
James Alexander Thompson of Somers, was born of good old Windham stock. His grandmother was an Elderkin, and his grandfather, Jairus Littlefield, went as a representative from the town of Windham in 1847. Mr. Thompson is the son of James H. and Lydia (Littlefield) Thompson and was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 1, 1846, and lived there until he was thirteen years old, then moved to Meriden where he attended the public schools. He served an apprenticeship with the Meriden Machine Company, and at the organization of Company I, 2nd Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, he enlisted October 2, 1863, as one of the first members, and served through the different grades to first lieutenant. He was honorably discharged June 6, 1870. He was connected in the woolen business at Monson, Mass., from the fall 1868 until the fall 1874, then went to Willimantic and was connected with F. E. Adams in the lumber business until November, 1876. From there he went to Lebanon where he remained two years, when he moved to Simsbury where he lived until May 30, 1884, then went to Warren, Mass., and worked for the Knowles Steam Pump Works until November 20, 1887, then came to Somersville, and entered the employ of the Somersville Manufacturing Company in the mechanical department, having charge of their steam engine, electric lights and machine shop. He has always been a staunch republican and is the popular and efficient district school committee and chairman of the directors of the Free Public Library. On October 11, 1871, he married Clara C., daughter of Luke B. Rice of Templeton, Mass. They have been blessed with two children: William King, born in Monson, Mass., July 4, 1872, and Eugene Dixon, born in Lebanon, October 13, 1877, a bright and promising student at the Worcester Polytechnical school. Mr. Thompson was a valuable member of the Committee on Military Affairs.



Edward A. Kuhnly

VERNON.

Edward A. Kuhnly of Rockville (Vernon) was born in Norwich, July 10, 1851. His father, Andrew Kuhnly, was born in Baden, near Carlsbad, Germany, and came to America in 1848. His mother's maiden name was Sophia Adams. While he was yet a small boy his folks moved to Willimantic, remaining there four or five years, when they moved to Coventry. When he was fifteen he came to Rockville, staying there but a few months, he left for Stafford, where he learned his trade with Isaac Glover. Later he went to Hartford, and worked for Bull & Lamb for eleven years. In 1887 he came to Rockville, and with his brother, John, opened a plumbing and tin store which he still successfully conducts. Mr. Kuhnly is a member of the Masons, the Foresters, United Workmen and the German Sick Society. He is a past master in Fayette Lodge and past high priest in Adoniram Chapter. On Nov. 12, 1870, he married Wilhelmina Raach, daughter of Valentine Raach of Wurtemberg, Germany. Three children have blessed the union: Edward, born December 11, 1871; Bertha, born March 15, 1879 and Albert, born January 4, 1881. Mr. Kuhnly is a staunch republican, and that he has not been chosen to office more frequently is due to his refusal to accept the same. He served as second selectman one term with credit. He has always been a good party worker, and has steadfastly labored for the success of the republican ticket. He was a valuable member of the important Committee on Education and gained many strong friends at the Capitol.



Henry M. Snell

SAYBROOK.

Henry M. Snell of Saybrook, is the son of Thomas M. and Mary (Claflin) Snell and was born in Taunton, Mass., August 8, 1860, where he remained until two years of age, then in Attleboro, Mass., until twenty-two years of age. After two years of office work in Providence, he came to Deep River in April, 1884, where he has since resided. He is a graduate of the Providence High school, class '81. Since August 8, 1885, he has been engaged in the manufacturing business with W. M. Potter, under the firm name of Potter & Snell. The firm manufacture high grade novelties in wire and have established a trade in every country in the world. Mr. Snell has always been a staunch republican and has been prominent in local affairs. He was county commissioner four years, 1893 to '97, has been a member of the Board of Relief and has served on the school board the past seven years. On December 30, 1891, he married Emma, daughter of George A. Bull of Deep River. Mr. Snell was a popular member of the leading Committee on Incorporations and is universally respected and esteemed at home and at the Capitol.



Fred A. Scott

CLERK OF SENATE.

Frederick A. Scott of Plymouth, clerk of Senate, is the son of Walter H. and Sarah (Granniss) Scott and was born in Terryville, town of Plymouth, November 8, 1866. The Scott family is one of the oldest and most respected families of Litchfield County. Mr. Scott's father is also a native of Plymouth, represented the town in the General Assembly of 1876 and was a successful first selectman for many years. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and was graduated from the Hartford Public High school, class of '85 ; Yale College, class '89, and Yale Law School, class '91, receiving the degree LL. B. *cum laude*. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1891, and has since been a rising young attorney of Hartford. His office is in the Hartford Trust Company's Building, 750 Main street. Mr. Scott was a school visitor of his town from 1892 to 1899 and has been a director of the Public Library since 1895. As the popular and efficient assistant clerk of the House of Representatives in 1895, clerk in 1897 and clerk of the Senate 1899 he won the universal respect and esteem of the members from all over the state.

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Frank E. Healey

CLERK OF HOUSE.

Frank Edward Healey, clerk of the House of Representatives, was born in the town of Windsor Locks on November 8, 1869. He graduated with honors from the Law School at Yale, in the class of '93 and during his course there took the Kent Club prize for oratory. In June, 1893, he was admitted to the bar, and has since practiced law in Hartford. He was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of '97 and is at present chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Windsor Locks.

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Geo. E. Hinman.

ASSISTANT CLERK OF HOUSE.

George E. Hinman of Willimantic (Windham), assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, was born in Alford, Mass., May 7, 1870, the son of W. C. Hinman, a member of the Litchfield county family of Hinmans, and now postmaster at Great Barrington, Mass. He lived during his early years, on his father's farm, attending the district school and later the Great Barrington High school, from which he graduated in the class of 1888. In August of the same year he entered newspaper work on the "Berkshire Courier," published at Great Barrington, first as reporter and advertising manager, later as local editor. Coming to Connecticut, he became city editor of the "Willimantic Daily Herald," then for three years was editor of the "Willimantic Journal." In December, 1895, he resigned this position to enter on the study of law in the office of W. A. King in Willimantic and at the Yale Law School where, in 1898, he was winner of the Thompson prize offered to the member of his class passing the best examination. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1899, and is now practicing in Willimantic. He is a member and secretary of the Windham school committee. Mr. Hinman made a model assistant clerk. He has an unusually clear and distinct voice and a pleasing manner of delivery. He received only words of strong praise from the members of the General Assembly and richly merits and deserves continued honors from future Legislatures.



Chas. R. Keeney

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CAPITOL.

Charles R. Keeney, of Manchester, superintendent of the Capitol, is the son of Rockwell and Lenora (Goudy) Keeney, and was born in Somersville, town of Somers, Tolland County, February 9th, 1847. At the age of two his parents moved to Manchester, where he received an excellent education in the common schools and the Manchester Academy. Mr. Keeney is the oldest of a family of six sons and one daughter as follows : Charles R., George E., Marion O., Lester, Lafayette, Oscar and Mayro. His father is a native of Manchester, and represented the town of Somers in the Legislature of 1886. Two of his brothers, George E. and the late Oscar Keeney, have been prominent members of the Legislature, the former serving as senator from the twenty-fourth district in 1889 and 1891, and the latter as a member of the

House, from Somers, in 1895. George E. was also paymaster-general on Governor Cooke's staff, 1897 and 1898.

Superintendent Keeney is a genuine yankee genius. He has successfully followed several important trades. He first learned the photographic business with DeLamater, Hartford, and Wheeler, Meriden. He then became an expert machinist for the well known Parker Brothers, Meriden, where he was engaged for five years. In the spring of 1875 he went to Monson, Mass., where he was station and express agent for three years. For a time afterwards he was associated with his father and brothers in establishing the present prosperous Somersville Manufacturing Company, at Somersville, and has since continued as a stockholder of the concern. Business being small and in its infancy he returned to Monson as paymaster and book-keeper for R. M. Reynolds & Co., manufacturers of fine woolen and straw goods. At the end of two years he came to Talcottville, town of Vernon, where he was a partner and manager for two years of the Granite Mills, manufacturers of binders board. In October, 1883, he sold his interest in the property and with his father and brothers purchased the Keeney & Wood paper mill at Manchester, which he successfully conducted until March, 1897, when the mill was destroyed by fire. On Oct. 5, 1875, he married at Woodstock, Vt., Mary F., daughter of Francis P. and Lucy (Wood) Prichard, of New Ipswich, N. H. One son, Perley Rockwell Keeney, born at Talcottville, April 14, 1884, blessed the union. Mrs. Keeney passed to the Better Beyond January 20, 1889. Superintendent Keeney is a man of correct principles and fine judgment, and although he has been too busy to accept a public office before, he brings to his position as superintendent of the Capitol, a discrimination and outside experience that has made his services of great value to the state. He has already gained hundreds of close friends at the Capitol, who admire and respect him for his polite, accommodating and painstaking qualities. The state is to be congratulated in having such a model official for this important position as Superintendent Keeney.



Leon T. Wilson

FUTNAM.



E. C. Ruscoe

NORTH WILTON.



Frank W. Griswold

GOSHEN.



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