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LITCHFIELD COUNTY BENCH AND BAR

FREDERICK A. SCOTT, born in Plymouth in 1866, graduated from Yale 1889, from Yale Law School in 1891 and admitted to this Bar the same year. Resides at Terryville, practices at Hartford. Has been Clerk of the different branches of the General Assembly and in 1901 was Clerk of Bills in that body. Represents Plymouth in the General Assembly of 1909.

HOMER R. SCOVILLE was born in Harwinton in 1865, graduated at Williams College in 1890, the New York Law School in 1892, and was admitted to that Bar the same year. After a few years practice in New York City, he removed to Torrington, Conn., and was admitted to this Bar in 1900. He is now in active practice in Torrington.

CHARLES F. SEDGWICK. The following obituary of this distinguished member of our Bar is taken from the 50th Conn. Reports, for which it was prepared by his colleague and friend Bro. Donald J. Warner:

Charles F. Sedgwick was born in Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut, Septemeber 1, 1795. His grandfather Gen. John Sedgwick, was a major in the Revolutionary army, and a majorgeneral of the State Militia. His ancestory is traced to Robert Sedgwick, one of Cromwell's Generals.

He was a brother of the late Albert Sedgwick, and a cousin of the renowned Gen. John Sedgwick, of the Sixth Corps of the Army of the Potoma.

After graduating at Williams College, 1813, he took charge of an academy in Sharon, Conn. and at the same time studied law, and was admitted to this Bar in March, 1820. He immediately located in Sharon, and there continued in the practice of his profession, and ended there his life's work.

He married Betsy, daughter of Judge Cyrus Swan, of Sharon, October 15, 1821.

He was early a member of the Legislature in both branches, a Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Sharon, and from 1856 to 1874 was States Attorney for the county.

He inherited and manifested a special admiration for military affairs, and was appointed Brigadier General of the State Militia in 1829, and afterwards Major General of the Third Military Division of the State. Physically, he was a remarkable man; large, tall, and erect, his appearance in and out of the court room was attractive and commanding. As a lawyer not arrogant, not brilliant, always courteous, a ready, fluent advocate, presenting his views of the case on trial with force and zeal, commanding the respect of the court and jury.

In the discharge of his duty as a public prosecutor, the administration of his office was characterized by the application of the principle "that ninety-nine guilty persons should escape, rather than one innocent person should suffer." His habits were exemplary; tobacco and intoxicants in all their forms were to him abhorrent.

The current events of the day were all noted by him, and he delighted in works of history, biography and genealogy. His wonderfully retentive memory, bodily vigor, and genial nature made him a delightful talker in the social circle, and eminently useful in furnishing information of and concerning persons and their affairs. If it became necessary to find a collateral or other heir to an estate, or to insert a branch in the genealogical tree of a family in Western Connecticut, Gen. Sedgwick was referred to as a living compendum of the required information, and his detailed reminiscences of the peculiarities and characteristics of persons always interested his hearers and often excited their merriment.

His centennial address and history of the town of Sharon in 1865, is a valuable depository of knowledge for the inhabitants of the town. He lived soberly, he waited for death calmly and died in communion with the Congregational Church at Sharon, March 9th, 1882, in his 87th year. Picture on page 70.

EDWARD WOODRUFF SEYMOUR, a Judge of the Supreme Court of this State, died at Litchfield, on the 16th day of October, 1892. He was born at Litchfield, August 30th, 1832 the oldest son of Chief Justice Origen S. Seymour. His mother was a sister of George C. Woodruff, Esq., of Litchfield, a prominent lawyer there, and Judge Lewis B. Woodruff of New York. He graduated at Yale in 1853, and was admitted to the Bar in Litchfield in 1856, where he continued to practice until 1875, when he removed to Bridgeport, and formed a partnership with his younger brother, Morris W. Seymour, with whom he was associated until 1889, when he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Errors. He was for several years Judge of Probate in the Litchfield district. He represented Litchfield in the State Legislature in 1859-60-70-71, and was a member of the State Senate in 1876. He represented his district in Congress from 1882 to 1886. He was one of the representatives of the diocese of Connecticut in the general conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

As a lawyer he was thorough, quick in perception, sound in reflection, pleasing and effective in speech. He prepared his causes conscientously. His knowledge of men, his quick wit, his rare apprehension of humor and humorous things, his abounding good judgment, his intellectual alacrity in emergencies, and his courage in a crisis gave him a fine outfit for practice. He cross-examined a witness always with skill, and sometimes with genius. But no tempation to score a point ever led him into the petty tyranny of abusing a witness. He wore the golden rule on his heart and remembered that the man in the witness box was a brother.

As a Judge, without being hortatory he warmed his opinions with wholesome morals. Such ethics, for instance, as we find in

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