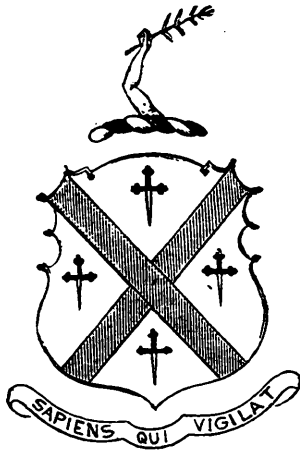


H. AUGUSTUS ACER,

THE son of Volney A. and Charlotte (Peck) Acer, was born in the town of Shelby, Orleans county, on June 19, 1858. His father is one of the best known men of the county.



In February, 1882, H. A. Acer formed a copartnership under the firm name of Whedon & Acer, with Mr. Oscar Whedon, who had been engaged in the hardware trade in Medina nearly thirty years. After the death of Mr. Whedon in August, 1886, Mr. Acer assumed the entire business and has since carried it forward under the style of H. A. Acer, keeping a general line of shelf and builders' hardware, cutlery, stoves, ranges, paints and oils, agricultural implements, carriages and wagons, with special departments devoted to plumbing, hot water and steam heating, located at No. 48 Main street, Medina. On December 28, 1881, he was married to Miss Ella W., the daughter of Oscar and Julia (Winchester) Whedon, of Medina, and they have three sons, viz.: Oscar Whedon, Herbert Peck, and Donald Winchester. Mr. Acer is recognized as an enterprising and honorable business man, and takes a prominent part in the affairs of the day, political and otherwise.

OGDEN S. MILLER.

ONE of the early settlers of the town of Byron, Genesee county, N. Y., was Caleb Miller, grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He removed from that town and settled in Barre, Orleans county, at an early date, and engaged in farming. His wife was Rhoda Loomis and they had three sons—Caleb, Alvin (who died young), and Alexander. Caleb Miller died in 1819. His sons, Caleb, jr., and Alexander, learned the blacksmith trade, and after working for a time in Byron they located in Clarendon village, Orleans county, where they extended their business to the manufacture of plows and carried on a foundry. The stone shop which is still used in that place was built by Caleb Miller, jr. He sold out after a few years to his brother and removed to Michigan, where he carried on a farm and later a foundry. Alexander Miller was one of the foremost men of Clarendon; built many dwellings there and labored for the promotion and welfare of the place. His wife was Lois, daughter of Elias Willard, of Monroe county, and they were married in 1844. In 1871 he sold his interest in the Clarendon business to W. T. Pettengill, and in 1874 engaged in farming in Bergen. In 1878 he removed to Caledonia, where he with his son, Fred W., again established a manufactory of agricultural implements. He died in 1886, leaving his son to continue the business. The children of Alexander Miller were: Ogden S. (the subject); Jennie V., who married Walter T. Pettengill; Fred W., and Nellie L., who married William A. Bissell.