

\$956,883; and Kendall from \$921,747 to \$866,757. To the taxpayers this meant thousands of dollars saved, and Mr. Jones not only acquired deserved recognition, but also the reputation of being an expert mathematician.

November 26, 1868, Mr. Jones united in marriage with Miss Lucy A. Chase, daughter of Julius S. Chase, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume. They have had three children, namely: Cora, born in Kendall June 10, 1870, died December 22, 1880; Charles D., born February 16, 1872, residing on his father's farm at East Carlton, and Claudius, born March 24, 1885, at home.

"In politics a Republican; in religion do as you would be done by."

CHESTER WILLIAMS.

CHESTER WILLIAMS, the eldest son and child of Jacob Williams, was born in Argyle, Washington county, N.Y., August 25, 1803. In 1826 he settled on a farm of 112 acres in the town of Carlton, where his widow now resides, taking an article and then a deed for the tract from the Holland Land Company. His original purchase, however, comprised several of the present adjoining farms, but by subsequent sales he reduced it to the above area. Mr. Williams was prominently identified with the town and county and held several positions of trust and responsibility. In the days of anti-slavery he was a strong abolitionist, giving the cause his unqualified support and personal influence. A Republican in politics he was an active politician, but always eschewed public office, preferring to devote his time and means to the betterment of local affairs from a private capacity. He was frequently called to sit on juries, where his opinions were unquestioned and his decisions never disputed. Endowed with a strong will and a marked personality he was a man of unswerving characteristics, and in public and private was highly respected and esteemed. He was neighborly, kind-hearted, public spirited and benevolent, contributing liberally of his means to every good cause, especially to the church. From early life he was a good Biblical scholar and a gifted exhorter, and often preached to local congregations. He first joined the M. E. church, but later became a Free Methodist, in which faith he died, in Carlton, September 30, 1889. Honest, substantial, and conservative he lived the life of a respected citizen and imparted to the community a sterling influence and imperishable principles. In the home, in the bosom of his family, he was ever the kind husband and indulgent father, whose memories are cherished by both relatives and friends.

Mr. Williams married, first, Margaret Teachout, who was born in Manchester, N. Y., February 15, 1808, and who died May 13, 1874. They had nine children: Sarah M., born May 1, 1827, died in 1890; Lydia R., born September 24, 1829; Betsey J., born January 14, 1832, died April 11, 1854; Mariette, born September 9, 1834; Delilah, born January 14, 1838 (deceased); Clark O., born October 5, 1839, died August 16, 1840; Harriet, born August 3, 1840, died August 18, 1840; Benjamin F., born July 22, 1842, died in September, 1886; and Cassius M.C., born September 9, 1845, died February 15, 1894. December 9, 1874, Mr. Williams married for his second wife Mrs. Arabella

Brown Gilmore, who was born in Sweden, Monroe county, September 11, 1825, and who survives him on the homestead in Carlton. Her first husband, Aaron Gilmore, was born May 13, 1813; they had two children: George, born September 10, 1849, died an infant; and Alida, born May 16, 1852. Mrs. Williams's father was Luther Brown, who was born in New Hampshire December 18, 1777, and who died in Gaines April 15, 1862. He settled in Carlton in 1830. His wife was Anna Burke, who was born in Vermont September 28, 1785, and who died February 1, 1836. They had five children: Luther, jr., born January 21, 1814, died July 27, 1892; George, born March 19, 1816, died July 25, 1889; Harrison B., born July 28, 1818, died January 29, 1856; Mary Ann, born September 21, 1822; and Arabella (Mrs. Chester Williams). Aaron Gilmore settled in Albion about 1846, where he was well and favorably known. He was in the drug business nine years and sold out to H. W. Lewis, M.D., after which he went west, where he was a contractor on several railroads. He died suddenly of apoplexy at Chicago, Ill., July 4, 1870.

RALPH R. BROWN.

RALPH ROBERT BROWN was a son of Robert M. and a grandson of Elijah Brown, and was born where his widow now resides, on the 29th of October, 1828. Elijah Brown articulated this farm of the Holland Land Company in 1804 and the next year started with his family from Sodus, Wayne county, for his wilderness home, but died on Lake Ontario during the journey, May 7, aged fifty-seven, his remains being interred in the family lot near the present house. Robert M. Brown, his son, then eleven years of age, being born April 30, 1794, succeeded to the homestead and cared for his mother, Bethshua S., until her death June 30, 1826, aged seventy one years. He passed the remainder of his life here, dying March 5, 1846. He married Fanny West and had nine children who attained maturity, viz.: Philena, born December 9, 1817; Belinda W., born December 16, 1821; Salome H., born February 25, 1825; Sarah H. (Mrs. Hosea M. Ballou), born November 30, 1826; Ralph R.; Christopher C., born June 13, 1830; Elias W., born April 17, 1833; and Elizabeth F. and Andrew E., twins, born April 13, 1836. Mrs. Brown was born April 22, 1794, and died October 14, 1851.

Ralph R. Brown was reared on the farm and was educated in the district schools of the town. With the exception of one year spent in Michigan he always resided in Carlton, succeeding to the homestead, which he purchased of the heirs. At the early age of seventeen he was deprived by death of the guidance of a father, and thenceforward the support of a widowed mother devolved upon his youthful shoulders. He was a life-long farmer, always a Democrat in politics, and by his townsmen far and near was ever regarded as an honest, unostentatious man. He never aspired to public office, but continually exerted a strong influence for good among his fellow beings. As a citizen he was benevolent and public spirited, and as a husband and father he was ever kind, indulgent, and beloved. In all the relations of life he carefully avoided difficulty with his neighbors, abhorring every thing which prompted personal bickerings or strained