

relations. He was highly and widely respected, and died without an enemy on October 8, 1893.

December 8, 1853, Mr. Brown married Miss Sarah J., daughter of Truman Luttenton, who survives him and resides on the old homestead. She was born in Carlton February 28, 1834. [Mr. Luttenton was born in Herkimer county May 14, 1801, married Sally Eastman, and died July 27, 1888. She was born in Vermont February 28, 1804, and died July 24, 1882. Their children were Augusta J., born December 16, 1828; Nathaniel O., born February 11, 1830; Ruth A., born May 20, 1832; Sarah J. (Mrs. Ralph R. Brown); Amanda M., born May 25, 1836; Mary E., born December 25, 1839; Truman N., born July 28, 1841; Joel H., born October 22, 1843; and Rosamond E., born February 13, 1848]. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had born to them three children: Clara J., Harry L., and Anna West.

GEORGE A. NEWELL.

GEORGE A. NEWELL was born in Medina, Orleans county, N. Y., January 11, 1846. He is a son of Arthur W. and Cornelia E. (Smith) Newell. Mr. Newell enjoyed excellent opportunity to obtain a liberal education and graduated from Yale College in 1868. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He is a Republican in politics and in 1874 was elected police justice and justice of the peace, both of which offices he filled with credit and ability until just previous to his election as county clerk in 1877. This office he held by re-election nine years. In 1888 he was elected treasurer of the village of Medina and still holds that office. In the fall of 1885 he was elected treasurer of the school board, and has been re-elected annually until the present time (1894). In the fall of 1893 he was elected county treasurer and is the present incumbent. In all of these public positions of honor and responsibility Mr. Newell has exhibited those qualifications that contribute to make the good citizen. In 1884 he became the cashier of the Union Bank of Medina, and was chosen president of the bank on January 1, 1893.

Outside of his business interests Mr. Newell has devoted considerable time and attention to Free Masonry. He is, beyond question, the best informed Mason in the county. Made a Master Mason in Medina Lodge in April, 1877, he was elected its senior warden in 1879, and its master for 1880. At present he is its secretary and one of its trustees.

In the Chapter he was made a Royal Arch Mason in May, 1878; was elected king for 1881-82, and high priest for 1883, and re-elected each successive year since.

In the Council he was created a select master in November, 1878, and served as its master for eight years. He was created a Knight Templar in Genesee Commandery in April, 1879, served as junior warden in 1890, and as eminent commander for the years 1891, 1892, and 1893. He received the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite in Rochester Consistory March 21, 1878, and is at present thrice potent grand master of Lock City Lodge of Perfection. In the Grand Lodge he was grand steward in 1882-83 and district deputy grand master in 1885-86. In the Grand Chapter he was grand master of

the second veil in 1889. In the Grand Council he was grand steward in 1886 and had served in its several offices until he was elected its grand master in September, 1893, which office he now holds. At the last meeting of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, held in Boston September 20, 1894, he was elected to receive the thirty-third and last degree. These numerous and honorable offices which have been freely tendered him, show that he has a firm place in the hearts of his brethren.

Mr. Newell very kindly prepared the historical account of Free Masonry in Orleans county for this volume.

In 1886 Mr. Newell married Anna E. McGrath, and they have one son and two daughters.

ADAM GARTER.

ADAM GARTER was of German descent and was born in Herkimer county in the historic Mohawk valley on the 4th of May, 1794. He inherited all the sterling characteristics of his race, and early in life acquired habits both thrifty and methodical. His education was necessarily limited to the district schools, yet he obtained superior knowledge at once practical and substantial. In his boyhood he seemed to look into the distant future and intuitively saw the necessity of thorough business preparation, with which he equipped himself by hard study and diligent research. He became a well known surveyor, and an excellent biblical student. Possessed of a mind keenly discriminating and endowed with qualities both rare and retentive, he early evinced an inclination for study, and gratified that desire by systematic readings of the Bible. In this direction he was recognized as an expert. He never tired of discussion on that one favorite subject of truth and immortality. He lived the life as pointed out in that book of books, teaching its principles as he understood them, and doing "unto others as he would be done by."

While yet a youth Mr. Garter taught several terms of district school, at which he was very successful. In 1814, with his father and two brothers, he came to what is now the town of Shelby, purchasing a piece of land of Alexander Coon. He soon returned to Herkimer county, however, where he remained until 1819, when he again came to Orleans county, and settled permanently on his farm in Shelby, where he practically lived the remainder of his life. This place is now owned by Daniel P. Snell. There Mr. Garter reared a family of nine children, of whom three daughters and four sons are living. After coming here he was employed as a surveyor for many years by Joseph Ellicott, the principal agent of the Holland Land Company, in which capacity he established most of the original lot lines in Western Orleans and Eastern Niagara, particularly in Shelby and Ridgeway. Many of the corner stones in the two counties were laid under his supervision and are lasting monuments to his ability and methodical work. He was careful to a fault that every line, no matter how unimportant, should run accurately, and when once established it was immovable. He was an expert mathematician, and a careful, precise, and an accurate surveyor. In Medina village he laid out into lots