

FAMILY SKETCHES.

Anderson, George G., was born in Gaines, March 10, 1839. He resides on the farm that was owned and occupied by his father, Nahum Anderson, and also his grandfather, Robert Anderson, who came to Gaines from Ira, Rutland county, Vt., and invested extensively in real estate; he was the first judge of Orleans county, which then included Genesee county, and also served his district in the State Legislature. Judge Anderson was a man who commanded the respect and esteem of all. His family consisted of a wife and four children, who journeyed from Vermont in wagons drawn by oxen. Nahum Anderson, his son, was prominently identified with the leading interests of Gaines for many years, serving the town as supervisor several years, was a thorough and successful farmer, and died August 7, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-four. His wife was Matilda Van Kirk, whose birthplace was Ovid, Seneca county, N. Y. They had six children, only one of whom is now living; she died June 24, 1858. In April, 1861, he was again married to Hannah Morgan, of Groton, Conn., who survives him. George G. attended the public schools in his native town, was two years at Yates Academy, after which he attended the Collegiate Institute at Rochester; his vocation has always been farming, and the present condition of his farm speaks well for his abilities in that line. On December 24, 1862, he married Mary J. Sherwood, of Shelby; their children are: Robert S., who, after graduating from Albion High School and the Buffalo Business University, began business in Olympia, Wash., where he was employed in the State auditor's office and invested in real estate both in Olympia and in Tacoma, Wash., and Howard R., who is now a student in Albion High School.

Atwell, Eli.—Nelson Culver, son of pioneer Orange Culver, the latter being mentioned elsewhere in these sketches, was born July 25, 1812. He married Ann Alida Hanson, on September 3, 1840, in Cass county, Mich., where he had settled two years previously. He was the first of the children of Orange Culver to leave the old home farm. Nelson's children were Caroline, who married Eli Atwell, September 25, 1866; David W., who died in Barre, May 20, 1867; and Homer H., who is a farmer in Barre. Nelson Culver died in Elkhart county, Ind., December 3, 1851, and his wife February 13, 1857. Levi Atwell was one of the pioneers of western New York, coming from Cayuga county in 1811. Near what is now Eagle Harbor he discovered a valuable spring of water, and there he decided to settle. He took an article for the land, made a clearing, then returned east for the winter, but became a permanent resident in 1812. His children were Abbie, Roxie, Mary, Joseph, Martin, and Levi. Joseph married Anna Freeman

in 1828, and they had these children: James W., who died in Albion January 23, 1892; Freeman J., now a prosperous lawyer in Dowagiac, Mich.; Eli, of Barre, and Lydia, who died November 5, 1887, at her home in Atlanta, Mo. Joseph Atwell died May 4, 1872; his wife died in 1838. Eli Atwell is known as one of the best farmers of Barre. He was born January 17, 1834. At twenty-six he began farming for himself near Barre Center. His first wife was Mary Miller, whom he married October 16, 1861. She lived only about four years, and on September 25, 1866, he married Caroline Culver. They have no own children, but Anna E., wife of Euretus Allis, and Daisy M., are their children by adoption.

Alderman, Horace, was born at Manlius, Onondaga county, in 1829, a son of Zardius and Hannah Alderman. He came to Orleans county in 1849, and settled at Albion, where he engaged in boating until 1863, when he purchased a farm in the southwestern part of Murray, where he has since resided. In 1854 he married Susan Mustill, of Murray. He is a Republican in politics.

Allen, Daniel B., is a grandson of Amasa Allen, who was born in New England, and died in Pavilion, Genesee county, about 1820, aged sixty years. He was a soldier in the Revolution, serving seven years and seven months. Horatio, his son, and father of our subject, was born in 1799, and died in Niagara county in 1839. He married Hannah Tirrill, born in Connecticut in 1804, and died in 1833. They had three children: Albert N., born in 1824, died in 1860; Henry T., born in 1826; Daniel B., our subject, born November 20, 1828, in Niagara county. Mr. Allen married second, Adeline Freeman, by whom he had three children: Matilda, Elizabeth, and Candace, the latter two deceased. Our subject was educated in the common schools, and reared on a farm. At the age of twenty-one he began to learn the painter's trade, which business he followed nine years. In 1861 he bought the farm where he now resides, comprising 160 acres. Mr. Allen has served as trustee and president of the village of Suspension Bridge, Niagara county, N. Y., also justice of the peace of the town of Carlton, Orleans county, N. Y., having served fourteen years. April 16, 1855, he married at Niagara Falls, Caroline Dutcher, who was born in Schoharie county, December 5, 1835, and they have had four children: Albert M., born April 21, 1857, married Lucy Boughton, and has one child, Harold B.; Charles D., born November 4, 1860, married Florence Kenner, and has one child, Rollin D.; Luella H., born May 8, 1865; and George D., born October 24, 1867.

Butler, Menzo W., Kendall, is a son of Amos Butler, and was born in Middlefield, Otsego county, November 6, 1827. He was reared in his native town, worked for a year in Massachusetts, and followed rafting on the Susquehanna river much of the time until he attained the age of twenty-seven, when he located permanently in Kendall, where he was a farmer in different parts of the town until 1884. He then moved into the village, where he has since resided, and where he has recently erected one of the best dwellings in this part of the county. Mr. Butler has always evinced a broad public spirit in forwarding all local enterprises, and was especially active in obtaining subscriptions to build the depot at Kendall village. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, and has always regarded his word as good as his bond. He married Sarah T., a daughter of Nathaniel Requa, of Kendall.