

Main street. In 1862-3 he erected the present well-known Bordwell block on East Bank street. April 29, 1852, Mr. Bordwell married Althea, daughter of John and Lucy (Barlow) Blodgett, of Clarkson. The children of this marriage were: J. Norman, born June 3, 1854, died March 21, 1893; Mary Althea, born August 16, 1856, died November 17, 1857; Addie M., born August 14, 1859, died October 2, 1859; John Blodgett, born September 16, 1863, in Albion. Mr. Bordwell died in Albion, June 17, 1877, and in 1882 his widow married George W. Moore, of Medina, Mich.

Blake Edward M.—Anthony Blake, born in Alsace, France, May 27, 1819, came to America with his parents in 1832. In the spring of 1833 he went to Lima, Livingston county, where he lived several years and where, while attending school, he made the acquaintance of Mary Phillips, whom he married January 1, 1839. They had eight children: Caroline E., Frank B., John W., Mary J., Edward M., Theodore A., Emma A. and George W. Mr. Blake was reared in the Roman Catholic faith, but read and experienced religion in a different light, and in 1838 united with the M. E. church at Lima. Soon after the family moved to a farm in Mendon, Monroe county, whence they came to Kendall in the spring of 1853, settling about two miles north of Kendall Corners. Here both were prominent in the M. E. Church. August 10, 1882, Mrs. Blake died, and in the spring of 1884 Mr. Blake married, and with his wife and two daughters removed to Albion, where he resided until his death, October 13, 1893. Edward Mortimer Blake, the only one of his children living in Orleans county, and who occupies the homestead in Kendall, was born in Mendon, September 18, 1852. November 19, 1873, he married Anna C., daughter of Orman Spicer, and has six children: Nellie E., William E., Harry O., Sherman M., Edna and Raye.

Best, John M., was born in Dutchess county, March 25, 1814, and was the son of Jacob Best, a highly respected farmer of the Hudson River Valley. At the age of twenty-six John started out for himself and worked his brother's farm in Columbia county, in which locality he lived five years. While there in 1839 Mr. Best married Harriet Tanner, who died in 1845, and in 1846 he married Caroline Vosburg, and came to Barre and bought of Edmund Harris the ninety-six acre farm, on which he has ever since lived, and is now possessed of a competency. His present attractive dwelling was built in 1856. Mr. Best was originally a Whig, but is now a staunch Republican. He has been a member and for several years a trustee of the Barre Centre Presbyterian Church. During his early residence in Dutchess county, Mr. Best was captain of a military company, but his service was limited to the pleasant duties of general training. The children of John M. and Harriet Best were: Julia, Josephine and Harriet (wife of Daniel Sherwood). His children by his second wife were: Frederick, Mary E. and George. Mrs. Caroline Best died in June, 1881.

Batchellor, Anson, was born in Connecticut, February 19, 1792, moved to Mendon, Monroe county, April 15, 1839, and married Theresa Newton, who was born in Pultney, Vt., May 20, 1800. They settled in Barre on a farm now owned by his grandson, John, and there lived and died. In his family were four children, viz: Mary, who married Loren Parsons and died in Barre; Caroline, who married Penfield Cleveland and lives in Rochester; Eliza, who married William March and is now dead, and George. The

last mentioned, George Batchellor, was born December 6, 1822, and was about sixteen when his father came to Barre. He married Betsy Ann Sears and had two children, Philena, who married Edward F. Delano and died in Michigan, and John S., of South Barre. Soon after his marriage George Batchellor came to the Sears farm, and there lived until his death, December 23, 1882. His wife died December 11, 1892. John S. Batchellor was born January 20, 1850, and has always been a farmer in Barre. He has been, like his father, a successful business man and somewhat active in town affairs, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. November 11, 1873, he married Anna E. Waldo, by whom he has two children, George Homer and Charles Crane Batchellor. Ogden Sears was born in Connecticut, August 19, 1798, and died in Barre, February 25, 1883, and his wife, Betsey Harding, was born July 19, 1803, and died May 15, 1883. They were married December 1, 1819, and their children were as follows: Eunice, who married John P. Church and died in Barre; Betsy Ann, who married George Batchellor, and Mary A., who died January 13, 1829. Ogden Sears was a cooper by trade and worked at it some after leaving Connecticut, though in this town he was a farmer. His substantial stone residence was built many years ago, and for it he picked the stone on his own land, burned the lime used in erecting it, made the plaster and mortar and carried it to the workmen in a sap bucket. He was a successful business man and accumulated a good property.

Baldwin, Benjamin F., is descended from Ziba Baldwin, who was born in North Stonington, Conn., February 16, 1775, and died September 27, 1803. Benjamin's father was Thomas, a descendent of John Baldwin of Buckinghamshire, England, who came America in 1628. He was born in North Stonington, Conn., May 3, 1777, and died July 26, 1843, and his mother was Nancy, daughter of Dr. Asa Spalding of Stonington, Conn., born January 30, 1803, and died December 3, 1887. The children of Thomas and Nancy Baldwin were as follows; Nancy, born January 30 1803, and died in Otsego county; Thomas J., born February 5, 1805, and died in 1811; Almira, born May 24, 1807, and died in Otsego county in 1864; Thomas H., born April 1, 1812, died February 21, 1894, in Minnesota; Lucy Ann, born January 6, 1815, and died in Otsego county; Amanda J., born November 29, 1818, married William H. Dozzonel in 1840, and died in Albion, May, 1860; Asa S., born June 27, 1821, died in 1821 in Connecticut; Benjamin F., born in North Stonington, New London county, Conn., September 24, 1823. Benjamin F. Baldwin attended the common schools of North Stonington, his native town, and finished his education at the Gilbertsville Academy, Otsego county, N. Y. He taught school in Otsego, Schoharie and Schenectady counties, then moved to the town of Gaines, Orleans county, and taught one term there. In 1850 he bought the farm in Gaines where he now resides, and has since engaged in farming. Mr. Baldwin has served two terms as justice of the peace of Gaines and was elected for a third term in the spring of 1893; has been clerk of Gaines and Murray for many years. In 1848 he married Amy R. Baldwin, who was born in Pitcher, September 28, 1828. Her father was Elisha Baldwin, born August 11, 1786, in North Stonington, Conn., and her mother was Patty Spalding, born in North Stonington. The children of Benjamin and Amy Baldwin were these: Kate, born in Morrio, Otsego county, September 18, 1850, married William Smith (deceased) of Or-