

ains county, by whom she had three children (Nettie M., born in Gaines in 1876; Gussie, born in Murray, March 28, 1879, died May 5, 1880; and Grace, born in Murray, April 9, 1881); Nettie M., born in Gaines, November 29, 1852, married E. A. Egles-ton; B. Frank, born in Gaines, September 26, 1859, married Ella Baker; Jennie M., born in Pitcher, Chenango county, December 3, 1869 married David Ely, and have one child; Hazel, born September 13, 1892.

Bliss, Edwin, was born in Springfield, Mass., July 13, 1819, and is a son of William C. Bliss, whose father, Moses Bliss, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. William C., with his family consisting of ten sons and two daughters, removed to Orleans county in 1835, and settled in Kendall, purchasing lands and engaging in farming. Edwin Bliss became a carpenter and builder, and in connection with farming was thus engaged until 1867, when he removed from Kendall to Holley and became associated with Luther Gordon in the building and lumber business. For many years he was the principal builder in the village, and in 1879 built the brick block opposite the Downs Hotel, which he still owns. In politics he is a Democrat, was supervisor of Murray for three years, and has been trustee of the village several years. He is president of the Cemetery Association, was one of the organizers of the Holley Electric Light Co., and is its president. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is senior warden. In 1890, owing to ill health, he retired from business. In 1848 married Mary A. Seymour, and they have two children: Ella S., wife of Captain George W. Ruggles of Charlotte; and H. Dwight Bliss, M. D., of Brooklyn.

Beck, Richard, of Norfolk, England, was born in 1834. He and his father, who was also named Richard, came to America in 1854, and settled at Hulberton. He afterward removed to Ridge road, west of Sandy Creek, where he resided until his death in 1886. He married in England, Harriet Fairhead, and they were the parents of eight children: Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to William Young and second to William Ricebrook; Sarah, who married William Ricebrook; William settled in Clarendon, married Catherine Gibbons, and is a farmer; Ann, who married Joseph Lee; James, a farmer in Kendall, who married Mary Anderson; Emma married Edwin Cutts; Harriet, married Norman Boyce; and Richard. He has always been engaged in farming, and purchased a farm of 250 acres on the Ridge road just west of Sandy Creek. Mr. Beck is a staunch Republican, but does not aspire to political honors. He married in 1858, Clara A. Hall. She died in 1862, and in 1864 Mr. Beck married second Almira Tourtelot of Monroe county, and they have four children: Charles R. is a farmer in Barre, and married Nina Smith; Jacob E. is a farmer in Murray and married Addie High; Clara B. married Seymour Clark; and Lavina C., who married Lewis H. Smith.

Bullard, Chancy, our subject, was born in Gaines, September 25, 1824. His father, William, and his brother, Brigadier, came into Gaines, Orleans county, N. Y., in February, 1812, from Bennington, Vt., with two pair of oxen hitched to a sled, the snow when they arrived in Gaines was three feet deep on level. My grandfather, David Bullard, was born in Dedham, Mass., in 1761; he afterwards moved to Vermont, where he resided until 1816, when he removed to Gaines, N. Y., bringing his family with him; he settled one-half miles west of Gaines on north side of Old Ridge road on

a farm which had been taken up by his son William; after a few years he moved one and a half miles south on a farm owned by his son Brigadier, where he lived till his death in June, 1832. He married Elizabeth Hadley, and their children were: William, who was born in Linesboro, Cheshire county, N. H., April 10, 1789, and died September 26, 1861. He married Nellie Loveland, who was born in Windham county, Vt., June 9, 1794, and died December 9, 1864. Their children were: Albert, born in Gaines, September 15, 1816, and died September 15, 1856; Anson, born February 10, 1820; Olive, born April 1, 1822; Chauncey, born September 25, 1824; William W. Bullard, born May 26, 1828; John W., born December 17, 1830, died December 9, 1890; David H., born December 3, 1836. Subject's brothers were all educated in common district schools, their style was work more than books and they are all in comfortable circumstances in their old ages. The brothers own at present over 500 acres of as good land as there is in western New York or any other State. Their land lays joining right along on the Old Ridge road situated one mile west of Gaines. Four of those Bullard brothers ran an orchestra of their own and furnished music for the cotillion in their younger days. They originally were Whigs, but after the Republican monopoly party was organized, they voted with the Democrats, as that party was so nearly alike the old Whig party. Our subject married Lucy Leonard, of Albion, N. Y., April 24, 1867, who died March 31, 1891, aged fifty-four years. [Written by Chancy Bullard].

Billings, Joseph Drake, is the grandson of Joseph, who was born in Somers, Conn., and lived and died in Smyrna, Chenango county, about 1841, aged seventy-six. His son, father of our subject, was born in Smyrna in 1795, and died in Gaines, December 10, 1866. He owned about 500 acres of land and built a saw mill at Marsh creek, which he conducted many years. He was also identified with all the leading events of his town, and was a prominent man in the local politics, as well as being one of the projectors of the Universalist church at Fair Haven. He married Charlotte Drake, born in Ovid in 1800, and died in 1873. Of their eight children six survive: Joseph D., born in Gaines, February 20, 1822; Myron, born March 15, 1824; D. Clinton, born in ~~1827~~ ¹⁸²⁸; Clara, born in 1829; Helen, born in 1831; Harlow, born in 1833; Henry, born in 1836, died in 1858; and William, born in Gaines in 1840. Our subject was educated in the district schools, and finished at Gaines Academy. He is a well read man, and owns a valuable library. He has a farm of 155 acres, and has taken a prominent part in local affairs, having served as supervisor four terms, and represented his county in the Assembly at Albany two terms (1877-78), as a Republican, serving on the Committees of Expenditures and Agriculture the first term, and the second on the Committees of Railroad and Agriculture. December 1, 1845, he married Melinda Shaw, who was born September 17, 1821, in Providence, N. Y., a daughter of Stephen Shaw, and they have had three children: George N., born December 7, 1846, who married Grace Bedell, of Albion, and has one child, Harlow. He is now cashier and part proprietor of the Delphos Bank, at Delphos, Kan. He enlisted in Company C, of the Eighth Heavy Artillery, in 1862, and served till the close of the war. The second child of our subject was Cora May, born February 12, 1859, who married H. W. Lattin, of Albion, and has one child, Jay D. Mrs. Lattin graduated in April, 1894, from the Buffalo Medical College, and has graduated from Boston School of Oratory. The third