

child of our subject is Lottie, born May 21, 1861, who married Charles Stilson, of Barre, Orleans county, and has one son, Charles B., now attending school at Rochester. Mrs. Stilson died in Carlton, December 3, 1884. The following article may not be out of place in this connection, referring as it does to the wife of our subject's oldest child, George N. At the time of Lincoln's nomination for the presidency, Grace Bedell, then a child of twelve, had given her by her father (a zealous worker for the Lincoln party) a picture of the future president. The little girl viewed the likeness with a critic's eye, and decided that Mr. Lincoln would look better with whiskers, and with the consent of her parents she wrote him a nice little letter, expressing her childish views, and asked him to answer her through his own little daughter, if he had not time to write her himself. Mr. Lincoln replied as follows: "Springfield, Ill., September 19, 1860. Miss Grace Bedell:—My dear little miss, your very agreeable letter of the 15th is received. I regret the necessity of saying I have no daughter. I have three sons, one seventeen, one nine, and one seven years of age. They, with their mother, constitute my whole family. As to the whiskers, having never worn any, do you not think people would call it a piece of silly affection (affectation), if I should begin it now. Your very sincere well wisher, A. Lincoln." Mr. Lincoln later decided to accept the advice of his young friend and cultivate whiskers, and while en route to Washington to take his seat in the official chair, he stopped at Westfield, made a speech from the platform of his car, when he alluded to this incident, saw and kissed his young friend, and said: "Grace, you see I let these whiskers grow for you."

Buell, Miles S., was born in Benton, Yates county, January 17, 1842, and is a son of Lewis T. Buell, who came to Orleans county in 1848, and located in Murray. He married Maria Brown, and their children were: Caroline O., William W., Lucelia J., Justina A., and Miles S. Lewis T. Buell died July 2, 1870. Caroline Buell married Albert Leonard. William is a farmer and settled in Murray, and married Roby E. Curtis. Lucelia married Nelson M. Root, of Murray; Justina married George Roosevelt, and settled in Brockport, N. Y. Miles S. Buell has always resided in Murray, and is a farmer. On January 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 105th New York Infantry. He participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap, and Second Bull Run, and November 22, 1862, was discharged on account of wounds received in the latter engagement. He married, December 22, 1875, Emily Smith, nee Bromly, of Alexander, Genesee county.

Beardsley, H. Spencer, is a descendant of Levi Beardsley, born in Connecticut in 1776, and died in Carlton in 1866. His wife was Esther Crary, born in Connecticut, and died in Phelps in 1810. Their children were: Delilah, Artemisha, Harmon C., Martha A., Levi A., of whom Harmon C., father of our subject, was born in Kent, Conn., September 29, 1804, and died in Carlton, December 30, 1871, having settled in that town in 1827. In 1828 he married Cynthia Bacheldor, born in Danville, Vt., July 13, 1805, who still survives. Her father was Samuel Bacheldor, a native of Massachusetts, born April 21, 1765, and died October 8, 1819, who married Anna Richardson, also born in Massachusetts, who died September 22, 1849. Harmon C. Beardsley had these children: Sally C., born January 27, 1830; Samuel H., born October 11, 1833; H. Spencer, born October 22, 1847. The latter was educated in the public schools at

Carlton, and reared on a farm, following farming and carpentry until about 1886, when he bought the store at Sawyer. May 4, 1888, he was appointed postmaster at Sawyer, which position he now holds. He has also served as commissioner of highways three terms, and is now overseer of the poor at Carlton. He is a member of Renovation Lodge No. 97, F. & A. M., of Albion. December 18, 1872, he married Etta M. Hoag, born July 17, 1849, and their children were: George J., born June 15, 1875, died August 15, of the same year; and Gordon C., born June 8, 1883. Our subject's farm was taken up by his father in 1826, and has never been out of the family.

Bartlett, John R., was born in Sweden, Monroe county, March 7, 1829, a son of Samuel G., whose father, John, was a native of New Hampshire. The family is supposed to have come originally from Wales. Samuel G. was born in Groton, N. H., July 13, 1799. November 7, 1825, he married Elmira Phelps of the same place, and moved to Yates, Orleans county, shortly after, settling in Sweden, Monroe county, where he followed farming. In 1852 he came to Clarendon. Samuel G. died December 24, 1875, and his wife, Elmira, July 12, 1854. Their children were: Clarissa, born August 8, 1826; John R., born March 7, 1829, Ruby M., born June 1, 1831; Henry P., born July 19, 1833; Mary J., born April 6, 1836, and Eliza A., born February 14, 1838. John R. resides in Clarendon, is a farmer and in politics a Democrat. January 21, 1856, he married Sarah M., daughter of Colonel N. E. Darrow of Clarendon, and their children are, Clara E., born August 5, 1860, who married George M. Moore September 15, 1881; and Lewis D., born November 23, 1863, who married Cora F. Rodwell June 21, 1886.

Bailey, Jeremiah, was a native of Whitestown, Oneida county, born November 10, 1803. In April, 1844, Mr. Bailey and family came to Orleans county and located in Gaines on an eighty-acre farm, to which he added until he owned 240 acres. His wife, whom he married in 1827, and who survives him, was Laura Williams, and they had three children: Lewis, who died young; Abner B. and James. Abner B. was one of the successful men of the county. He was for several years in the grocery trade with his brother James at Albion, but retired shortly before his death. His only son, Lewis, is now a wealthy dry goods merchant of Cleveland, O. James Bailey was born in Whitestown October 25, 1834. At the age of eighteen he was employed for three years by Deacon Harvey Goodrich, and later was a partner with Charles Baker nearly fifteen years, dealing in fruit and produce, which he combined with farming and other interests. This has been his chief occupation, though for twenty years he has been identified with the grocery trade in Albion, which he started with his brother Abner in 1874. Abner retired in 1879 and James continued till 1882, when the firm of James Bailey & Son was formed, as grocers and commission merchants at 61 Main street Albion, and their fruit house is on the railroad near freight depot, capacity 8,000 barrels. James Bailey has been successful in all his business adventures. He is interested in the County Agricultural Society and much of the advancement of that society is due to his efforts and leadership, he being one time its president. He was the first to develop Oak Orchard on the lake, and his beginning has resulted in a beautiful summer resort. In politics he is a Democrat. April 2, 1857, Mr. Bailey married Mary Jane, daughter