

enlargement of the canal. He then spent one summer in the quarries and followed that by two years packing flour. In this latter connection he learned the cooper's trade in the fall of 1857, and at that he worked for three years. By living frugally he managed to save a little money. In the winter of 1861 he went to Canada but soon returned to Eagle Harbor. By this time he had saved \$250, and with that money bought and remodeled a barn into a cooper shop, borrowed an additional sum to purchase stock, and became a manufacturing cooper at Eagle Harbor. This was the beginning of what afterward proved to be a very successful business, although it was attended with some misfortunes and many vicissitudes. The present firm, which is comprised of Charles and William Bennett, William Lee and Nathaniel Cole, had its origin in the little business started way back in 1861 by Charles Bennett, and to-day the senior partner is the active man of the firm. Mr. Bennett bought his farm in 1877. It contains eighty-two acres, and is one of the best in that part of the town. When he landed at Quebec in 1854, Mr. Bennett had but a half sovereign in his pocket, to-day he is in very comfortable circumstances. In 1856 Charles Bennett married Isabella Lee, daughter of William Lee of Eagle Harbor. No children have been born to them but they have had five by adoption. One of them, James T. Hayman, was in the 4th N. Y. Heavy Artillery; was promoted to lieutenant of colored regiment, and was shot at Petersburg in 1865. Another, William Hayman, was in the 2d N. Y. Mounted Rifles, served through the war, returned home and died soon after. The third child was Jennie S. Lee; the fourth Fred E. Bennett, and the fifth Charles J. Bennett, who lives with his foster father. Since 1872 Mr. Bennett has been a Prohibitionist, formerly he was a Republican. For many years he has been a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, for twenty years one of its officers and is now superintendent of its Sunday school.

Bassett, William R., son of William L., was born in Rhode Island, April 9, 1802. In 1820 he removed to Clarkson, Monroe county, whence he came to Kendall in 1829, and started a blacksmith shop. Two years later he removed to a farm near the lake shore, where he also carried on blacksmithing, and where he died June 12, 1889. He was probably the first permanent blacksmith in town, and was active in church and civil affairs, served as assessor and was supervisor in 1849, 1850, 1853 and 1854. He married Olive Munger, who died March 9, 1877. Their children were Chauncey M., Edwin H., Harriet R. (Mrs. Joseph P. Mulford), Charles L., Laura J. (Mrs. A. W. Barnett), Catherine C. (Mrs. Oscar Munn), Emily L. (Mrs. Ira P. Bates), William W., Frank and Anna (Mrs. E. W. Nicholson).

② Bridgeman Charles S. Guy Bridgeman, son of Judge John Bridgeman, was born in Vernon, Vt., March 15, 1774, and removed to Kendall in 1834, settling where Charles S. now lives, where he died February 21, 1853. February 10, 1797, he married Eunice Hapgood, of Petersham, Mass., who was born July 22, 1774, died August 22, 1862. Their children were Nancy, born December 2, 1797, died April 11, 1843; Lydia, born February 25, 1799, died April 22, 1882; George, born December 26, 1800, died June 6, 1883; Levi, born January 22, 1802, died September 29, 1864; Thomas, born March 26, 1803, died September 13, 1803; Miranda, born July 11, 1804, died May 1, 1845; Eunice, born May 2, 1806, died August 25, 1808; Horatio N., born February 28, 1808,

died March 4, 1874; Electa, born July 24, 1809; Guy C., born April 13, 1811, died April 25, 1872; Oliver H., born March 3, 1813; John F., born April 23, 1815, died November 14, 1815; and Lucretia S., born December 11, 1816. Jesse Bridgeman, a brother of Guy, also came here in 1834 and died at Kendall Mills. Oliver H. Bridgeman married Amanda Sedgwick and has had three children: Mary A. (Mrs. E. A. Sanford), Charles S., and Emily S. (Mrs. B. F. Stangland). Charles S. Bridgeman was born June 5, 1849, and married Mary R., daughter of Rev. Milo Scott, by whom he had these children; Charles S., jr., Arthur C., Margaret A., and John S. He was assessor three years and in March, 1894, was elected supervisor of Kendall. Rev. Milo Scott became pastor of the Kendall M. E. Church in 1861, officiating two years, and died in Clarkson, Monroe county, in 1864.

Burt, Joseph H., Kendall.—Erastus Burt, son of Jonathan, was born in Brattleboro, Vt., January 7, 1795. He came to Ontario county in 1817, where he taught school, and where he married Elizabeth Hall, whose father, Joseph, was a major in the War of 1812 and a colonel in the State militia. After returning to Vermont, Mr. Burt moved to Wayne county and thence to Monroe county, whence he came to Kendall in 1841, settling on lot 16, where he died November 4, 1844. Mrs. Burt was born January 6, 1803, and died January 10, 1879. Their children were: Antoinette, died in infancy; Joseph Hall, born in Vermont, February 28, 1820; Elizabeth D., born in 1822, died March 5, 1831; Erastus C., born February 7, 1825, died July 31, 1825; Christina G. (Mrs. Dennis Densmore), born April 3, 1828; Mary A., born April 11, 1832, died January 16, 1834; Laura S. (Mrs. Cyrus Garlock), born January 2, 1835, died November 6, 1892; and John H., born January 29, 1837. Joseph Hall Burt married, March 15, 1843, Eunice Maria Comstock, born February 22, 1820, stepdaughter of Joseph Corbin, sr., and March 15, 1893, celebrated their golden wedding. Their children are: Charles Franklin, born September 17, 1850, and Erastus Joseph, born September 2, 1857, both residing in Kendall. Mr. Burt was justice of the peace nine years and held other minor town offices. Charles F. Burt was graduated from Cornell University in 1875, and is now a justice of the peace. December 28, 1881, he married Laura A. Quinn, and has two children: Lulu E., born June 11, 1883, and Charles W., born April 22, 1891. Erastus J. Burt married, November 17, 1880, Isabell, daughter of George W. Bird, and has one son, Elbert L., born November 27, 1882.

Bennett, Nathaniel Smith, Kendall.—Michael Bennett, son of Jeremiah, was born in New Jersey, August 29, 1791. During the War of 1812 he removed to Ontario county, N. Y., where he married, in 1814, Olive Smith; they had six sons and six daughters; Nathaniel Smith Bennett, born August 13, 1818, being the second child and oldest son. In 1820 the family came to Clarendon, and during their residence there Jeremiah Bennett and his wife removed thither, died, and were buried in a cemetery in that town. In April, 1834, the family settled in Kendall, where Nathaniel S. has since resided, and with him the father passed the last years of his life, dying February 27, 1884, aged ninety-three. In November, 1845, Nathaniel Smith Bennett married Adelia C. Hamlin, who died April 17, 1854. They had two children: Addison Henry, born August 15, 1846; and Nancy Adelia, born April 13, 1841. January 31, 1856, Mr. Bennett married second Mrs. Miranda Mead. Mr. Bennett was a charter member of the West