

Kendall Free Methodist church, in which he has filled responsible positions. In politics he was first a Whig, but has always been a staunch Republican since the organization of that party. He has been elected to various important town offices, having been justice of the peace, assessor for a number of terms, and supervisor in 1864-65. In 1873 he was appointed by Governor Robinson a loan commissioner for the county, which office he held ten years, until a change in the State administration. In all of these positions he served with signal ability and strict fidelity. His daughter, Nancy A., married Ambrose A. Clark, January 27, 1876. Two children, Frank and Lillian, were born to them, Frank having died in infancy. They reside in Kendall. Rev. Addison H. Bennett, his son, united with the Genesee Annual Conference of the Free Methodist church in September, 1873, and for twenty years has been actively engaged in the ministry, ten years of this time being district chairman (presiding elder). He has been treasurer and since June, 1890, a trustee of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary at North Chili, Monroe county. He has also been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Genesee Conference of the Free Methodist church since 1888, and secretary of said board since 1889. October 24, 1872, he married Celia A. Romer, and has one son, Milton Nathaniel, born September 23, 1873.

Barry, Benjamin, came to Yates in 1816, settled on what is now the Webster farm, and died in 1822. His children were: Phoebe (Mrs. Benoni Hall), Richard, Benjamin, jr., Samuel, Frank, James, Sally (Mrs. John Gorham), Archibald, Isaac, and Jemima (Mrs. John Eaton). James Barry, born June 16, 1799, married, in 1820, Martha, a daughter of Hezekiah Bullock, who settled in Ridgeway in 1814 and in Yates in 1816. Mr. Barry died April 9, 1889. He was one of the founders of the M. E. church and long a trustee and class leader. Their son, Benjamin B., is a justice of the peace, and since 1871 has been local correspondent of the Medina Tribune. Richard Barry was born May 12, 1785, served in the War of 1812, and died at Yates Centre about 1870. His wife, Elizabeth Muncy, died June 30, 1859. Their children were: Cynthia (Mrs. Benjamin Bullock), born December 13, 1806; Nathaniel and Benjamin R. (twins), born November 30, 1808, still living in town; Ransom, born March 16, 1811; Samuel, born March 17, 1813; Jane (Mrs. Grosvenor Church), born May 2, 1815; George, born July 28, 1817; Sena (Mrs. William Church), born August 25, 1819; Hannah (Mrs. F. H. Daniels), born October 30, 1821; Henry, born February 27, 1824; and Charles, born August 5, 1826. Of these children eight are living, and Mrs. William Church is the oldest woman born in town who still resides here.

Bates, Ira B., Kendall.—Samuel Bates, the first permanent white settler in the town of Kendall, was born in Haddam, Conn., August 9, 1760. He served three and one-half years in the Revolutionary War, in a New Hampshire regiment, being with Washington at Valley Forge, and was under General Sullivan in his memorable expedition against the Indians in Western New York. While in this latter service he reached the Genesee River and shooting a duck he was obliged to cross to get it. The locality impressed him so favorably that he resolved to emigrate hither as soon as possible, but upon leaving the army he resided first in Randolph, Vt., and subsequently in Burlington, whence he came to Kendall in 1812 and located lot 111, where his grandson, Ira

B., now lives. The first year he cleared a small plat and built a log house, and in 1813 he sowed two acres of wheat and returned to Burlington, Vt. In June, 1814, he brought his family to his pioneer home, where he died August 21, 1822. June 1, 1786, he married Abigail Willard, who died January 1, 1831. Their children were Clarissa, born December 10, 1787; Lindamind, born December 27, 1789; Henry Willard, and Ira B., who died July 26, 1828, aged twenty-five. Henry Willard Bates, born in Randolph, Vt., February 4, 1794, came to Kendall in 1814, was a captain in the State militia, and married Sally Clough, who died December 16, 1832, leaving children: Julia (Mrs. C. C. Johnson); Henry C., who died November 29, 1847; Royal, Almira (Mrs. A. G. Schenck), and Samuel E., all deceased; and Sarah L., wife of W. S. Benham, both of whom were drowned in Lake Michigan in the Alpena disaster. In 1833 he married Tamma, widow of Daniel Beebe, who survives, and who bore him two children, Col. Willard W., and Ira B. Mr. Bates died December 12, 1887, on the homestead. William Bates enlisted in Company K., 8th N. Y. H. A., 13th N. Y. Infantry, and was promoted lieutenant; served in the 25th N. Y. Infantry, as captain and was wounded; and was transferred to the 8th N. Y. H. A., became lieutenant-colonel, and upon Colonel Porter's death was made colonel, receiving his commission the day he died, June 24, 1864, from a wound received at the battle of Cold Harbor. Colonel Bates inherited sterling soldierly qualities. He was six feet high and weighed 230 pounds. His widow drew a colonel's pension. Ira B. Bates, born May 5, 1846, married, first, January 17, 1867, Emma A., daughter of Charles Barrows of Hamlin, by whom he had one child, Emma B. Mrs. Bates died January 3, 1873, and October 20, 1878, he married Emily L., daughter of William R. Bassett. Mr. Bates was supervisor of Kendall in 1885-86.

Bliss, Clement Porter was born in Riga, December 1, 1817, and came with his widowed mother to West Barre in 1831. The mother soon married, after which Clement went to live in the family of David Palmer, for whom he worked with a promise of \$100 on reaching his majority. He proved faithful to every duty and was rewarded with \$200 instead of the \$100 promised. When of age he started out for himself, working as farm hand for a time and afterward selling fanning mills for Mr. Dickey. Later on, having married, Mr. Bliss settled in Barre and for twenty-five years was a resident of that town, dealing and speculating in farm property and machines, and in West Barre was a merchant and farmer. Among his fellow men Mr. Bliss was regarded as a man of influence and prominence, and in all his endeavors he was rewarded with success. In 1872 he went to Albion, where he lived in comfortable retirement until his death, July 22, 1890. In 1843 Mr. Bliss married Savilla A., daughter of Henry Edgerton, of Elba. Their children were as follows: Sarah J., wife of Francis Avery; Savilla, wife of J. Grinnell; Porter C., of Albion; Helen F., wife of John Bruce of La Peer Mich.; Charles A., who died in Albion; Mary A., wife of George Snyder of Eagle Harbor; Elmer E., of Albion; and Rose B., wife of D. D. Van Nocker of Petersburg, Mich. Mr. Bliss was formerly a Republican, but finally an independent Democrat, and has held office as justice of the peace and assessor. Porter Clement Bliss was born in Barre, July 21, 1849, and was reared on a farm. In 1872 he married Adelia S. Street of Illinois, and they were the parents of two children, Carrie and Cora. Until