

Luther, Ira M., was born near Brockport, February 15, 1821. In early manhood he spent some years as a merchant in Illinois, and left for the California gold fields in 1849. He was successively a miner, a conductor of emigrant parties across the plains, a hotel proprietor in Sacramento, and a mill and ranch owner in Nevada. In 1861 he became a member of the upper house of the first Nevada Legislature. In 1855 he married Lucy Crippen, of Attica, N. Y., by whom he had three children, Homer J. and Frank C., born in California, and Nellie Nevada, born in Nevada, now wife of William G. Frost, of Montclair, N. J. In 1865 he returned to the east, where Mrs. Luther died. In 1867 he married Jane E., daughter of Sands Cole, of Knowlesville. To them were born the following children: Beth C., wife of Walter P. Weinstein, of Terre Haute Ind.; Mark Lee, Jessie F., and Ira M., jr. Mr. Luther died at his home in Albion, May 29, 1890.

Cole, William, and his wife, Asenath (Williams) Cole, were both natives of Richfield, Otsego county. They were married there. In 1824 they settled in the town of Barre. Mr. Cole was a carpenter and millwright and an excellent mechanic, but came to this region to become a farmer. He began poor and succeeded in building up a good property. He built many mills and invented many valuable mechanical appliances. In his family were ten children: Almina, who died unmarried; Alma Jane, who married Alson D. Smith; Veeder H., Clarissa, who married William A. Tanner; Harriet, who married Joseph Hart; William, who married Louise Hill, was killed in the army; Perry, who was killed by accident; Henry, who died an infant; Phiana, who married S. E. Howard, and Winfield S., of Kansas. William Cole, the pioneer, died in February, 1871, and his wife in July, 1883. Veeder H. Cole was born December 1, 1827, and was brought up to the various occupations followed by his father, particularly that of farming and at work in a mill, after which he started out to make his own way in life. He began work at ten dollars per month, and as an employee he continued until twenty-six years of age. Mr. Cole has been a successful farmer, a hard worker, and has improved farms that he has bought very much. He has been called upon to settle several estates, has been appointed assignee, and has been guardian of three families of children. In politics he has been a Whig and Republican, and was assessor of the town three years. Mr. C. is a public-spirited man, and has done much to beautify his home and make farm life attractive. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church more than forty years, and for eleven years one of its ruling elders. April 18, 1854, Mr. Cole married Caroline C. Smith, of Barre, and they have had four children: Carrie, who died at one year old; the second child died in infancy; Mary A., who died in 1885, and Clara C., wife of Clark F. Thomas, of Monroe county.

Clark, Robert, was born in County Cork, Ireland, August 27, 1841, and was the youngest but one of twelve children of George and Elizabeth Clark. The family came to Rochester in 1847, where the father was a marketman and butcher. Robert learned the confectioner's trade, and in 1873 came to Albion and succeeded George Ashbey in business. By careful attention and good judgment he has succeeded in building up a fine trade, and his ice-cream department, particularly, has met with great favor. Mr. Clark is also well known in local politics, and was twice elected supervisor of the town

of Albion. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and has served as vestryman and treasurer of that society. On August 6, 1861, Mr. Clark married Mary E. Kingston. They have had eight children, four of whom are now living.

Coann, Ezra T., was born in Byron, Genesee county, March 25, 1829, and was the son of Ezra and Fanny (Hull) Coann. His father was a farmer and Ezra, jr., was brought up on the farm until the age of fourteen, when he came to Albion, where his elder brother was teaching school, and attended the academy. He worked in a store until he reached his majority when he succeeded his employer, Thomas C. Faanning, in business. From 1850 to 1868 Mr. Coann continued in trade and then sold out. He was elected to and held the office of county treasurer during the war, and during the same period he was one of Governor Morgan's Military Committee for the purpose of raising and organizing troops for the service. Mr. Coann was secretary of this committee, and it was a part of his duty to provide for the raising of funds for the payment of bounties, for which county bonds were issued. In 1869 Mr. Coann closed out his business, and with his family took an extended European tour, covering a period of one and one-half years. Returning to Albion he established a banking house, which has always been known as "Coann's Bank," and which is justly recognized as one of the stable financial institutions of the county. Mr. Coann's business life has been rewarded with great success. He is a firm Republican but has never sought public office. February 10, 1852, Ezra T. Coann was married to Marcia H. Clement of Genesee. Two children were born of this marriage, both of whom are still living. Mrs. Coann died in March, 1890.

Clark, Orra, was born in Berkshire, Mass., May 15, 1795, and his wife, Sophronia Phelps, was born in Oneida county, September 17, 1804. The grandfather of Mrs. Clark was a gunmaker and supplied arms to the patriot troops during the Revolutionary war. In 1819 Orra Clark came to Western New York, but it was not until December 19, 1821, that he was married. He settled in Barre (now Albion) on land he took up and cleared. The children of this family were: Amelia, born September 30, 1822, married Eri Green, living in Michigan until his death, then returned and married Seth Waldo, a Presbyterian minister; Caroline H., born September 16, 1824, married to Dimick French, and after his death Edwin Tanner; Henry E., born December 25, 1829, lived and died in Albion; Truman A., born March 23, 1832, died in 1878; Mary M. born July 5, 1834, married Charles Howard of Medina; James B., born March 9, 1839, died aged seven; Eber R., born May 13, 1842, now in Rochester; Edward, born July 3, 1844, now in Rochester; Laura E., born October 2, 1847, wife of Edward Merrill of Atlanta, Ga. Orra Clark, the pioneer, died July 26, 1878, and his wife November 26, of the same year. George S. Clark was born September 8, 1826, was brought up and always lived on a farm with the exception of three years. At the age of twenty-one he commenced working for himself, first as a farm hand, and then worked land on shares until he was able to buy a farm for himself. In 1892 he came to Albion to live, where by his industry and upright dealings he has won the respect of the community. June 26, 1854, he married Martha E. Huff, who died January 26, 1890. The children born to them are as follows: Truman A., of Albion; Jennie Porter, of Holley; Olin, of Albion; and Allie M., of Albion. Mr. Clark is a strong Republican and has held