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## DELHI AND VICINITY

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CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR.

THE village of Delhi is situated in the heart of Delaware county, being the terminal of the Delhi branch of the New York, Ontario & Western railway. The elevation above the sea on the main street in the village is 1,453 feet. The population is about 2,000. It is located in a deep valley protected by a high range of mountains, spurs of the Blue Mountain range, on each side. The distance to Walton, where the branch unites with the main line of the railway is seventeen miles; the distance to New York is 196 miles; to Albany, via the N. Y., O. & W. and the D. & H. railroads, is 142 miles; to Binghamton, via D. & H., 77 miles.

The Delaware river, commonly known as the West Branch, flows nearly west through the valley at this point separating the mountain range on the south from the village. Upon the foot or slope of these mountains are the sites of beautiful villas, some of them the homes of families of men who have acquired a competence in active business life. One of the finest of these residences and grounds is that of E. B. Sheldon, well known as a prosperous Chicago business man. Across the valley are rich hillside farms stretching over the summit of mountains, and below with a perspective that delights the eye are numerous elevated sites for pretty homes.

Towering on the south of the river, overlooking the main part of the village, is Mount Crawford, with a forest clad summit which presents to the eye a nearly perfect dome. Federal Hill stands to the east presenting a view up the river which is grand. Two miles above, Elk Creek empties into the Delaware, the two streams coming down separate valleys which unite at the base of a bold and lofty mountain from the summit of which the view down the valley is remarkably striking.

Opposite the village on the north rises what is locally termed Youmans' Hill, a succession of rolling summits which shut off from the east a narrow valley through which Steele's Brook flows to a junction with the Delaware in the western end of the village. Farther below, the mountains close in upon the river, terminating with a lofty barrier which presents a gracefully curved sky line—the summit of Mount McGregor. One mile below the village the Little Delaware empties into its more pretentious namesake.

Near this point in the valley is the home of Mrs. John Sherwood, the well known authoress.

The scenery in summer has a setting of dark green foliage wherever the eye turns. It presents all of the richness and none of the harsh lines of the virgin forests. In fold after fold this beautiful curtain drops on all sides, broken here and there with light green patches of lawn dotted with pretty specimens of modern architecture.

The railroad winding along the river enters the west end of the village. There it stops, not venturing farther intrusion where nature sits enthroned in all its rural loveliness.

The village stretches along the Delaware for nearly a mile. A broad evenly graded avenue guarded by majestic trees constitutes the business street of the village, intersected with numerous streets laid out at right angles. The average dwelling is of the better class of houses, surrounded with a pretty lawn and an abundance of shade and having an ample garden plat.

The soil is fertile and crops in fair seasons are abundant. Delhi is the home of a class of people in good circumstances. Many of the families trace their ancestry to the early settlers of the county

and village. There are several churches, an academy in which the scholars may prepare for college and a public school.

A reservoir of clear spring water furnishes an inexhaustible supply distributed by gravity. The waterworks include modern conveniences and are owned by the village.

There are two staunch and conservative banking institutions, which do a large business and are really indispensable.

Three weekly newspapers with an extended circulation among the farmers and the residents of the several villages throughout the county are conducted by able and intelligent editors.

A large condensary furnishes the extended dairy farms a market for from twenty to thirty thousand quarts of milk a day, which is shipped to New York.

The Crawford wagon works furnishes employment to numerous mechanics and supplies the market with all styles of vehicles with a special manufacture of running gear which has proven to be very popular with horsemen.

Then there is a woolen mill, a tannery, saw mills and feed mills.

The stores are well stocked with all classes of goods and the retail business of the town is quite extensive, a few neighboring villages contributing not a small portion of the customers.



CHARLES S. WOODRUFF.

The first Board of Supervisors was as follows: Colchester, William Harper; Franklin, Enos Parker; Harpersfield, Roswell Hotchkiss; Kortright, Benajah Beardsley; Middletown, Benjamin Milk; Stamford, John Lamb; Walton, Robert North.

#### Village Officers.

PRESIDENT—HENRY S. GRAHAM,

TRUSTEES—JAMES E. HARPER,

CHARLES E. KIFF,

JOHN D. FERGUSON,

W. BLAIR WOODRUFF.

CLERK—J. C. STODDART.

TREASURER—S. FORMAN ADEE.

COLLECTOR—ARTHUR G. FRISBEE.

STREET COMMISSIONER—N. EVERY.

FIRE WARDENS—JOHN BLAKE,

H. E. STOUTENBURG.

JANITOR—JOHN BLAKE.

STREET SPRINKLER—R. H. NEAL.

Charles S. Woodruff, the County Treasurer and the Vice-President of the Delaware Bank, is personally active, and a good contributor, in all matters tending to promote public improvement and to advance the interests of the village. Being a member of the firm of J. W. and C. S. Woodruff, of which his father is the head, and which conducts a large business in dry goods that was established many years ago; also being an active worker in the Republican party, Mr. Woodruff is well known throughout the county. On different occasions he has represented the county in state conventions and has made many friends among Republicans who are distinguished in state politics. On the occasion of the state ball and subsequently the complimentary dinner to Senator Platt, both of which were given in Albany last winter and were notable functions of a political character exceeding in importance any state event for years and

attended by distinguished statesmen, Mr. Woodruff served on the reception committee. He is a member of the executive committee of the State League of Republican Clubs and represented that important organization as delegate to the National Republican League at Milwaukee in 1896. He has been honored with a number of local offices, having served as treasurer of the village of Delhi in 1892-3, treasurer of the village fire department in

1891-2, president of the Delaware County Agricultural Society in 1889-90, of which he is still a director, and one of the promoters and most active of members in the village board of trade, of which he was the secretary and treasurer.

He became connected with the Delaware bank in 1894. For the past three years he has been one of the directors and for the past two years the vice-president.

In the fall of 1893, being candidate for county treasurer he made such a spirited canvass in the face of several other aspirants for the position that when the convention was called it was found that he had shut out all opposition, having all the delegates, and was consequently nominated by acclamation. Last fall at the expiration of the term he was renominated and re-elected, that office being conceded a two-term office. Mr. Woodruff was secretary of the county committee in 1891-2. His services in public office give satisfaction generally through the county. He is broad in his views, genial to meet, and like all men who succeed on their own merits courteous to all with

whom he comes in contact. He is a member of Delhi Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M., of which he is one of the officers, and of the Delhi Lodge, No. 439, F. & A. M. He was born in Delhi, March 5, 1857, and was educated in the Delaware Academy in that village, from which he was graduated in 1877. While attending school he clerked in his father's store and in 1880 bought an interest in the business. On April 30, 1890, he married Miss Ida, the daughter of John Hutson, of Delhi. In 1895 he built one of the prettiest residences in Delhi. It stands at Main and Clinton streets surrounded with fine grounds. The house is lighted with

and J. S. Page for three years; in 1868 and 1870 O. W. Smith was Master and was followed by R. P. Cormack for one year and then Thomas Jackson, J. M. Preston, A. W. Abbott and J. H. McIntosh each serving two years. T. W. Robertson was Master in 1880 and was followed for two years each by W. H. Fisher and M. Farrington; Frank L. Norton was Master in 1885, '86 and '87; W. R. Bill and M. O. Landon then served two years each; W. G. Edgerton was Master in 1892, '93 and '94, and W. J. Humphries in 1895, '96. The Lodge has a mem-



CHARLES S. WOODRUFF'S RESIDENCE.

electricity and the interiors are fitted in modern style in hard wood with oak and sycamore trimmings. The plumbing is perfect throughout.

Mr. Woodruff was deeply interested and took an active part in the movement for observing Centennial year with an appropriate celebration. He was a member of the General Committee and spent a good deal of time in assisting to make the celebration a success.

Delhi Lodge, No. 439, F. & A. M., was instituted in 1858, with P. B. Merwin as Master. Mr. Merwin was re-elected Master in '59, '60 and '61; Robert Parker was Master for the next four years

bership of about 140 and meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 8 p. m., in pleasant rooms on the third floor of the Page Block. The present officers are: W. M., Howard Bell; S. W., John J. Burke; J. W., Elbridge L. Hitt; Treasurer, Aaron Stern; Secretary, Frank L. Norton; S. D., A. C. Douglas; J. D., C. L. Huber; S. M. C., Edward Boyd; J. M. C., James Arbuckle; Chaplain, R. P. Cormack; Organist, W. L. Bell.

The first consignment of freight to Delhi over the New York, Ontario & Western railway were a carload of flour for Messrs. Hutson and a carload of coal for Mr. Edgerton.

## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF DELHI.

**D**ELHI is one of the oldest incorporated villages in this State. The act was passed by the legislature March 16, 1821, and on the 1st of the following May the voters met at the court house and elected village officers. The board met on the 21st of that month and organized. In June, 1822, an ordinance was passed providing for village hay scales and the board adopted a village seal. In 1824 Charles A. Foote was chosen president. The public square was planted with trees in 1825. That was the year in which the people of the village were greatly frightened over the appearance of a case of small-pox.

### The First Stage Lines.

In 1799 Amon Bostwick commenced a weekly mail stage between Kingston and Bainbridge (then Jericho), running through Delhi.

In 1805 Amon drove the stage to Catskill.

In 1825 or '30 William Moscript started a stage line between Delhi and Liberty.

Stage lines since then were run from Delhi to Andes, Franklin, Bovina, Meredith, Stamford and Oneonta.

### Early Hotels.

The first taverns, built of logs, were opened in 1790 by Gideon Frisbee in the upper end and Geo. Yendes further down.

In 1798 Mr. Denio opened a log tavern on a knoll now enclosed by the fair grounds.



VIEW OF MAIN STREET, DELHI.

A record of the first settlers of a town is interesting to study, as many names well known in contemporaneous history are brought up bringing to the older residents a flood of recollections. It will be noted that in the very large list of Delaware county men named in this brief review there are many whose descendants are still living here, honored and respected by all.

The first village officers, elected in 1821, were:

PRESIDENT—CHARLES A. FOOTE.

TRUSTEES—ERASTUS ROOT,  
JABEZ HITCHCOLK,

G. H. EDGERTON,  
NATHANIEL STEELE, JR.

CLERK—GUERDON H. EDGERTON.

OVERSEER OF HIGHWAYS—JABEZ HITCHCOLK.

In 1800 Levi Baxter constructed a log tavern. This was purchased in 1807 and afterward conducted by Elijah Smith. This was afterward replaced by a modern hotel.

In 1812 Matthew Ray opened a tavern.

The present hotels are the Edgerton, the American, the Central and the Kingston.

### Early Business Enterprises.

In 1795 Mat Ray opened a blacksmith shop.

In 1819 D. Newcomb, William Collins and J. McPherson opened a shop.

Thomas L. Landon opened a shop in 1820.

In 1797 James Tift started brickmaking.

John Doll opened a general store in 1806.

In 1819 H. D. Gould and Jabez Hitchcolk opened



stores. In the same year T. B. Whitmarsh began the drug business.

Next followed a hat store by A. & C. Thurber.

In 1796 Clark Green went into the cooper business.

In 1798 Benajah Bill was engaged in turning wooden ware on the Little Delaware.

In 1820 Edward Flint started a harness shop.

In 1827 R. D. Paine began business.

Early in the century the tannery near Bridge street was in operation. In 1870 Mr. Frederick Stiefel purchased it.

In 1826 a grist mill was constructed by George Sherwood who operated it until 1839 when it passed into the hands of Richard Titus. In 1870 Smith & Penfield purchased the property and constructed a new building, equipping it with improved machinery.

and Charles Marvine succeeded him. In 1842 Mr. Shaw was succeeded by Dubois Burhans. On April 27, 1845, John W. Sherwood was elected cashier. He was succeeded August 5, 1848, by Walter H. Griswold. In 1865 the organization became a National Bank. The original capital was \$100,000.

The first board of directors were H. D. Gould, G. H. Edgerton, Amasa J. Parker, S. Gordon, N. K. Wheeler, Charles Hathaway, D. Burhans, C. Marvine, John H. Gregory, Darius Maples, Jonas More, Martin Keeler, Jr., Orrin Griffin.

The Railway Bank, a private institution, was organized March 1, 1872, with Seth H. White as president and William F. White cashier.

#### Physicians.

We have been able to find in records the following names of early physicians:



DELAWARE RIVER, DELHI.

#### The Woolen Mill.

In 1824 the Delaware Woolen Factory Company commenced the construction of the dam and works. The company was composed of Samuel Sherwood and H. D. Gould, principal owners. In 1839 it was purchased by Richard Titus, who operated it until the business was assigned to the Delaware Bank, which corporation continued it for a few years. In 1865 the firm of O. S. Penfield & Co. took possession and continued until 1870, when it was succeeded by the firm of Smith & Penfield. For some years following it did a large business giving employment to several men and women, manufacturing annually from 20,000 to 25,000 yards of woolen cloth and furnishing a market for about 30,000 pounds of wool annually.

#### The Banks.

The Delaware Bank was organized April 4, 1839, Herman D. Gould president and Giles M. Shaw cashier. On October 1, 1850, Mr. Gould resigned

Dr. Thomas Fitch practiced from 1803 to 1810, then moving to Philadelphia.

Dr. Asahel A. Paine began in 1807.

Dr. Ambrose Bryan joined the medical society in 1807.

Dr. David S. Denio, born in Delhi in 1793.

Dr. Ebenezer Steele, admitted to the society in 1821. Died December 3, 1865.

Dr. Turner Vermilyea, admitted in 1828. Died September, 1830.

Dr. Cornelius Root Fitch joined the society in 1815.

Dr. Ferris Jacobs came to Delhi in 1833.

Dr. Abraham Miller joined the medical society in 1834.

Dr. Almeron Fitch came to Delhi in 1839. Died January 6, 1877.

Dr. Calvin Howard was located at Hobart many years but prominent in this section long before he moved to Delhi, in 1847. He died in 1873.

Dr. John Calhoun moved to Delhi in 1865.

### The Newspapers.

The Delaware Gazette, the first paper in the county, was founded by John J. Lappan, November, 1819. On April 3, 1822, it passed into the hands of David Johnson; on March 27, 1833, became the property of Anthony M. Paine and Jacob D. Clark. On May 15, 1839, Mr. Clark retired. On February 1, 1872, George H. Paine and Ira B. Kerr took the paper. Sherrill E. Smith, the present editor, succeeded Mr. Kerr and afterward bought out Mr. Paine.

The Delaware Express was founded in January, 1839, by Norwood Bowne, who conducted it for over fifty years to the time of his death. In the spring of 1890 Mr. P. M. Gillies and Mr. Charles N. Bowne became the owners. In March, 1891, Mr. S. F. Adee purchased the paper and conducted it until October 1, 1894, when he sold it to Mr. William Clark, the present editor and proprietor.

The Delaware Republican was founded May, 1860, by Alvin Sturtevant and T. F. McIntosh. In October, 1863, the Franklin Visitor was purchased and consolidated with the Republican. In February, 1868, Mr. Sturtevant sold his interest to Joseph Eveland. In December, 1869, Mr. T. F. McIntosh purchased Mr. Eveland's interest. The present proprietors are Mr. T. F. and his son R. P. McIntosh.

The Delaware Journal was issued April 16, 1834, by Whipple & Wright, but was discontinued after a short time.

The Voice of the People (the organ of the anti-rent party) was issued by W. G. Hawley, in June, 1846, and was published a few years.

The Star of Delaware was issued in December, 1859, by Rev. C. B. Smyth.

The Young Patriot was printed for a short time in 1860, and The American Banner, in 1862, for a short time also, by Ira G. Sprague. We have been unable to get a copy of the same containing an illustration of an encounter between two disciples of Blackstone during a trial before a justice of the peace here.

In July, 1887, Jack VanDerCook started a monthly publication here called The Croaker, and published it two or three years.

### Delaware Academy.

The earliest known record of this academy was an endowment of \$6,000 secured by an act of the legislature April 12, 1819. It was incorporated by the Regents of the State University February 12, 1820. The first building was erected on land contributed by Gen. Erastus Root on the south side of court house square. In 1856 the trustees purchased twenty acres where it now stands, and through the efforts of Prof. John L. Sawyer and William Wight, largely, raised \$40,000 with which

the present building and the boarding hall were constructed.

Present Officers and Trustees—John W. Woodruff, president; Jerome I. Goodrich, secretary; Charles E. Hitt, treasurer; Edwin B. Sheldon, James R. Honeywell, George H. Millard, Henry Davie, Henry A. Gates, Herbert A. Pitcher, Wallace B. Gleason, John T. MacDonald, George W. Youmans.

### The Fire Department.

The Delhi Fire Department was organized April 11, 1860. It consisted of 65 members with the following officers: Chief, A. Cook Edgerton; Assistant, Dexter Pettengill; Clerk, John A. Parshall; Treasurer, Caleb A. Frost. There were two companies: The Coquago Engine Co. No. 1, 40 members, and the Red Jacket Hose Co. No. 2, 25 members, now Youmans Hose Co. No. 2.

### The Delhi Water Company.

It was incorporated February 19, 1872. The incorporators were H. N. Buckley, Charles Hathaway, William Youmans, Charles Marvine, James H. Graham, W. C. Sheldon,

T. Benjamin Meigs, James H. Wright, Daniel T. Arbuckle and Caleb A. Frost. At the first meeting, March 15, 1872, Charles Marvine was chosen president, Charles Hathaway vice-president, D. T. Arbuckle secretary and treasurer, and J. H. Wright superintendent. The capital stock was \$20,000. The reservoir is on Steeles' Brook, three-quarters of a mile from Main street.

**Theophilus F. McIntosh**, senior editor and publisher of the Delaware Republican, was born in Kortright, Nov. 30, 1829, of Revolutionary and pioneer stock, his paternal and ma-



THEOPHILUS F. MCINTOSH.

ternal ancestors having both settled in Kortright near the end of the 18th century. The parents of Mr. McIntosh removed to the town of Delhi in 1833, and in 1843 at the age of 14 years, he entered the office of the Delaware Gazette to become a printer, remaining with Gen. A. M. Paine, its proprietor, seven years. After a brief term at school and a short period as journeyman at Bainbridge he was summoned back to Delhi to accept a situation in the office of the Delaware Express and also to act as Assistant Postmaster under N. Bowne, the editor and postmaster. After four years in that position and a new postmaster having been appointed, he went to Bloomville to work on the Mirror, the first journeyman employed on that paper, which was then small and had been conducted by Mr. Champion aided by his mother and sister. In 1858 he was married to Frances S. Keeler of Bloomville, and in 1859 he returned to Delhi having purchased material and become the publisher of the

"Star of Delaware," which he had last been engaged in issuing at the Mirror office, its editor being Rev. C. B. Smyth, then of Delhi.

In 1860 in connection with Alvin Sturtevant, the interest of Mr. Smyth in the Star was purchased by them and the present Delaware Republican was then founded. Mr. Sturtevant sold his interest in 1868 to Joseph Eveland, now of the Dairyman. In 1869 Mr. McIntosh became and continued the sole proprietor until in 1895, his eldest son became a member of the firm, now known as T. F. & R. P. McIntosh. That the paper has been reliable and therefore reasonably successful from the first is well known, and its history is the history of its epoch from the stirring times of the war period in which it was born until the present day.

Mr. McIntosh was elected Treasurer of Delaware County in 1869 and again in 1873 for a like three year term; has served many years on the County Republican Committee and in 1884 was a member of the Republican State Committee, and when younger was many times a delegate to its important State Conventions and active in local party work as well as in his advocacy of Republican principles in the columns of the Republican.

He is now in his 64th year. His wife died in December last. Besides his son and partner with whom he now resides, he has two sons engaged in lumbering in Missouri, son Charles, of Syracuse, for the last twelve years Railway Mail Clerk, a daughter residing in Syracuse, and one son who graduates at Delaware Academy the present term.

Like the paper of which he was one of the founders, he has been before the public eye for many years of faithful service and has reason to hope that his labors have not been unworthy the appreciation they have experienced from many friends and patrons.

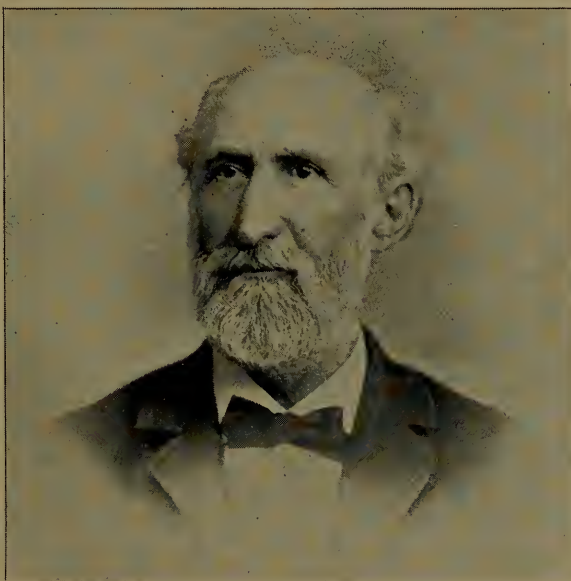
**Prof. Sherrill E. Smith, Ph. D.**, proprietor and editor of the Delaware Gazette, is one of the best known editors in this section of the state. In 1881 he became editor of the Gazette, and on February 1, 1895, the sole proprietor. During his younger years he taught school and during that time made a high reputation as an instructor, having charge of important schools. As a speaker his services were in demand, and it was customary to call upon him to lecture at teachers' institutes, at anniversaries and reunions of literary societies. In 1894 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the 26th district, comprising the counties of Delaware, Chenango, Broome, Tioga and Tompkins, all strongly Republican. The result of the canvass showed that he had made a good run,

which was all that he had reason to expect. For five years he was trustee of the village of Delhi and was president in 1891, '93 and '94. From the time of his residence in this village he exercised considerable personal influence in the party, taking part in caucuses, and attending county, congressional and state conventions as a delegate. Since he had charge of the Gazette it has been a potent factor in the party in this county. His writing is clear and forcible and to the point. Being a vestryman of the Episcopal church, which position he has occupied for years, he is an active worker in that society. Whatever may be proposed in the interest of public enterprise finds in Prof. Smith a zealous promoter. He was born at Oneonta, N. Y., September 29, 1834, was fitted for college in the Delaware Academy in this village and was graduated at Union College in 1860. He was principal of the academy at Prattsburg, Steuben Co.,

N. Y., six years, and two years at the head of the Unadilla Academy. In 1869 he came to Delhi and with Prof. William Wight was for six years associate principal of Delaware Academy. During the succeeding five years he was principal in sole charge of that institution. In 1880 Union College in recognition of his eminent services as an educator conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1862 he married Miss E. A. Newman of Unadilla. They have two children Mrs. Walter G. Edgerton,

wife of the Cashier of the Delaware National Bank and Miss Laura Gay Smith.

**Delhi Lodge, No. 625, I. O. O. F.**, was instituted on August 14, 1892, and meets every Friday evening in pleasant rooms on the third floor of the Bell Block. It has a membership of fifty and its officers are: Noble Grand, D. A. McNee; Supporters, Charles H. Barker, W. W. Hunt; Vice Grand, F. M. Johnson; Supporters, A. McPherson, A. A. McFayden; Secretary, S. N. Thompson; Treasurer, James W. Williams; Warden, Thos. Walker; Conductor, John A. Woodburn; Chaplain, John A. Parshall; Inside Guardian, A. Hammond; Outside Guardian, Thomas Michaels. On March 2, 1847, the first I. O. O. F. lodge in Delaware county was organized and designated as Delaware Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 265, of Delhi, and its first officers were: Noble Grand, T. H. Wheeler; Vice Grand, J. A. Hughston; Secretary, C. B. Smith; Permanent Secretary, H. Drake; Treasurer, P. Frisbee. After existing for many years this lodge surrendered its charter, and all of its charter members are now dead.



PROF. SHERRILL E. SMITH, PH. D.

St. John's Episcopal Church was organized in 1819 at the Court House. With the aid of Trinity Church, of New York City, an edifice was erected in 1831. Rev. David Huntington, of Hobart, conducted occasional services until April 4, 1820, when Rev. J. P. F. Clarke took charge until 1822. Again occasional services were held until 1828,

when Rev. Howlitt R. Peters, D. D., took charge. After the erection of the edifice, in 1831, Rev. Orange Clark became the first settled rector and remained until 1834. Rev. Thomas S. Judd became rector on July 4, 1835, and resigned in November, 1841. Rev. George Waters, D. D., officiated from 1842 to 1849, and was followed by Rev. Samuel G. Appleton, serving from May 12, 1850, to July, 1854. Rev. William Walsh was rector from 1854 to 1856, and Rev. A. D. Benedict from April, 1856, to March 27, 1864. Rev. Byron J. Hall officiated from July 10, 1864, to December 15, 1867. For a brief period Rev. Edward B. Allen was rector, and in 1869 Rev. Joseph Richey officiated, remaining until 1871. During his vigorous



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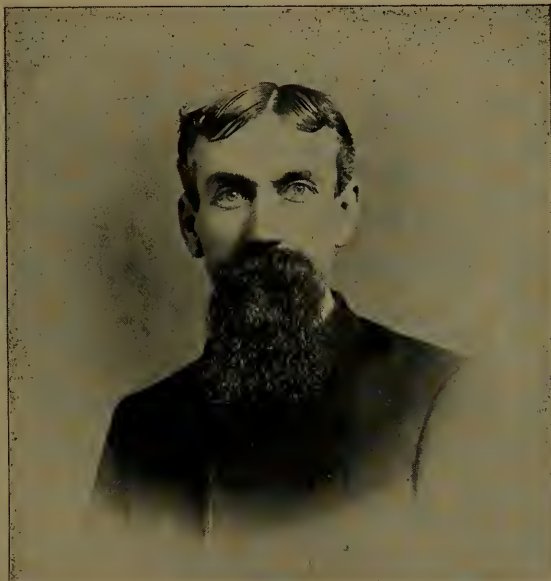
by Rev. James C. Kerr, who officiated from January 5, 1882, to March 16, 1884. Rev. Robert Spear Gross officiated from May 5, 1884, to November, 1886, and Rev. Frank B. Reazor from January 15, 1887, to October 11, 1891. Rev. Creighton Spencer was rector from January 2, 1892 to June 19, 1893, and Rev. Arthur B. Livermore, the present rector, began his service on December 3, 1893.

The church has been indeed fortunate in the nature of gifts from the members of the Sheldon family, Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry, Robert J. Livingston and others. On May 23, 1890, there was consecrated the finest memorial chapel [erected adjoining the church] in this state. It was given to preserve the memory of "Crawford Bernon Sheldon and Abigail Maxon, his wife," being erected and furnished throughout by their children.

William Clark, editor and proprietor of The Delaware Express, is a veteran newspaper publisher who has achieved success in Delhi and has built up one of the best newspaper and job plants in this section of the

state. As an editorial writer he has made the Express an influential weekly paper. Ever aiming to arouse public enterprise and invoke commercial prosperity, Mr. Clark has through the columns of his paper appealed to the public in behalf of any form of legitimate investment which would encourage the building up of the town. He was from the beginning enthusiastic in advocating the proper recognition of the centennial anniversary of the organization of the county; and personally he contributed his

services toward making the celebration a success. He was born in the town of Bovina, Del. Co., N. Y., September 30, 1844; the son of Peter and Elizabeth Clark. He was educated at Andes Collegiate Institute, Andes, Delaware Co. On June 1, 1881, he purchased the Andes Recorder, of which he was editor and proprietor until April 1, 1892, when the plant was removed to Stamford, the paper then being continued as the Stamford Recorder with Mr. Clark as editor and manager. While there he encouraged public improvement not only in the columns of the paper but in other ways which were efficacious in attracting outside capital to the town. In August, 1894, he sold his interest in the paper and in October following came to Delhi, purchasing and taking control of the Delaware Express. On January 25, 1871, he married Jennie B. Gill, of Bovina, who died February 28, 1891. He is an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church.



WILLIAM CLARK.

## HISTORICAL NOTES OF INTEREST.

THE first survey made in the county was by Philip Livingston and Ebenezer Wooster in 1749. The latter located a nucleus of lots in the present town of Colchester, up the Papagonk. Livingston opened a tract on the West Branch. From these surveys sprung a new grant of land embracing two millions of acres.

The first settlers in Delaware county were Christian Yaple, Philip Yaple, Jacob Van Benschoten, Egnor Dumond, John Delemater, Tunis Swart, Gideon Vanakin. Five were Holland born, coming here from Ulster county. Two were American born.

The first deed recorded in the county, filed June 24, 1797, was given by John K. Smith, of New Jersey, to Elias Jackson, of Ontario county.

The shire house of the county for several years was that of Gideon Frisbee at the mouth of Elk Creek in the town of Delhi. It was there that court was held and the supervisors met; the county clerk did all his business there. This continued until the next year when a small building costing \$2,054.46 was erected. On April 17, 1820, this building burned and with it a prisoner. The next building cost \$8,000. This was replaced 50 years later by the present structure.

In July 1800 the taxable inhabitants of Delaware County were 1,681.

The attorneys who were officers of the first court were Anthony

Marvine, Erastus Root, Conrad Elmendorf, Philip Gebbard, David Phelps and Cornelius Yates.

In June, 1814, James Graham was convicted of the murder of Hugh Cameron and Alexander McGiffrey. He was hung in Delhi, on July 29, 1814.

The trees in the public square of the village are seventy-two years old.

The property real and personal in the village in 1824 was valued at \$20,100. In that year the first assessment was levied.

Division street was laid out in 1837, in which both Kingston and Elm streets were surveyed; Bridge street in 1840; Edgerton, Cherry, Overlook and Prospect in 1874.

The first regular postmaster with an office at Delhi was Adam Doll.

Sluman Wattles was the first white settler in the town of Franklin.

The tax for 1897 is \$21.50 on \$1,000 assessment.

**The Indians of Delaware Co.**—The Indian name for Delaware is Lenapewihituk. The beautiful, rich acres now included in the boundaries of Delaware county were the hunting grounds and lodge sites of the Lenape Indians, or, as they called themselves, the Delawares. The Tuscaroras were also residents of some portions of the county. The village of Pakatakan in the town of Middletown a little above Margaretville, was a settlement of lodges of Tuscarora braves and their families. Captain White Eyes was a notable warrior of the Lenapes who, at the time the Indians were asked to form an alliance in the revolution against the Americans, replied he would not make war on his white brothers.

The Turtle, Wolf and Bear clan of the Iroquois

followed the trail leading from the junction of the Mohawk river and Schoharie creek, along the latter stream thence down the Delaware river. The Canajoharie trail intersected the moccasin path following the Charlotte at the point where the latter stream empties into the Susquehanna.

The first white visitors to this section of the Delaware river were undoubtedly fur traders who marketed their furs in Albany.

Early in the revolution the Dutch were largely in the majority among the settlers of Delaware county and they were chiefly Tories. On the other hand there was as vigorous though a smaller party of Patriots headed by the Harpers.

The latter met at Harpersfield in August, 1775, and organized a vigilance committee appointed to watch the hostile tribes and their bloody allies the Tories. The vigilantes were John, Joseph and Alexander Harper, John Harper jr., Isaac and Freegift Patchin, Andres Riber, Wm. McFarland, St.



WAUTAUGA FALLS.

occupied a part of the territory now constituting the towns along the upper boundary of the county. In fact traces of the occupation of the Delawares have been found all along both shores of the Delaware river. Rude fortifications of earth thrown up in circular form were discovered near Sidney Plains by the first settlers, and the Indians held the tradition that they were thrown up by their forefathers. Trails of Indian war parties cut across the county in all directions. Many of them were important channels of communication between the tribes of remote sections of the state.

War parties which descended upon the Mohawk and Schoharie frontiers fleeing with prisoners and booty to the Niagara forts and the British outposts along the great lakes during the revolutionary war

Leger Cowley, Isaac Sawyer, John More and James Stevens.

The first conflict between the white settlers and the Indians was between a company of colonists headed by John Harper and a war party of braves on their way to surprise the settlement of Sidney Plains. The former fell upon the Indians while the latter were in camp and made them prisoners without shedding blood.

Many bloody encounters between the Patriots and their hostile neighbors on the Delaware, followed. In April, 1780, Brant and his braves destroyed Harpersfield.

In 1846 there were 288 public schools in the county in session on the average, seven months in the year each. The expenditures for tuition that year were \$14,013. The total number of pupils was 12,501.



FRANK L. NORTON.

Frank L. Norton is one of the leading business men of Delhi, having been in business here for twenty-four years. He is a skilled pharmacist of thirty-five years' experience and is well acquainted throughout Delaware County. The Delaware Pharmacy, as conducted by Mr. Norton and his son, Samuel H. Norton, contains the largest stock of drugs, books, stationery, fancy articles, etc., in Delaware County.

Mr. Norton is a most prominent man in Masonic,

Grand Army and Fire Department circles, and was Master of Delhi Lodge, No. 439, F. & A. M., in 1885, '86 and '87; was High Priest of Delhi Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M., in 1889 and '90; was Commander of England Post, No. 142, G. A. R., in 1882 and '83; and Chief Engineer of the Delhi Fire Department in 1888, '89 and '90. He was one of the organizers of Active Hose Company, No. 5, and served many years as Foreman of that company.

Mr. Norton's experience in the army was as Adjutant of the Sixty-eighth Regiment, N. Y. S. N. G., enlisting when less than twenty-one years old.

In 1890 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, and so well did he fulfill the duties of that office that he was reappointed in 1895. He takes a great interest in all that pertains to his profession and has attained a wide reputation as a pharmacist.

Mr. Norton was born at Albany, N. Y., in 1842, and in 1869 was united in marriage with Miss Helen Odell, the daughter of Dr. E. Odell, of Unadilla. He has two children, a son, Samuel H. Norton, who is in partnership with him, and one daughter, Miss Catharine F. Norton. His residence on Clinton street is one of the prettiest in this pleasant village.



FRANK L. NORTON'S RESIDENCE.

## THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**T**HE Delhi Fire Department was organized on April 11th, 1860, in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature passed March 30th of that year, and of the Trustees who presided at that first election two are still living, viz.: John A. Parshall and J. S. Page, both residents of Delhi.

The first Department officers were elected on that evening and were: Chief Engineer, A. Cook Edgerton; Assistant Chief Engineer, Dexter Pettengill; Treasurer, Caleb A. Frost; Clerk, John A. Parshall and the latter is the only one of them now living. The Chief Engineers have been as follows: A. Cook Edgerton, Dexter Pettengill, Thomas Jackson, Robert P. Cormack, John C. Howard, George H. Smith, Alexander Hunt, William H. Douglass,

Foreman, George A. Sturges; Secretary, John H. Griswold; Treasurer, Minor Stilson. The two last named are dead. Mr. Sturges lives in Delhi and Mr. Cormack in California. Coquago is the name given by the Indians to the West Branch of the Delaware River. This company has a membership of 30 and the officers are; Foreman, James Menzie; Assistant, E. P. Mace; Secretary, T. F. McIntosh; Treasurer, F. Stiefel.

**Red Jacket Hose Company, No. 2**, was also organized on April 11, 1860, and its first officers were: Foreman, Charles F. Churchill; Assistant Foreman, John C. Howard; Secretary, J. Henry Gould; Treasurer, A. D. Cramer. Messrs. Churchill and Howard are still residents of Delhi, Mr. Gould resides in Binghamton and Mr. Cramer in New York City. On May 14, 1873, this company changed its name to Youmans Hose, in honor of William Youmans, Esq., of Delhi, and it now has a mem-



DELAWARE RIVER VALLEY, ABOVE DELHI.

George H. Maxwell, Thomas Elliott, Charles R. Stilson, William J. Clark, Thomas J. Jackson, Morris T. Menzie, Frank L. Norton, J. Kennedy Hood, James L. Meeker and William R. Price. The present officers are:

CHIEF ENGINEER—JOHN J. BURKE.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER—JOHN A. WOODBURN.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER—JAMES S. CUNNINGHAM.

CLERK—W. A. MCINTOSH.

TREASURER—D. L. WIGHT.

Prior to the organizing of the Department there had been two hand engine companies, The Phenix and the Cataract, but both had disbanded.

**Coquago Engine Company No. 1**, was organized on April 11, 1860, and elected the following officers: Foreman, James Cormack; Assistant

bership of 23 and the following officers: Foreman, James L. Meeker; Assistant Foreman, F. M. Johnson; Secretary, Howard Hunt; Treasurer, Marshall Gladstone.

**Delhi Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3**, was organized on March 31, 1861, with the following officers: Foreman, D. Williamson; Assistant Foreman, Albert Smith; Secretary, S. Rice. Messrs. Williamson and Rice reside in Delhi, and Mr. Smith is dead. On June 22, 1868, they changed their name to Graham Hook and Ladder Company, in honor of Hon. James H. Graham, of Delhi, and they now have a membership of 27 with the following officers: Foreman, Frank Leal; Assistant Foreman, Clark Gray; Secretary, Charles Cole; Treasurer, Henry Haines.

**Sheldon Hose Company, No. 4**, was organized on October 19, 1865, being named after William C. Sheldon, of New York City, who is a native of Delhi, with the following officers: Foreman, Myron



Graham; Assistant Foreman, John Van Hoesen; Secretary, Russell Frost; Treasurer, H. W. Price. Mr. Graham now resides in New York City; Mr. Frost in Connecticut. Its present membership is 25 and its officers are: Foreman, William R. Price; Assistant Foreman, Charles Brady; Secretary, Edward Rockefeller; Treasurer, George H. Smith.

**Active Hose Company, No. 5**, was organized on April 9, 1877, with F. L. Norton as Foreman. Its

ship of the company is 22 and its officers are: Foreman, W. G. Woods; Assistant Foreman, Peter Robius; Treasurer, Henry P. Woods; Secretary, William A. Law.

The **Second Presbyterian Church** was organized at the Court House, in March, 1831, and the organization was completed on April 6, 1831, by a committee from the Chenango Presbytery. A



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

present membership is 20 and its officers are: Foreman, G. A. Heckroth; Assistant Foreman, M. M. Blakeley; Secretary, M. L. Fuller; Treasurer, Daniel Franklin, Jr.

**Athletic Hose Company, No. 6**, was organized on September 1, 1877, and is composed of colored men and has been continuously. Its first officers were; Foreman, W. G. Woods; Assistant Foreman, George Bronk; Secretary, Henry Jackson; Treasurer, Miles R. Bennett. Mr. Bennett is dead and the others reside in Delhi. The present member-

building 40x60 feet in extent and costing \$3,500 was erected and was dedicated on October 1, 1832. Rev. Samuel G. Orton was the first pastor, but Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland commenced his labors in May, 1832, as the first regularly ordained pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Daniel Waterbury in December, 1835, who served until January, 1838. Rev. Bloomer Kent served one year, being followed by Rev. Nathaniel H. Griffin, who terminated his pastorate in 1841. Rev. S. C. Spees was installed on December 29, 1841, and was

succeeded by Rev. Josiah Leonard in 1845. From 1847 to 1849 Rev. Mr. Wynkoop, and from 1849 to 1863 Rev. Dr. Torrey were the pastors. In 1863 Rev. Theo. F. White became pastor and he was succeeded in January, 1866, by Rev. F. A. M. Brown, who ceased his pastorate on April 1, 1882. Rev. Frank H. Seeley, the present pastor, began his labors on May 1, 1882.

In 1865 an addition was made to the church and in 1878 it was found necessary to remodel and enlarge it, which was done at a cost of over \$7,000. The church is centrally located, on the east side of and facing the public square. It will seat fully 600 and is one of the handsomest churches in the county. The first trustees of this church chosen in March, 1831, were: Silas Knapp, Charles Hathaway, Timothy Perkins, Patrick Beardsley, James C. Leal, Jabez Hitchcock, William Millard, Joseph Dodge and H. D. Gould.

**Capt. J. K. Hood**, the County Clerk, was elected to that position December 6, 1894, receiving 3,105 majority, the largest ever given a candidate in Delaware County. It was a fitting recognition of

his services as a Republican that the party placed him in nomination, and it was a marked compliment to his standing as a citizen that he received so flattering a vote. For nearly thirty years he engaged in the mercantile business, entering civil life fresh from four years of active military service in the struggle to maintain the Union. In the maintenance of that bond of fellowship between the veterans of the late war and the advancement of the G. A. R., in which order he has had all the honors that the comrades of the State of New York could confer, he is ever active and persistent. Always in attendance at encampments and devoting

much of his time and means to the good of the order, he has become widely known among the veterans from other states. He was born in Oakdale, Washington County, Ill., September 1, 1843. John Hood, his father, a South Carolinian in active sympathy with the anti-slavery movement, the cause which his son shouldered arms when 17 years of age to maintain, emigrated to Illinois, where he was one of the earliest settlers in Washington county, erecting a log cabin and tilling the virgin prairies. By industry and perseverance he accumulated three hundred acres and erected large well constructed farm buildings. There he died in 1861. By his second wife, who was Rachel Kennedy, of Greencastle, Pa., and who died in 1849, he reared five children. Three of them, James, Mary and John C., are buried in the family plat at Oakdale. The two survivors are the Captain and his brother Archie, a wholesale merchant in Columbus, Kansas, who served three years in the Tenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Capt. Hood attended the district school and the Sparta Union Academy. In 1859 he entered the Fayetteville, Pa., Academy, where he pursued his studies until the time of his enlistment in Company K, 126th Pennsylvania Volunteers, which were mustered in at Chambersburg, Pa., in 1861, he being in the senior class of the academy at the time. After serving nine months he re-enlisted in Company K, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry, as sergeant. Six months later he enlisted in Company G, of the same regiment. His term of service was about four years and three months, during which time he participated in many bloody fights from Bull Run to Appomattox, including the engagements at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and the Wilderness, being from time to time promoted to various ranks until he attained that of Captain. He was discharged at Lynchburg, Va., July 18, 1865. He first engaged in mercantile business in New York in 1866 with T. Hastings as

partner and two years later assumed the business alone. In 1869 he went to Andes and engaged in the general store business for about a year, buying the business of Connor & Glendenning. During the 16 years he was in Andes W. D. Dunn and J. W. Dickson were partners part of the time. The Captain came to Delhi and entered into a general store business with one of the Bell Bros. In February, 1892, he having in the meantime bought the entire business, John A. Douglass was admitted as partner and under the firm name of Hood & Douglass a large business, one of the leading of the county, was conducted until he was elected County Clerk.

While living in Andes the Captain was married to Miss Mary E. Norris, a native of New York City, December, 1875. Three

children were the fruit of the union, John K., who died at four years of age, and Mary B. and Florence Irene, both students at the Delhi Academy. Captain and Mrs. Hood are active workers in the Presbyterian church. They have a very pretty home on High street in an elevated section of the village. Capt. Hood served on the Republican County Committee for nine years, during three of which he was chairman. He has also served as president of the village and as chief of the fire department, of which he is a member. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln while at the front. He was instrumental in organizing England Post, of Delhi, of which he was formerly commander. As a member of the National Staff, he served as one of the Council of Administration of the Department of the State of New York. In 1889 he was elected to the position of Senior Vice Commander in this State, which is next to the highest office. He has been delegate to state and national encampments for several years, receiving the highest number of votes of any delegate on the national ticket as a delegate to the national encampment in Indianapolis. He is a member of Delhi Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 439.



CAPT. J. K. HOOD.

**Delos H. Mackey**, Member of Assembly from Delaware county, 1896 and 1897, is a resident of the town of Meredith, in which he owns 900 acres of as rich soil as there is in the county. He has a large dairy of Jerseys and is a breeder of fine horses to a considerable extent, paying personal attention to their care and handling. He is secretary of the town insurance company. For eight years he was town clerk and two years supervisor. He was also postmaster for four years. He is quite active in town and county politics, having been a member of the county committee and a delegate to state conventions. As a member of assembly Mr. Mackey has proven a zealous and

erary Institute at Franklin. At the age of 21 years he opened a store at Meredith, with Chester Shaver as a partner. This continued four years. Later Mr. Mackey built a store where he was engaged in business for eight years. Since then he has devoted his time altogether to his farm property and stock. He married Jennie, the adopted daughter of Reuben Mackey.

**Howard Division, No. 112, Sons of Temperance**, of Delhi, was organized on September 22, 1891. W. A. McIntosh was elected Worthy Patriarch, and the other officers chosen were: Worthy Associate, J. D. Schlafer; Recording Scribe, John A. Woodburn; Treasurer, R. P. McIntosh; Financial Scribe, Charles McPhail. The Division is named



DELOS H. MACKEY.

tireless representative, and his service in the legislature of 1896 was fittingly recognized by returning him the following year, an honor rarely accorded a member of the legislature from Delaware county, and without precedent for twenty years. The first year of his election he received 6,488 votes as against 3,495 given his opponent. Last year he received 7,761 and his opponent 4,450. In 1896 he was a member of the committees on Villages, Public Lands and Forestry, and Soldiers' Homes. In 1897 he was a member of Commerce and Navigation, Agriculture, and Fisheries and Game. Mr. Mackey was born in Meredith April 7, 1849. Nelson Mackey, his father, was a farmer who made a notable success. Betsey, the daughter of Robert Crawford, was his wife. The subject of this sketch was educated in the Delaware Lit-

in honor of the late Dr. Howard, of Delhi, who was a prominent temperance worker, having been the organizer and was at the head of a band of young people of Delhi, who were known as the "Cold Water Army." Annually he took them for a picnic to "Spring Rock," a short distance from this village. They meet on every Monday evening in pleasant rooms on the third floor of the Page Block, on Main street, and have a membership of 60.

The present officers are: Worthy Patriarch, Charles Stein; Worthy Associate, James Williams; Recording Scribe, John W. Brady; Assistant Recording Scribe, Harry McIntosh; Financial Scribe, Thomas Hughes; Treasurer, John A. Woodburn; Chaplain, F. H. Shevalier; Conductor, John T. Stewart; Assistant Conductor, M. Meehan; Inside Sentinel, Thomas Mannion; Outside Sentinel, William Ward; Past Worthy Patriarch, G. C. Husted.

John A. Parshall, of Delhi, is a well known veteran printer, one whose record for continuous service in one establishment it is doubtful if any living printer can equal. Mr. Parshall was born on September 25, 1818, near Cooperstown, Otsego Co., N. Y. In the latter part of February, 1835, he entered the office of the Otsego Republican, at Cooperstown, as the *devil* of the office. He remained there until September, 1838, when he accepted a position in the small book office of Sackett & Adams, on Gold street, in New York City, where he remained for about two weeks.

On October 17, 1838, he commenced work in the office of the Delaware Gazette, at Delhi, and has been there continuously ever since. The office is

he attended the funeral of Mr. B., and wrote and set up his obituary notice; but the most remarkable fact of all was that all of these notices were written and set up by Mr. Parshall in a building which Mr. B. assisted in raising in the summer of 1837.

In 1841 Mr. Parshall became a member of Phenix Hand Engine Company, of Delhi, serving three years, and he was the first clerk of the Delhi Fire Department, serving four years. In May, 1844, he was elected a village trustee, and has served 31 years and six months as a trustee, president, clerk and one of the board of health. There is now living but one trustee who was elected previous to 1844, besides Mr. Parshall. He has annually been elected a school district officer since January, 1866. On March 30, 1898, he will have served 24 years as a Notary Public for Delaware County.

He has been nine years a trustee of the Second



SOUTHWESTERN VIEW OF DELHI

in the same building and his case has been at the same window for over 56 years. He has frequently set up the notice of the golden wedding of parties for whom he had put in type the original marriage notice fifty years before. In February, 1841, he set up the marriage notice of a couple in Delhi and in February, 1891, he set up their golden wedding notice (having attended the same and written the account thereof), using the same composing stick in which he set up their marriage notice.

A remarkable and noteworthy coincidence in Mr. Parshall's long service is the fact that in February, 1839, he set up the notice of the marriage of Miss L. to Mr. B.; in February, 1889, he wrote and set up a notice of their golden wedding; in May, 1891, he attended the funeral of Mrs. B. and wrote and set up the obituary notice; in August, 1893, he wrote and set up an account of the marriage of a grand-daughter of this couple; in October, 1893,

Presbyterian Church. Three times he was elected town auditor and in February, 1895, was elected an excise commissioner of Delhi. His first vote was cast in 1839 and he has never missed casting a fall election or town meeting vote since.

Mr. Parshall was married on June 4, 1844, to Miss Juliette Thurber, and began house-keeping in April, 1847, and remained in the same house until April, 1895. He was elected a member of Delaware Lodge, No. 265, I. O. O. F., at its organization on March 2, 1847, and of the six charter members and fifteen who were initiated that evening he is the only one surviving and is now an active member, being Chaplain of Delhi Lodge, No. 625, I. O. O. F. He was chosen Historian for the town of Delhi for the Centennial Celebration this year.

The compilers of this Souvenir are under obligations to Mr. Parshall for valuable data.

## A BIRDSEYE OF THE COUNTY.

**D**ELAWARE County is one of the most mountainous of those counties which are regarded as good sections for the production of staple crops generally. Yet it is notably a dairy county, the richest and highest priced butter being produced in quantities second only to the production of Oneida county. Cheese making is an important industry. Other extensive productions are fruit, oats, potatoes, rye and lumber.

The water power is abundant and but little improved; although affording excellent opportunity for manufacturing. At one time leather and cloths were manufactured to a considerable extent and lumbering was largely carried on.

The soil is varied and very productive. On the

**The Rivers.**—There is no better watered county in the state, the rivers and creeks flowing in abundance the year around during dry as well as wet seasons, fed by numerous tributaries which rise in innumerable springs on the mountains and in the valleys. A pure, cold and unfailling supply of water for the stock is as important as luxuriant pastures in contributing to the rich and abundant yield of milk.

The Susquehanna bounds the county on the north-west for about the distance of twenty miles, bordering the town of Sidney. Its principal tributaries in Delaware county are the Charlotte river rising in Schoharie and Greene counties, which flows through the town of Davenport, and the Ouleout creek which rises in Meredith and flowing through the greater part of that town and through the towns of Franklin and Sidney empties into the Susquehanna near the village of Unadilla, Otsego county.



DELHI, LOOKING NORTH-EAST.

hills it is sandy loam and in the valleys a rich deep mould of lasting fertility.

The mountains are densely timbered with beech, birch, maple, ash, elm, basswood, pine, wild cherry, butternut, hemlock and small quantities of oak.

The surface rock of the county is the old red sandstone of the Catskill group underlaid by the shales and sandstone of the Portage and Chemung groups. A large quarry on the spur of the mountains in the lower end of the town of Hamden, near the village of that name produces considerable flag of a fine quality which is quarried in very large pieces with a remarkable uniformity of thickness. During the early period of settlement bog iron ore was discovered but has never been utilized. Copper has been found but in small quantity and so extensively diffused as to offer no opportunity for mining.

There are several mineral springs, so scattered and with a supply so limited as to attract no particular attention. A brine spring near Delhi was discovered many years ago but never utilized.

The Mohawks or main branch of the Delaware river rises in Schoharie county, running thence in a south-westerly direction nearly seventy miles through the center of the county to the village of Deposit, where it takes a south-easterly course forming the boundary line between the towns of Tompkins and Hancock and the state of Pennsylvania. The course of this river in Delaware county is between the town of Stamford on the south and Harpersfield and Kortright opposite and through the towns of Delhi, Hamden, Walton and Tompkins. The principal feeders are Elk creek, Steele's brook and the Little Delaware. The Mohawks is the local name of the Delaware above the village of Deposit.

The Papachton, or East branch, rising in two streams, the main source in Ulster county and the other in the town of Roxbury, flows through the towns of Middletown, Andes, Colchester and Hancock, emptying into the Delaware near the village of Hancock, sixty-five miles from its main source. The principal feeder is Big Beaverkill, with sources in Ulster and Sullivan counties, flowing through

the valley which separates the Blue and Pine mountain groups in the town of Colchester.

**The Mountains.**—There are three distinct parallel mountain ranges passing through the county trending south-west by north-east, and more largely grouping in the western and southern tiers of towns. The Blue Mountains comprise the group forming the south-western section of the three ranges, embracing the southern and western parts of Franklin and the towns of Walton, Sidney, Tompkins, Hancock, Hamden, Masonville and the north-western part of Colchester.

The Kaatsberg comprise a lofty group spreading over the town of Meredith and the northern and eastern sections of Franklin and ranging in low parallel ridges through the towns of Bovina, Kortright, Davenport, Harpersfield, the principal part of Delhi and Stamford. This group extends along both sides of the Mohawks or west branch of the Delaware river, enclosing the village of Delhi where it terminates on the south side of the river in Crawford and Scotch peaks and on the north side in Sherwood Summit. The Kaatsberg is a spur of the Catskills forming a tongue extending nearly at right angles with the latter to the Susquehanna river on the west and receding in altitude along the south shore of that river for several miles east of Oneonta.

The Pine Mountains cover the south-eastern end of the town of Colchester and extend eastward through the towns of Andes, Middletown and Roxbury.

**Abram C. Crosby**, a leading lawyer of Delaware County, was authorized to procure speakers for the Centennial Celebration of the organization of said county, which was held at Delhi, June 9, 10, 1897, and he succeeded in securing the services of a number of distinguished men for that occasion. He was chosen president for the first day of the celebration and delivered the address of welcome.

He was district attorney of Delaware County in the years 1878-80. He was supervisor of the town of Delhi in 1882, continued to discharge the duties of that office for four successive terms, and during the years 1884-5, was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County.

He was a prominent member of the sixth New York State Constitutional Convention, which convened in Albany on the eighth day of May, 1894, representing the twenty-fifth senatorial district of the state, and was a member of the following named standing committees: On the Legislature—

Its Organization and the Number, Apportionment, Election, Tenure of Office and Compensation of its Members; State Prisons and Penitentiaries and the Prevention and Punishment of Crime; and Privileges and Elections.

During the session of the convention he devoted his attention specially to the questions of legislative organization and apportionment and was one of the three members of a sub-committee who proposed the plan of division of the state into senate districts and the rules regulating the formation of the assembly districts, which were afterward adopted by the convention.

Prominent among his speeches on the floor of the convention may be mentioned his argument in favor of the proposition against prison contract labor, on August 25; his speech in support of an amendment providing for an absolute right of appeal to the Court of Appeals by a defendant sentenced to imprisonment for life, made on August 22; his opposition to a proposition providing for the sale of the Salt Springs of the state without

proper legislative investigation and restriction, and his strenuous fight against the civil service amendment.

Politically he has been an earnest Republican, taking an active interest in public affairs, serving for several years on the state and county committees of his party and as a campaign speaker for a quarter of a century earnestly and zealously upholding the principles of his party.

Mr. Crosby was born in Roxbury, Delaware County, New York, May 25, 1847. He was educated in the common schools, the Roxbury Academy, the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin and

Cornell University. While a law student he was appointed clerk to the Surrogate's Court of his county and discharged the duties of that position for two years. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1872, and has since devoted himself to the practice of his profession in Delhi where he now resides.

He married Jennie C., daughter of John Hutson, of Delhi, on March 16, 1875. They have three children, Julia, Grace and Howard, who are all attending school.

The first court house stood in the center of the present court house square. George Fisher and Levi Baxter donated the plat from their farms. On June 18, 1812, the legislature authorized the court house to be used as a tavern. On April 17, 1820, the building was burned. A jail and a court house were built the same year. The new court house was dedicated January 30, 1871. The present county clerk's office was built in 1878 but not occupied till April, 1879.

Dr. J. H. Brett was the first and presiding judge in the county.



ABRAM C. CROSBY.

**Prof. Willis D. Graves** was born in Bainbridge, Chenango County, N. Y., August 18, 1856. Gaylord S. Graves, his father, was descended from English ancestors who came to this country about 1637 and settled in New England. For over forty years he was a successful merchant in Bainbridge. His wife was Harriet E. Pettys. Prof. Graves was educated in the public schools; also in the Afton and Bainbridge academies. He was graduated from the Albany normal school in June, 1879. For six years he was the principal of the Bainbridge Union School and Academy. In 1885 he came to Delhi and leased the Academy, conducting the school in a manner that raised it to one of the leading educational institutions in the state. Having the selection of the staff of teachers he procured the ablest instructors that could be obtained; men and women who understood the best methods of teaching. In April, 1897, he was appointed Inspector of the Training Classes of this state by Superintendent Skinner, of the Department of Public Instruction, his appointment being urged by leading men. The Professor has given particular attention to mathematics, science and training class work and he is especially fitted for the important position in which he has been placed. It is an important post and the selection was in accord with the policy of the department, seeking men who have been identified with public education all their lives. In 1880 Prof. Graves married Miss Elizabeth M. Rex-

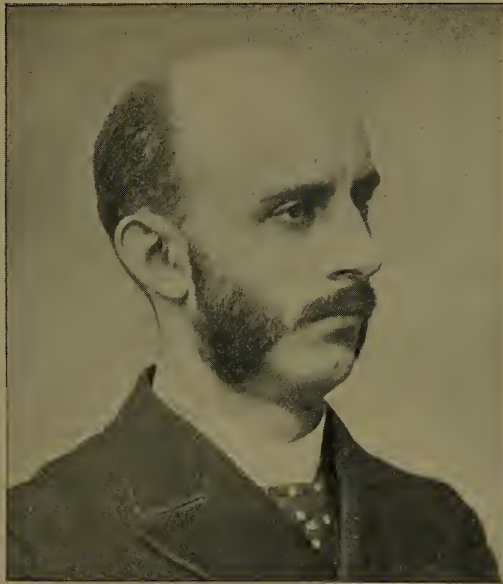
ford, a graduate of Vassar College in the class of 1877. She is a member of the faculty, the instructor in Latin and German. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, in the welfare of which they are earnestly interested. They have one child, Gaylord W. Graves, born January 25, 1884.

**Henry W. Cannon's Early Career.**—When the First National Bank of Delhi was established we are unable to state, but think it must have been in the early part of 1863; neither can we give its first board of directors, and when it voluntarily ceased. James H. Graham was its president, and George E. Marvine its cashier. The building now occupied by W. Winter as a drug store was built especially for it. In this bank Hon. Henry W. Cannon first entered upon his successful career as a banker, being employed therein as a clerk. He afterward went to St. Paul in his uncle's bank, the late E. S. Edgerton; from there to Stillwater; from there to Washington, to accept the position of Comptroller

of the Currency offered him, and afterward accepted the presidency of the Chase National Bank of New York City.

**The Delhi Telephone Company**—Officers: President, S. F. Adee; Vice-President, Henry D. Crawford; Secretary, H. S. Graham; Treasurer, W. I. Mason. This company leases about 200 telephones in the village and vicinity, which is an unusually large number for so small a place. Several farmers are among the subscribers, having the 'phone in their farm houses. The exchange is maintained in the store of Gladstone & Paine, where the long distance lines connect Delhi with the rest of the world.

**The Drives.**—Few counties which are not wholly within mountainous sections offer such grand and inspiring drives as Delaware. Take Delhi as a center and the roads that radiate from that point are noted for the scenic views that are presented on all sides. At every turn of the road a picture as sublime as nature alone portrays appears to view, exciting unbounded admiration. Eight miles of easy traveling along the Delaware river connects Delhi, the terminus of the New York, Ontario & Western railway with Bloomville, the terminus of the Ulster & Delaware railway. The drive to Walton, following the river in the opposite direction is through a valley and along a very level road. But the grandeur of mountains and valleys is more than pen can describe on the drive between Delhi and Andes. The road ascends and descends but



PROF. WILLIS D. GRAVES.

there are no long heavy hills. This distance is thirteen miles. The drive to Oneonta, nineteen miles, is over the summit of a high range of hills, ascending gradually to Meredith Square, six miles, and when within three miles of Oneonta descending a long and steep hill, but over a good road.

**The Gerry Place**—On the road from Delhi to Andes, seven miles from the former village, is the summer residence of Elbridge T. Gerry, the distinguished head of the society which does so much for the care and protection of children, commonly known as the Gerry Society. This remarkable and romantic country estate takes in both the primitive forest lands and highly cultivated acres. It stretches for miles over valleys and mountains and embraces swiftly flowing streams, crystal springs and a magnificent body of water known as Lake Delaware. Mr. Gerry is a liberal entertainer and many of his friends have whiled away hours fraught with enjoyment at his beautiful summer home.

## THE DELAWARE ACADEMY.

THE Delaware Academy, one of the oldest educational institutions in the state, is delightfully situated on an eminence in the western end of the village overlooking the town and valley, with the river winding around two sides of the base of the terrace upon which the buildings stand. The campus is one of the prettiest stretches of level, velvety greensward that can be found anywhere. It is shaded by over 150 gigantic trees. The grounds, comprising ball, tennis and croquet fields, include twenty acres purchased in 1856. The school was originally located on the public square but had outgrown its accommodations. The business was constantly expanding; the reputation

every room. The ladies' and gentlemen's quarters are in separate parts of the building. It contains music rooms, parlors, office, reception rooms, bath rooms and every convenience. It has a complete provision for flooding any room at a moment's notice in case of fire. The water used comes from a private spring situated on the mountain.

The number of students at the hall is not large enough to destroy the quiet of home life. The faculty and students constitute one family, all interested in one another. Every evening during study hours teachers are accessible to students and seldom does an evening pass when the office of the principal and the rooms of the teachers are not frequented by students desiring to be assisted in their studies. The health of the students is carefully watched.



THE ACADEMY BUILDING.

was reaching out and large numbers of scholars were coming in every year.

The Academy building is a high, square structure in plain white with a broad veranda across the front, relieved by a row of towering columns supporting a gable. The rooms and halls are large and airy and all the comforts of a modern school building together with the features of a colonial structure are obtained. Near the academy building stands the boarding hall with the best accommodations and all the comforts of home.

The academy building contains the chapel, study and recitation rooms, drawing room, library, chemical and physical laboratory, society hall and gymnasium. It is heated by the Gurney hot water system, has solid slate blackboards and modern furniture. The boarding hall accommodates fifty students and the faculty. It is heated throughout with the hot water system and has a radiator in

The library contains 2,300 volumes consisting of the latest works of reference, historical and scientific works and standard literature.

The laboratory contains the latest and most improved physical and chemical apparatus, Ward's collection of rocks and minerals and much valuable apparatus for teaching Astronomy, Natural History, Physiology, Geography and Mathematics. A representative of the Regents of the University of the State of New York who inspected the laboratory valued it at \$1,200.

The school also possesses maps, charts, globes, a scliopicon and a thoroughly equipped gymnasium.

Conducted by private enterprise it offers the best facilities of a high class private school. The faculty comprises the best instructors that can be obtained.

The graduates of this school include many who have taken the highest honors in the leading colleges in the country.

One of the students fully prepared at this academy recently took the Learned Scholarship at Yale College valued at \$600, graduating the youngest



man in his class. The academy prepares many students for teaching and has had over sixty graduates teaching in Delaware county. The number of diplomas granted by the Regents of the University to this academy exceed the average number granted to similar schools with the same attendance.

During the single year ending June 1, 1896, the academy sent graduates to Yale, Vassar, Columbia, Princeton, Union, Hamilton, St. Stephen's, La Fayette, Westminster, Oberlin and Geneva colleges; the University of Chicago and Cornell and Colgate universities. This is a record to be proud of. That year the students to the academy came from four different states, eight counties of the state and twenty-six places of residence.

#### THE FACULTY.

WILLIS D. GRAVES, Prin., Natural Science, Mathematics.

ELIZABETH M. GRAVES, A. B., Latin, German, Literature.

ville May 26, 1866. On August 22, 1866, the route decided upon was through Middletown, Roxbury, Stamford, Harpersfield, Kortright and Davenport. In June, 1875, the railroad having been constructed as far as Stamford, the company assumed the title of the Ulster & Delaware Company.

The survey of the Delhi branch of the N. Y., O. & W. railway was completed in October, 1868. Ground was broken near Hamden May 4, 1869.

Regular trains on the main line began running from Sidney Plains to Oswego in the middle of June, 1870. November 6, 1871, the road was completed to Walton.

The road was completed to Delhi January 18, 1872. A few hours after the last rail was laid the officers arrived on a special train. Cannon were fired and a public meeting was held. Dinner was served at Cottrell's Hotel.



ACADEMY BOARDING HALL.

GEORGE J. DANN, A. B., Greek, French, History.

AGNES ARBUCKLE, A. B., German, English, Mathematics.

HENRY A. GATES, M. D., Physiology and Hygiene.

MARY R. CHAMPION, Preparatory and Primary.

ANNA M. PRESTON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

JENNIE FULLER, Drawing and Oil Painting.

AUGUSTA A. HUGHSTON, Elocution.

**The Railroads.**—The first survey for the Ulster & Delaware railroad was made in 1853. On October 4, 1865, a meeting was held in Delhi to project a road west from the Hudson. The next day they elected a board of directors for a company to build a road from Rondout to Oneonta. The board was O. M. Allaben of Margaretville, Henry Dowie of Andes, and C. H. Bell and William Youmans jr. of Delhi. Another meeting was held at Margaret-

ville May 26, 1866. During the summer there is a large travel of summer pleasure seekers.

Delhi is a feeder for a wide stretch of country. The shipments of merchandise is very large and the town is a popular point for the commercial traveler, the hotel facilities being better than in the average town which is much larger, there being four good hotels.

The average tonnage of shipment to Delhi including all class of goods except coal is three millions pounds monthly. The shipment from this station of milk averages 30,000 quarts daily. Large quantities of eggs and cheese are shipped from Delhi.

The station agent is C. H. Mullock. His assistant and the operator is N. B. Cormack. The baggage agent is George Person; his assistant is Daniel Franklin, jr.

The first court comprised Patrick Lamb, William Horton, Gabriel North, Isaac Hardenburgh, Alexander Leal.

**Col. Robert P. Cormack**, the postmaster of Delhi, is prominent in G. A. R. circles and an active worker in the Democratic party, having served as Commander of England Post, 142, G. A. R., and as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee for several years. He was president of the village at one time and chief of the fire department for successive terms. In 1878 he represented the county of Delaware in the Assembly. He was appointed Postmaster by President Cleveland December 11, 1895, and his service in that office gives general satisfaction. He is also a member of Delhi Lodge, No. 439, F. & A. M. He was born in the town of Forfar, Scotland, November 1, 1829. His parents came to this country when he was three years of age and settled in Delaware county fifty-three years ago. At the age of 14 years he was apprenticed at shoe making in which trade he worked seven years. When 20 years old he went to California where he remained six years, when he returned to this county and has since lived in Delhi. On June 3, 1857, he married Elizabeth Woollerton of Delhi, by whom there were four children, Fannie who died at the age of five, Charles F. of San Francisco, Nelson B. at the depot, and Mrs. Lillace S. Gordon.

Col. Cormack served in the war against the rebellious South for three years and four months, almost to a day, enlisting in the 89th regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry at Delhi, Sept. 16, 1861, and being mustered out in the field in Virginia, Jan. 17, 1865. The Colonel was wounded in the head at Chapin's farm and treated in the hospital near Old Point Comfort. When permitted to leave he reported direct at his post and in time to receive an honorable discharge with the rest of the regiment. He was never absent from his place in line except by authority and was in the heat of many battles. On going to the front as a private he was chosen 1st lieutenant of his company (Co. I) at Elmira. From that he was advanced by promotion to Captain of Company A, wearing the two-barred epaulets more than a year and a half. Upon his return home at the close of the war he was chosen Colonel of the 100th Reg. N. G. S. N. Y. which position he occupied until the reorganization of the State Guard when several regiments were disbanded including that of Col. Cormack's. The 89th regiment under Col. Har-

ison Fairchild served in the 1st Brig., 3d Division, 9th Corps, later in South Carolina and then in the 1st Brig., 2nd Division, 10th Corps, army of the James, participating in the following engagements: South Mountain, Md., September 14, '62; Antietam, September 17, '62; Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, '62; Siege of Suffolk, April 11, May 4, '63; Bombardment of Ft. Sumter, S. C., Aug. 17-23, Oct. 27, Nov. 9, '63; Operations against Petersburg and Richmond, Va., May 5-31, '64; Swift Creek, Va., May 9-10, '64; Proctor's Creek, May 12, '64; Drewry's Bluff, May 14-16, '64; Bermuda Hundred, May 18-20, '64; Cold Harbor, June 1-12, '64; Petersburg, June 15-19, '64; Chapin's Farm, Sept. 29-30, '64; Fair Oaks, Oct. 27-29, '64; Fall of Petersburg, April 2, '65; Rice's Station, April 6, '65; Burke's Station, April 7, '65; Appomattox C. H., April 9, '65.

The Delaware County Agricultural Society was located on grounds adjacent the river in the east end of the village in 1872, at which time the County

society was merged with the Delhi Agricultural and Mechanics' Society. The latter was organized March 8, 1862. Its first officers were: President, Edmund Rose; Vice-President, P. H. Beardsley; Secretary, Norwood Bowne; Treasurer, Anthony M. Paine; Directors, D. G. Landon, L. G. Hollister, Alexander Mable, A. Cook-Edgerton and C. Allen Frost. The present officers are: President, W. H. Fisher; Vice-Pres., Thomas D. Middlemast; Sec'y, R. P. McIntosh; Treas., W.



COL. ROBERT P. CORMACK.

D. Smith; Directors, Robert J. Blair, C. S. Woodruff, E. R. Bell, John B. Mable, Stewart Hymers, Edward Johnson; General Superintendent, D. L. Wight; Assistant General Superintendent, D. W. Shaw; Superintendent of Police, W. J. Humphries; Superintendent of Cattle, J. M. McFarlane; Superintendent of Horses, J. C. Stoddart; Superintendent of Sheep and Swine, H. H. Hume; Superintendent of Poultry, J. S. McMurdy; Superintendent of Fruit and Vegetables, E. J. Brownell; Superintendent of Farm Implements, William McMullin; Discretionary, E. R. Bell; Superintendent of Butter and Cheese, J. B. Mable; Superintendent Ladies' Department, Mrs. H. C. Dann; Superintendent Girls' Department, Mrs. S. C. Simmons; Superintendent Floral Department, Mrs. John M. Thompson; Secretary of the Ladies' Department, Miss S. J. McMullin.

The original poor-house was burned July 13, 1862. Mary Jane Decker, of Middletown, and Phebe Every, of Kortright, perished.



WILLIAM C. PORTER.

William C. Porter, the Sheriff of Delaware just closing his term, will retire from that position on Dec. 31 of this year with a good record in official life and with the credit of having served as the Sheriff during the Centennial year. For eight years he was Deputy Sheriff and when elected was fully informed as to the requirements of the office. For several years he was engaged in the harness business, in which he made an extended circle of acquaintances. He is a member of the Schenevus lodge, F. & A. M., and was active in affairs of the lodge until he became Sheriff, when his removal to Delhi took him away from that locality. Mr. Porter was born in Davenport, June 2, 1855. His father was a farmer in the town of Davenport in which he was a resident for over fifty years. Mr. Porter attended the district school at Davenport. In the year 1879 he went to Oneonta to learn the harness trade and in Feb. 1881 he opened a shop in Hamden, where he remained until about 1886, when he went into the store of John L. Beardsley, at Davenport. Two or three years later he engaged in the harness business until after his election as Sheriff in the fall of 1894, when he sold out the business. He was nominated at the County Convention held Sept. 15, of that year, after a protracted and bitter contest in which there were several candidates, and after more than forty ballots had been taken. The office of Sheriff is the only public position Mr. Porter has sought or held, although an active worker in the Republican party. On April 24, 1888 he was married to Miss Dora Beardsley, at Davenport, by which union they have one boy named Harry B., who was born in 1891. Mr. Porter's father and mother, highly respected residents of the town of Davenport, their home for so many years, are still living, both well advanced in years and enjoying good health. Mrs. Porter is the daughter of J. L. Beardsley, a well-known Davenport merchant for many years

with an honorable record in his dealings with all, who now is an extensive farmer and a large dealer in live stock.

The Delhi Novelty Club is an association of charming young ladies who meet evenings once a week for improvement of the mind and social enjoyment, a programme of literary and musical selections being provided. The young ladies are loyal to the club and take great interest in making it a profitable form of evening entertainment. Each member is provided with a club badge, a neat little pin—and what do you suppose is the design? A four leaf clover! The club was organized July 21, 1896. The membership, at the limit is as follows: Julia Crosby, Elizabeth Hutson, Harriet Harris, Flora Knapp, Maggie Boyd, Margaret Oliver, Anna Patterson, Jennie Arbuckle, Carrie Peters, Elizabeth Clark, Pauline Farrington, Helen Stilson, May Telford, May Fisher, Jennie Clark.

General Erastus Root settled in Delhi in 1796, coming originally from Connecticut.

He was active in securing the formation of the County of Delaware. He died in December, 1846, in New York City while on his way to visit a daughter, Mrs. Hobbie, at Washington.

J. J. Burke, the present Chief Engineer of the Delhi Fire Department, became a member of Active Hose Company, No. 5, in 1892. He served as Foreman of that Company in 1893-4 and as Assistant Chief Engineer of the Department in 1895-6. He is Senior Warden of Delhi Lodge, F. & A. M., and a prominent worker in both Masonic and Fire Department circles. Mr. Burke was born on February 27, 1865, at Powellsburg, West Virginia, and located here in 1886 engaging in his business as a merchant tailor. He moved to Watertown, N. Y., in 1889 and returning to Delhi in 1891 started in



JOHN J. BURKE.

business as a merchant tailor for himself in the Bell Block. In 1895 he was compelled to move to his present location by increasing business and now occupies all of the second floor of the "Delaware Express" Block. Mr. Burke's work has gained for him an excellent reputation as a first-class merchant tailor. He was married on October 14, 1891, to Miss Estelle Stoutenburg, of Delhi, and has one daughter. On June 9, 1897, a Delaware County Firemen's Association was formed at Delhi and Mr. Burke was elected first President.

England Relief Corps, No. 187, was organized December 31, 1895, with 42 charter members. While the Corps has lost members since then largely owing to removal from town, the interest shown in its welfare and its material aid and comfort to the Post to which it is attached are features which make it an organization of which its members may well be proud. On the institution of the Corps the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Josephine A. Camp; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Mary E. Hood; Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Matilda T. Paul; Chaplain, Mrs. Sarah E. Gordon; Treasurer, Miss Isabella K. Penfield; Secretary, Mrs. Annie W. Fisher; Conductor, Mrs. Stelle Burke; Assistant Conductor, Miss Lizzie Gordon; Guard, Miss Anna E. Harper; Assistant Guard, Miss Jessie L. Williamson; Delegate, Mrs. Mary E. Hood; Alternate, Mrs. Mary S. Penfield. The Corps meets every second Tuesday evening.

Anti-Masonic excitement when the lodge was broken up. In February, 1833, it was occupied by F. A. Ferguson as a temperance hotel. In February, 1834, J. P. Flower bought it of G. H. Edgerton, and it has been occupied as a hotel ever since.

**Sons of Temperance.**—The first division of the Sons of Temperance in Delhi was Delhi Division, No. 180. Its charter is dated September 22, 1846. Its charter members were N. Bowne, M. S. Cannon, Ferris Jacobs, Jabez P. Meigs, Theo. L. Schell, E. S. Edgerton, P. P. Wright, Jas. R. Allaben, Jas. H. Wright, Charles Hinckley.

**Delhi Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M.,** meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in their rooms on the third floor of the Page Block and has a membership of about sixty. The officers for 1897 are: M. E. H. P., W. G. Edgerton; E. K., J. R. Honeywell; E. S., M. O. Landon; Treasurer, W. R. Bill; Secretary, George A. Paine;



ACADEMY CAMPUS.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Mary E. Hood; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Matilda T. Paul; Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Alice L. Fairburn; Treasurer, Miss Isabella K. Penfield; Secretary, Mrs. Anna W. Fisher; Chaplain, Mrs. Sarah E. Williamson; Conductor, Mrs. Stelle Burke; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Mary Dann; Guard, Miss Lydia Page; Assistant Guard, Miss Alta Smith; Delegate, Mrs. Anna W. Fisher; Alternate, Mrs. Mary McCall.

**Cassia Lodge, No. 180, F. & A. M.**—The first Masonic Lodge instituted in Delhi was Cassia Lodge, No. 180, and the warrant issued therefor is dated March 1, 1809. DeWitt Clinton was Grand Master, Erastus Root was Master, Ambrose Bryan Senior Warden, Elnathan Heath, Junior Warden. On August 27, 1825, the corner stone for a Lodge was laid in the village, upon which occasion the Rev. Stephen Fenn delivered a sermon at the court house, before a large audience. The hall was a part of the now Kingston Hotel. How long it was used we do not know, probably not long after the

C. H., Howard Bell; P. S., W. J. Humphries; R. A. C., J. B. Fairburn; M. 3d V., C. S. Woodruff; M. 2d V., R. P. McIntosh; M. 1st V., W. Ormiston; Organist, George A. Paine; Sentinel, William Ward.

**The First Presbyterian Church.**—The origin of this church carries us back to the beginning of the present century. It was organized in September, 1805, by the Rev. William McAuly, of Kortright Centre, assisted by Elders Judge Leal and Thomas Simpson. This was the first church organized in Delhi, and for many years was the only church in the town. It naturally at first covered a wide territory and drew its supporters from the towns of Meredith and Hamden, as well as of Delhi. The church has had the ministry of five pastors—the Revs. Ebenezer H. Maxwell, James McEwen, Peter B. Heroy, Charles B. Smyth and James H. Robinson, D. D. Thirty-three members have been elected and ordained to the office of Ruling Elders

for the life term. Of these the following have served under the present pastorate: William Douglas, John D. Smith, Ebenezer F. Hutson, Robert H. Patterson, James H. Smith, Robert Young, William McMurdy, Robert Oliver, Robert J. Blair, Francis Graham, Daniel McMullin and William Forrest. The last named six are all that now remain.

in the growth and prosperity of the church. A net gain of 166 members has accrued to the society since they entered the new church, while the departments of religious service have been greatly increased and the interest in them deepened in a marked degree.

The church is now comparatively strong in membership and resources, with its large number of young people to lend a helping hand in the



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Between eleven and twelve hundred members have been received into the communion of the church. When the present pastor, the Rev. J. H. Robinson, D. D., assumed the charge of the church in July, 1863, the church building was located on the flats about one mile and a half below the village. It remained in that location until the beginning of the year 1882, when a new and commodious building was completed, at a cost of \$12,000, on an eligible site in Delhi village. This change in the place of worship proved to be a decided advantage

prayer meeting, Christian Endeavor and Junior Endeavor societies, while the missionary spirit, through the woman's society and the pastor's efforts and appeals is being gradually developed and strengthened, so that the church, in addition to its own support, is giving annually a thousand dollars and more to the various mission boards of the church.

The church is harmonious in all its Christian activities and furnishes many reasons for thankfulness and renewed courage.

Rev. James H. Robinson, D. D., was born in Argyle, Washington County, N. Y. He graduated from Union College in the class of '59. Attended the Theological Seminary in Allegheny City, Pa., for four years. On graduation he was invited to Delhi and on receiving a call accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, where he has since remained.

He received the honorary title of D. D. from his Alma-Mater, Union College, in '95 at the time of her centennial celebration.

Mr. Robinson's life has been abundant in labors, not only in outside fields but in the care and administration of his church, which has required large and concentrated effort in bringing and keeping it in its present successful and prosperous state.

**J. Duncan Lawrence**, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, who is prominent in county politics, owns a large and rich farm of 230 acres and is one of the leading citizens of Bloomville in the town of Kortright. He has a large dairy of over forty head of cows, in which he has reason to take especial pride and with which he pays much attention. Having had considerable experience in business Mr. Lawrence conducts his dairy on business principles, and when not engaged in the duties which his position as chairman of the board requires of him devotes his personal attention to his property. He was appointed fish and game protector in August, 1895. He has served as supervisor for five consecutive years and as chairman last year and this.

His father, Jacob W. Lawrence, a native of Middletown, Delaware county, where he was engaged in an extensive lumber business, enlisted in Sickles' Brigade in the 91st New York Volunteer Infantry at the breaking out of the civil war, and died in 1862 from injuries received in service, leaving a comfortable fortune. Not only the father but the son offered their services in defense of the Union, the latter, the subject of this sketch, enlisting in the 56th New York Volunteers, Co. H, Capt. William Joslyn, in September, 1861. He was then only 15 years old,—born January 29, 1846, in Colchester, Delaware County. He served through the war, participating in sixteen battles, among which were Williamsburg, Yorktown and Fair Oaks, and receiving an honorable discharge in November, 1865. Upon returning home he took a course in the Andes Collegiate Institute, after which he

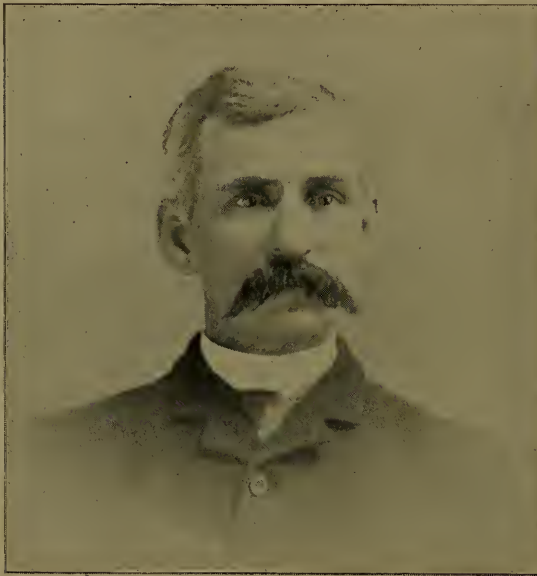
spent two years traveling and then settled in Binghanton where he remained five years as a clerk in a store. Returning to Delaware county he engaged in buying and selling live stock, in which he met with success. In 1882 he purchased the farm he now owns. On October 30, 1880, he married Miss Kate, daughter of Harvey Keator. For a year and a half after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence resided in Kingston. For three years he served as superintendent of the poor. He is a member of the Delaware Valley Lodge No. 612, I. O. O. F.

**The Delhi Cornet Band.**—As to the band and its origin little can be learned more than there has been a band in Delhi as far back as can be remembered by the oldest inhabitants, but its history is but a repetition of all other similar organizations, they rise and fall almost continually, some move away and some die, thus depleting the ranks while their places are quickly filled up by younger men and more modern ideas and instruments. But with each change in the roster or equipment the marks of

progress and improvement are always noticeable, so that what was considered good ten years ago would fall very far short of the demands of the present time. The Band has had its successes and failures under various leaders and teachers, among whom can be mentioned such able musicians as A. M. Crawford, George Persons, Jr., Ed. J. Dickson, Clarence Sutton, and others, sometimes booming up to the highest expectations of their music-loving friends, and then dropping off until only a few faithful ones were left to occasionally break the stillness with their discordant longings to have a good band again. During these spells

of lethargy and dullness the soul of music was not dead but sleeping, and only waiting for the master mind to rouse them into activity. This long hoped for spirit was found in the genial gentleman Mr. B. S. Graham, of Newport, Pa., who is not only a bandman and organizer, but a leader and teacher, in every sense of the word, of band, orchestra, piano, etc., playing equally well on a number of instruments. His very presence among them is the incentive to practice, think and play until their roll at this time numbers twenty-five men equipped with fine instruments and uniforms of the latest pattern, the gifts of the public spirited citizens, for which Delhi has a very extended reputation. They have also a fine room to practice in which is painted and papered, and carefully looked after by that musical genius Charles Mace, who is never happier than when manipulating his sheepskin fiddle on parade.

**The Zeta Phi Fraternity** is composed of the principal business and professional men of the village and has a membership of about 250. This society is honored with the enrollment of many men who have distinguished themselves in public



J. DUNCAN LAWRENCE.

life. It also is remarkable because it has outlived almost a half century and is to-day stronger than ever. From a historical sketch written by W. P. Lynch and read at an annual festival held on July 27, 1876, we learn that this fraternity has furnished the principal teachers of the first educational institutions of the county, for several years the supervisor of Delhi and for a great many years the chairman of the board of supervisors. From its membership men have been taken to serve as district attorneys, county judges, school commissioners, members of assembly and state senators, a state superintendent of insurance, member of the constitutional conventions of 1887 and 1894, a circuit judge in Wisconsin, a probate judge in Minnesota, two members of congress, a deputy attorney general of this state, a judge of the court of appeals, a commissioner for the northern district of New York and a comptroller of the currency at Washington. Thirty of its members entered the Union army and four the navy in the last civil war, and of that number those who attained rank in-

Messrs. Johnson and Meigs initiated the following gentlemen and the society was perfected with eight members—James Lewis, E. K. Meigs, C. B. Perry, Abner Thurber, J. Henry Gould and Samuel A. Fitch. At that meeting a committee was appointed to draft a constitution. The meetings were held at irregular intervals and from the records which are carefully preserved by Prof. Smith, editor of the Delaware Gazette, it appears that a full list of officers was not chosen until at the meeting held on May 26, 1855, when the following were elected. Since then the distinguishing names for different officers have been changed. The first officers: Arbiter, James Lewis (now a clergyman at Joliet, Ill.); Scribe, George E. Marvin (living in Delhi); Petrarch, Andrew Thompson (since a clergyman, deceased); I. Usher, T. B. Meigs (now of New York); O. Usher, J. H. Griswold (deceased); Censor, R. T. Johnson (lawyer in Franklin); Editor, H. D. Gould (merchant in Chicago); Librarian, E. K. Meigs (living in New York). It is remarkable that only two of the



J KENNEDY HOOD'S RESIDENCE.

cluded one paymaster, five lieutenants, five surgeons, four captains, three majors, two lieutenant-colonels, two colonels and one brigadier-general.

The Zeta Phi fraternity of Delhi must not be confounded with the college Greek Letter society of that name. It is a secret society but altogether local, having its by-laws and written work. The society originated in Delhi, belongs there and there is no similar institution elsewhere. It was organized for mutual improvement and with the view of adopting as members such students at the Delaware Academy of more than ordinary ability as should give promise of future personal success. The membership was therefore established on a durable basis and the roll of honor above inscribed prove that the rule of selection for members was carefully followed. The founders were R. T. Johnson and T. B. Meigs. The former is now a venerable and distinguished practitioner at law at Franklin, Delaware county, and the latter is a large and successful lumber merchant in New York City. The first meeting was held in what the society called its "den" on March 3, 1855.

number are dead. The fraternity held festivals at irregular periods which were the important social events of the years. In its early history the meetings were made especially interesting by debates. During the height of the anti-slavery agitation the fraternity discussed that question with earnestness. At the meeting held May 19, 1855, the topic of debate was "Resolved, that intemperance is a greater evil than slavery." The first festival was held July 3, 1855; two years later (July 3, 1857,) the first public festival. By legislative enactment, April 17, 1861, the society became incorporated under the name, "The Zeta Phi Fraternity," the object of which is stated to be the establishment of a public library, the fraternity to hold property from which the annual income shall not exceed \$5,000. The first death was that of Sylvester Richard McKeon, on April 25, 1856. The present officers: Andrew J. McNaught, Jr., Archon; Fred J. Decker, Petrarch; Frank M. Farrington, Quester; Walter E. Newcomb, Scribe; John G. Chalmers, Censor; Fred W. Youmans, Outside Usher; Eugene P. Lynch, Inside Usher; Geo. A. Prentice, Librarian.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Delhi was formed on July 23, 1839, a few people meeting at the Court House for that purpose. Rev. Joseph B. Wakeley began at once "supplying the pulpit." James Howe presented the society with a deed of the present site on December 21, 1840, and the church was soon erected. The pastors have been:

G. Slater, Rev. A. R. Burroughs, Rev. J. W. McCumber, Rev. S. W. Walsworth, Rev. E. H. W. Barden, Rev. C. W. McPherson, Rev. H. W. Ackerley, Rev. George Hearn, Rev. Robert H. Kelley, Rev. S. G. Keyser, Rev. Thomas Lamont and the present pastor, Rev. W. McKendree Darwood, D. D., who began his duties on April 1, 1897. The Epworth League and the Ladies' Aid Society are important



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Joseph B. Wakeley, Rev. Aaron Rogers, Rev. Sanford Washburn, Rev. W. C. Smith, Rev. H. B. Mead, Rev. John Trippet, Rev. Charles Kelsey, Rev. George Taylor, Rev. Paul R. Brown, Rev. Thomas Carter, Rev. Joseph Elliott, Rev. Robert Burr, Rev. A. T. Sellick, Rev. Robert Kerr, Rev. L. B. Andrews, Rev. C. M. Eggleston, Rev. W. D. Fiero, Rev. M. S. Terry, Rev. A. Ackerley, Rev. J.

aids to the pastor, and the membership of the church, which is a most prosperous one, is nearly 250.

The first jury impaneled in Delaware county met at the house of Gideon Frisbee, at the mouth of Elk Creek, October 3, 1797.

The first court seal of the county was a stream of water issuing from a mountain.



## CIVIL LIST—1797-1897.

THE following is a list of the Delaware County men who have served in public office from the time of the erection of the county, tabulated and furnished by Mr. John A. Parshall, to whom we acknowledge indebtedness.

**State Officers.**—Lieut. Gov.—Erastus Root, 1823-24; To Revise Laws—Erastus Root, 1824; Sec'y of State—Joel T. Headley elected 1855; State Prison Inspector—Norwood Bowne elected 1854; Regent University—Amasa J. Parker elected by the Legislature in 1855.

**Presidential Electors.**—Gabriel North, 1816; Wm. Townsend, 1824; Peter Pine, 1828; Ichabod Bartlett, 1836; Isaac Ogden, 1840; Marvin Wheeler, 1848; Joseph S. Smith appointed vice Wheeler who did not serve; Robert S. Hughson, 1856; James R. Allaben, 1860; Simon B. Champion, 1868.

Ferris Jacobs, Jr., 1881-83; Charles J. Knapp, 1889-91.

**State Senators.**—Ebenezer Roote, 1799, 1800-2; Joshua H. Brett, 1804-12; Erastus Root, 1812-16; Isaac Ogden, 1816-20; John T. More, 1820-23; Isaac Ogden, 1823-27; Noadiah Johnson, 1837-39; Erastus Root, 1840-44; Stephen C. Johnson, 1844-48; John M. Betts, 1848-49; Henry E. Bartlett, 1852-53; Edward I. Burhans, 1858-59; Orson M. Allaben, 1864-65; James H. Graham, 1872-73; N. Curtis Marvin, 1878-79; Matthew W. Marvin, 1886-87; William Lewis, 1888-89; James Ballantine, 1895-96; John Grant, present incumbent.

**Members of Assembly.**—Orson M. Allaben, 1840, '70; Jonathan C. Allaben, 1847; Elias Butler, 1799; Daniel H. Burr, 1812; William Beach, 1818; Benjamin Benedict, 1832; Jabez Bostwick, 1825; Milton Bostwick, 1843; Dubois Burhans, 1835; Jesse



KINGSION STREET BRIDGE, DELHI.

**Constitutional Delegates.**—Roswell Hotchkiss and Elias Osborn, 1801; Erastus Root and Robert Clark, 1821; Isaac Burr and David S. Waterbury, 1846; John Grant and Samuel F. Miller, 1867; Jonas M. Preston (commissioner) 1873; Abram C. Crosby, 1894.

**Supreme Court Justices.**—Amasa J. Parker, 1844—; Levinus Monson, 1850, (appointed vice E. B. Morehouse, deceased); Wm. Murray, Jr., 1867-1887; Francis R. Gilbert (appointed vice Wm. Murray) May to December, 1887.

**Members of Congress.**—Erastus Root, 1803-5, 1809-11; Samuel Sherwood, 1813-15; Erastus Root, 1815-17; Robert Clark, 1819-21; Charles A. Foote, 1823-25; Selah R. Hobbie, 1827-29; Erastus Root, 1831-33; Noadiah Johnson, 1833-35; Amasa J. Parker, 1837-39; Samuel Gordon, 1841-43, 1845-47; Herman D. Gould, 1849-51; Jonas A. Hughson, 1855-57; James H. Graham, 1859-61; Samuel F. Miller, 1863-65, 1875-77; Charles Knapp, 1869-71;

Booth, 1837; Cornelius Bassett, 1838; Ichabod Bartlett, 1839; Benjamin J. Bassett, 1869-74; Nathan Bristol, 1840; Edward I. Burhans, 1844-68; Luther Butts, 1849; Alpheus Bolt, 1870-71; Robert Beates, 1880; James Ballantine, 1890; Robert Clark, 1813-15; Andrew Craig, Jr., 1813; James Coulter, 1832; John Calhoun, 1848; Robert W. Courtney, 1863; Robert P. Cormack, 1878; Silas S. Cartwright, 1884-5; James R. Cowan, 1892; Robert Cartwright, 1895; Adam I. Doll, 1805; William Dewey, 1816; Edward Doyle, 1828; Samuel Doyle, 1851; Warren Dimmick, 1857; George G. Derrick, 1875; Henry Davie, 1891; James Eels, 1819-24; John Edgerton, 1833; Samuel Eels, 1842; Hezekiah Elwood, 1852; Daniel Fuller, 1809-11; Orrin Foote, 1846; John H. Gregory, 1821; Asa Grant, 1822-23; Samuel Gordon, 1834; John Griffin, 1836; Orrin Griffin, 1842; Mathew Griffin, 1872-74; Wm. Gleason, Jr., 1851; Francis R. Gilbert, 1863-64; George C. Gibbs, 1867; James H. Graham, 1871; DeWitt Griffin, 1893; Wesley Gould, 1894; Wm. Horton, 1798; Matthew Halcott, 1830; James

Hughson, 1832; Thomas J. Hubbell, 1837; John Haxtun, 1856; Barna R. Johnson, 1857, '59-60; Martin Keeler, 1817; Stephen H. Keeler, 1841; James W. Knapp, 1836; Charles Knapp, 1841; Charles J. Knapp, 1886-88; Patrick Lamb, 1800; John Lamb, 1803; Henry Leavenworth, 1816; Samuel A. Law, 1858-60; Reuben Lewis, 1816; Wm. Lewis, 1872-81; Jerome D. Landfield, 1864; Anthony Marvine, 1805-6; John T. More, 1807-8, '10, '14; Wm. S. McRea, 1829; David P. Mapes, 1831; Darius Mapes, 1838; Jonas More, 1839; John McDonald, 1845; Richard Morse, 1850; Lewis Mills, 1852; Samuel F. Miller, 1854; Ezekial Miller, 1855; John Mead, 1856; Isaac H. Maynard, 1876-7; John S. McNaught, 1879; George O. Mead, 1889; Delos H. Mackey, 1896-97; Gabriel North, 1801-2, '4, '6 '8; Elias Osborn, 1803-4, '10; Isaac Ogden, 1812-14; Wm. B. Ogden, 1835; James Oliver, 1865; Joshua Pine, 1807; Asahel E. Paine, 1815-17; Peter Pine, 1820-24, '31; Amasa J. Parker, 1834; Jesse Palmer, 1844; Linus Porter, 1845; Fletcher Palmer, 1858; Harmon I. Quackenbush, 1825; Erastus Root, 1799, 1801-2, 1818-21, '26, '27; Seaker, 1827, '28 and '30; Samuel Raxford, 1823;

1825-28; Gurden H. Edgerton, 1828-31; John H. Gregory, 1831-34; Duncan J. Grant, 1834-37; John Edgerton, 1840-43; Green More, 1843-46; DeWitt C. Thomas, 1846-49; Daniel Rowland, 1849-52; Duncan McDonald, 1852-55; Alexander H. Burhans, 1855-58; Baldwin Griffin, 1858-61; Gabriel S. Mead, 1861-4; John Calhoun, 1864-7; Hamilton S. Preston, 1867-70; Edward A. Griffith, 1870-73; Darius S. Jackson, 1873-76; Wm. J. Clark, 1876-79; John Crawford, 1879-82; Wm. H. Douglass, 1882-85; Daniel Franklin, 1885-88; John J. McArthur, 1888-91; Thomas E. Elliott, 1891-94; William C. Porter, 1894-97.

**County Clerks**—Ebenezer Foote, 4 years; Philip Gebbard, 2 years; John Doll, 6 years; Homer R. Phelps, 7 years; Asahel E. Paine, 7 years; Ambrose Bryan, 2 years; John E. Burhans, 3 years; Crawford B. Sheldon, 18 years; Wm. McClaughry, 6 years; Benjamin Cannon, 6 years; Robert S. Hughson, 6 years; W. Ward Grant, 6 years; Smith H. White, 6 years; Ransom A. Grant, 6 years;



RESIDENCE OF D. J. PURDY, SUPT. OF THE CONDENSARY.

James G. Redfield, 1829; Charles S. Rogers, 1853; Daniel Rowland, 1854; David St. John, 1809-11; Stoddard Stevens, 1833; Donald Shaw, 1847; Daniel Stewart, 1853; Wm. B. Smith, 1855; Donald B. Shaw, elected in 1859 and died before taking his seat; Semour E. Smith, 1861; Joshua Smith, 1867; Ira E. Sherman, 1865-66; Albert E. Sullard, 1868-70; Albert H. Sewell, 1878; Timothy Sanderson, 1883; Wm. Townsend, 1826; John Thompson 1827; Platt Townsend, 1848; James E. Thompson, 1849; Chester H. Treadwell, 1882; David L. Thomson, 1887; Nathaniel Wattles, 1798; Sluman Wattles, 1800; Nelson K. Wheeler, 1843, '62; George H. Winsor, 1850; Daniel Waterbury, 1861-62; Warren G. Willis, 1875; George D. Wheeler, 1876; Wm. J. Welsh, 1877; N. B.—From 1798 to 1880 the county had two members.

**Sheriffs**.—Elias Butler, 1797-99; James I. White, 1799-1801; Clark Lawrence, 1801-5; Roswell Hotchkiss, 1805-9; Nathan Edgerton, Jr., 1809-11; Jabez Bostwick, 1811-13; Robert Leal, 1813-15; Jabez Bostwick, 1815-19; Isaac Burr, 1820-21; Martin Keeler, 1821; Roger Case, 1822-25; Martin Keeler,

George T. Warner, 6 years; George W. Crawford, 6 years; Joshua K. Hood, present incumbent.

**County Judges**.—Joshua H. Brett, 13 years; Ebenezer Foote, 12 years; Isaac Ogden, 7 years; Jabez Bostwick, 10 years; Charles Hathaway, 5 years; Nelson K. Wheeler, 2 years; Wm. Gleason, 8 years; Jesse Palmer, 4 years; Wm. Murray, Jr., 4 years; Edwin D. Wagner, 10 years; Isaac H. Maynard, 6 years; Daniel T. Arbuckle (resigned in less than a month after election); James R. Baumes, 6 years; Albert H. Sewell (present incumbent elected 1889).

**Surrogates**.—Anthony Marvine, 14 years; John R. Gregory, 2 years; Amos Douglass, 2 years; Robert North, 17 years; Amasa J. Parker, 9 years; Charles Hathaway, 3 years; Nelson K. Wheeler, 3 years. Since July, 1847, Surrogate's duties are performed by County Judge.

**District Attorneys**.—Wm. H. Elting, Selah R. Hobbie, Amasa J. Parker, Nelson K. Wheeler, Truman H. Wheeler, Wm. Murray Jr., John Grant,

Reuben H. Root, Harvey F. Davidson, Daniel T. Arbuckle, Jonas M. Preston, John P. Grant, John B. Spencer, Noadiah Johnson, Samuel Gordon, James A. Hughson, Amasa J. TenBroeck, Robert Parker, George W. Clark, Ferris Jacobs Sr., Ferris Jacobs Jr., Abram C. Crosby, Samuel H. Faucher, William F. White.

**County Treasurers**—Formerly appointed by board of supervisors and held office during pleasure of the board. Only correct list obtainable, viz: William Frisbee, Alonzo F. Salisbury, Harvey R. Millard, Anthony M. Paine, James Elwood, Horatio N. Buckley, Charles A. Foote, T. F. McIntosh, J. S. Page, Miner Stillson, J. R. Honeywell, C. S. Woodruff.

The original post organized at the close of the war was disbanded. England Post has 71 members. Commander, John Blake; Senior Vice Commander, Jacob O. Finch; Junior Vice Commander, James S. Dow; Quartermaster, William D. Smith; Surgeon, George C. Smith; Chaplain, George W. Grant; Adjutant, Charles F. Churchill; Officer of the Day, H. J. Perkins; Officer of the Guard, John M. Leal.

**Woodland Cemetery.**—This is one of the most tastefully kept burial grounds to be found in small villages. The site is rolling ground, extending higher the farther back one goes from the entrance. From the numerous summits within its limits may be obtained extended views along the



THE CLERGY OF DELHI.

REV. L. WILLARD MINCH,  
*Baptist.*

REV. ARTHUR B. LIVERMORE,  
*St. John's Episcopal.*

REV. FRANK H. SEELEY,  
*Second Presbyterian.*

REV. W. MCKENDREE DARWOOD,  
*Methodist Episcopal.*

REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON,  
*First Presbyterian.*

England Post, No. 142, G. A. R., was organized March 11, 1884, and was named after Lieut.-Col. T. L. England, who was killed in front of Petersburg. He was Lieut.-Col. of the 89th N. Y. Volunteers. The charter members were Butler Fitch, John M. Gordon, Frank L. Norton, James H. Wright, Wells R. Whitney, William M. Murray, William Thompson, William H. Douglas, George W. Hitchcock, Charles F. Churchill, Hiram A. Stoutenburg, William H. Maxfield, Alexander Dy-sart, Ferris Jacobs, Jr., Thomas O'Neil, William G. Gilbert, William J. Clark, George C. Gibbs.

valley. The remains of General Leavenworth rest in this cemetery. The entrance is an ornamental iron arch supported by massive stone towers. It is the gift of Edwin C. Sheldon. The cemetery comprises about 20 acres.

"The Great Mogul."—It is said that Judge Foote, who represented Ulster County in the Legislature of 1796-7, named Delhi on the suggestion of a party of friends, by whom the Judge was nicknamed "The Great Mogul"—the new town being his home, as ancient Delhi was the city of the Mogul.

The Baptist Church was organized on August 23, 1842, and for two years services were held in the Court House. On September 7, 1844, the new edifice was first occupied, it having cost, including lot, \$3,000. The pastors have been: Erastus Wescott, Elder John Little, Elder D. F. Leach, Elder M. R. Fary, Elder R. J. Reynolds, Elder R.

forty members are of great aid to Rev. Mr. Minch, who has greatly strengthened the church during his pastorate. The church has been extensively repaired and among other improvements may be noted the erection of a handsome parsonage, which was completed in March, 1896.

The past year is one that reflects great credit upon Rev. Mr. Minch, as the membership has in-



BAPTIST CHURCH.

D. Andrews, Rev. S. Gallup, Aaron Wilkie, O. Sargent, licentiate, Rev. M. L. Purrington, Rev. F. J. Roscoe, Rev. F. D. Penny, Rev. W. D. Swan, Rev. A. W. Reynolds, Rev. M. M. Mills, Rev. G. B. Lawson, Rev. Enoch Powell, and Rev. L. Willard Minch.

The church has a membership of 126 and a largely attended Sunday School. The Ladies' Aid Society and a Christian Endeavor Society of about

forty members are of great aid to Rev. Mr. Minch, and his efforts in extending Christianity are meeting with most pronounced success.

The first settlement was the village of Harpersfield, founded by William, John, Alexander and Joseph Harper, who obtained a patent for 22,000 acres of land in 1768. This grant was a part of the Hardenburg patent lying east of the Mohawks or west branch.



JOHN W. WOODRUFF.

John W. Woodruff is probably the oldest active merchant in the village of Delhi, having been constantly in business for fifty years in one store, that which is now conducted by him and his sons under the firm name of J. W. and C. S. Woodruff. This is the most popular and most widely patronized of any of the dry goods or boot and shoe establishments. The firm carries a large stock of goods and ships large quantities of butter. The senior member of the firm, although well advanced

in years, exercises personal supervision of the business, being as constantly in attendance to business as his two sons who are with him. He was born in Meredith, Feb. 11, 1825, and is still enjoying excellent health, always in good spirits and ready for a hearty handshake and the enjoyment of a good laugh. Business is always good there, the two partners being assisted by Mr. Woodruff's eldest son, William, who having traveled on the road has an extensive acquaintanceship, and Rollin Roberts the clerk. Mr. J. W. Woodruff's father, Joel, came from Connecticut and was a cooper by trade. When the boy was 14 years old the family moved to Sidney, N. Y. On May 11, 1841, Mr. Woodruff entered the store of A. D. Williams at Unadilla as a clerk, and on March 4, 1842, accepted a similar position with Watson & Sands in the same village. While there he, February 6, 1843, was appointed deputy postmaster, which position he filled until the spring of 1845 when he came to Delhi and entered the store, in which he has ever since been in business, to serve in a clerkship for Mr. John Blanchard. That was his lucky year, since in the fall he wedded Eunice, the daughter of Mr. Blanchard. In the following spring he became a partner and in 1873 he purchased his partner's interest, continuing sole proprietor of the business until 1880 when his second son, Charles S., was received as a partner. Mr. Blanchard died the year he retired from the store. The building has since been transformed into a large modern place of business. Mr. J. W. Woodruff has served as village trustee several years, and although never active in politics is interested in all public matters. He is president of the board of trustees of Delaware Academy of which he has been a member many years, president of the



ABRAM C. CROSBY'S RESIDENCE.

trustees of Woodland Cemetery, and for thirty years a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal church. His daughter, Mrs. H. L. Stone, resides in New York where her husband is engaged in the boot and shoe business, and his youngest son, Edwin B., is at Berkeley Divinity School, Berkeley, Ct., preparing for the ministry.

**G. W. & H. D. Crawford**, manufacturers of high grade, light wagons, give employment to from 40 to 80 men, according to the condition of the times. Both are practical men in the construction of all styles of vehicles, and through studying the demands of the trade and consulting the best interests of their patrons they have developed and perfected a vehicle which has become quite popular throughout the country. Having the facilities for turning out from 3,000 to 4,000 wagons a year they have established a trade which comprises not alone the eastern states but extends very largely through the south and west. This trade has been constantly growing until now the Crawford wagon works are regarded as an important industry which the town could hardly spare, giving promise in the future of becoming one of the leading wagon manufacturing establishments in this section of the state.

The Crawford wagons comprise

all styles of open and top vehicles for pleasure and light driving. A special style of gear known as the Stiver, fitted with the Timpkins spring and made only for the Crawford wagons, this firm having the exclusive right to manufacture it, is one of the main recommendations of this wagon. It has become very popular and those who have tested its merits will consider no other by reason of its durability and ease of motion and the general advantages it possesses over other gear. The springs are flexible and strong, made on purpose for the Stiver gear, and are supported by side bars hung on the forward and rear axles. The wagon comprises a long body and short gear insuring steady and well balanced seats for the occupants, with scarcely a perceptible response to the inequalities of the road and no jolting; also insuring an easy and short turn. The wagons, comprising many gracefully and elegantly constructed styles of fancy vehicles, include one and two seaters, of

which the prettiest are the Boulevard and the Dos-a-Dos. The wheels are made with wire or wood spokes and with solid rubber or pneumatic tires. It is stated on good authority that this firm has sold more wagons with good leather tops than any other concern. The specialty which is a charmer in design and the correct thing for a stylish outfit either for a single horse or team is the pneumatic wagon with wire wheel and piano body setting low, having a single seat, and weighing 240 pounds. The motion of this wagon is as easy and restful as grandmother's rocking chair.

The plant, which now covers about four acres of ground and comprises four large buildings with about an acre of floor space, was established in 1894. It started in a small way, but in the summer of 1895 the firm bought the Stiver patent of gear and its advantages becoming at once recog-

nized the demand increased marvelously, giving the enterprise an impetus in one year which few concerns experience in a life time. The buildings are constructed after modern plans and include all improvements.

They are fitted with the Bundy time recorder and steam heat throughout. The machinery is driven by an engine supplied with a 200-horse power Hazleton boiler. This also furnishes the power for the plant which sup-



G. W. CRAWFORD.

H. D. CRAWFORD

plies the village with electric lights.

George W. Crawford, the senior member of the firm, was born March 12, 1859. Henry D. was born April 12, 1861; both in the town of Davenport. They first started in the wagon business at that place in 1892, employing 20 men. George W. was elected County Clerk in 1889 and occupied that office for six years. He is a member of the Masonic order and is a Zeta Phi. He married Miss Ada Smith, of Davenport. Henry Crawford married Miss Della MacMinn, of Davenport, in 1887.

It was not many years ago that the old-fashioned wagon was thought good enough. When the rubber tire was invented the incredulous—they are always with us—said it would not be durable. The Crawford wagon with the pneumatic tire is run all over the hills of Delaware county and it is as durable as any other tire used. At least that is the writer's impression from experience with them. Why, in five years no other tire will be used on



CRAWFORDS' WAGON WORKS—OFFICE FORCE.

light wagons. The pneumatic tire wagon which the Crawfords use about town constantly, demonstrates the utility of that wagon for every day use. And, practicability being settled, who will dispute the question that no wagon compares with the Crawford for comfort. Traveling over the country on those tires is like having a cushioned seat in Jove's special train of clouds. Could any one expect an easier trip? The village of Delhi is fortunate in having an industry of that nature.

The Stiver wagon has attracted considerable attention by writers in the trade publications, notably in the Carriage Monthly which has very fully

described the several wagons manufactured by G. W. & H. D. Crawford and which speaks of the Stiver wagon in very complimentary terms, referring to the fact that it continues to be popular and that recent changes are made in its construction which the users of carriages greatly appreciate.

The Crawford make of these wagons is unquestionably the best that can be found in the market and are to-day the leaders, being very popular for stylish rigs as well as for ordinary road use. A considerable capital is invested in this plant and paid out for labor and supplies.



CRAWFORDS' WAGON WORKS—BIRDSEYE VIEW.

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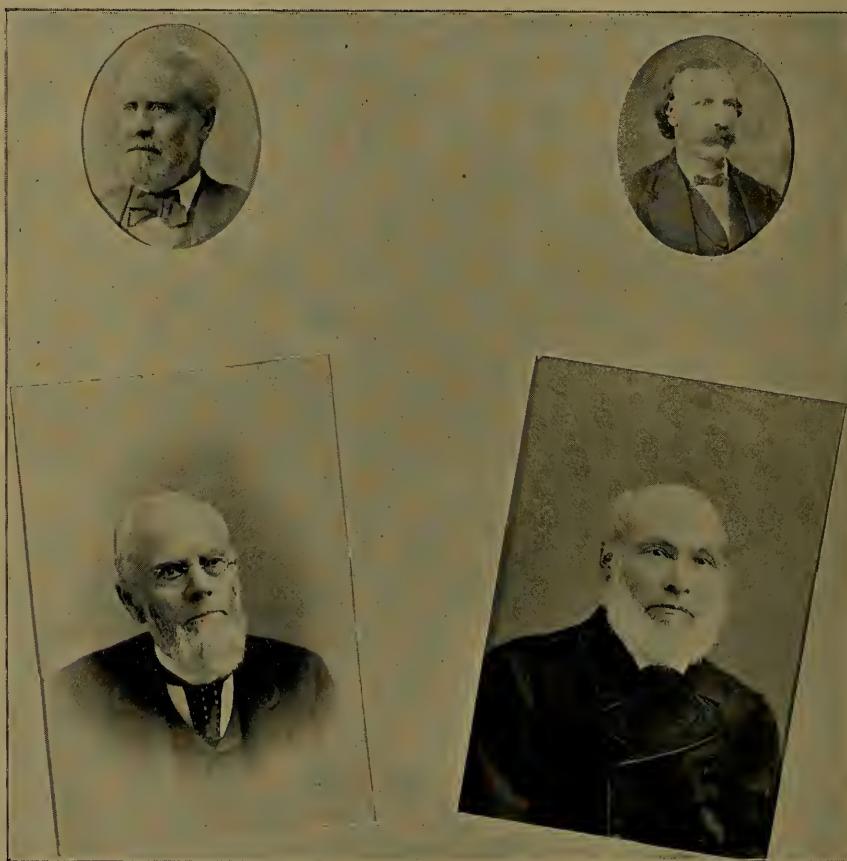
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THE HISTORICAL SOUVENIR OF DELHI, we trust will please you all. We came among you comparative strangers; we have received hospitable treat-

or more artistic historical souvenir than this—a statement not intended as self glorification, since without the co-operation of the enterprising citizens a creditable souvenir would be impossible.

SEVERAL of the most active citizens of Delhi took more than an ordinary interest in the work on this Souvenir, realizing the great value such a publication would be to the village. These pages constitute a permanent record of the principal business interests and a few of the distinguished men who largely aided in the earlier advancement of the place, but who have since been laid at rest.

WE ARE INDEBTED to many who have proven friends of this enterprise. We believe that such a souvenir lives after generations have come and gone. A great deal depends on the photographers. The views on these pages were made by O. T. Morgan, F. L. Norton and M. Farrington, to whom we feel grateful for the special efforts they made. The splendid views—The Birdseye of Delhi, Main



THE FIRST OFFICERS DELHI FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. C. EDGERTON, *Chief Engineer.*

Elected April, 1860.

D. PETTENGILL, *Asst. Chief Engineer.*

C. A. FROST, *Treasurer.*

J. A. PARSHALL, *Clerk.*

ment and hope that we may be permitted to return when in quest of rare sport, of which we have had a taste, instead of shekels. They who try to please everybody will please none. We do not hesitate to say that no town the size of Delhi and few towns considerably larger can boast of a better

street and the academy buildings and views were the productions of Mr. Farrington. The Centennial Views, Wautauga Falls and Second and Clinton streets were made by Mr. Norton, who also "took" some of the residences. Mr. Morgan did excellent work in the portraits and residential views.



## THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

ON March 10, 1797, the legislature by enactment erected the county of Delaware. The following is the text:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and Assembly that all that part of the counties of Ulster and Otsego beginning on the east bank of the Delaware river, at the most southerly corner of lot 28 in the subdivision of great lot No 2 in the Hardenburg patent; thence north 62 degs. east to the southwest-erly bounds of great lot No. 8 in the said patent; thence along the bounds of great lot No. 8 north-westerly to the southwest corner of lot No. 20 in the said patent; thence northeasterly along the division line of lot No. 19 and said lot No. 20 and that line continued to the southerly bounds of the county of Albany; thence along the same and along

FRANKLIN—April, 1793; Supervisor, Sluman Wat-tles.

WALTON—March 17, 1797; Supervisor, Robert North.

DELHI—March 23, 1798; Supervisor, Ebenezer Foote.

ROXBURY—March 22, 1799; Supervisor, Isaac Hardenburgh.

MEREDITH—March 14, 1800.

SIDNEY—April 7, 1801; Supervisor, Witter John-ston.

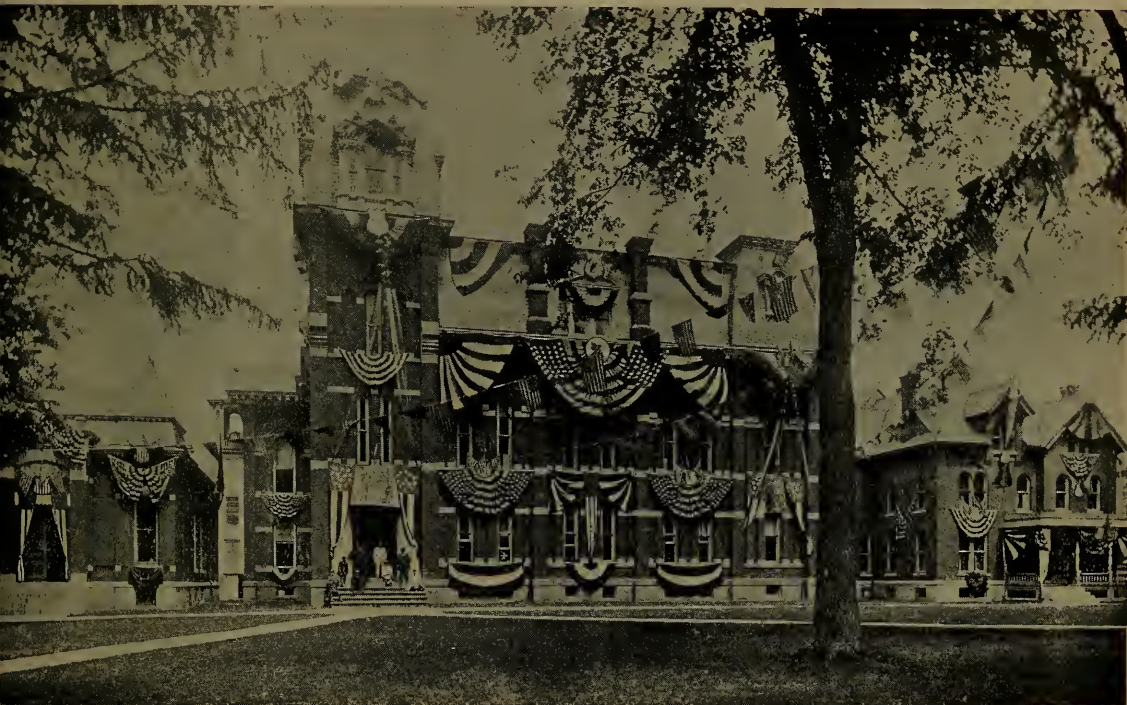
TOMPKINS—February 28, 1806; Supervisor, Peter Pine.

HANCOCK—March 8, 1806; Supervisor, William Wheeler.

MASONVILLE—April 4, 1811; Supervisor, Warren Willis.

DAVENPORT—March 31, 1817; Supervisor, John Davenport.

ANDES—April 13, 1819; Supervisor, Daniel H. Burr.



PUBLIC SQUARE—COUNTY BUILDINGS DECORATED FOR THE CENTENNIAL.

the southerly bounds of the county of Schoharie to the lake Utsayantha; thence along the north bounds of a tract of land granted to John Harper and others, to the northwest corner thereof, and the same line continued, to the Adequitange or Charlotte river; thence down the waters thereof to the 'line of property'; thence southerly along the said line of property to the Delaware river; thence down the waters thereof to the place of beginning—shall be a separate and distinct county by the name of Delaware."

### Erection of Towns.

HARPERSFIELD—March 7, 1788; Supervisor, Edward Paine.

MIDDLETOWN—March 3, 1789; Supervisor, Charles Tay.

COLCHESTER—April 10, 1792; Supervisor, William Horton.

STAMFORD—April 10, 1792; Supervisor, Andrew Beers.

KORTRIGHT—March 12, 1793; Supervisor, Daniel Harris.

HAMDEN—April 4, 1825; Supervisor, Jabez Bost-wick.

BOVINA—February 25, 1820; Supervisor, Thomas Landon, jr.

DEPOSIT—May 6, 1880.

The first centennial celebration of the organiza-tion of Delaware County occurred June 9 and 10, 1897. The project of recognizing so important an occasion was inspired by several well known gen-tlemen in the village of Delhi, the county seat.

The manner in which the preliminaries were arranged and the work of preparing to properly celebrate the event reflects great credit on the gentlemen who constituted the several commit-tees.

For several weeks the local papers called atten-tion to the approaching anniversary. Mr. William Clark, editor of the Express, exploited the proposi-tion at length in the columns of his paper, begin-ning in the fall of 1895.

Mr. J. A. Parshall prepared a valuable table showing the dates of the organization of the sev-

eral towns; also a table of the names of those who had served in public office since the organization of the county, both of which were published in the Gazette and the Express. These valuable statistics, published in other columns of this Souvenir, must have been the result of considerable work. In the Express of March 6 appeared a call for a public meeting to decide upon a celebration. This first meeting to agitate the proposition of a celebration was held in the Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday, March 9. Mr. William Clark was chosen chairman and Mr. R. P. McIntosh secretary. The general expression favored the

the organizations bringing with them bands of music. It was decided that the celebration should take place at Delhi, on June 9 and 10.

The programme decided upon was to have a representative of each town read an historical review of that town on June 9, on which day well known gentlemen were to be invited to be present to deliver addresses. It was to be known as "Historical Day."

On June 10, there were to be parades of firemen and other organizations, hose and hook and ladder team and bicycle races, and a parade of all of the ancient vehicles and people in historical costumes



THE CENTENNIAL BADGES,  
WORN BY THE OFFICERS OF THE CELEBRATION AT DELHI.

project and the chairman, pursuant to a vote, appointed a general committee to consult with the people and pave the way for organization.

The labors of this committee, reinforced by the exertions of other gentlemen, resulted in interesting the citizens generally and particularly the firemen and bicyclists.

The first meeting of the General Committee was held on Tuesday evening, March 23. The reports made at that meeting aroused the enthusiasm of all. The firemen throughout the county were quick to respond and a gathering of county firemen greater than ever before was promised. At least 1,000 firemen were expected to be present, most of

that could be got together on that occasion.

It was decided that a collection of historic articles should be made for exhibition on those days.

#### The Committees.

- GENERAL—J. K. HOOD, C. S. WOODRUFF, W. I. MASON, M. T. MENZIE, J. J. BURKE.  
ON FINANCE—M. T. MENZIE, S. F. ADEE, JAS. E. HARPER.  
ON HISTORY—WILLIAM CLARK, ROBERT P. MCINTOSH, S. E. SMITH.  
ON SPEAKERS—HON. A. C. CROSBY.  
ON RELICS—DR. WM. ORMISTON, CHARLES W. GRAHAM.

**FIREMEN'S COMMITTEE—THE FIREMEN'S BOARD**  
 J. J. BURKE Chief, W. A. McINTOSH Sec'y.  
**BICYCLE COMMITTEE**—R. P. McINTOSH, F. M.  
 FARRINGTON, C. R. STILSON, JAS. E.  
 HARPER.

#### The Speakers.

HON. ABRAM C. CROSBY, President of the Day  
 and Address of Welcome, June 9.  
 PROF. WILLIS D. GRAVES, President of the Day,  
 June 10.  
 COL. ROBERT P. CORMACK, Address of Wel-  
 come to the uniformed organizations, June 10.

#### Officers of Parade

FRANK L. NORTON, Grand Marshal.  
 GEORGE M. BURGIN, Walton, Assistant Marshal.  
 GEORGE O. LEONARD, Stamford, " "  
 WM. BRINKMAN, Franklin, " "  
 A. B. EVANS, Deposit, " "  
 ARTHUR S. MEEKER, Grand Marshal's Aid.

Spanning Main street opposite Court House  
 Square was an arch with streamers and trimmings  
 of National colors upon which were the words :

1797 CENTENNIAL 1897

At the corner at the American House a double  
 arch crossed the two streets. The four pillars  
 were wound in white and the arches supported a  
 pair of eagles. A row of colored incandescent  
 lights were suspended in double arcs illuminating  
 the streets below.

Rain began falling Tuesday night and when the  
 town awoke Wednesday morning the streets were  
 muddy and there was no promise of an abatement  
 of the shower. The rain continued steadily both  
 days and Friday morning the sun came out brightly  
 and the weather cleared up. On the second day  
 Main street was thronged with people. Hawkers  
 of medals of all descriptions called their wares  
 through the streets and before noon every man,



CENTENNIAL DECORATIONS—MAIN STREET.

#### Commissary Corps.

WILLIAM D. SMITH, Superintendent of Provis-  
 ion Department.  
 Mrs. L. W. Firth, Mrs. E. W. Paul, Mrs. W. R.  
 Mable, Mrs. C. E. Kiff, Mrs. H. D. Youmans,  
 Mrs. John Woodburn and Mrs. H. C. Dann, in  
 charge of tables.

#### Two Days' Celebration.

Fully five thousand visitors from all parts of the  
 county were in Delhi on Wednesday and Thursday  
 to celebrate the centennial in an appropriate man-  
 ner. The village was gaily dressed in shields,  
 banners, bunting and pine foliage. The public  
 square was illuminated at night with electric  
 lights. The Sheldon Hose Company had an arch  
 across Main at Kingston street inscribed :

SHeldon  
 1797 HOSE 1897  
 WELCOME.

woman and child had a ribbon or metal badge  
 upon his breast. Special trains poured fresh ac-  
 cessions into the town. Notwithstanding the gen-  
 eral jollity there was little intoxication and good  
 order prevailed throughout both days. Head-  
 quarters for several visiting organizations were  
 provided at the court house and the hotels. The  
 opera house was cleared of seats and set with  
 tables where the commissary corps fed several  
 hundred firemen and soldiers. The people of  
 the town had contributed funds generously and  
 decorated generally. A spirit of patriotism per-  
 vaded the multitude. About noon of Thursday  
 the rain stopped for awhile, enabling the paraders  
 to march in a cool, dry atmosphere although wet  
 and muddy under foot. The village hall and the  
 opera house were used for dancing in the evening.  
 On Thursday evening fireworks were displayed on  
 Court street and exploding firecrackers showered  
 the streets with countless jets of sparks.

### Historians' Day.

On Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. the Delhi Cornet Band gave a concert in the square. At 10 o'clock the citizens assembled in the court room, which was decorated in profusion. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. L. Willard Minch. The Hon. A. C. Crosby, the President of the Day, delivered the address of welcome in part substantially as follows:

"We are here to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the County of Delaware. To the youth a century seems a long period; to the middle aged, who realize that they have lived half a century, nearly, the time seems extremely short. On the 4th day of March, 1797, only six days before the organization of Delaware County, George Washington, the father of his country, cast aside the duties and the responsibilities of the office of President of the United States. During the hundred years that have succeeded the organization of this

of designing to overthrow; the treasury was bankrupt, there being no financial system established; a national debt had been incurred which could not be paid; yet the patriots who had solved the question of American liberty, who had laid the foundation of American institutions, were revolving the plans that have developed and made this the greatest nation upon the face of the earth. Old Delaware was then a primeval forest with a territory almost as large as the State of Rhode Island; but noble men—patriots with a grand character, high aims and great abilities, General Root, Samuel Sherwood and others—were at the seat of the county working out its destiny as other great men were at the Capitol of the Republic working out its destiny. Scotland sent her best blood to this portion of our fair land; the descendants of the Puritans are found in the eastern part of our county, Roxbury, Harpersfield, Franklin; the Dutch found their way over Pine Hill, drifted



CLINTON STREET

county the map of Europe has been changed. The great European wars, greater than the Roman and Grecian contests, were yet to be fought under Bonaparte; China was yet to be opened to the whole civilized world; Japan had not learned the advantages of American civilization and had not had the services of one of the sons of Delaware County who afterward developed and organized its educational system; then there was an inhabitable belt along the Atlantic coast scarcely reaching beyond the Alleghanies with a population of less than four millions; Michigan, Ohio, the whole northwestern territory was inhabited by savages; Florida belonged to Spain; Louisiana and all the country beyond the Mississippi was under the French government or had been ceded by the British government to the United States and was practically unclaimed. There were quarreling and wrangling in the national legislature, men in high places being charged with treachery to the new government which they were accused

down the East Branch and settled in Roxbury; there is not a nation in Europe from Sweden on the north to sunny France on the south that has not sent her sons and daughters to Delaware."

The Programme occupied the day, allowing an intermission of two hours at noon. It was as follows:

VOCAL MUSIC—"America"—Quartette:

Miss Lizzie Huber, Soprano; Miss Anna Patterson, Alto; Mr. Herbert White, Tenor; Mr. F. H. Shevalier, Basso; Mrs. J. M. Preston, Organist.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME—By Hon. Abram C. Crosby.  
MUSIC—Delhi Cornet Band.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Andes—Mr. Oscar S. Nichols.  
Bovina—Hon. D. L. Thomson.  
Colechester—E. E. Conlon, Esq.

ADDRESS—Rev. J. H. Robinson, D. D.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Deposit and Tompkins—Col. Geo. D. Wheeler.

ADDRESS—J. I. Goodrich, Esq., Delhi.

LETTER—From Rev. John L. Scott, D. D., of Philadelphia.

MUSIC—Delhi Cornet Band.

BAND CONCERT.

VOCAL MUSIC—"Let the Hills and Dales Resound"  
—Quartette.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Harpersfield—Mr. Allen S. Gibbs.

Kortright—Mr. William B. Peters.

ADDRESS—By Gen. Amasa J. Parker, Albany.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Meredith—Mr. J. D. Smith.

Middletown—Hon. John Grant.

LETTER—From David Murray, LL. D., New Brunswick, N. J.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Roxbury—Dr. J. N. Wright.

Stamford—Geo. Lyon.

ADDRESS—Mayor J. H. Mitchell, Cohoes, N. Y.

Editor Jackson, of Margaretville. Thomas G. Smith, of Sidney, made the next address, speaking of antiquities. Hon. Charles Z. Lincoln, the Governor's legal adviser, made the closing address, which was a thoughtful and excellent one fittingly closing the exercises. The audience then joined in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

#### The Festal Day.

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the thousands assembled to celebrate. The parade in the afternoon was the finest ever seen in Delhi. It was a credit to the occasion. The forenoon was spent in shaking hands with old friends and making new ones.

At 1:30 the public square was packed with people. Prof. Willis D. Graves, the President of the Day, introduced Col. R. P. Cormack, the veteran soldier and officer of the war of 1861-5, who delivered the address of welcome. He spoke as follows:



SECOND STREET.

TOWN HISTORIES—

Hancock—Hon. Wesley Gould.

Franklin—Mr. William B. Hanford.

Walton—Hon. T. Sanderson.

LETTER—Mr. S. B. Champion, Stamford.

MUSIC—By the Band.

At 5 p. m. there were thanksgiving exercises in the Second Presbyterian church, the Rev. F. H. Seeley and the Rev. Dr. Robinson, leaders.

The evening exercises in the court house began at 7:30. A vocal solo by F. L. Norton, of this village, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was a pleasing opening. Attorney General Hancock followed with an interesting address. Recorder Fellows, of Cohoes, followed him in a happy vein. Arthur More, of Deposit, read a twentieth century poetical production. W. J. Robinson, of Chicago, sang "Auld Lang Syne," and as an encore response "Ben Bolt." Editor Bird, of Sidney, spoke entertainingly, and was followed in a good speech by

*Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of the War of the Great Rebellion, Firemen of Delaware County, and Fellow Citizens from Abroad:*—

I am directed by the residents of this village, to extend to you, one and all, the most kindly, cordial, and hearty welcome, to a participation in their hospitalities that can be framed in words. To the Veteran Soldiers, I am further instructed to say that they, in common with their fellow citizens all over the country, understand and appreciate the sacrifices you made in severing home ties and accepting camp life, the trials of bivouac, the long and weary march, the discomforts of the trenches, fronting the enemy for months in succession, and in the fierce heat of battle, that the Nation might live and the Union of the States remain intact, and to assure you that the patriotism which prompted you to spring to the defense of our country, will never be undervalued. To the Firemen of Delaware County, it is made my duty to say that the

people of Delhi, although having been exempt from devastating fires for many years, by reason of the activity of their own firemen, feel very thankful for the singleness of purpose, which prompts you to devote your time to the protection of your neighbors' property and sometimes their lives. The frequency with which firemen are maimed in the discharge of their duty, and the number who have laid down their lives in efforts to save others, sufficiently attests the danger of your calling, and I here venture, in the name of the people from whom you severally come, to sincerely thank you for your noble work. The people of Delaware County also extend a hearty welcome to the 33d Company of the State National Guard, and desire to congratulate them upon their soldierly appearance, while they recognize in their personnel the same element and characteristics which have made the American soldier famous all over the world, and it is my province to say that your fellow citizens repose the most perfect confidence in your patriotism and love of country, if you should be called into the field for earnest work. This celebration is peculiar in its characteristics. It interests all the people of the county alike. It is at once patriotic, sentimental and historical, and like the century plant, it blossoms only once in an hundred years. We are glad to see so many familiar faces from all parts of the county, and sincerely thank you for your presence and I will close my remarks by quoting the old adage, that brevity is the soul of wit. The town is yours for this auspicious occasion.

#### The Parade.

The line of march was Main, Meredith, High, Second, Franklin, Woolerton, Clinton, and Main streets to the square. There were eleven bands, one drum corps and 1,000 men in the march. There were the chiefs of the fire departments of the villages of Delhi, Stamford, Walton, Andes, Deposit, Franklin, Hamden and Downsville marching abreast. The veterans of the civil war who paraded were loudly cheered. Thirty-two years after the close of the war they are still heroes whom we love to honor.

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**Epworth League.**—In September, 1884, the young people of the M. E. Church organized a society under the name of Oxford League. In the year 1887 the society changed to Christian Endeavor, which name it kept until the central body of the Epworth League was organized in May, 1889. Soon after that it joined that body and secured a charter (No. 437). The first President of the Epworth League was Charles W. Colwell, and the first Secretary Miss Jessie Smith. The present President is F. H. Shevalier, and Stella Hunt Secretary.

**Ransom A. Grant**, the Deputy County Clerk, has served in that position continuously since his appointment by County Clerk George T. Warner in 1885, his knowledge of the requirements of the position, his familiarity with every detail as to records, files and the general business conducted in the office and his extended acquaintanceship through the county, being recognized by each succeeding county clerk as especially desirable qualifications in a deputy. Mr. Grant's experience in that office dates back to 1867 when upon relinquishing his studies at the Delhi academy he was appointed deputy under his father, W. Ward Grant, who at that time and for the period of two terms held the office of County Clerk. Winning the confidence and respect of the public the son was subsequently chosen to the position his father had so ably occupied, being elected in 1877 and serving

two terms of three years each. Like his father he became a zealous Republican and an earnest and conscientious supporter of the principles and candidates of that party. Deeply interested in what ever has given promise of promoting the growth of the town Mr. Grant has contributed largely of his time and means in many directions which held out no inducement of direct personal benefit, and at one time he served as village trustee. He is also a member of the fire department.



RANSOM A. GRANT.

In 1880 he started in the lumber business in Delhi, engaging in the manufacture of sash, blinds, doors and general building materials. In the fall of 1883 a fire swept away the entire plant and machinery, entailing a serious loss. He then moved to Brooklyn where he started in the same business, from which he retired in 1885 returning to Delhi and entering at once upon the duties he has since so satisfactorily performed.

Mr. Grant was born in Middletown, November 20, 1847, a descendant of a Scotch family which lived in the same town as far back as the beginning of the present century, the house in which Ransom Grant was born being the birth place of his father whose date of birth is April 12, 1824. The lineage of this family includes that from which General U. S. Grant was descended. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and given a good education. He married Miss Augusta, the daughter of Thomas Covert, October 25, 1869. Both are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. They have one son who is attending school.

James D. Birdsall, member and treasurer of the Republican County Committee does a very large meat business, furnishing many of the best families in town and enjoying the exclusive trade of the New York families who spend the summer in their country homes near Delhi, such as the Gerrys, Duffields, Sheldons, Cannons, Sherwoods and Greenleafs. He came to Delhi April 7, 1892, and opened the market where he is now in business. Until February 9, 1893, the business was conducted under the firm name of Somerville & Birdsall. A. D. Strong succeeded Somerville and until November 8, 1895, when Mr. Birdsall took the entire bus-

with the firm until 1882, first at their branch in Wilkesbarre, Pa., then for a while in the Binghamton store, after which he clerked for a year for Humphrey, Crosby & Ennis, dry goods merchants of Rondout. In 1883 he entered into business in Margaretville, Delaware County, the name of the firm being Winter, Collin & Co. In October of that year there was a change and the business was conducted by Collin & Birdsall until March 1, 1888, when Mr. Birdsall sold his interest to Mr. Collin and went into the drug business in Davenport with Dr. Scott, his brother-in-law, Mr. Collin continuing the business alone. While in trade at Margaretville Mr. Birdsall became very largely acquainted with the residents of the county. The business was conducted on a large scale and in-



J. D. BIRDSALL'S MARKET.

Wm. MCBURNEY.  
M. C. DIBBLE. Wm. MEEHAN.

J. D. BIRDSALL.

ness, it was conducted under the name of Birdsall & Strong. The former is an enterprising business man who takes great pride in holding a desirable trade. Ever attentive to the wants of his customers and always supplying the goods he represents he has the confidence of his patrons. He was born in New Kingston, Delaware County, April 10, 1861, and attended the public schools until 1877 when he went to work for Thomas Winter, a prominent merchant for years in Margaretville. In 1879 he entered a business course in Lowell's College, Binghamton, where he was graduated in 1880, whereupon he at once entered into the employ of Fowler, Dick & Walker, one of the largest dry goods houses in Binghamton. He was

cluded very considerable buying and shipping of butter. In April, 1891, Mr. Birdsall went upon the road as salesman for Edmunds & Mayo, a Boston boot and shoe firm, remaining there for one year, when he came to Delhi. His market is probably the largest in the retail trade in this county, Mr. Birdsall selling more meats every year than any other retail house so far as can be ascertained. He is a member of the Margaretville Lodge No. 389, F. & A. M. On April 30, 1886, he married Miss Belle Quick, of Roxbury, who died December 4, 1893. He married Ella M. Gemmel, of Delhi, February 20, 1895. By his first wife had four children, one of whom, Nellie, is still living, and by his second wife a daughter, Margery.

The New York Condensed Milk Company's receiving and shipping creamery in Delhi is a very interesting place to visit. The writer recently, through the courtesy of Superintendent D. J. Purdy, was permitted to inspect the work of receiving, bottling and shipping between twenty and thirty thousand quarts of milk to be retailed to the consumers in New York the next morning. How many in the great metropolis who respond to the milkman's daily call have the remotest idea of the vast amount of capital required and labor employed in securing fresh from the dairies scattered over miles of pastures and meadows the pure, delicious fluid bubbling with golden cream that is daily served to thousands of customers by this company. The writer, who had visited milk depots all over the state and when a boy had trudged through the dew laden grass to corral the cows for milking, had never before conceived of a method

writer when he first reached town. That statement was no exaggeration. "Just ask the superintendent to show you the contract which dairymen are required to sign," continued the speaker. "The stables must be whitewashed every so often; the cows are inspected by a veterinarian employed for that purpose—if anything is found wrong with a cow she is taken out of the dairy or the milk is no longer received. No milk is taken where the dairy contains other than the richest producing cows, or where there are any Holsteins." The principal breed of cows furnishing the milk to this creamery are Jerseys. Such indeed are some of the requirements, as shown in the contract. And every dairyman is familiar with them. Other specifications for example are: The milking shall be done in the most cleanly manner; the milk must be strained through wire cloth of 100 meshes to an inch and thoroughly cooled immediately after milking; the temperature must be reduced to a certain point within a certain time by placing



BORDEN'S CREAMERY BUILDINGS.

and system so complete as this. Established in 1895 (the Delhi branch) "Borden's creamery," as it is called here, has not ceased to be the talk of the town. Giving employment to fifty or more men it is regarded as an important acquisition to a village with little manufacturing. Yet that is only the beginning. The money that is paid to nearly 200 farmers who depend chiefly on the monthly checks they receive from this company goes largely into the tills of the store keepers in Delhi because this is the best place for them to trade. Whatever may be the result of their planting or sowing they have simply to comply with the very practical and necessary requirements as to proper feeding and care of stock and as to cleanliness of the dairy and their milk finds a market 365 days in the year. "You won't find work cleaner in any kitchen you ever saw than that in the handling of milk at Borden's," was a remark made to the

the cans in a vat "containing three times as much water as there is milk," and to a sufficient depth that the water shall come up about the can as high as the milk. The contract specifies many other things considered necessary by the company to insure the best quality of milk and absolute cleanliness, such as keeping the outside of the cans bright and thoroughly rinsing them after they have been returned from the depot where they were first scalded and cleaned by turning into them steam under high pressure; also such as stabling, bedding, etc. Even the feed that will not produce milk of "a standard richness" is named and prohibited. But the regime of the dairyman is only a beginning. The contract is rigidly enforced in every case and the purity of the milk is evidence of the importance of the specifications.

The interior of the depot is a revelation. Smoking and the use of tobacco,—expectorating on the floor—are prohibited. The force are uniformed in clean white linen. The stone floor is scrubbed daily, and cleansed with a stream of water turned

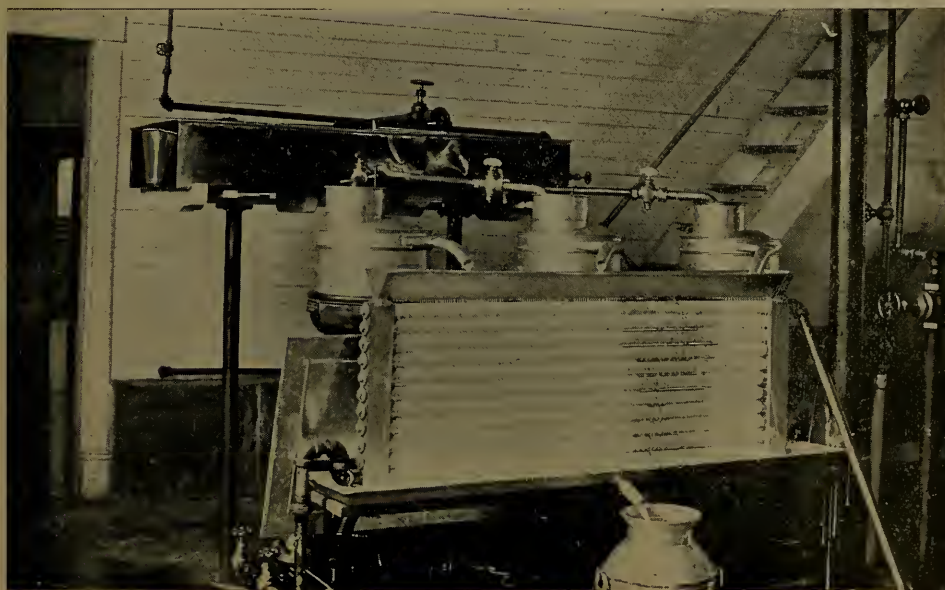




BORDEN'S CREAMERY—BOTTLING MILK FOR THE NEW YORK MARKET.

from the hose. The spilling of milk is an offense rarely committed. The cans lifted from the wagons at the front door are emptied into a strainer, the milk being conducted thence into double vats from which it is drawn into a tank resting on an elevated tramway. The tank is then rolled along the length of the bottling room the milk being permitted to flow into the bottles set upon an elevated platform over which the car passes, after being strained for the third time since milking. A force of men follow the car placing prepared paper disks over the neck of the bottles as fast as they are filled, followed by others who place and secure the stopple, still another gang close behind take the bottles from the platform, rinse the outside in clean water and place them in the shipping case. The empty bottles are brought from the washing room after having been run through three changes

of water. Crushed ice is piled in about the bottles and the cases are trucked into the cars drawn up at the platform in the rear of the station and placed in tiers, a layer of crushed ice being thrown upon each tier. The cars are then sealed and started for New York. The milk does not stand a moment from the time it leaves the cans until it is corked up in the bottles. Strange as it may seem, where so much milk is handled, there is no unsavory odor. Standing in the cool, wholesome atmosphere and watching from one position the whole process of receiving and bottling, the observer looks upon an array of tempting bottles which invokes a thirst that one can readily understand with such surroundings. The milk is thoroughly cooled and all animal heat eliminated before reaching the bottles. It is iced at the bottling table, in the car and in New York. The Bordens seem to have got the



BORDEN'S CREAMERY—SEPARATING THE CREAM AND THE MILK.

business down fine. All apparatus used, we are informed, is designed by them and made for their own use. The bottling apparatus is unique yet simple, filling several hundred bottles a minute. The "Borden's Peerless Buttermilk" is put up here and a very large quantity is shipped.

In addition to the bottling department is the creamery, where solid cream is put up in 40-quart cans and shipped to New York for bottling. The large separators receiving the milk fresh from the receiving vats purify it, discharging the cream into a can from which it is taken to be bottled, and ejecting the milk into pipes from which it is taken by farmers to be fed to young stock or is discharged through under-ground pipes into a running stream far below the factory to be carried away. Every precaution is taken to preserve cleanliness outside as well as inside of the buildings. Considerable butter is made here for shipment all over the country.

While in Delhi we had the pleasure of witnessing the arrival of a car load of Borden's New York employes on an excursion which the company provides annually and they enjoyed the trip, arriving at 10-30 p. m., visiting the factory the next day where their pictures were taken in a group and leaving for New York at 4 p. m. It takes several such parties, usually arriving two weeks apart during the summer, to give them all a day's outing. We understand the company has fifteen shipping stations and factories for supplying fresh milk to New York and Chicago and suburban towns daily, and for putting up the several brands of condensed milk manufactured by this company of which the Eagle is the leading brand, and which we use daily on our table in Albany. The main offices are at 71 Hudson street. H. Lee Borden is the President, and Isaac Milbank Vice-President and General Manager.

The **Ionian Club** is a social organization, the object of which is purely recreation. The membership is always up to the limit—25. The club was organized November 3, 1881. The officers are: President, M. O. Landon; Vice-President, N. B. Cormack; Secretary and Treasurer, Charles R. Stilson.

The **Sabbath School** connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church was permanently established June 18, 1854, during the pastorate of the Rev. A. T. Selleck. The following officers were elected: Milton Frisbee, Superintendent; Miss Mary Selleck, Assistant Superintendent; Porter Frisbee, Secretary. The present officers are: Willis H. Cavin, Superintendent; Herbert H. White, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Stella Hunt, Secretary; Mrs. A. Fero, Treasurer; Miss Lizzie Blake, Organist.

**John B. Murray**, the Stenographer of the Supreme Court of the Sixth Judicial District, which position he has occupied since August, 1882, is the proprietor of the Delhi Electric Light Plant which was established in this village in 1890 by Messrs. John A. Kemp and Murray. A stock company was subsequently organized to do the lighting, but in 1895 the business passed wholly into Mr. Murray's possession. In 1891-2 he was associated in establishing a plant in Ellenville, retiring from that enterprise when he became sole proprietor of the Delhi plant. This is equipped to supply both arc and incandescent circuits, having a fifty light arc dynamo and a 1,000 light incandescent dynamo driven by a 100-horse power engine supplied by an extra fine 300-horse power boiler. The hotels and public buildings and some of the residences, business places and churches are consumers, making it an important enterprise. Mr. Murray was born in

Delhi, June 21, 1850. His father, John Murray, still living at the ripe age of 82 years, located in Bovina when quite young. Mr. Murray attended the Delaware Academy and when 17 years old went to brickmaking at South River. In 1878 he entered the office of Isaac H. Maynard and was admitted to practice at the bar in Binghamton in 1884. In 1878-80 he served as Clerk of the Surrogate of Delaware County. On October 23, 1882, he married M. Estelle, the daughter of Solomon Rice of Delhi. They have



JOHN B. MURRAY.

two children, John Carlton and Nereida, aged 12 and 3 years.

The **Delhi Mandolin Club** was organized in the fall of 1894 with Clarence M. Sutton leader and first mandolin, William H. Sturges second mandolin, George O. Powers and Samuel H. Norton, guitars. Since then the membership has been increased by the addition of Eugene P. Lynch and William Gemmel, mandolins, and Clifford Grant, guitar. The club plays occasionally for public entertainments high grade music, having a repertoire of sixty popular and difficult selections. It has pleasant rooms in the Page building.

The **Y. P. S. C. E.**, Second Presbyterian Church, began its good work September 22, 1891, and has proved of great help to the church, educating the young to become active workers. The devotional meetings are held Sabbath evenings one hour before the preaching service. Business meetings are held once a month. There is also a Junior Society in connection with the church, well attended.

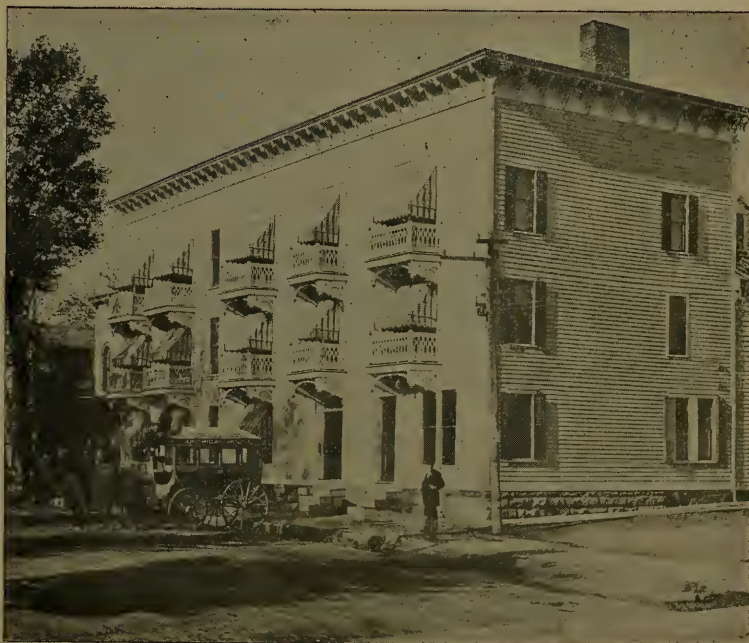


JOHN HUTSON.

John Hutson, the proprietor of the American House, came into possession in partnership with C. E. Kiff, January 1, 1893, and a year later became sole proprietor, since which time he extended the accommodations, made many modern improvements and increased the popularity of the house to an extent that has given it a constantly extending patronage. The many pilgrims whose weary feet find rest in this inviting hostelry represent all professions in life and all sections of the country.

The house is large and inviting, abundantly provided with the best the land affords, neatly furnished throughout and kept in the most comfortable manner. Mr. and Mrs. Hutson have a reputation for entertaining guests of the house which has done very much toward bringing them a large number of transients. Mrs. Hutson has personal charge of the culinary department, looking after the smallest details and scrutinizing every part of the domestic work to see that things go on as they should in all respects. The most pretentious ho-

tel is not kept up in a brighter and more attractive condition. Since Mr. Hutson took the house he constructed an addition which has given it more ground floor accommodations than are usually found in hotels in the small towns of the state. The parlors, office, dining-room and bar open into a wide hall extending from the front to the rear. A lateral hall connecting at right angles connects with very pleasant first floor chambers, the windows of which open upon a garden in the rear in which fresh vegetables are obtained during the season. The bar is well stocked with all the best brands of liquors and cigars. Mr. Hutson was clerk of the house under Mr. R. D. W. Kiff and during the time the latter was proprietor. He was born in Delhi, December 10, 1860. His father, John Hutson, Sr., conducted a large store in Delhi for many years, shipping butter to a considerable extent and engaging in the flour and feed business. He was one of the leading men in the village and was interested in its growth and prosperity. The proprietor of the American takes pleasure in entertaining his guests with a liberal hand. Since 1807 an hotel has stood on the same site. It is one of the best known "stands" in this section of the state. But the house to-day is modern throughout and compares favorably with hotels of greater pretensions in much larger towns.



THE AMERICAN HOTEL.



M. E. ARBUCKLE.

The Edgerton House was completed in 1847. It is a hotel with a wide reputation among the traveling public, since during the fifty years its hospitable doors have swung open to the weary stranger, many men of prominence throughout the State have received the hearty handshake and welcome for which the several landlords who have successively presided over the fortunes of this commodious house were noted. There is a fireplace of wonderful construction which is historic and has attracted considerable attention not because of its extraordinary dimensions although its ruddy light and generous warmth are spread in a radius in which a very large company might be assembled. But for half a century its crackling flames have driven away dull care from the minds of assembled pilgrims gathered from far and near while the regaling cup was passed round and story telling sped the passing hours freighted with good cheer and light hearted revelry. It is the typical fire-piece of massive construction, such as were built in colonial days. The house with its wide halls, commodious rooms and high ceilings has few counterparts in this part of the State. The builder, Judge Edgerton, made it famous, while conducting it for many years, entertaining such men as Gen. Erastus Root, Jay Gould, Hon. Milton Bostwick, the Parkers, Gen. Bassett and many others too numerous to mention. He was succeeded by A. C. Edgerton, Daniel O'Donnell, Smith Williams, Henry L. Marsh, John McDonald, C. B. Griffis, Fred Griffis, Dodds & Arbuckle and at last the present genial landlord Marshall E. Arbuckle. Under the present management it has maintained its accustomed high reputation. Mr. Arbuckle is mine host in every respect knowing just how to please his many guests. He was born in the town of Delhi, on Scotch Mountain, Sept. 19, 1869. He was employed in the Edgerton House two years,

afterwards in the Delaware Temperance House and the American House. He ran the Edgerton one year with John T. Dodds. Afterwards rebuilt and refurbished the Temperance House and on Dec. 1, 1896, took possession of the Edgerton. Mr. Arbuckle has fitted up the house, since taking possession, so that it is modern in every respect. The accommodations for the traveling public are the best and the house occupies the very best location for a first-class hotel. He married Miss Mary Cunningham of Delhi, April 23, 1895. He is an Odd Fellow and a Mason.

**Presidents of the Village.**—Erastus Root, 1821, '22, '23, '25, '38; Charles A. Foote, 1824; Charles Hathaway, 1823, '28; Amasa Parker, 1829, '30; William B. Sheldon, 1831, '32; Henry Wright, 1833, '34; Gurden H. Edgerton, 1835, '37; Crawford B. Sheldon, 1836; Samuel Gordon, 1839; Truman H. Wheeler, 1840, '47; Abraham DeGroff, 1841; Richard Titus, 1842; Henry Edgerton, 1843; Peter P. Wright, 1844, '45; Nathaniel Hathaway, 1846; Calvin Howard, 1848; Albert Edgerton, 1849; Robert Parker, 1850; Norwood Bowne, 1851, '63-'65; John Blanchard, 1852, '53, '54, '61; James H. Wright, 1854, '57, '74; Sheldon Griswold, 1855; Stephen C. Johnson, 1856; John W. Woodruff, 1858; Jonas A. Hughston, 1860; John A. Parshall, 1862; Jesse Palmer, 1866-'70; B. F. Gerowe, 1871; R. P. Cormack, 1872; Artemus D. Knapp, 1873; Seth H. White, 1875, '76; James H. Graham, 1877, '78; Jonas M. Preston, 1879, '80; Ira B. Kerr, 1881; George L. Gordon, 1882; Mortimer A. White, 1883-'88; William R. Bill, 1889, '90; Sherrill E. Smith, 1891, '92, '93, '94; Henry S. Graham, 1895-'97.



THE EDGERTON HOUSE.



JOHN T. DODDS.

John T. Dodds, the proprietor of the Central House, was a clerk for five or six years for Fred Griffis when he conducted the Edgerton House. In December, 1894, he went into partnership with M. E. Arbuckle and the two conducted the Edgerton for a year, when they separated, Mr. Dodds going into the livery business. In December, 1896, he bought the Central and has since not only improved the property but has built up a paying business and made the hotel quite popular. This house is centrally located on Main street and the interior is arranged for the best convenience of the guests. The house accommodates fifty lodg-

ers. The table is well supplied and the accommodations generally are first-class. Those who have stopped at this house will come again. It is very widely known through the county and has always drawn a large patronage from the surrounding towns. Since Mr. Dodds took possession he has gained a promising patronage from the traveling public. He was born in Hamden, August 28, 1861, and for several years traveled on the road. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter and was an excise commissioner when the Raines law went into effect. He married Sarah Cunningham, of Delhi, October 31, 1894.

John J. O'Connor, who does a large merchant tailor business over Davie & Arbuckle's office, corner of Main and Court streets, came to Delhi in 1880 and soon demonstrated that a fashionable tailor would obtain warm support here. That trade which had gone to the cities up to that time turned his way, simply because he made it his business to cater only to the best class of people, those who demanded the finest suitings, those who were always well dressed.

Mr. O'Connor had been educated in the business at McCauley's in Albany, and at Sharpe's in Troy. The latter is to-day the leader in New York. The people of Delhi are fastidious in dress and Mr. O'Connor consequently enjoys a select trade. His work is classed among the best. His business is not confined to Delhi but goes to all the surrounding towns, from which he obtains the best trade. Customers are so well pleased with his work that when they leave town they continue their trade with him. He has several customers on the Pacific slope. He is a native of Albany, born July 12, 1859, and married to Miss Addie Moore, of Delhi. He was a member of the fire department for sixteen years, having held all the offices in the Graham Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3.



GEORGE ADEE'S RESIDENCE.



HON. WILLIAM MURRAY.

The Hon. William Murray, for nearly twenty years on the Supreme Court bench in the Sixth judicial district, was one of the distinguished lawyers and jurists of not many years ago who gave to the Delaware county bar a standing second to that of no other interior county bar in the state. He was conspicuous as a successful lawyer, among the ablest of his day, and was a man of commanding presence. His frank, rugged nature came to him through a long line of Scotch ancestry. His parents, natives of Eskdalmuir, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, located in Andes, Delaware county, 1818,

where on November 21, 1820, William Murray was born. He attended the district school and at the age of 23 years entered the Delaware Academy, where he pursued a course of hard study for two years, acquiring the higher branches of learning that fitted him to fill responsible duties. His brother, Dr. David Murray, was his room mate at the academy. They furnished their own room and boarded themselves. Dr. David Murray, who afterward became a distinguished professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., made a wide reputation in re-establishing in Japan a modern system of education. Judge Murray was a self made man. When a boy he was inured to hardships. It is related that for several days he carried on his back his younger brother, who was temporarily crippled from an accident, to and from school, a distance of two miles. In his youth he was employed in all kinds of work on his father's farm and cleared considerable land. Upon leaving school he entered the law office of Hon. Samuel Gordon in Delhi. He

is quoted as having said that his mind was turned to a profession from having acquired self confidence to make an address by serving as president of a local temperance society. On January 3, 1848, he was admitted to the bar, at a General Term of the Supreme Court held at Albany, two years earlier having been chosen Justice of the Peace, in which he served four years or until 1850, about which time he began active practice in Delhi. He subsequently was elected District Attorney and served three years. In 1863 he was elected County Judge and Surrogate, his term expiring in 1867. January 27, 1868, Gov. Reu-



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ben E. Fenton appointed him Justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Mason. In 1869 he was elected to fill the position, and in 1877 was re-elected without opposition, both party conventions unanimously nominating him. He occupied the bench until the day of his death, which occurred at the residence of a friend in Elmira on June 7, 1887. He was stopping there for rest in hopes of recruiting his health. Illness came upon him suddenly in the night. A telegram to his son, David Murray, who was then at Binghamton, was written but before it had been forwarded the Judge passed

Delhi. Mr. and Mrs. David Murray, whose summer home, a residence built by Judge Murray and delightfully situated, is shown in an accompanying engraving, were married May 25, 1886. Mrs. Murray is the daughter of Commodore Gillis of the United States Navy. Mr. David Murray is a graduate of Rutgers College and a specialist in insurance law, in which he has a large practice. The foresight of Judge Murray was shown many years ago when he advised his son David to practice in a special line.

The Y. P. S. C. E., Second Presbyterian Church, began its good work September 22, 1891, and has



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away quietly and without pain. He was a strong Whig until the organization of the Republican party, to which he was ever afterward loyal, supporting President Lincoln and his war measures with all the influence he possessed. He was married to Rachel M. Merwin of Bloomville, November 21, 1850. She died April 19, 1876. The remains of both rest in Woodland Cemetery, Delhi. Their children are David Murray, the eldest, a member of the law firm of Dowe, Murray & Hartridge, 35 Nassau street, New York, and Asher Murray, Surrogate of Wadena County, Minn., each of whom have a family of five children, and Mrs. Annie M., the wife of Alexander Conklin of

proved of great help to the church, educating the young to become active workers. The devotional meetings are held Sabbath evenings one hour before the preaching service. Business meetings are held once a month. There is also a Junior Society in connection with the church, well attended.

**Bramley Mountain** affords one of the best outlooks in the vicinity of Delhi. It is distant about eight or ten miles and accessible with teams. The view is grand, extending for miles in all directions. It is well worth the time and trouble to make the trip.

Calvin Howard Bell was another of the early residents of Delhi whose business and professional career constitute a part of the history of this town, and who after achieving success in his chosen field, passed away leaving substantial fruits of an active and industrious life. Mr. Bell was a native of the county, born in Harpersfield on May 5, 1825. Reared on a farm he was taught the value of thrift and self reliance. At 15 years of age he began to pay his own way through school. Three years later he began the study of law in the office of S. C. Johnson, at Delhi, who was at that time elected State Senator. Mr. Bell was admitted to practice in August, 1847, and formed a copartnership with Mr. Johnson. On August 7, 1848, he dissolved partnership and started west. He arrived in Hannibal, Mo., November 1, 1848, opened a law office there and spent the ensuing winter teaching school in Hannibal. His sons possess a diary which he kept in those days, showing the regularity of business habits he acquired. He was one of the "forty-niners," as those who were attracted to California during the gold excitement were called. In company with a party of Missourians he started from Warren, Mo., for the gold fields, April 11, 1849. For four months the caravan toiled overland. The journey was over 2,400 miles of almost unknown country. For more than a year he pursued mining on the middle and south forks of the American river, meeting with abundant success. He returned to New York via Panama and reached Delhi in December, 1850. Here he settled down to law practice. On October 2, 1851, he married Fannie L., the daughter of Edmund Roberts, of Portsmouth, N. H. As his business interests increased he started a banking business in 1870 which is continued at this time by his sons. His success in life was that of a self made man, and upon his death, which occurred November 29, 1890, he left three sons, Edmund Roberts, Howard, and Walter Langdon. His wife died September 30, 1857. Both are buried at Woodland.

The Bell family was among the earliest settlers in the county, descending from English and Scotch. Mrs. Calvin H. Bell was descended on one side from the Langdons, who were identified with the early history of this country, and from the Robertses, who included a distinguished officer in the English navy and an ambassador to China. Edmund R. and Walter L. Bell still continue the banking business founded by their father and are largely engaged in real estate transactions. The

former has served on the village board of trustees and is a member of the fire department. The latter is also interested in local affairs, a member of the fire department and of the Masonic Order.

Dr. Howard Bell was graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1884. He is a member of the Delaware County Medical Society and of the Delhi Lodge F. & A. M. and the Norwich Commandery.

**Delhi Mineral Springs.**—In Elk Creek valley, four miles from Delhi, on the old Crane farm, is a well of bubbling mineral water and very few people are aware that when charged it is equal to apollinaris or gyser. Strangers who have drunk the water from this fountain like it as well as Saratoga water, and many cannot tell the difference. One of the druggists in the village charges the water and draws it from his soda fountain. In 1891 the farm passed into the hands of the late W. C. Sheldon, a native of Delhi and a

New York banker, and he employed C. F. Chandler, Ph. D., to make an analysis. Prof. Chandler wrote that the spring would supply "an excellent table water as a substitute for appollinaris or similar waters." His analysis was as follows: "Chloride of sodium, 233.8541 gr.; chloride of potassium, 0.2107 gr.; bromide of sodium, 0.9045 gr.; iodide of sodium, 0.0731 gr.; sulphate of potassa, 0.0524 gr.; bicarbonate of lithia, 1.3005 gr.; bicarbonate of iron, 0.6368 gr.; bicarbonate of lime, 35.9839 gr.; bicar-



CALVIN HOWARD BELL.

bonate of magnesia, 10.7621 gr.; alumina, 0.0579 gr.; phosphate of soda, traces; silica, 0.3732 gr.; organic and volatile matter, traces." Some sixty-five years ago (1832) a boring was made to the depth of 392 feet. Salt water was obtained at two separate points—the lower spring being much stronger in saltness and of much greater volume. The water arose nearly to the surface and that, too, in great abundance. Several hundred barrels of the finest quality of salt were manufactured. Messrs. Crane Brothers, owners of the farm, prosecuted the work, obtaining the necessary means by mortgaging their acres. Not understanding how to keep out fresh water their efforts did not prove profitable and they abandoned the work, dropping an iron plug into the well. Thirty-three years later, when renewed efforts to work the well were made the removal of the plug was effected with considerable effort and at great expense. "The Elk Creek Salt and Petroleum Com-



pany" was the name of the company which was incorporated on March 22, 1865, "for mining salt, petroleum and other minerals and the taking, receiving and vending the same when so refined." The capital stock was \$300,000 comprising 60,000 shares. There were six trustees named as follows: Jesse Palmer, A. Cook Edgerton, Robert Douglas, William Woolerton, John Hutson and Thomas G. McLaury. The company leased 350 acres for twenty-one years and the headquarters were located in Robert Douglas' office. I. Dean was hired as superintendent and there was great excitement in town. The machinery was placed in position June 3, 1865. On July 10, 1865, the first thirty feet of pipe were driven, and on July 22 following they struck a salt vein at the depth of 215 feet, in which there were indications of oil. On September 27, 1865, the well had been driven 575 feet and after that date, a careful examination of the files of the Gazette from which the above facts are gleaned, failed to discover any further reference to the project. It is understood the company sunk several thousand dollars.

The original stock book of the company is now

10 s.; R. Douglas, 200 s., second subscription; Mrs. Mary G. Frost, 50 s.; A. Cook Edgerton, 50 s., fifth subscription; Mrs. Anna Ann Lapham, 50 s.; Catharine B. Leal, 10 s.; C. A. Frost, 25 s.; J. S. Page, 200 s., second subscription; Russell Frost, 15 s.; Howard Frost, 10 s.; Blanchard & Woodruff, 50 s.; John W. Fortune, 50 s.; John L. Wiesmer, 50 s.; John S. Murray, 10 s.; Wm. Flower, 20 s.; Thomas G. McLaury, 200 s., third subscription; J. P. Bropean, 100 s.

The principal object of the company was to strike petroleum. Isaac Dean, the superintendent, was an oil expert got here from Pennsylvania expressly to put down the well. While the company failed to obtain what they were after it was demonstrated that most excellent mineral water flows in abundance and that the springs can be made not only a popular summer resort or sanitarium but that the waters put on the market would command a large sale. For years they have been used in Delhi and vicinity as a beverage and physicians have prescribed them with excellent results.

In 1858 or '60 Mrs. Herman D. Gould who at that time owned the farm put in a dozen kettles



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in the possession of Mr. Orrin W. Smith, who at the time was a law partner of Jesse Palmer, the president of the company. The stock certificates were handsomely engraved on parchment. The vignette which ornamented each certificate was that of a deer going to a "lick." It was said that years ago the brine came out of the earth affording an excellent deer "lick." The certificate has the autographs of "J. Palmer, Pres't," and "Robert Douglas, Sec'y." The subscribers and their respective numbers of shares are as follows: A. Cook Edgerton, 10,000 shares; R. H. Sloan, 50 s.; Thos. Hutson, 15 s.; Henry A. Scott, 10 s.; J. S. Page, 50 s.; A. A. Van Horn, 50 s.; R. P. Cormack, 25 s.; G. J. Fisher, 25 s.; Mrs. Elizabeth Woolerton, 25 s.; O. A. Howe, 25 s.; Thomas G. McLaury, 12,000 s.; Wm. Woolerton, 11,000 s.; S. A. Swart, 25 s.; Chas. N. Bowne, 25 s.; John Hutson, 6,000 s.; R. Douglas, 10,000 s.; A. Cook Edgerton, 9,000 s., second subscription; Jesse Palmer, 4,000 s.; Amasa J. Parker, 4,000 s.; Thomas G. McLaury, 4,000 s., second subscription; Robert Parker, 4,000 s.; Wm. Woolerton, 4,000 s., second subscription; C. H. Bell, 4,000 s.; A. Cook Edgerton, 4,000 s., third subscription; A. Cook Edgerton, 200 s., fourth subscription; A. Cook Putnam, 20 s.; C. W. Copley,

and manufactured a large quantity of salt. When the first batch was made she invited a party of friends to her residence on Main street and served with the refreshments a very fine quality of table salt which was made from these waters. Many of the kettles used at that time are scattered about the country in use for watering stock.

The Sabbath School, Second Presbyterian Church of Delhi, was established about the year 1831 with Mr. Erskine and Mr. Herman D. Gould as the first superintendents. Since that time many noble, earnest workers have been called home to their reward. The present corps of officers and teachers consist of: Superintendent, William Clark; Assistant Superintendent, J. K. Penfield; Treasurer, Eugene P. Lynch; Secretary, Adam Scott. Teachers of Bible Classes are Rev. F. H. Seeley, Mrs. F. H. Seeley, Mrs. William Wight, Mrs. E. D. Wagner, Mrs. M. Palmer, Mrs. M. Champion, Mrs. John Gladstone, Miss Jennie Thomas, Miss May Hull, Mr. J. K. Penfield, Mr. William Harper and Mr. James Harper; Primary Class, Miss Margaret A. McLaury. All are striving to do heartily the Master's work.



HON. WILLIAM GLEASON.

The Hon. William Gleason, a distinguished member of the Delaware County bar and for two terms, 1852-5 and 1860-'63, County Judge and Surrogate of Delaware County, was one of the coterie of statesmen from this county who were conspicuous in public affairs. Serving in the State Assembly in 1851, which held a special session that year, he secured the appointment of a special committee of which he was made chairman to investigate the conditions governing the holding of lands in per-

was a warm friend and active advocate of the "anti-renters" as they were called, and he rejoiced when the old un-American feudal system was wiped out. He was also active in remodeling the free school law which the courts had declared unconstitutional. He exerted a powerful local influence in behalf of the organization of the Republican party and was an uncompromising upholder of the Union, being one of the prime movers in raising the Delaware county quota of men mustered in as the 144th New York Volunteers. He was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, January 4, 1819, and was educated in the Prattsville and Delaware academies and by a private tutor under whom he read Latin, classics and the higher mathematics. Alternately he studied, taught school and worked on his father's farm, diligently applying himself to the study of law and reading ancient and modern history, partly supporting himself by surveying and practicing in justices courts. He served three years as town clerk of Stamford and two years as superintendent of schools. In 1843 he was admitted to practice in the county courts, in 1845 to the state courts, and finally in the United States district and circuit courts. He practiced law at Hobart until 1850 and during the following year up to the time he entered the State Assembly he carried on a large tannery business, in which he had assumed an interest left by a younger brother, deceased. He removed to Delhi when elected County Judge, in 1851. In 1853 he was married to



MRS. JUDGE GLEASON'S RESIDENCE.

petuity by alleged authority of large manorial grants made during colonial times which were handed down from father to son. Under that system an onerous exaction of rents was demanded stirring up the individual tenants who as they supposed had bought titles instead of leases, to revolt, which threatened to become serious. The Judge

Caroline B., the daughter of John Blanchard, a merchant in Delhi. The Judge died May 9, 1894, and was buried at Woodland Cemetery with impressive services, mourned as a loss to the whole community. Mrs. Gleason still resides in the family residence on Main street, occupied by the family for the last forty years. There are three children—John B. and Lafayette B. of New York, and

Wallace B. of Delhi. The Delaware county bar met on May 10, 1894, and paid high honor to the memory of Judge Gleason, passing resolutions in which is written: \* \* \* "His work is ended but his character for good has left its impress on all our minds. \* \* \* The world is better for Judge



D. J. PURDY, SUP'T BORDEN'S CREAMERY.

Gleason's years and life." The Delaware Academy trustees, of which he had long been the president, on May 21 resolved, \* \* \* "That in the life of Judge Gleason we have ever recognized the qualities of a cultured gentleman and a man of the most correct habits and refined taste." The Walton Chronicle said: "As a member of the legal profession none stood higher in the respect and esteem of his associates; ever kind and courteous he was the soul of honor." The Delaware Gazette said: "Judge Gleason was a profound lawyer and ripe scholar familiar with all the questions of the day and ready to discuss them with vigor, intelligence and apt illustration."

The Wheelmen of Delhi—The Souvenir of Delhi with no reference to its wheelmen would fail to represent one of the most important features of the life of the town. The roads about Delhi are not as well calculated to produce a large riding contingency as those of some towns in a more level country, however, There are about 250 riders including a large number of ladies, which is a good proportion for a mountain town. The most popular rides are along the river road between Walton to the south and Stamford in the opposite direction, a range of 40 miles.

The Delhi bicycle trade is well looked after by Stilson, the Stearnes' agent; Harper who sells Dayton's, Tribunes, etc.; Farrington, the Rambler man; R. P. McIntosh, old reliable Columbias,

and Crawford Bros. and Adee who push the Crawford Special.

The Bicycle Club is now in a torpid state only, but the wheelmen are well united when a question arises which calls for concerted action. For the past three years Delhi has held successful race meets which have given universal satisfaction to the contestants. Among those who have represented Delhi on the track and in various road races are Arthur Meeker, Will Roberts, John Mannion, Frank Farrington, G. A. Heckroth and F. M. Rainey. The first three named have confined their efforts to track riding and have met with a fair portion of success at various county meets for the past three years. Farrington, Heckroth and Rainey have ridden in both track and road races, the first two being particularly unlucky in the matter of falls more or less severe.

Farrington was the winner of the local championship in '95, Mannion in '96 and '97 has yet to bring forth a star rider. Meeker, Roberts and Rainey while meeting with no prolonged series of successes have won more or less good races each season. Among the scorcher's who do not race are Charles Brand, Elwood Knapp, Henry Woods, Samuel Norton and others.

Touring has scarcely met with the popularity it deserves with the wheelmen of Delhi. Will Sturges is one of our best long distance riders. In that category also are W. L. Gerowe, S. H. Norton, R. P. McIntosh and Frank Farrington. Delhi numbers comparatively few business men who do not ride for business and pleasure. Drs. Goodrich and Schumann represent the medical profession a-wheel, while the legal fraternity have as riders M. M. Palmer, S. F. Adee and John Kemp. Delhi's future in the matter of bicycle riding looks bright for dealers, racing men, tourists, pleasure riders and repairers.

The Delhi Water Works supplies the village from a reservoir, two and a half miles from the village, fed by Steele's brook, a mountain stream of spring water, which never gets low. The normal storage is 6,000 gallons with a capacity three times as great. Having a fall to Main Street of 196 feet the head is sufficient to throw a stream to the top of the highest building. The reservoir was built in 1896 by the Delhi Water Co., to replace one situated farther down stream and inadequate. In 1897 the village became the owner with the board of trustees as the water commissioners.



J. W. WOODRUFF'S RESIDENCE.



MINOR STILSON.  
FOUNDER OF LEADING JEWELRY HOUSE.

Minor Stilson came to Delhi and established the jewelry business now conducted by Charles R. Stilson, his son, in 1837. For two terms he was county treasurer, and also served as village trustee. He was one of the largest jewelers in this part of the state and one of the leading business men, taking an active part in the various political campaigns. He distinguished himself in the old Whig days when he sang the popular songs that have become famous. He died Nov. 22, 1894, in his 74th year. The business came into the hands of M. Stilson & Son in 1879, and in 1886 C. R. & H. M. Stilson, the

sons of the founder. In 1896 H. M. Stilson retired and the business is now conducted by C. R. Stilson, who has greatly enlarged the trade and has made it the leading jewelry store in Delhi. C. R. Stilson was born in Meredith and educated at the Delaware Academy. He clerked for McMurray Bros. about a year and afterward for his father. He took an optical course in the Spencer Optical Institute from which he was graduated. His business includes diamonds, watches, all kinds of silverware, musical instruments and optical goods. Mr. Stilson has made a specialty in bicycles and is probably one of the largest dealers in that line in the county. Mr. Stilson is also a fine engraver on silver and other metals such as generally desired for presents, keepsakes, wedding gifts, etc. In 1878 he married Lizzie, the daughter of John Hutson. Mr. Stilson is a member of the Delhi Masonic lodge. He was also chief of the fire department two terms.

The Delaware National Bank is one of the most widely known banking institutions of this section. It is conducted along conservative lines and is in every respect a safe and well established bank. For fifty years or thereabout it has been located in the building shown in the accompanying engraving. Some of the best known men in Delaware county have in years back been connected with this bank in an executive capacity. Being the only national bank at the county seat and located in the midst of a large dairy country from which it numbers among its patrons prosperous farmers and large concerns handling milk for the New York market, this institution is in position to command a lucrative business and to very largely extend its usefulness. Its capital is \$100,000 and the deposits average \$300,000 a year. The officers are: President, John A. Kemp; Vice-President, Charles S. Woodruff; Directors, Henry W. Cannon, George R.



THE DELAWARE NATIONAL BANK.

Sheldon, H. A. Pitcher, W. B. Gleason; Cashier, W. G. Edgerton; Assistant Cashier, George A. Sturges; Clerks, W. H. Sturges and W. C. Roberts.

**John A. Kemp**, attorney and counselor at law, was admitted to the bar in 1883 and has since successfully practiced in Delhi. Mr. Kemp is an active and zealous worker in the Republican party, having devoted considerable personal time in attendance at conventions and primaries and in effective work at the polls on election. In 1889-'91 he served in the board of supervisors. Owing to a change in the affairs of the Delaware National Bank he was called upon to assume the presidency, which has in a way interfered with his law practice, but not to the extent of preventing him from paying particular attention to the interests of his clients, and especially some large estates for which he is counsel. He was born in Meredith, September 22, 1854, his father, Peter Kemp, being a farmer. He was educated in the Delaware Academy and Union College, being graduated from the latter institution in 1880 and entering the office of Judge Murray, where he pursued the study of law. In June, 1894, he married Frances E., daughter of Abram C. Willsea of Dobbs' Ferry, Westchester County.

**W. G. Edgerton**, the Cashier of the Delaware National Bank, has been with that institution since 1873, having served as book-keeper and subsequently succeeded his uncle, Walter H. Griswold, to the position of cashier, in which the latter served for thirty-five years. He was born in Delhi, June 29, 1858, and was educated in the Academy in that village. In 1888 he married Carrie A. N., the daughter of Prof. Sherrill E. Smith. He is Past Master of the Delhi Lodge No. 439, F. & A. M., High Priest of the Delhi Chapter, No. 249, and member of the Norwich Commandery, No. 46.

**Gleason & Kiff**, dealers in coal, plaster, fertilizers and principally feed, succeeded the firm of Gleasons & Kiffs, who were successors to Hutson Bros. This business was established during the civil war, and has extended very widely through the adjacent country. The firm of Gleasons & Kiffs comprised fathers and sons. The two latter constitute the present firm. They are Messrs. Wallace B. Gleason and Charles E. Kiff. Surrounded by large dairy interests they conduct a large trade in feed, operating a three-run mill which turns out only a small part of the feed they handle and sufficient grist to supply the local trade with buckwheat flour. In addition to the capacity of the mill and adjacent building they have a warehouse for storage purposes, the total capacity of both structures being about sixty car loads of feed. They also handle very largely the Ontario & Western and the D. & H. coal. W. B. Gleason, the son of the distinguished Judge Gleason, was born in Delhi March 14, 1859. He was educated at the Delaware Academy. In August, 1883, he married Margaret, the daughter of Wm. Fletcher. Charles E. Kiff is a trustee of the village, elected in 1895. He was born in Kortright, April 18, 1862. In 1869 his father came to Delhi and became proprietor of what was for years known as Kiff's Hotel, now the

American. In 1893 he was a partner with John Hutson, the present proprietor, in the hotel business, a year afterward becoming actively engaged in the present business. He is a water commissioner and is secretary and treasurer of the board. On October 29, 1891, he married Mabel, the daughter of James Gilfillan, once United States Treasurer and a resident of New York City.

**Delhi Lodge, No. 748, I. O. of G. T.**, was instituted November 7, 1877. The charter members



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were Truman H. Wheeler, Charles N. Bowne, James H. Banker, Robert Sinclair, John B. Murray, C. B. Hanford, Robert Young, W. R. McCourtie, James F. Currie, Fred Miller, John Frazier, James A. Mable, Walter D. Miller, T. W. Lester, Charles Kissock. At the first meeting sixteen persons were initiated. James H. Banker served the first year as Worthy Chief Templar.

Horatio Nelson Buckley, M. D., who was among the early residents of Delhi, was born at Unadilla, Otsego county, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1819. He was a distinguished physician with an extensive practice, a citizen of high standing who took a prominent part in all matters pertaining to public interests and an active Republican leader in this county. While a student at the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin he began the study of medicine, and upon completing his course there he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, where he was graduated in April, 1845, settling down to practice in Delhi the same year. A co-partnership soon after was formed between him and Dr. Almiron Fitch, a physician of high standing, which firm became widely known and attained a successful practice. Dr. Buckley had an extended reputation as a physician and in late years he was often called upon to counsel in complicated cases and his decisions were regarded as conclusive both as to the character of the disease and the best treatment to be adopted.

In politics he was originally a Whig and when the Republican party was formed he espoused its principles and was one of its active supporters, going as a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago in 1860 which nominated Abraham Lincoln for President and taking an earnest part in the campaign that followed. On several occasions he was a delegate to State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions, and at the Republican Congressional Convention in 1868 his name was presented by the delegates from Delaware county, although the nomination went elsewhere. He was a staunch supporter of Lincoln's policy for suppressing the rebellion. During the war he served as a special examining physician and for a few years after was a member of the pension examining board. He was elected County Treasurer in 1851 and occupied that position for nine years. As one of the village trustees he took pride in local improvements and was one of the organizers of the Delhi Water Company, in which he served as trustee up to the time of his death. On March 13, 1858, he was made a trustee of Delaware Academy and was president of the board several years. He had also in early years been a School Commissioner, and on January 23, 1871, was appointed Postmaster of Delhi, holding the office until March 7, 1887. In the meantime the doctor attended faithfully to his practice and made calls far and near, as the case required, up to the time he was compelled to take to his bed, which was within a few weeks of his death. As Mr. J. A. Parshall, the Delhi historian, has written, Dr. Buckley "died in the harness, full of years and of honor, loved and respected by all," his death occurring on January 24, 1894. The funeral ser-

VICES were held at his house and were largely attended, his death occasioning a loss to the town. The Rev. F. H. Seeley, the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which society the doctor had long been a communicant and of which he was for years a trustee, conducted the funeral service.

Dr. Buckley was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Case of Franklin, by whom he had two children, Dr. John J. Buckley, Chief Surgeon of the Western Division of the Northern Pacific Railroad and a resident of Missoula, Mont., and Charles H. Buckley, of the Second National Bank of St. Paul, Minn. His second wife, Miss Jennie Thomas of Stamford, survived the death of her husband but a short time, her death occurring on August 6, 1896. There were three daughters by the second marriage, two of whom are dead, Mrs. Buckley Adee, wife of S. F. Adee of Delhi surviving.

G. A. Heckroth is the leading grocer in town and has a large business in crockery, dry goods,

notions and general merchandise. His place of business is in what is known as the "Big Store," at the corner of Main and Division streets. This store is centrally located and for over thirty years there has been carried on here a business which is regarded as one of the most important in the town. It was in this place that Mr. Heckroth first started in business with Mr. L. M. Walsworth in 1893. In February, 1895, the former retired but in the following December he bought the entire business and has since greatly enlarged his facilities, extended his trade and added considera-



HORATIO NELSON BUCKLEY, M. D.

bly to the general line of goods usually carried by merchants who engage in much larger business in considerably larger towns. He is one of the principal dealers in green groceries such as fruit and vegetables; also provisions handling only the best and most popular lines of which he is fully stocked. Everything in season, the earliest the market affords, is to be found here, new and fresh. Mr. Heckroth was born in Colchester, March 9, 1867, coming to Delhi in 1880 and attending the Delaware Academy. Upon leaving school he went into the employ of Menzie about 1884 and was there most of the time until he started in business for himself. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Zeta Phi club.

O. T. Morgan, the photographer, has had twenty-five years experience and he turns out excellent work. He began the business in Oneonta and in 1891 came to Delhi and took the gallery conducted by Granger, who had run it about five years. Mr. Morgan has done considerable fine work for this Souvenir. He is good at portrait or viewing. He was born in Plymouth, N. H., June 8, 1851, and married Miss Jennie Goodenough, of Worcester, Otsego Co.

**Orrin W. Smith**, was born in Oneonta, N. Y., November 23, 1826. He was brought up on a farm and had no means or opportunity to obtain a liberal education, and soon after arriving of age he purchased some law books and commenced the study of the law. In May, 1850, he came to Delhi, finished his studies in the law office of Amasa & Robert Parker and was admitted to the bar at Norwich, January 13, 1852. He is the oldest practicing lawyer in the county. He has paid little or no attention to politics, having devoted his entire time to his profession. In addition to other profitable business he has had the charge and management of many large estates. He is Past Master of Delhi Lodge F. & A. M., and was for many years a vestryman of St. John's Church and until his resignation in 1884. He married Harriet E. Miller of Cannonsville, N. Y., October 17, 1854. She died November 16, 1893. She was the grand-daughter of Waite Cannon, one of the early settlers of Cannonsville. Mr. Smith has lived quietly and enjoyed his profession, his fine library, his numerous friends and his very pleasant and comfortable home. Prof. S. E. Smith, proprietor and editor of the Delaware Gazette, is his brother.

**Delhi Kept the County Seat.**—Prior to 1868 frequent efforts were made to divide the county of Delaware, or to detach portions of the county for a union with other counties or to form new counties, all of which efforts endangered the retention of the county seat in Delhi. The citizens of this place were frequently compelled to raise money or send parties to Albany during the sessions of the legislature to remonstrate and defeat such proposed legislation. Soon after the general election in 1867 another effort was made and the citizens of Delhi were again confronted with the old trouble. O. W. Smith, Esq., framed a law which was submitted to prominent citizens invited by him to meet at his office, principal of whom were Judge Palmer, James H. Graham, Charles Marvine, Judge Gleason, A. C. Edgerton and John Blanchard. They approved of the law he had framed and agreed that it should be forwarded to Albany at once. It was placed in the hands of the Hon. John F. Hubbard of Norwich, who represented this district in the state senate and who, with Senator O. W. Chapman of Binghamton, succeeded in securing its enactment. Gov. Hoffman attached his signature and on April 24, 1868, it became a law. By the terms of this law it was provided that a special town meeting should be held in Delhi on May 12, 1868, to vote on the proposition of levying a tax of \$10,000 to be paid toward the erection of permanent county buildings in Delhi (in addition to the town's share with other towns); in case of an affirmative vote the matter was to be presented to the board of supervisors. Mr. Smith drew all

the necessary papers to give effect to the provisions of the law, giving watchful attention to all the proceedings. The town meeting ratified the proposition with small opposition, the publication of notices having been duly made but in an inconspicuous manner. When the supervisors met in November of that year, Judge Murray appeared with the resolution duly drawn. Mr. Graham, chairman of the board, by a pre-arranged plan secured the hearing of the resolution and at once put it to a vote. Scattering "ayes" were heard and the resolution was declared carried, after which the board adjourned. It provided that the offer of \$10,000 should be accepted and that a court house should be built at an expense not to exceed \$40,000. In 1869 the building was erected. The plan was conducted so quietly and effectively that no opposition was aroused, and since then there has been no agitation for the removal of the county buildings.

**Jackson & Mason** are the largest dealers in furniture in the county and in connection with

that line they are the leading undertakers. Their store on Main street, Delhi, comprises two floors very heavily stocked with all lines of the best furniture. A visit to the place will surprise any one. The main stock of goods are on the first floor. In the rear are the manufacturing and machine shops. On the second floor there are five departments, viz: sofas, tables, mattresses, chairs and caskets, all well stocked. The business reaches out through the adjacent towns. William Jackson, the senior partner, came from Scotland, locating in Delhi in 1856 and going into the employ of a cabinet maker in a shop then located on Meredith street near where Becker now is.



ORRIN W. SMITH.

Two years later Mr. Jackson and his brother Thomas succeeded to the business, which they subsequently conducted on Division street for many years, moving to the store now occupied by Jackson & Mason in 1878. During the war and for several years after W. & T. Jackson manufactured most of their goods. Willard I. Mason was born in New York May 16, 1860, and came to Delhi in 1881, when he bought out the interest of Thomas Jackson. That year he married Mary the daughter of William Jackson.

"Round Top" is the local name (mentioned on page 1 as Mount Crawford) for an elevation which is one of the prettiest in this section of the State. It is entirely covered with a large and luxuriant growth of maple and beech which presents a magnificent appearance. As has been stated, its conformation is that of a perfect dome. The late and highly respected Edwin H. Sheldon left this mountain as a legacy to the village of Delhi to be always kept as a preserve or park with stipulations that it should bear the first name of his father—Crawford, that shooting and fires should be prohibited.

Woodburn & Smyth, dealers in monuments, are widely known throughout the eastern part of this State. They have placed a large amount of very creditable work in this section, notably among which are the Segrin family monument at Margaretville, which consists of a six-foot-high Barre granite monument surmounted by a four and one-half foot figure in Italian marble of an angel with uplifted arm and hand and pointed finger, the other hand holding Easter lilies. Other monuments which they have erected are a Scotch granite cottage monument to Walter A. Doig, at Bovina Centre; the Seacord family monument at Andes; a Barre granite sarcophagus weighing nine tons, erected in Woodland Cemetery, Delhi, to County Judge William Gleason, that is an exceptionally fine piece of work; the Northrup family monument at Kingston, N. Y.; the Robert Glover monument in Evergreen Cemetery, at Brooklyn, N. Y.;

location, 514-516 Main street, having purchased the property of M. L. Cleveland. Mr. Woodburn was married on March 20, 1894, to Miss Elizabeth M. Hoyt, of Delhi. He is a member of Delhi Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is a Past Grand and at present Conductor. He is also a member of Howard Division, Sons of Temperance, of which he is a Past Worthy Patriarch and at present Treasurer; and of Graham Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3, and is now Assistant Chief of the Delhi Fire Department. E. C. Smyth was born at Bloomville, on March 10, 1851, and moved to Delhi in February, 1894, when he became a member of the firm of Woodburn & Smyth, and assumed charge of the outside work of the firm. He taught school for seventeen years at the Andes Institute, Bloomville, and Amenia Seminary, having charge of the Business Department of the latter. Mr. Smyth was married in 1876 to Miss Rozalia Every,



WOODBURN & SMYTH'S MONUMENT WORKS.

and a Barre granite sarcophagus to Captain John Crawford, ex-Sheriff of Delaware County, at Davenport, that is rough finished and weighs seven tons. They are now at work on a Scotch granite family monument for Eli Roberts, to be erected at Bloomville, that is large and beautiful and of exceptionally fine material and workmanship. John A. Woodburn was born at Walton, on December 5, 1864, and his family moved to Delhi in 1866, remaining here until 1881, when they removed to Walton. Mr. Woodburn started his trade with his father at Walton, was employed by Howe Bros. at Oneonta for three years, and in 1891 started in business at Delhi, succeeding John Calhoun, on Court street, the firm being J. A. Woodburn & Co., (the Company being J. & W. B. Woodburn, his father and brother.) On February 1, 1894, E. C. Smyth purchased the interest of J. & W. B. Woodburn and in 1895 they moved to their present

daughter of Hiram Every, of Bloomville. He is a member of Coquago Engine Company, No. 1, and of Delhi Lodge, F. & A. M., having transferred from Amenia Lodge, No. 632, of Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y.

**Ladies' Missionary Society, Second Presbyterian Church.**—No branch of the church work is more faithfully performed than that under the direction of this society, which was organized November 26, 1879, and has been in active work ever since. The first President was Mrs. Maurice Farrington, and Mrs. George Adeed served as our efficient Treasurer for some years. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Sarah Williamson; Vice-President, Mrs. E. R. Harkness; Treasurer, Mrs. Adam Scott; Secretary, Miss Margaret A. McLaury. The funds are equally divided between the Home and Foreign Boards, and there are sent away every year valuable boxes of clothing and bedding to various fields. There is much earnest, enthusiastic work among the members.





L. M. WOODRUFF &amp; SON, LUMBER YARD.

**L. M. Woodruff & Son**, lumber merchants, are located on Main street, where their business comprises the offices of the firm and extensive buildings and yards. The accompanying engraving showing the front does not exhibit the full extent of the storage of lumber or the amount of room in which the firm carry a large stock in builders' supplies. They have a yard near the depot which is also largely stocked with lumber. The business was started about ten years ago by Walter Mable and in January 1895 it passed into the hands of L. M. Woodruff & Son. The latter, both of whom are carpenters by trade, are large contractors and builders, having erected a number of very pretty residences in this vicinity. L. M. Woodruff was born in Elizabeth, N. J., October 10, 1840, and for several years worked in the building line. In 1863 he was mustered into service

with H Independent Battery, serving until the battery was disbanded in 1864. In 1867 he came to Delhi to locate, having two years previous married Miss Jennie Blair of this village. Mr. William Blair Woodruff, the junior member of the firm, was born in Delhi in 1868. He attended school at the Delaware Academy and afterward worked at building until the firm was organized. He now has supervision of the several building contracts which are taken by this firm, who are probably the principal contract builders in this section of the

state. He married Miss Mary Haviland of Elizabeth, N. J., in July, 1895. He is a member of the village board of trustees elected in 1896.

**Ladies' Aid Society**, Second Presbyterian Church.—The social activity of the church is maintained by this society, whose membership includes all the ladies of the congregation. There are frequent church teas and other entertainments.



ENTRANCE TO WOODLAND CEMETERY.

**J. A. & A. C. Douglas**, the leading clothing and dry goods firm of Delhi, organized under the present name on February 17, 1896, occupy two large stores on Main street, which are stocked with a full line of clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, trunks, satchels, mattings and carpets and groceries. There is not a larger business in the general line above enumerated conducted elsewhere in the county. The business was established in 1868 by Mitchell & Hunt and has been continued steadily since then, gradually increasing in importance until it has reached the present proportions.

John A. Douglas was born in New Kingston, Delaware county, April 7, 1870, and was educated in the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin. On August 26, 1891, he entered the employ of J. K. Hood as clerk and on February 2, 1892, he was admitted to the business as a partner. On February 13, 1895, he bought his partner's interest and continued the business alone until the following year when his brother was admitted. Mr Douglas is a member of the Masonic Lodge. On October 12, 1892, he was married to Agnes F., the daughter of ex-Sheriff Daniel Franklin, of Delhi.

A. C. Douglas was born in New Kingston, Delaware County, July 8, 1868, and was graduated from the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin in 1889. In 1889-'90 he was principal of the Franklin public school, in 1890-'91 of the Tarrytown Heights school, and in 1891-'95 of the Chappaqua, Westchester county, school. He came to Delhi in 1896 when he went into business as a partner with his brother. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Junior order of American Mechanics, and the Senior Deacon of the Delhi Lodge F. & A. M. On February 3, 1897, he married Lillie C., the daughter of G. Marsden Harby.

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A. C. DOUGLAS.

J. A. DOUGLAS.

Judge of the Court of Appeals, served two years; Martin Keeler Sheriff, 1819-'21; Ebenezer Foote, not Root, was first Senator, 1799-1802; James Ells, Member of Assembly 1819, '24; Benjamin Benedict, Member 1822; George G. Decker, not Derrick, Member. Other Members: Matthew Griffin, 1872-'74; Samuel A. Law, 1858-'60; William Lewis, 1872-'73, '81; Albert E. Sullard, 1868, '79; Gen. Root served in all eleven years; Darius Maples, not Mapes. Amasa Parker, not Amasa J., was Surrogate. Jonas (not James) A. Hughston was District Attorney. Ferris Jacobs Sr. was never District Attorney, but was a physician in Delhi many years. The second Clerk of the county was Gebhard (not Gebbard). Edwin More was County Judge June 1847 to December 31, 1851; Daniel T. Arbuckle was elected November 1883 and resigned in October 1889, James R. Baumes being appointed in his place and serving until December 31, that year.

**Errata.**—In the Civil List, published on pages 29, 30 and 31, errors were made which calls from Mr. Parshall the following: Joel T. Headley, born in this county, was not a resident when elected Secretary of State; F. L. Norton is a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, elected August, 1890; Isaac H. Maynard, Associate

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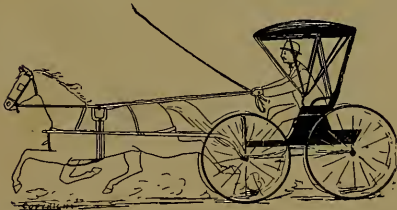
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