

street, a large double tenement house on Elm street, and a double tenement house on Webster place. Beside his business as a merchant, Mr. Sanders has a large amount of other business in his hands. He was one of the organizers of the Penacook Electric Light company, and is a director, treasurer, and manager of that corporation. He is also director of the New Hampshire Spinning



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Mills, a trustee of the Loan and Trust Savings bank at Concord, and has been on the board of the Penacook and Boscawen Water Precinct.

Mr. Sanders has also found time to attend to the duties of prudential committee of District No. 20, and has given his ward excellent service as alderman. When the Penacook library was in existence he took an active interest in that and at one period

was treasurer, also librarian. Mr. Sanders has been for several years president of the Woodlawn Cemetery association, and gives personal attention to the care of that interest.

He is a prominent man in Masonry, being a past master of Horace Chase lodge of Penacook; member of Trinity chapter and Mount Horeb commandery at Concord, also of the Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, where he was advanced to the thirty-second degree.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES H. SANDERS.

Mr. Sanders joined the Congregational church in 1885, and has given much time and care to the interests of that church and society. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years, also has served as treasurer and manager of the financial affairs for the past fifteen years. Mr. Sanders is a member of the New Hampshire Historical society, the New Hampshire Orphans' Home, the Appalachian Mountain club, and other societies. For several years he has spent the month of August at Cape Porpoise, Maine, where he keeps a fine sail-boat, row-boats, etc.

Mr. Sanders was married on May 24, 1876, to Sarah Emeline Abbott, daughter of David Abbott of West Concord.

In politics Mr. Sanders is a strong and influential Republican.

DR. H. C. HOLBROOK.

Henry Carroll Holbrook, son of Calvin M. and Mary J. (Southworth) Holbrook, was born at West Fairlee, Vt., September 12, 1859.



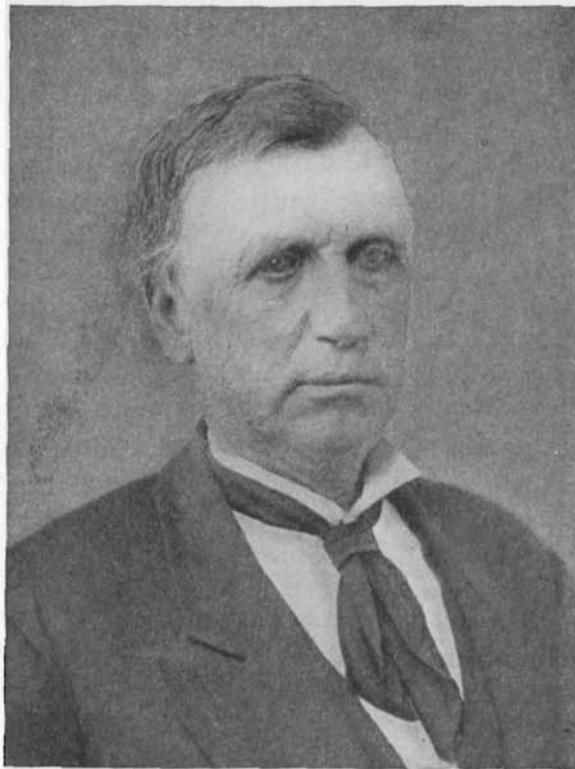
DR. HENRY C. HOLBROOK.

He was educated at Thetford and St. Johnsbury academies, Vt., and at Dartmouth college. After completing his studies Dr. Holbrook came to Penacook in 1884 and took an office in Exchange block, where he has remained and established an extensive practice.

He has a fine residence on Pleasant street, and is a leading member of the Congregational church. He is also a member of Horace Chase lodge, F. & A. M., Trinity chapter, and Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar.

## JOHN P. HUBBARD.

John Putnam Hubbard was born at Semester, Vt., October 27, 1820; his parents were Oliver and Sophia (Putnam) Hubbard.



JOHN P. HUBBARD.

He attended town schools in his youth, and later on attended an academy.

Mr. Hubbard was engaged in the stove and tin business at Manchester, N. H., previous to 1856, in which year he removed to Penacook, and purchased the stove and tin business of Ams-

den & Merriam, also purchased the block in which their shop was located; that being the block now owned by John Chadwick and occupied by Frank E. Bean and others. Soon after his arrival he built the large house on Charles street now owned by Mrs. Putnam.

After conducting the tin shop five years, he sold out the business to Reuben Danforth in 1861. A few years later he sold his house on Charles street to David Putnam, and then built the brick homestead on Chandler street now owned by Hon. John C. Pearson. After selling his tin shop he engaged in the grocery store business, and was located in several different stores; one was at Boscawen Plain, another was the old store on the Boscawen side now occupied by the Sanborn Bros., and others were the old Batchelder store on Washington square, and one of the stores in Exchange block. After selling his residence to J. C. Pearson, he built a third residence on North Main street at the corner of Queen street, where he resided until his death in August, 1892, and which is now occupied by his widow and by his son, Guy H. Hubbard, who is a prosperous merchant, and in company with Oliver Fifield in the undertaking business.

Mr. Hubbard was married July 4, 1850, to Mary J. Franklin of Bristol, R. I., by whom he had five children; two of those are now living,—Mrs. Ella S. Gifford at Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Carrie F. Dodge of Berlin, Mass. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Hubbard was married June 22, 1860, to Martha A. Knapp of Franconia, N. H., who survives him. By this union there were two children, one of whom, Guy H. Hubbard, is still living. Mr. Hubbard was a member of the First Baptist church, as is his widow. He was also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows.

#### HON. CHARLES H. AMSDEN.

Charles Hubbard Amsden, son of Henry Hubbard and Mary (Muzzey) Amsden, and a descendant in the seventh generation from Isaac Amsden, one of the earliest settlers of Cambridge, Mass., about 1620, was born in Penacook, on the Boscawen side of the river, on July 8, 1848. He attended the common schools of the village, and later completed his school days at Appleton

academy, New Ipswich, N. H. His father was engaged in the furniture manufacturing business, and while a youth, Charles worked in the shop at such times as he was not at school. After leaving the academy he went into the office of his father's company and soon became familiar with the financial part of the business. In 1867, when but nineteen years of age, Mr. Amsden was taken into partnership with his father and older brother George.



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His father died two years later, in 1869, and his brother George died in 1872, leaving a large business in the hands, and under the sole management, of Charles, the youngest son. The care and responsibilities of this large property would have taxed the capacity and strength of most men of double his age and experience, but Mr. Amsden, though never of a very robust physique, took

up the load of work and care, not only carrying it on successfully, but soon began to increase the business, adding more buildings, machinery, and workmen, until the shops employed more men than any other industry in the village, and he was for several years the largest manufacturer of chamber furniture in New England. His business was a large factor in the life and prosperity of the village; during a period of twenty years, from 1870 to 1890, one million dollars were distributed as wages of the workmen, or an average of about five thousand dollars each month. Besides the furniture business, Mr. Amsden was in partnership with Hon. John Whitaker in the lumber business, sawing some 3,000,000 feet of pine annually, which product was used by him in the manufacture of furniture. The cabinet shops were originally operated by water power leased from the Contoocook Manufacturing & Mechanic Company, but as the shops grew larger the need of more power became apparent, and Mr. Amsden built a brick boiler house and installed two large steam boilers, and completed the arrangement by setting a powerful steam engine in the shop. Later on he added modern drying apparatus and a heating system throughout the shops, which, together with an electric lighting plant, made up a very complete manufacturing establishment.

During the years in which Mr. Amsden conducted this business he found time to take an active interest in all movements for the improvement of the village as well as becoming an active member of other concerns in the state and elsewhere. He was one of the organizers of the Concord Axle company, a director and president of that corporation for ten years or more. He was also a director in the Mechanicks National bank at Concord, a director of the Granite State Fire Insurance company, a director of the Portland & Ogdensburg railroad, a member of the water board of the Penacook and Boscawen Water Precinct, having been one of the originators and most active managers in the establishment of the water-works. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Concord Manufacturing company's business at the Borough, which made a large addition to the village industries; to secure this business he sold the company the land and water power for location of their mills at a nominal price; his action in the matter

resulting in a benefit to the village rather than to himself. At about the same time as the erection of the woolen mills, Mr. Amsden built a large wooden factory at the Borough known as the Electric mill, and secured the establishment of the Whitney Electrical Instrument company's business, which has been another notable addition to the industries of the village.

Mr. Amsden was instrumental in inducing the Concord Street railway to extend their road to Contoocook River park. By reason of his acquaintance with that section now occupied as a park, and knowing its adaptability for such use, he called the attention of the officers of the road to the matter, which met with such favor that negotiations were at once entered into which led to the consummation of the project. As an inducement Mr. Amsden gave the right of way leading from Washington street to the river together with the right to enter upon the same for boating purposes, and sold to the railway company, at a nominal price, that section of land now occupied as a park, and which has now become one of the most delightful places to be found in the state. After twenty-five years of incessant labor in building up his own business and the business of the village, he was overtaken by financial difficulties which forced him to retire from business in 1893. Mr. Amsden was from his youth affiliated with the Democratic party in politics, and represented his ward as alderman of the city of Concord in 1874 and 1875; at the election in 1875 he received the unanimous vote of his ward, an honor never accorded to any other candidate in the village. In 1882 he was elected to the state senate by a very complimentary ballot. In the campaigns of 1888 and 1890 Mr. Amsden was the Democratic candidate for governor of the state, and made a brilliant fight for the place, receiving the largest vote ever polled for a Democratic candidate in New Hampshire. During the World's fair at Chicago, in 1892, he was a member of the State Board of Commissioners and president of that body.

Mr. Amsden joined the Baptist church at an early age, and grew up to be an influential and liberal member of that society, filling offices in church and Sunday-school for many years. In 1888, as chairman of the building committee, Mr. Amsden superintended the repairs and refurnishing of the Baptist church, and

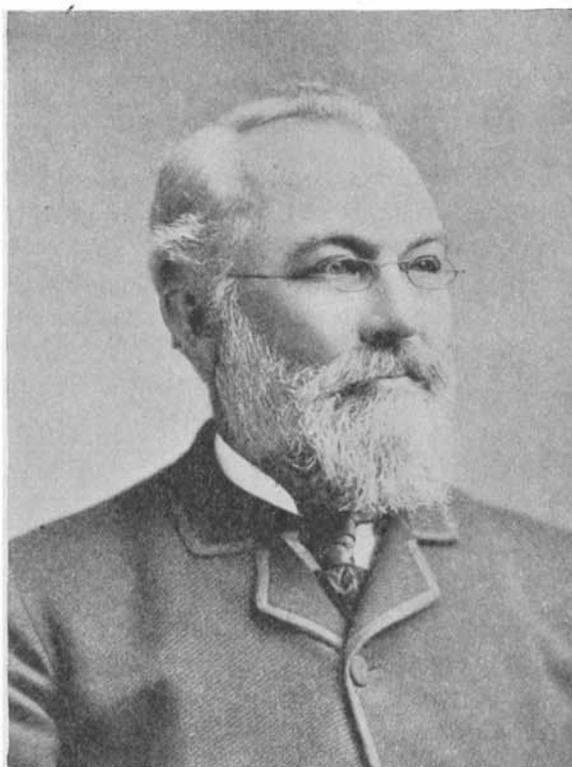
arranged the financial part of that undertaking, as well as contributing the pulpit furniture and the fine stained glass window over the south gallery. Mr. Amsden was a prominent member of the New Hampshire club of Boston, the Union club of Penacook, Horace Chase lodge of Masons, Mount Horeb commandery of Knights Templar of Concord, and Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Boston. Before leaving Penacook Mr. Amsden presented a magnificent memorial book to W. I. Brown Post 31, G. A. R., in which there has been written a short record of each soldier who went from Penacook into the army in the Civil war of 1861-'65. The book cost \$100, and after being properly filled, was deposited in the state library at Concord. Soon after retiring from business Mr. Amsden was appointed deputy naval officer of the port of Boston, and has since resided in that city. On October 29, 1870, Mr. Amsden married Helen A., daughter of David and Martha A. (Daggett) Brown, by whom he had three children,—one son, Dr. Henry H. Amsden of Attleboro, Mass., and two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. His wife died in 1891, and Mr. Amsden now resides with his aged mother at Boston.

PROF. JOHN E. ABBOTT.

John Elkins Abbott, son of Joseph and Mary (Elkins) Abbott, was born in Webster, N. H., November 18, 1834. While a youth the family moved to Penacook in 1848, and built a house on Summer street. John, with his younger brothers, attended the village schools and worked in the Penacook mill when not at school. John soon showed an ambition to become a scholar rather than a workman; he managed to attend the high school in the village, and in some way fitted himself for college. He entered Dartmouth in 1854, and completed the full course and graduated in 1858, having paid his way by teaching school during the winters and by working at other occupations as he could find opportunity.

After leaving college he studied law in the office of Minot and Mugridge at Concord, and was admitted to the Merrimack county bar about 1860. In 1861 he left New England to find a home in the far West where he hoped to succeed in his profession. He first located in Benicia, Cal., where he was employed as teacher of

law in a school in that city for about six years. In 1867 he took the position of cashier in a bank at Vallejo, Cal., remaining there until 1880; he then moved to San Francisco where he resided until 1885. While in San Francisco he served as supervisor of the city for two years. Having accumulated a fair competency, Professor Abbott desired a change from city life, and in 1885 he



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purchased a fine ranch at Mountain View, Santa Clara Co., where he erected a substantial residence and settled down as a country gentleman and engaged in the culture of grapes and fruit.

In 1869 Professor Abbott returned to Penacook on a visit, and while at the old home married Mary Franc, daughter of Dr. Wm. H. Hosmer, and then with his wife returned to California. Their first son, Ralph Hosmer, born in December, 1870, now

resides at San Francisco. Their second son, Frank Brown, born in November, 1873, resides with his mother at the homestead in Mountain View, Cal.

Professor Abbott was mortally wounded by being thrown from his carriage, and died November 13, 1887, and was buried with Masonic rites and honors, he having joined that order at Vallejo in 1868. His widow and son Frank made an extended visit at Penacook during the present year, returning to California in September, 1900.

DR. WM. H. HOSMER.

William Henry Hosmer, son of Jacob and Catherine (Wellington) Hosmer, was born at East Concord, N. H., June 13, 1814. His parents moved to Boscawen, N. H., when he was two years old, and he resided there until he was twenty years old. He received his preliminary education at Boscawen academy, and at Sanbornton Square academy. He began reading for his profession June 13, 1835, with the late Dr. Thomas P. Hill of Sanbornton Square, N. H., and remained with him three years. He also attended two courses of lectures at the medical school of Dartmouth college, and graduated July 25, 1838, with the degree of M. D. In September of 1838 he settled in New London, N. H., where he remained in successful practice nine years.

On account of the sickness of his brother-in-law, the late Dr. Thomas Sanborn, Mr. Hosmer moved to Newport, N. H., in 1847, and practised there for one year, and after the recovery of his brother-in-law, he moved to Penacook in September, 1848, locating at this village by request of Dea. H. H. Brown although he had intended settling at Manchester.

The doctor soon acquired a good practice in Penacook, and has continued in practice of his profession to the present date, a record of fifty-two years' work, though for the past few years he attends only to office practice. At eighty-six years of age he is enjoying good health, and may continue his work for some years to come. About 1850 Dr. Hosmer purchased the Granite block, and kept the drug store, now occupied by W. C. Spicer, for about two years, and then sold the business to J. S. Rollins.

Dr. Hosmer built the fine residence at the corner of Merrimack

and Center streets, which he has made his home for many years, and owns considerable other real estate in the village. On September 5, 1838, Dr. Hosmer was married to Mary J. T. Sanborn of Sanbornton Square, and by the union they had four daughters, two of whom died in infancy, and two are living, Mary Franc, widow of the late Prof. J. E. Abbott of Mountain View, Cal., who



DR. WILLIAM H. HOSMER.

with her two sons, Ralph and Frank, still resides in California. The other daughter, Ella Jane, is the wife of John Chadwick, of Penacook, having twin daughters, Julia A. and Jennie E., and resides on the opposite corner of Merrimack and Center streets. Mrs. Hosmer died March 6, 1863, aged 47 years. On June 15, 1865, Dr. Hosmer was married to Mrs. Julia A. Dunlap, but no children were born from this union; and Mrs. Hosmer lived until

April 29, 1899, when she died of Bright's disease in her eighty-seventh year. Dr. Hosmer was baptised by Rev. R. Sawyer in Sunapee lake, on February 28, 1843, and joined the Baptist church at New London, of which he is still a member. The doctor has never sought public office, preferring to devote his attention to the duties of his profession, and has affiliated with the Democratic party in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., but has joined no other society of that kind. Dr. Hosmer has now been practising his profession sixty-two years, a record seldom equaled in that or any other profession.

DR. E. E. GRAVES.

Eli Edwin Graves, son of Daniel H. and Lusetta (Nash) Graves, was born at Jericho Center, Vt., September 9, 1847. His paternal ancestors were among the early settlers of Deerfield, Greenfield, and Hadley, Mass., the Vermont branch moving from Greenfield, Mass. He has in his possession an old parchment deed of a homestead in the town of Weathersfield, Mass., bought by his ancestor, John Graves, in 1653. On the maternal side the Nash family were among the early settlers of Weymouth, Mass., where a large branch of the family still resides.

The genealogy of the Graves family shows the names of many eminent physicians, and in choosing his profession Dr. Graves was only preparing to continue the honorable record of the family. Dr. Graves was educated at the Essex Classical institute, and then read for his profession two years with Dr. F. F. Hovey at Jericho, Vt. He next spent two years with Professors Thayer and Carpenter at Burlington, Vt., graduating from the University of Vermont in June, 1868, and immediately entered the office of Dr. Walter Carpenter at Burlington, Vt. In September, 1868, Dr. Graves moved to Boscawen, N. H., where he succeeded to the practice of Dr. E. K. Webster, occupying the Dr. Webster homestead and office. His practice soon extended to Penacook, so that about 1872 he opened an office in Sanders block, where he has maintained his office until the present date.

In the winter of 1876-'77 he took a course in surgery at Harvard university, a branch to which he has given much study and practice. Dr. Graves retained his residence at Boscawen until

1897, and while there took much interest in improving and beautifying the old Dr. Webster house and grounds, making it the most attractive residence in that fine old town. The increasing demand for his time and practice at Penacook necessitated his removal to that village, and having purchased and repaired the homestead of the Amsden family on Elm street, he moved his



DR. ELI E. GRAVES.

family to the new location in 1897. His residence stands between two beautiful lawns adorned with trees, shrubbery, flowers, fountains, etc., all kept in such perfect order as to make the place a constant enjoyment to all his neighbors. He has a large and valuable library to which he is making frequent additions; he has also an extensive mineralogical cabinet.

Dr. Graves is still a student, and is not satisfied without learn-

ing something more of his profession or other lines of study from day to day. His interest in archæology and antiques is a pastime, and he has one of the largest private collections in New England. One of his highly-prized articles is the old high posted desk used by Daniel Webster at his law office in Boscawen. Another is a very fine specimen of an Indian pipe found in the town of Canterbury, N. H.

Dr. Graves has served on the Boscawen Board of Health ever since the organization, and for some years was superintendent of the schools. He was honored by his townsmen by election as representative in the New Hampshire legislature for the years 1888-'89.

Dr. Graves was the physician at the Merrimack County almshouse for seventeen years, and is a consulting physician at the Margaret Pillsbury General hospital at Concord. He is a member of the New Hampshire Medical society, ex-president of the Center District Medical society, member of the American Medical association, the American Public Health association, and the New Hampshire Historical society.

Dr. Graves was one of the original promoters of the enterprise for supplying the village with pure water from a pond in Boscawen, and is the chairman of the water board of the Penacook and Boscawen Water Precinct. He is a Free Mason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Knights of Honor and other societies.

He is a member of the Congregational church of Boscawen and one of its most influential supporters. In political interests he affiliates with the Republican party.

Dr. Graves was married in 1872 to Miss Martha A. Williams of Essex, Vt., by whom he has had three children,—Robert J., a graduate of Harvard university, and now attending Harvard Medical school; Katherine L., now attending a seminary at Franklin, Mass.; and Lawrence K., who died in 1892.

#### GEORGE N. DUTTON.

George Newell Dutton, son of Rodney and Sarah A. (Folsom) Dutton, was born at Penacook, N. H., November, 27, 1850. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native place, and was completed at an early age, as he went to work learning

the trade of wood carver when he was but fourteen. That was at the shop of Caldwell & Amsden, where he soon became an expert at the trade. After serving his time at the cabinet shop he went to Nashua to work at carving, and later on spent some time at Fitchburg, Mass., in the same occupation. Mr. Dutton returned to his native village in 1870, and went into business for himself as a wood carver, and carried on that work successfully until 1884.



GEORGE N. DUTTON.

In that year Mr. Dutton embarked in the dry goods business in company with J. P. Sanders. This was the business of his father, Rodney Dutton, who built and first occupied the Allen store as a dry goods merchant. In 1888 Mr. Dutton purchased the interest of Mr. Sanders, and conducted the business alone until September, 1900, when by reason of failing health he retired from business. Mr. Dutton was married in 1888 to Miss Lizzie H. Pres-

cott, who has been his efficient partner in their attractive store in Sanders block. Mr. Dutton has not sought public office, but has served his term as ward clerk. He has always been an earnest Republican in politics, and a very efficient worker for the interests of his party. Although not a church member Mr. Dutton is of the Baptist congregation.

Mr. Dutton has added materially to the good appearance of the village by the building of his fine homestead in a very sightly location near the Catholic church; also by the erection of a large tenement house during the present year on Washington square.

#### JOHN H. MOORE.

John Howard Moore, son of John Sutton and Hannah (Dow) Moore, was born in Canterbury, N. H., May 22, 1852. After leaving the town schools he took a course of study at Penacook academy, and completed his education at Cornell university. After leaving college he was employed as a machinist at the shops of the Concord railroad, leaving that place to take a position as machinist and superintendent of repairs at the cotton mills of H. H. Brown & Sons.

He next was employed as traveling salesman by the Concord Axle company, being mostly in New England. The occupation proved to be well suited to Mr. Moore's abilities, so he secured a situation with the Somersworth Machine company of Dover in 1888, to act as their traveling salesman for northern New England, selling stoves and similar goods of that line. In this situation he was quite successful, and remained with them until the company went out of business in 1899. Mr. Moore is one of the directors and general sales agent of the Fuel Saving Radiator company of Portland, Me., organized during the present year, and manufacturing an article of great utility, which he is placing on the market successfully.

Mr. Moore is also a stockholder and director of the Concord Axle company of Penacook. He has served his ward as clerk, and has been honored by election as representative in the New Hampshire legislature. In 1899 Mr. Moore was manager of the Alexander Sanitarium at Penacook. Mr. Moore is an active member and past master of Horace Chase lodge, F. & A. M., a

member of Trinity chapter, R. A. M., Horace Chase council, R. & S. M., Mount Horeb commandery, K. T., Edward A. Raymond consistory, S. P. R. S., having attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and is a companion of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past noble grand of the Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F., and a charter member of Kearsarge lodge, Knights of Honor, in which organiza-



JOHN H. MOORE.

tion he has served as grand dictator of the state, also as supreme representative to the sessions of the Supreme lodge of the world at Chicago in 1882 and St. Louis in 1883. He is also an active member of the White Mountain Travelers' association.

In 1869 Mr. Moore joined the Baptist church at Ithaca, N. Y., and in 1871 removed his connection to the Pleasant Street Baptist church at Concord, and later to the First Baptist church at

Penacook, of which church he is a trustee, also superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was one of the original members of the Union club of Penacook. Mr. Moore was married June 18, 1874, to Isabel Nancy, youngest daughter of Deacon H. H. Brown. Their children are Herbert Fisher, born July 10, 1875, now a teacher at Cornell university; Marie Belle, who died in infancy; and Howard Brown, born August 8, 1883. Since his marriage Mr. Moore has kept his residence at Penacook, having a pleasant homestead on Elm street.

GEORGE FRANK SANBORN.

George Francis Sanborn was born in Hooksett, N. H., in November, 1815. His paternal grandfather was a native of Wales, and came to America as a soldier in the British army during the Revolutionary war, but instead of fighting against the American army, he deserted the British, became an American citizen, and assisted in gaining American independence. Later on he again joined the American army in the War of 1812, and did his full duty for his adopted country. In times of peace he did much to build up the new country as he had five wives and twenty-four children, the youngest being born when Mr. Sanborn was past seventy years of age. On the maternal side his ancestors were of Irish birth. Mr. Sanborn remained at Hooksett until six years old, then went to Manchester where he attended school, finishing his school days at the age of thirteen. He came to Penacook in April, 1831, and eleven years later was married, November 27, 1842, to Martha M. Fowler, daughter of Jeremiah Fowler, a leading citizen of the Borough district. In the following spring they moved into the house which they have occupied to the present date. The large elm trees in front of the house were brought from the woods by Mrs. Sanborn and set out by her direction. Mr. Sanborn has been a farmer, lumberman, railroad contractor and builder, and teamster. For a long series of years he has teamed granite from the quarries at West Concord to Penacook. He has been highway surveyor of the Borough district nineteen years. The only political office that he has held was representative to the New Hampshire legislature. In politics Mr. Sanborn affiliates with the Democratic party, and

has been a leading man in the councils of the local organization.

Mr. Sanborn and his wife were both converted under the preaching of Elder Harriman of the Christian Baptist denomination, and they were baptised in the Outlet in February, 1843; an opening was cut in the ice large enough to perform the ceremony



GEORGE FRANK SANBORN.  
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in, and Rev. John Burdeen of Salisbury performed the rite. They have two children,—one daughter, Mrs. Edwin A. Bacon, and one son, Jerry F., a dealer in horses, carriages, etc., both residing at Penacook.

In earlier years Mr. Sanborn was a noted musician, his first instrument being a clarinet, and later a key bugle; those instru-

ments he played at musters, and for parades of military companies and other organizations. When the first brass band was organized in the village in 1845, Mr. Sanborn took a leading position playing the key bugle. Again when the Fisherville Cornet band was organized, in 1858, he played with that band using a cornet instead of a bugle; his last band playing was with Brown's band, which was formed in 1863. At eighty-five years of age Mr. Sanborn is still strong and hearty, and having an unusually good memory has given much assistance in the preparation of this book.

HON. EDWARD N. PEARSON.

Edward Nathan Pearson, the honorable secretary of state, was a resident of Penacook for several years during his school days, and is still a frequent visitor at the Pearson homestead. He was born in the adjoining town of Boscawen, September 7, 1859, his parents being Hon. John C. Pearson and Elizabeth S. (Colby) Pearson, both still living in Penacook. He was fitted for college at the Warner High school and the Penacook academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth college in the class of 1881 with Commencement honors of high rank.

The year following his graduation he was a teacher in the public schools of Washington, D. C., but at the end of that time he returned to New Hampshire and took up his residence in Concord, where he has since made his home, and has been a conspicuous factor in much that has been undertaken to further the interests of the city. His first employment in Concord was as city editor of the *Concord Evening Monitor*, and he was soon promoted to the associate editorship of the paper. In 1890 he was made managing editor and held that position until 1898, and for the last six years of that term adding to his duties those of business manager of the Republican Press association. In the fall of 1897 he was instrumental in organizing the Rumford Printing company, and was its first manager, holding that position until March, 1899, when he was elected secretary of state. In this position he makes an ideal public officer, his uniform courtesy, his wide acquaintance with men and affairs in New Hampshire, and his knowledge of procedure being special features of an

equipment which qualifies him in an eminent degree for the place which he fills so acceptably. In Governor Rollins's plans and activities for the success of "Old Home Week" he has found an interested assistant in the efficient secretary of state, who, himself a typical son of modern New Hampshire, has been enabled to grasp the possibilities and influences of "Old Home Week" and



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to further them by his quick insight and great capacity for detail. Mr. Pearson takes an active interest in the Grange organization, being a member of Capital grange of Concord. He attends the Congregational church, following the custom of his ancestors for several generations.

On December 6, 1882, Mr. Pearson married Addie M. Sargent of Lebanon, N. H., and to them have been born four children,—Edward N., Robert H., John W., and Mildred.

## HON. MARCELLUS GOULD.

Marcellus Gould, son of Moses and Mary A. (Dodge) Gould, was born at Chelsea, Vt., December 20, 1845, where he spent his school days, attending the public schools and the Chelsea academy. In 1861, at sixteen years of age, he went to Manchester, N. H., and began work in the Langdon mill. There he was promoted to the second hand place in the carding department within the first three years, and in less than six years occupied the important position of overseer of carding. In 1867 he was offered the position of overseer of carding at the Wauregan mills where he remained some ten years. In January, 1881, he returned to Manchester and entered the employ of the Amoskeag corporation, having charge of carding first in their No. 5 mill, and was next transferred to the new No. 9 mill where he had 400 cards to look after. In 1886 he was made superintendent of all the carding and picking of the Amoskeag company, having 2,200 cards to attend, as well as the selection of the cotton in which he is a recognized expert.

In 1895 Mr. Gould was offered and accepted the position of agent for the Falls company of Norwich, Conn. This corporation was then in a bad condition, but was managed so well by Mr. Gould that in three years he paid off the debts and began paying dividends.

In 1899 Mr. Gould organized the New Hampshire Spinning Mills corporation at Penacook, purchased the old Penacook mill and water power of the Contoocook Manufacturing and Mechanic company, and repaired the factory thoroughly, throwing out the old machinery and replacing it with the best modern machinery for manufacturing fine cotton yarns. Mr. Gould being the president and manager of the corporation, he moved his family to Penacook early in 1900, and took a residence on Webster place. While residing at Manchester Mr. Gould was quite prominent in the Republican party, being elected a representative to the New Hampshire legislature in 1888 and 1892, and a state senator in 1894. While in Norwich, Conn., he was president of the school board. In 1893 Mr. Gould was appointed a judge of textile machinery at the World's fair at Chicago where he spent two

months attending to that duty, and was specially commended by the board of judges for his faithful labors. He was also selected by the bureau of awards as the historian of the textile machinery department.

Mr. Gould is a thirty-second degree Mason, also an Odd Fellow. He has been twice married; first on August 1, 1867, to



HON. MARCELLUS GOULD.

Clara C. Crase of Manchester. By this union there was one daughter, Mrs. Ella B. Quint, born December 15, 1869. Mrs. Gould died in March, 1894. In April, 1895, Mr. Gould was married to Miss Priscilla M. Bird of Manchester, N. H.

In 1901 Mr. Gould purchased the fine Abbott homestead on Summer and Merrimac streets.

## WILLIAM W. ALLEN.

William Wade Allen, son of Dea. William H. and Hannah (Brown) Allen, was born at Penacook, October 17, 1848, and received his education at the public schools of the village, where he has always resided.

After his school days were over he entered his father's store to



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learn the dry goods business. In that business he soon became an expert salesman, and has so continued to the present date. He gradually took up more and more of the business cares until 1886, when he purchased his father's business and has since conducted it on his own account. The Allen store has always been a popular place of business, and the present proprietor has kept up its reputation and increased the volume of business.

Mr. Allen has found time to take an active interest in all the public affairs of the village. In politics he has been a very efficient manager in the interests of the Republican party, serving as an officer of the local club most of the time, also has served as ward clerk several years. He was honored by election as representative to the New Hampshire legislature in 1877, the last year of the annual sessions of that body, and again in 1878, the first of the biennial sessions. For many years he was connected with the Pioneer Fire Engine company, and was appointed assistant engineer of the Concord Fire department, in which office he did efficient service. He served his ward as alderman in the years 1889 and 1890. In the school district he was an officer many years, serving as clerk mostly. He has been a member of the Woodlawn Cemetery association about twenty years, having served as secretary and treasurer for the last fourteen years, and has added the duties of sexton for the last eleven years. He is a member of the First Baptist church of which he is also the clerk. Mr. Allen is a past master of Horace Chase lodge, F. & A. Masons, and a member of Trinity chapter, Horace Chase council, and Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar. He was also the original treasurer of the Union club.

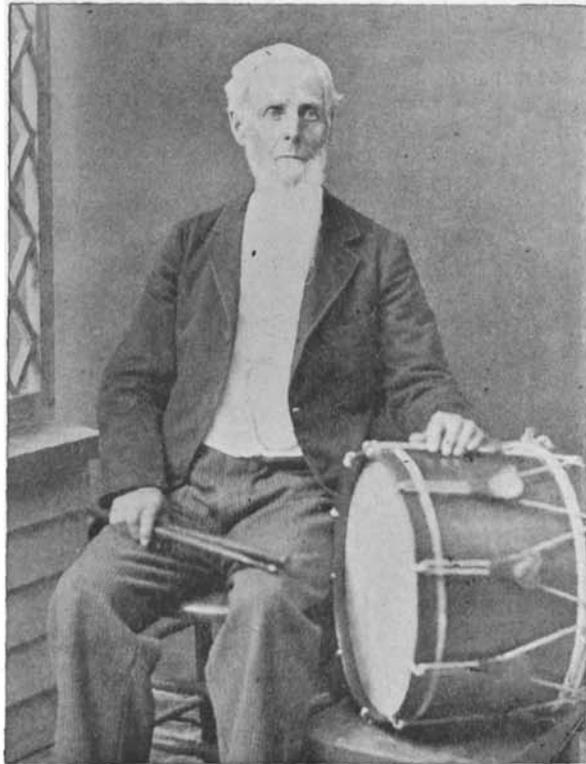
Mr. Allen was married November 10, 1870, to Miss Josie E. Moore of Penacook, and they have had two children, Harley Wade, who died in infancy, and Grace Wade, now living with her parents at the family homestead on Summer street.

## CHARLES ABBOTT.

Charles Abbott, the veteran drummer, was born in the house on Water street, just at the top of the hill above the Harris mills, on July 29, 1822, and has always lived in the village, being one of the oldest citizens born within the village limits. His parents were Timothy and Rhoda J. (Johnson) Abbott. His father was a carpenter by trade and built the house where Charles was born.

Mr. Abbott attended the public schools of the village during his youth, but began work at quite an early age, his first employment being driving teams from Penacook to Concord for H. H. & J. S. Brown. He later worked in their cotton mills. After the

Harris mills were built Mr. Abbott was employed in the carding room for twenty-eight years. He next went to the cabinet shops, where he served a term of seventeen years mostly in teaming the furniture to the railroad station. Since the close of the cabinet shop he has kept busy at various occupations when his health would permit. When a boy Mr. Abbott learned the use of the



CHARLES ABBOTT.

tenor or snare drum, and soon became an expert performer on that instrument. The first drum that he ever owned, bought in 1840, has been in use for fully sixty years, and is still an excellent instrument. Mr. Abbott played the drum for the old line militia companies at musters and parades for several years before the old militia organization was abandoned, and has continued playing to the present date. He played the drum for the first

band, the Fisherville Brass band organized in 1845, and continued through the whole life of that band. He did the same service in the Fisherville Cornet band organized in 1858, and which continued till the summer of 1863, being then disbanded by reason of the enlistment of seven of the members in the Third Regiment band.

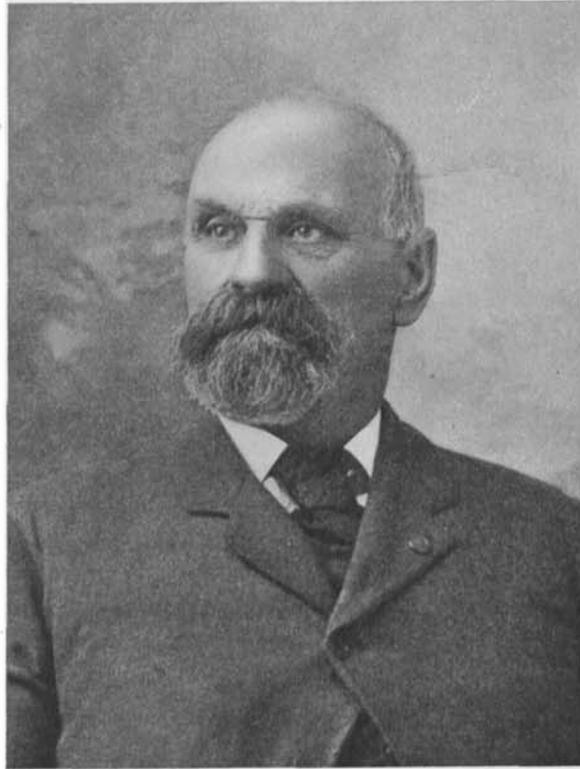
After the return of the men from the army, another band was started called Brown's band, and Mr. Abbott was again a member, making in all some twenty-three years' service in bands.

Mr. Abbott has been twice married; first to Martha Haselton by whom he had four children, Rose, Martha E., Nahum G., and Willie B. Abbott; the two sons are still living. His wife Martha died September 5, 1861, and in the following year he married Sarah E. Haselton, a cousin of his first wife. By this union there have been four children, three of whom died in childhood; the remaining son, Fred C. Abbott, is employed at the store of Foote, Brown & Co.

## B. FRANK VARNEY.

Benjamin Franklin Varney, son of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Ladd) Varney, was born at Sandwich, N. H., January 1, 1837. While he was quite young his parents removed to Belmont, N. H., where he obtained his schooling. About 1854 he went with his parents to live at East Concord, N. H., and was there up to the commencement of the Civil war, when he enlisted April 22, 1861, for three months in Company B, Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He reënlisted on May 21 of the same year for three years, and was mustered in June 1, 1861. He was wounded May 16, 1864, at Drury's Bluff, Va., and was mustered out June 21, 1864, serving a little more than three years. On his return from the army he resided at Concord for several years, and became a member of Sturtevant Post, No. 2, G. A. R. He came to Penacook in 1882 and purchased the Blanchard place at the Borough, where he carried on farming and teaming operations quite extensively. On September 26, 1892, his house was struck by lightning and burned, and Mr. Varney himself narrowly escaped injury or death from the electric current. Two young men, his nephews, were standing on each side of him and were both struck and burned, but both recovered.

After the loss of his house at the Borough Mr. Varney purchased the Isaac Boyce place at 17 Bye street, where he has since resided. He also purchased the large barn formerly owned by the Gage family, to accommodate his horses and cattle. Mr. Varney has always been engaged in farming, and owns farming lands at Penacook and at Boscawen. Aside from farming he has



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done a large amount of lumbering and teaming. He has done lumbering in the Crawford Notch at the White Mountains, on Kearsarge mountain, and in the towns of Concord, Loudon, Canterbury, Boscawen, Warner, Webster, and Salisbury. He is an expert in getting logs out of the woods, and has done some marvelous feats in that line. Mr. Varney graded the railroad from Fabyans to the foot of Mount Washington, and graded the site for

the buildings at the Transfer. He has also done some work at putting in foundations for buildings. Butchering is another of his occupations, though teaming, next to farming, is his principal trade. At present he has ten horses and seven head of cattle. Mr. Varney is a Republican in politics but has had no time to accept office, except that he has been highway surveyor at times, and served occasionally on the police force. In 1894 Mr. Varney took a transfer from the post at Concord and joined the W. I. Brown Post 31 at Penacook of which he is now the efficient commander. In 1898 Mr. Varney organized the Grange in Penacook, and has been the master of that society ever since its organization. In religious interests Mr. Varney inclines to the Baptist faith.

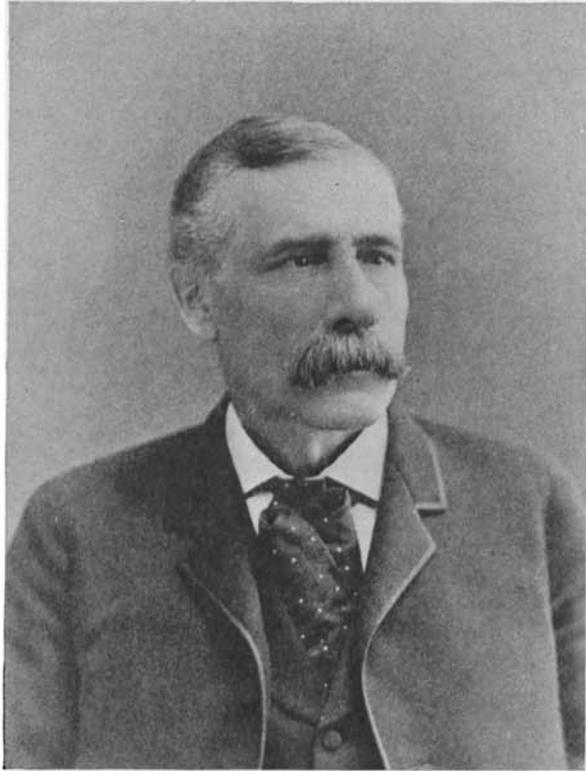
## E. SHELDON HARRIS.

Ezra Sheldon Harris, son of Dea. Almon and Phebe (Sheldon) Harris, was born November 27, 1827, at Marlow, N. H., and was educated in the schools of Marlow and Nelson, and later on at the Fisherville high school, kept by D. B. Whittier in the brick schoolhouse on the Boscawen side.

While a youth he learned the business of wool carding and cloth dressing in his father's mill at Nelson, and continued working at the woolen business after his father moved to Penacook, where he and his brother, Almon A., after serving a long apprenticeship, were taken into partnership with their father under the firm name of A. Harris & Sons.

Deacon Harris died in September, 1876, and the two sons continued the business under the name of E. S. Harris & Co., until 1882, when Sheldon purchased the interest of his brother Almon, and continued as sole proprietor until his death in 1893. Mr. Harris was a man of marked ability in his own line of business, thoroughly skilled in all its various branches, and was widely known throughout the state in mercantile and manufacturing circles. Under his management there were many important improvements made in the machinery and processes of manufacture, so that he kept the business fully "up to the times," and maintained an enviable reputation for the goods manufactured at his mill. Mr. Harris was a man of upright moral character and

correct habits; of a quiet, unostentatious disposition, but genial and courteous at all times. He had in a marked degree that desirable quality of mind which is expressed by the term "level-headed." In his relations to the workmen in his factory, he was liberal, considerate, and just, and was respected and beloved by them to a greater extent than is usual in such relations.



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As a citizen Mr. Harris was universally esteemed by the whole community, and was called to serve in the various offices in the town, and was honored with an election as representative of Boscawen in the state legislature. In his earlier years of residence in Penacook Mr. Harris gave some attention to music; he had a very fine bass voice, and sang for several years in the choirs of the Baptist and the Congregational churches. He was also a

prominent member of the Fisherville Cornet band, organized in 1858, in which he played a tuba. He was one of the early members of Horace Chase lodge, and took much interest in the work of that organization.

Mr. Harris was twice married; first, on June 20, 1860, to Cassandra A., daughter of Nathan B. Green of Penacook, by whom he had one daughter, Grace Green, now the wife of Guy H. Hubbard, and one son, Robert Lincoln Harris. Mrs. Harris died November 5, 1865, and Mr. Harris was married the second time to Sarah Amelia Green, sister of his first wife. From this union there were three children, Harry Sheldon, Almon Green, and Lucy Cassandra. In 1890 Mr. Harris built a large and elegant residence on Tremont street, but lived only until 1893 to enjoy it; it is now occupied by his widow and three of the children, and is one of the most desirable homesteads of the village.

Mr. Harris died March 22, 1893, and his funeral was attended by a large company of relatives, friends, and citizens; and it was a day of general mourning throughout the community. The funeral services were conducted by the Congregational pastor, Rev. Edward G. Spencer, and by Rev. John H. Larry of Providence, R. I., a former pastor and very intimate friend of the family. The singing was by the South Congregational choir of Concord: Mrs. Brown, soprano; Miss Jenkins, alto; Mr. Conant, tenor; and Mr. Scribner, basso. The burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

## EDSON H. MATTICE.

Edson Henry Mattice, son of Henry Vrooman and Phebe Ann (Owen) Mattice, was born at Batavia, N. Y., March 15, 1859. In that city he obtained his education, attending the public schools and later on Thrall seminary. At nineteen years of age he entered the Merchant and Custom Flouring mill of Olmsted, McDonald & Co., at Batavia, as an apprentice, and served with that firm three years, learning the art of making flour, in which occupation he has continued to the present day. In 1881, after completing his apprenticeship, he went to Buffalo, N. Y., and took a position in the new six hundred and fifty barrel flour mill of Esser, Ogden & Co., and two years later he accepted a similar

position at the flour mill of Stratton, Merrill & Co., at Penacook, where he began work in July, 1883. In this place he served his employers so acceptably that in 1891 he was advanced to the position of foreman, a very responsible and exacting office. In other lines aside from business Mr. Mattice has an active interest and leading position. He is an ardent Republican in politics,



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being a very effective worker in the town organization, and in 1894 was elected a member of the State Central committee. Taking much interest in the school system, he was chosen a member of the board of education in 1898 for a three years' term.

Mr. Mattice took his first three degrees in Masonry in Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, and soon advanced through the several offices to the worshipful master's chair to which he was elected

twice. He has also taken the chapter and council degrees in Masonry at Concord. He is a member of Contoocook lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., and serving as noble grand at the present date. Mr. Mattice was married in April, 1893, to Jeanette Abbott Gage, daughter of Calvin Gage, one of the most prominent citizens of the village. They have two sons, Russell Chandler and Richard Gage Mattice, and the family are regular attendants at the Congregational church.

## SERGT. HALE CHADWICK.

Hale Chadwick, son of Laban M. and Eliza (Hale) Chadwick, was born at Boscawen, N. H., October 3, 1841. On the paternal side of the family his grandfather was Capt. Samuel Chadwick, and his great-grandfather was Dea. Edmund Chadwick, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. On the maternal side his great-grandmother was a cousin of Capt. Nathan Hale, the martyr spy of the Revolutionary army, who said with his last breath, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

His boyhood years were spent with his parents on the farm, during which time he attended the common school and the Boscawen academy. For several years before the war he followed the sea as an occupation, serving on sailing packets running between Liverpool and New York; also, he made several trips to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland as a fisherman; and during these years saw much of the world, as well as many dangers and trials. On September 28, 1861, while still under age, he enlisted in Co. F (Captain Caldwell), Second Regiment, U. S. Sharpshooters, for three years, or during the war, but was discharged November 26, 1861, by reason of being a minor. About one month after attaining his majority he reënlisted, November 29, 1862, in Co. C, Seventeenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and was promoted to second sergeant on December 23, 1862. This regiment was not filled, and the men were transferred to other regiments. Sergeant Chadwick, with the other officers, was mustered out April 16, 1863. He again reënlisted, September 5, 1864, in Co. B, Eighteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and was appointed and served as orderly for Maj. Wm. I. Brown, while he was in command of the regiment, and until he was killed

at Fort Stedman; after that he served in the same position for Major Potter.

Sergeant Chadwick was at the siege of Petersburg, December, 1864, to February, 1865; the battles of Fort Stedman, March 25 and 29; battle of Petersburg, April 2, and capture of Petersburg, April 3, 1865. He was recommended to the secretary of war for



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a medal of honor by Capt. E. F. Smith of Co. B, Eighteenth Regiment, and by Col. and Brevet. Brig. Gen. J. M. Clough, commanding the regiment at that time, for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Fort Stedman. He was honorably discharged June 10, 1865, by reason of the close of the war.

Sergeant Chadwick came to Penacook shortly after his discharge from the army. He was then a good all-round athlete,

proficient in swimming, wrestling, boxing, etc., and was able to lift 800 pounds with his hands alone, although weighing but 150 pounds and only five feet six inches in height. He first engaged in the grocery business in company with C. H. Fowler, and two years later, in 1867, gave that up and bought out the dry-goods store of Geo. W. Abbott, later, in company with his brother John, adding the boot and shoe line to the business. In 1870 he bought out the millinery store of Mrs. G. W. Abbott, and in this business, in company with his wife, he has continued to the present date.

Sergeant Chadwick was made a Master Mason in Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, on December 23, 1863. On November 27, 1867, he married Ellen, daughter of Alpheus C. Flint of Boscawen. He was appointed a justice of the peace for the state of New Hampshire on September 27, 1887.

Mr. Chadwick is still an expert in the use of the rifle and other weapons, and is a prominent member of the rifle and gun clubs of Penacook, and of the Concord Gun club. In April, 1898, he offered his services to the governor of New Hampshire, to raise a company of riflemen or sharpshooters for service in the Spanish War.

He is, of course, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being an officer of W. I. Brown Post 31. He is a great lover of field sports, and spends many days with the gun or rod in the forests or on the streams and lakes of New England.

## EVERETT L. DAVIS.

Everett Lendall Davis, son of F. Evans and Mary L. (Whitcomb) Davis, was born in Warner, N. H., June 27, 1863. His youth was spent in his native town, and there he received his schooling. He later resided at Concord for a time, and moved to Penacook in the spring of 1889. In partnership with his brother, Eugene, he bought out the teaming business of Charles N. Bean, which had been in the hands of the Bean family nearly forty years.

When the Davis Bros. took up the business the equipment consisted of four horses with harnesses and wagons to match. They carried on the business for four years together, then Eugene sold his interest to his brother Everett, who has since conducted the business alone.

Under his management the business has been greatly enlarged by taking up other lines of work. The original business was confined mostly to carting freight to and from the railroad station, and to that Mr. Davis has added the carting of granite from the stone sheds at Concord to the polishing shops on Commercial street, and returning the same after the stone has been polished, and carting lumber from the sawmills to the railroad station. He has taken up the coal, wood, and ice business, which makes a large



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addition, as he delivers some fifteen hundred tons of coal, eight hundred cords of wood, and a thousand tons of ice annually. His business now gives employment to sixteen men and twenty-six horses. He has an office in the Coburn block over the canal, with a five-ton scale just outside and the scale beam in the office, so that the clerk can do the weighing without going outside.

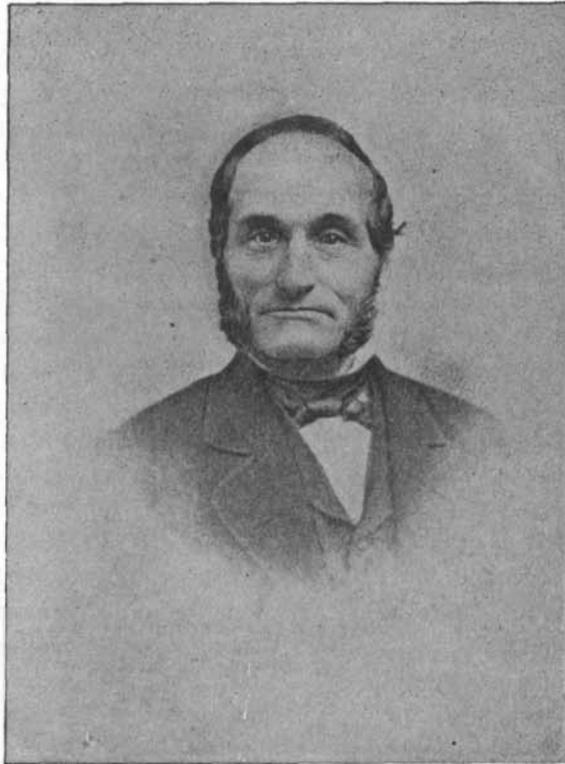
Mr. Davis is an active member of the Republican party, and has been a supervisor in his ward, also has served as road agent. He

is a member of Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F., Rebekah lodge, United Order of the Golden Cross, and of the Union Club. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist denomination. On October 14, 1891, Mr. Davis married Miss Nellie M. Wales of Concord, and they have one son, Lendall E. Davis, born January 30, 1898. Mrs. Davis is a lineal descendant in the sixth generation from the heroic Hannah Dustin of Haverhill, Mass.

## HENRY H. AMSDEN.

Henry Hubbard Amsden, a descendant in the sixth generation from Isaac Amsden of Cambridge, Mass., was born in Mason, N. H., Sept. 14, 1816. After receiving a meagre education in the public schools he learned the trade of tinsmith, and worked at the bench for a number of years. On August 6, 1840, he married Mary Muzzey of New Ipswich, N. H., and soon afterward moved to Springfield, and later to Boston, and to Worcester, Mass., from which latter place he moved to Penacook in May, 1848. He immediately established himself in the tin business in Mechanics block, under the store now occupied by Isaac Baty. Almost immediately after that he erected the block now occupied by Bean's bakery, moving his business to the new quarters in October, 1848. The work on this block was hurried forward so as to be ready for the trade coming from the adjoining towns, on account of the annual "cattle show" which at that period was held in October, on what was then called the "common," being the vacant land near the school house, but now occupied by the residences of Geo. W. Abbott, John Coburn, and others. In 1850, he sold his interest in the business to his partner, George Sanders of New Ipswich, and went to California to seek a fortune in the gold mines. On account of sickness he was absent but one year, returning in 1851, after which he entered into partnership with Samuel Merriam, and bought back the tin business which he sold in 1850, and continued the business under the firm name of Amsden & Merriam, until the year 1857, when they sold out to John P. Hubbard of Manchester, N. H. In 1852 Mr. Amsden entered into partnership with B. F. Caldwell in the cabinet shop. At the same time Mr. Merriam purchased an interest in the same business, which was conducted under the firm name of

Caldwell, Amsden & Co.. In 1862 Mr. Merriam's interest was purchased by the other partners, and the style of the firm was changed to Caldwell & Amsden. In 1867 Mr. Amsden purchased the interest of Mr. Caldwell, and with his sons, George H. and Charles H., continued the business under the firm name of H. H. Amsden & Sons. Mr. Amsden was also engaged with John



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Whitaker in the lumber business, having in 1865 bought of Eben F. Elliott the sawmill at the Borough, and with Mr. Caldwell formed a co-partnership styled John Whitaker & Co. The following year they took down the old mill and built a larger modern mill on the same location. For several years they carried on the largest lumber business in the southern part of the state, sawing about 3,000,000 feet per annum, the product being worked up into pine

furniture at the cabinet shop of H. H. Amsden & Sons. Mr. Amsden's health failed gradually for several years, and he died December 6, 1869, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery. He was survived by his wife and two sons.

## CAPT. LEONARD DROWN.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

The subject of this sketch was among the first to volunteer when the attack on Fort Sumter aroused the citizens of the Granite state to defend the liberties of the nation, and he was the first officer from New Hampshire to fall in battle.

The heroic dead need no eulogy from the living, their fame is forever assured; but it is well that from the turmoil and rush of our busy life we should pause a moment to contemplate the lofty patriotism, the sacrificing spirit, the heroic deeds, the courage that never faltered, that marked the lives of the men whose names are inscribed on New Hampshire's roll of honor.

Born in Rehoboth, Mass., December 12, 1819, he passed his early years as other boys in rural communities, improving what opportunities were within his reach for acquiring an education, and early in life developing a taste for solid reading which increased with years. Of an adventurous spirit, his inclinations led him to go to sea, but at the earnest solicitation of his family, he abandoned the idea and at Providence, R. I., he served his apprenticeship as blacksmith and worked at that trade until he exchanged the hammer and anvil for the sword. Early in life he showed a predilection for military discipline and joined the "United Train of Providence Artillery," a crack Rhode Island organization. Coming to Fisherville in 1854, he identified himself with the interests of the community and his record as a good citizen is without blemish.

The outbreak of civil strife found him enjoying life at home with wife and three young children, to whom he was tenderly attached, claiming his care and attention. No one sacrificed more than he in defense of the nation's liberties, but his mind was soon made up and he at once raised a company with the expectation of joining the First Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. To his own bitter disappointment, for the opinion pre-