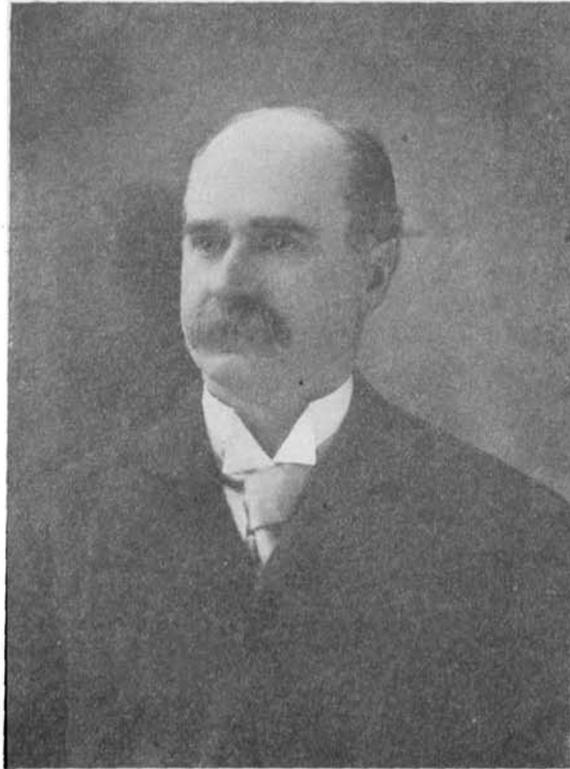


to the present date, having enlarged his business to a considerable extent during the ten years past. He is also the senior member of the firm of J. C. & G. E. Farrand, dealers in wood and coal, who are doing an extensive business.

Mr. Farrand is prominent in Knights of Pythias affairs, being a past chancellor of that order, and lecturer in the Grange.



JOHN C. FARRAND.

He served as ward clerk for one term, being appointed by the city government. He was also a member of the board of education of district No. 20 for six years.

When a young man in England he was a member of the Twenty-third Regiment of Sharpshooters, a volunteer organization. Mr. Farrand is a prominent member of the Episcopal church, and in politics affiliates with the Democratic party.

His homestead is on Cross street, and he owns some four or five other houses in the village, as well as the large building known as Eagle block, and the adjoining block built by the late Dr. Little.

Mr. Farrand has been twice married; first on August 25, 1873, at Dukinfield, Eng., to Miss Jane Garside, a native of that town, by whom he had one daughter, Mary Goldthorp, born October 26, 1875. Mrs. Farrand died April 21, 1876, and the daughter died November 2, 1880; both are interred in Woodlawn cemetery. On the 20th of August, 1878, Mr. Farrand was again married, at Penacook, to Miss Sarah E. Jones, who was also a native of Dukinfield, Eng., and is still living, but has no children.

GEORGE S. MORRILL.

Among the men born within the village limits, there are but few who to-day occupy so responsible a position as that held by George Sullivan Morrill, who was born in the small cottage just east of the Washington House stable, on March 28, 1843. His parents were Asa Hall and Naomi Farnum (Chandler) Morrill, and his grandfather was John Morrill of Warner, N. H. His father was born in Hopkinton, and lived during his minority at West Concord; he came to Penacook at the age of twenty-one years, and was employed several years in teaming for H. H. and J. S. Brown, the Rolfe's, and others. His mother was a member of the old Chandler family, being a sister of the late Nathan Chandler, whose homestead is now occupied by E. L. Davis.

George attended the village schools in district No. 20, and the high schools of D. B. Whittier, and others, where he showed great proficiency in mathematics. After leaving school he took up carpenter work, and while still a very young man erected several buildings in the village, one of which was the large barn at the Isaac K. Gage homestead.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Morrill went to San Francisco, Cal., and worked there at the carpenter trade during the years 1864 and 1865. Returning to New Hampshire he spent the next two years at Penacook, employing his time in carpenter work and surveying. In 1868 he again went to the Pacific coast,

and located at San Diego, where he was engaged in surveying town sites for some two years. He was at Penacook in 1870, and in that summer did his first railroad work, when in company with the late Charles Carleton Coffin, he surveyed a line for a railroad from Mast Yard to Andover, N. H. This work opened the way to a situation in the engineering department of the Old



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Colony Railroad Co., at Boston, where he began what proved to be his life-work, and where he still remains in active service.

From 1870 to 1882 Mr. Morrill was employed as a civil engineer on construction and general work for the road, and at the latter date, after the death of E. N. Winslow, he was appointed to the position of chief engineer. He remained as chief of the department on the Old Colony Railroad until 1895, when that

road was leased to the N. Y., N. H., and H. Railroad Co., then his official title was changed to division engineer, but his duties and responsibilities remained as before.

Some of the work accomplished by Mr. Morrill has been the building of several branch lines on the Old Colony system; building all of the second track of that road, some one hundred and fifty miles; replacing over one hundred wooden bridges with modern iron or steel structures; also building a large number of new station houses to replace the older buildings. The vast amount of work successfully done by Mr. Morrill shows great skill in his profession, as well as excellent executive ability.

Notwithstanding the cares and labors of his position, he has still found time to travel quite extensively, having been in nearly every state and territory of the Union, and in Canada and Mexico. He has made three trips abroad, and visited England, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria, Servia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, and Spain.

Mr. Morrill was married to Miss Clara Ann Moody at Penacook, November 13, 1867, by whom he has two sons, Asa Hall Morrill, who is now assistant roadmaster of the Midland division of the N. Y., N. H., & H. Railroad, extending from Boston to Willimantic, Conn., and Harley Winslow Morrill, who is employed as engineer for the Ludlow Manufacturing Co., at Ludlow, Mass.

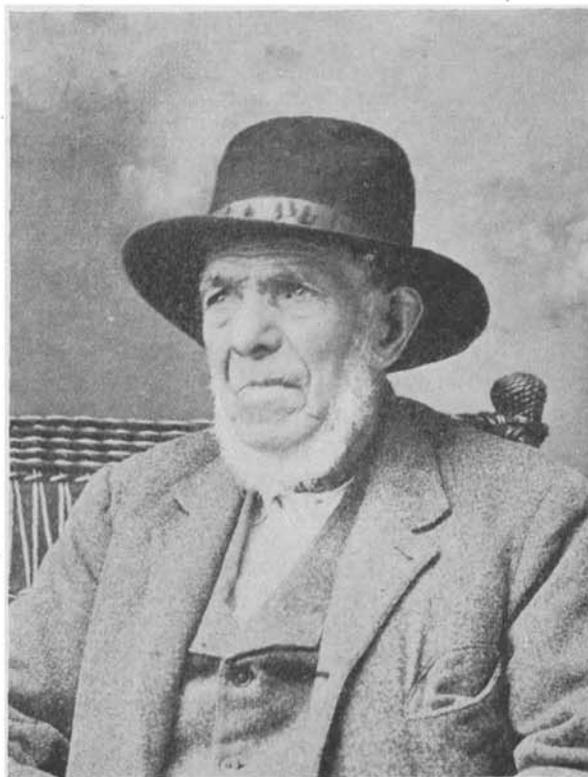
Mrs. Morrill is connected with the Rolfe family; her father was Dea. Joseph Moody, whose sister, Mary Jane Moody, was the wife of Capt. Nathaniel Rolfe. Mrs. Morrill is an extensive traveler also, having made seven trips to California, several trips to Canada, and has visited Europe, Mexico, and the Sandwich Islands.

Boston has been their residence for thirty years, but Mr. Morrill still owns the family homestead at Penacook, which is occupied by J. Irving Hoyt. This homestead was built by Miss Rebecca Rolfe, who resided in the family of Asa H. Morrill, and was by her willed to him. The Morrills are still frequent visitors at the village, and keep up their interest in its prosperity. Mr. Morrill is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, also a member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

His father, Asa H. Morrill, died on March 24, 1877, aged sixty-three years; and his mother died on October 13, 1891, aged eighty-two years; both were buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN.

One of the oldest of the Irish citizens of Penacook was John McLaughlin, or "Uncle John," as he was generally called. He



JOHN McLAUGHLIN.

was born in Ireland in 1812, and remained there until fifty-five years of age; being there married and raising a large family of children, whom he brought to America in 1867. He came directly to Penacook, and for many years the family resided on Crescent street near the Concord Axle Works, and later on Merrimack avenue. His oldest son, Michael, was employed some

ten years at the axle shops, afterwards removing with his family to Manchester where he still resides.

Uncle John, by reason of lameness and advancing years, was incapacitated for labor for the last twenty years of his life, but his health permitted him to be about the streets most of the time, so that he became one of the most familiar figures seen in the village. He reached the unusual age of eighty-nine years, and enjoyed his pipe apparently as well as ever in his last year. Mr. McLaughlin was a devout Catholic and an excellent citizen. His wife died some ten years earlier, and he passed away on May 19, 1901, leaving one son and three daughters in Penacook, also one son and one daughter at Manchester.

HEALEY MORSE.

Healey Morse, one of the landlords of the Penacook House, was born in Salisbury, N. H., in 1802, and spent his youth in that town, attending the district schools, and working on the farm. When he had attained his majority, he started out to seek his fortune, walking as far as Peabody, Mass., where he found employment. While there he was the first driver of the first omnibus line running from Peabody to Salem. A little later on he went into business for himself, keeping a livery stable, and before leaving that town he built a hotel which he leased to other parties. In 1848 he returned to his native town where he remained seven years; he then came to Penacook and purchased the Penacook House in 1855, and remained as landlord during a successful term of some seven years. While living at the hotel, and while his children were growing up, he felt the need of better educational facilities in the village, and became one of the original trustees of Penacook academy.

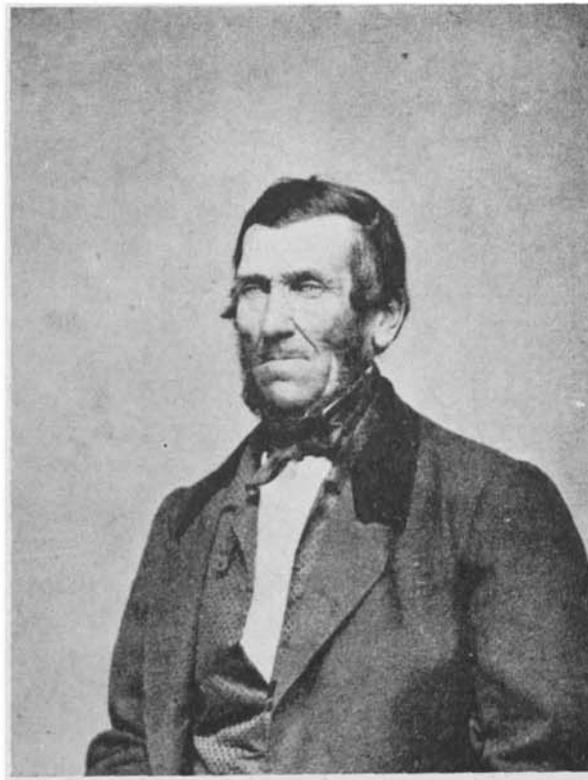
In 1861 he built the substantial homestead on Chandler street, where he resided during the remainder of his life. After leaving the hotel he once more turned his attention to his first occupation of farming, doing that rather from a desire for employment of his time than from any necessity for further work. Mr. Morse served his town as selectman, but other than that never sought or accepted public office.

June 4, 1840, Mr. Morse was married to Harriet N. Adams, the oldest sister of the late "Captain Jack" Adams of Lynn, Mass., past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

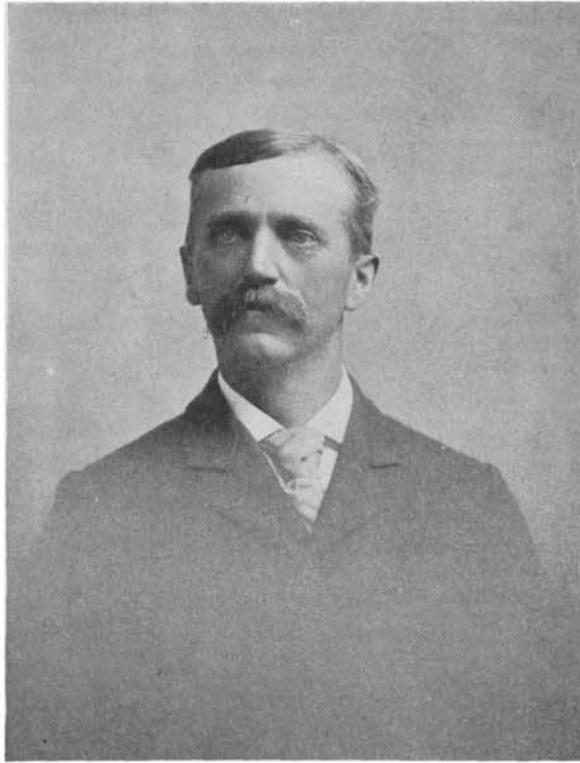
Their children were Francis H., who succeeds to his father's occupation as a farmer; Harriet A., wife of Frederick J. Gage, a successful merchant at Boston; George A., a merchant; Abner H., deceased; James M., engaged on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Mansfield, Mass.; and Mary E., usually called Minnie, who resides at the old homestead with her mother.

Mr. Morse affiliated with the Democratic party in political matters, and with the Congregational society, where the family attended church.

Mr. Morse died in November, 1882, aged 80 years.



HEALEY MORSE.



GEORGE A. MORSE.

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George Adams Morse, second son of Healey and Harriet N. (Adams) Morse, was born in Peabody, Mass., September 21, 1847. While yet an infant his parents moved to Salisbury, N. H., where he began his school days, and in 1855 they moved to Penacook, his father having purchased the hotel on the Boscawen side of the river. George attended the village schools, and later on went to the Boscawen academy, finishing his schooling at the academy at Meriden, N. H.

His first work after leaving school was in the old store opposite the hotel, as clerk for Luther Gage, in which work he proved to be so efficient that he was retained in that position when the business was sold to Isaac G. Russ. After Russ sold the store to J. P. Hubbard and Austin Kimball he was still retained while they con-

ducted the business. His next engagement was with Brown & Linehan, grocers, in the store on the west side of Main street, over the canal. After the dissolution of the last named firm, Mr. Morse was engaged as shipping clerk at the cabinet shop of H. H. Amsden & Sons, and from there returned to the old store on the Boscawen side as clerk for Foote & Gage.

Mr. Gage moved to Minneapolis in 1879, and Mr. Morse then formed a business partnership with Henry T. Foote under the style of Foote & Morse. This firm continued in business at the old store until 1891, when they sold out to Sanborn Brothers. The following year Mr. Morse took a position in the store of C. H. Sanders, where he is still employed.

Mr. Morse has served as town clerk for Boscawen, and as clerk of Torrent Engine Co. for ten years or more. He was also foreman of the company for several years. Mr. Morse is one of the oldest members of Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F., having joined the order thirty years ago and has filled the several offices of the lodge acceptably. He has also been a member of the encampment for the last twenty-five years.

On December 7, 1871, Mr. Morse was married to Miss Ella George Kimball of Penacook, daughter of Austin G. Kimball. They had but one child, Harley George, born September 15, 1875, who is not now living.

Mr. Morse is a prominent member of the Democratic party and has taken much interest in party management. His family are members of the Congregational society.

HARLEY G. MORSE.

Harley George Morse, only son of George A. and Ella G. (Kimball) Morse, and grandson of Healey and Harriet N. (Adams) Morse, was born on September 15, 1875, at Penacook, in the Morse homestead on Chandler street, which was his home during his whole life. His schooling was all taken at the public schools of the village, and at sixteen years of age he began work, clerking in the old store on the Boscawen side for Sanborn Brothers, the same store where his father began work twenty-eight years before.

Harley, like his father, proved to be an excellent young man for

the business, and was retained in the employ of Sanborn Brothers up to the time of his sickness and decease, which occurred on January 22, 1901. He was an active member of the Torrent Hose Co., and highly esteemed by his associates as well as by the



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citizens of the village generally. Harley was a young man of unusual promise, and his untimely death seemed a positive loss to the whole community.

J. FRANK RUSS.

John Frank Russ, son of John O. and Saphronia S. (Gage) Russ, and grandson of William H. Gage, was born at Penacook on June 29, 1839. His mother died when he was five years old, and his boyhood years were spent in the family of John Ellsworth, and at his Grandfather Gage's homestead.

After attending the common and high schools of the village, he took a course of study at the Literary and Scientific Institution, New London, N. H., where he became acquainted with the young lady who afterwards became his wife.

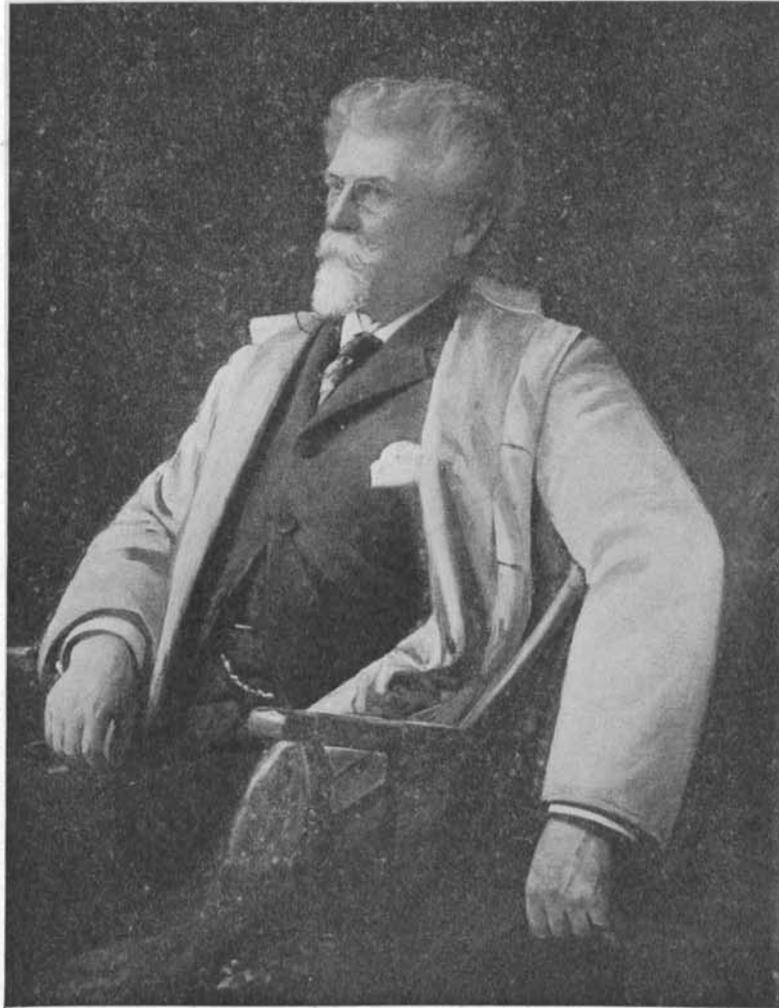
On leaving the academy he went to Boston in 1858, and entered the store of R. H. Stearns & Co., as clerk or salesman, in which capacity he continued some fifteen years, learning the business thoroughly. Soon after the great Boston fire, on February 1, 1873, he organized the firm of Russ, Cobb & Co., importers and dealers in small wares and trimmings, locating on Summer street, where that firm continued until January 1, 1891, when Mr. Cobb retired and the present firm, Russ, Eveleth & Ingalls, was organized; the present location of their business being at the extensive building, 63 Bedford street. The firm also have salesrooms at No. 486 Broadway, New York; they deal in both American productions and in foreign goods which the firm imports direct.

Mr. Russ has been at the head of this extensive business for twenty-eight years, and gives his personal attention to the management of the financial department; he has confined himself closely to business during these years, and has given but little attention to political, society, or other outside interests. He carries his years lightly; coming from vigorous old New England stock, his capacity for work has by no means been exhausted by the forty-three years of steady application to business, and his appearance indicates capacity for many years more effective service.

On November 13, 1862, Mr. Russ was married to Miss Augusta J. Plummer of Goffstown, N. H., by whom he has three sons: Harry, born September 7, 1865; Ernest Frank, born June 19, 1876; and Percy Plummer, born March 13, 1880, all of whom reside at or near Boston.

The oldest son, Harry Russ, is an artist of much ability; he was thoroughly educated in the best art schools of Boston, New York, and Paris, and has exhibited in the Paris Salon. His specialty is portrait and figure painting, although he has done some excellent work in landscape and still life. His studio is on Boylston street, Boston, opposite the Thorndike hotel, where he

has been located for the past twelve years, but during the summer season he spends much of the time at the summer residence of his father at Lincoln, Mass.

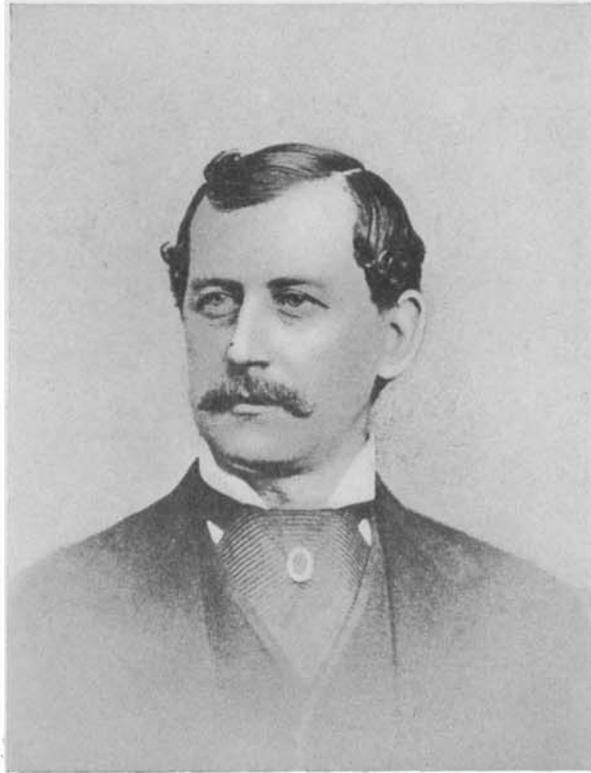


J. FRANK RUSS.

The portrait of Mr. Russ is reproduced by the photograveur process from a large and elegant oil painting which hangs in the private office of the company at Bedford street; the painting being the work of his son Harry.

FREDERICK J. GAGE.

Many of the successful merchants in Boston were New Hampshire boys, one of whom is Frederick Johnson Gage, son of Isaac K. and Susan G. (Johnson) Gage, who was born at Penacook on September 12, 1843. His boyhood was passed at the Gage homestead near the Penacook House, and he obtained his



FREDERICK J. GAGE.

education at the district and high schools in the village. Later he completed his schooling at the academy at Meriden, N. H.

At twenty years of age he was ready to begin work in earnest, and went to Boston in 1863; securing a position in the wholesale grocery house of L. G. Pratt & Co., as bookkeeper, he there developed so much proficiency in the business that he was

retained during the existence of that firm, and its successors in business, Boyd, Leeds & Co., and Boyd, Dalton & Co. That in itself is a positive proof of his eminent abilities and sterling character. He became a member of the firm in 1886, and is to-day, after thirty-eight years of continuous service, one of the most active and reliable business men of the city.

Few men are more methodical, accurate, and attentive to business, or better penmen; these traits he inherits from both father and grandfather, who were excellent business men and unusually good penmen.

Mr. Gage is a man of fine personal presence, tall and well proportioned; in appearance as well as in fact he is a noted exemplar of a prosperous Boston merchant.

On March 11, 1868, Mr. Gage was married to Hattie A. Morse, daughter of Healey Morse of Penacook. They have two daughters, Blanche, born November 24, 1869, and Lottie H., born February 22, 1873, and one son, Frederick Healey Morse, born October 20, 1874, all of whom reside at Boston or vicinity.

His religious affiliations are with the Congregational denomination, but his close attention to business has prevented him from seeking or accepting civil, military, or political office.

LUTHER R. HARVEY.

Luther Rockwood Harvey, son of Horatio N. and Phebe W. (Rolfe) Harvey, was born at Penacook, February 3, 1840. On his mother's side he was a descendant of the Rolfe family, and he was the oldest son in his father's family. His earlier years were spent at his native village attending the public schools, until his parents removed to Haverhill, Mass., where he continued his studies. Later he attended the academy at Williston, Vt.

As soon as he was old enough he enlisted in the United States navy, and at twenty-two years of age, February 28, 1862, he was appointed third assistant engineer. He showed so much proficiency in his chosen vocation that he was promoted, October 15, 1863, to the rank of second assistant engineer. He served in that position through the remainder of the Civil War and until January 1, 1868, at which date he was again promoted to the responsible position of first assistant engineer. During the war he was in

service on the steamers *Maratanza* and *Maumee*, attached to the North Atlantic squadron. After the close of the Civil War Mr. Harvey saw service with the European and the Asiatic squadrons, and so visited nearly all of the countries of the world.

Mr. Harvey had but few furloughs ashore, but he did make a



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few visits to his native village. He was a fine, soldierly-looking man, of good mechanical and executive ability, and his service in the navy was an honor to his family, and a credit to his native place. His last service was at the Mare Island navy yard, California, where he died on June 11, 1886.

THE FOUR PRESCOTT BROTHERS.

The four Prescott brothers—John, Edwin, Lester, and Leander, sons of William S. and Harriet (Marden) Prescott, who came to

Penacook in 1869, are descendants of an old and honorable family. The history of the family traces their ancestors back to the days of Queen Elizabeth in 1564. John Prescott left England to avoid persecution, arriving in Boston in 1640. He was one of the original proprietors of the town of Lancaster, Mass., and the first settler. James Prescott, a cousin of John, came over in 1665, and settled in Hampton, N. H. Both of these Puritans were ancestors of large and distinguished families. Among the descendants of John were Col. William Prescott, commander of the American forces at the battle of Bunker Hill, and in a later generation William H. Prescott, LL. D., the eminent historian.

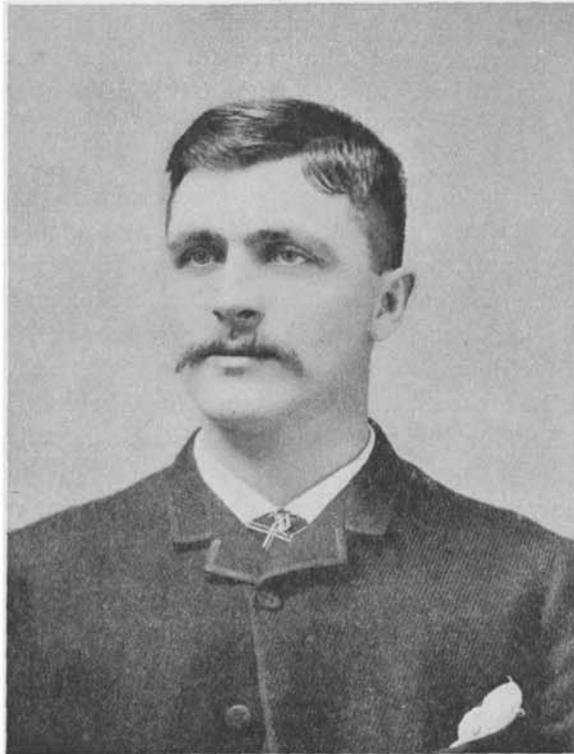
The descendants of James are more numerous and include men eminent in all lines of professional and civil life—clergymen, physicians, lawyers, teachers, officers in the army and navy, railroad managers, mariners, musicians. This branch of the family includes the late Benjamin F. Prescott, governor of New Hampshire; Dr. William Prescott, who wrote the family history; George D. B. Prescott, the treasurer of the Prescott Piano Co., as well as the four Prescott brothers who are the subjects of this sketch.

In all the years since the original settlement in this country the family has demonstrated its patriotism by service in the French and Indian wars, the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and in the War of the Rebellion. The family history shows the names of two hundred and twenty soldiers in the Civil War who bore the name of Prescott, and one hundred and forty-five others whose mother was a Prescott, three hundred and sixty-five in all, a record that is an honor to every member of the family.

The father of the Prescott brothers died at Penacook in 1876, leaving a family of eight children, four boys and four girls, in care of the mother, who was a woman of superior abilities, and a devout Christian. With but limited means she brought up her family, giving them such education as the village schools provided. The children had good health and ambition to succeed in life. The girls are all married and reside in Penacook. They are Mrs. Dudley F. Smith, Mrs. George S. Locke, Mrs. George N. Dutton, and Mrs. Harry A. Brown.

John William Prescott was born in Epsom, N. H., November 22, 1855. He attended the schools of his native town and at Penacook.

Like all of the family he learned to work at an early age, and was employed in several shops in the village during the twelve years that he remained there. In 1881 he started West to find



JOHN W. PRESCOTT.

better opportunities for success, locating first at Chicago where he remained two years. He then settled at Plainfield, Ill., where he has prospered and become a prominent contractor and builder, having built many public buildings and fine residences in Joliet and surrounding towns.

Mr. Prescott was married in 1884 to Miss Luella Horton, and has two promising boys, Wade F. and Harry L.

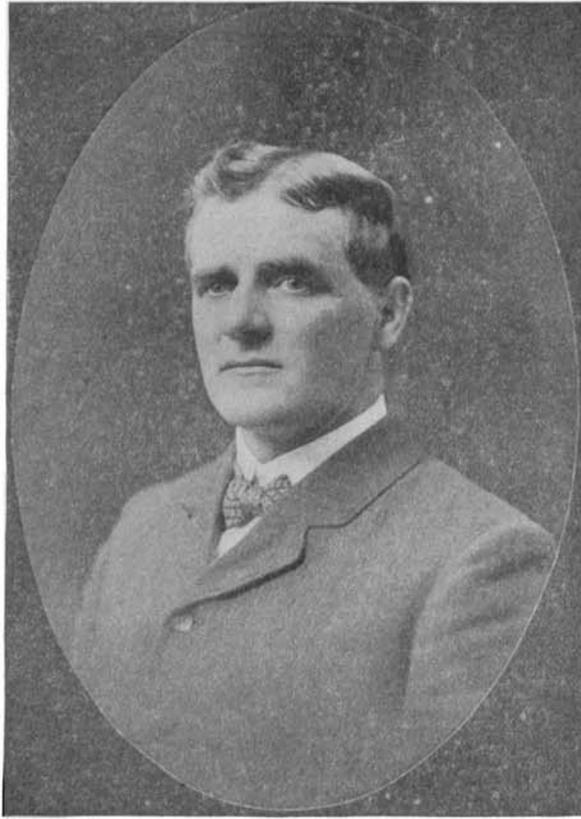
Edwin Baxter Prescott, the second son, was born in Epsom October 27, 1857, and came with his parents to Penacook when twelve years of age. After his school days were over he worked for a time at the Concord Axle Works, and later spent a few years in the West; in 1882 he began work in the meat and provision business, in which he has continued until the present date.



EDWIN B. PRESCOTT.

For fourteen years he has been at the Washington House market, first as clerk and later as proprietor. In this he has been successful, and accumulated a comfortable property; his homestead on South Main street is an attractive and well kept place. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. society. On May 15, 1883, he married Miss Eliza Elliott, by whom he has three children, Lewis W., J. Edwin, and Ruth.

Lester W. Prescott was born at Epsom November 27, 1859. He came to Penacook at ten years of age, and has since resided in the village. He was also employed at the axle shop for a time, but in 1888 he began work for the Fisherville Saw company, the proprietor, George S. Locke, being his brother-in-law. In this business he became a skilful workman, and has continued



LESTER W. PRESCOTT.

that employment to the present time. He was married August 29, 1886, to Miss Josephine Provost, and they reside on Summer street, in their cottage built within the last three years.

Leander C. Prescott, the youngest of the brothers, was born at Epsom, N. H., February 19, 1862. Coming to Penacook at seven

years of age, he received practically all of his schooling in the Penacook village schools. When eighteen years of age he began work in the flour mill as sweeper, and by his energy and ability earned promotion through every grade of the service up to that of head miller. After twenty years' service in the mill he desired to make a change, and was about to leave the position, but the proprie-



LEANDER C. PRESCOTT.

tors, Stratton & Co., desired him to remain with them, so gave him a position in charge of the office of the company where he remains at this date (1901).

Mr. Prescott was appointed postmaster of Penacook by President Cleveland, and served in that position during Cleveland's second term, but left most of the office work to his first assistant, John B. Dodge. Mr. Prescott was married on October 28, 1895, to Miss

Minnie E. Nelson of Gilmanton, N. H., by whom he has one daughter, Harriet.

He has lately built a very attractive residence on Cross street, from which there is a fine view of the Merrimack valley and hills to the eastward.

The four brothers are all thrifty, "well-to-do" young men, good examples of what may be accomplished by earnest, well-directed labor, good citizens, and a credit to an ancient and honorable family.

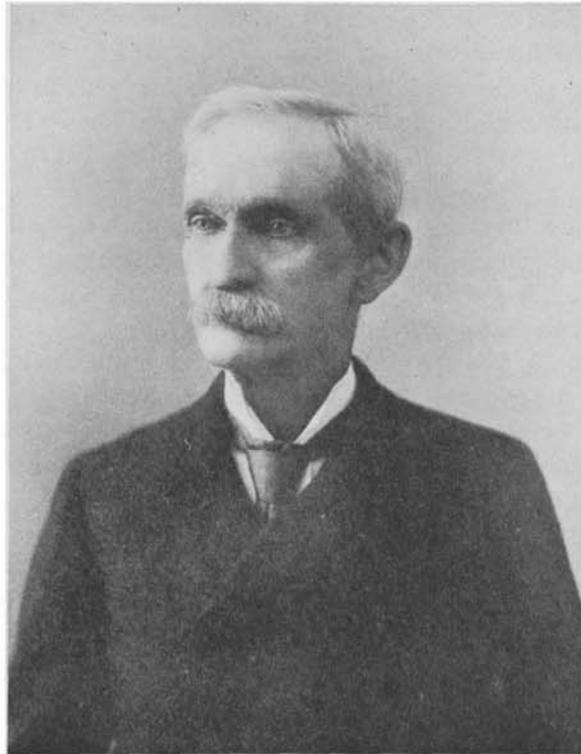
ALBERT H. DROWN.

Albert Henry Drown, son of Israel and Christina A. (Carpenter) Drown, was born at Rehoboth, Mass., August 11, 1824. He is a descendant, in the sixth generation, of Leonard Drown, born in Kent, England, in 1646, who first settled in Portsmouth, N. H., and from there moved to Boston where he died in 1729, and was buried in the famous Copps Hill burying-ground. His succeeding ancestors were Solomon Drown, born at Portsmouth, N. H., 1681; Jonathan Drown, born at Bristol, R. I., 1712; Nathaniel Drown, born at Bristol, R. I., 1740; and Israel Drown, born at Rehoboth, Mass., 1776.

Mr. Drown's boyhood and school days were passed in his native town. When sixteen years of age, in 1841, he went to Providence, R. I., and served an apprenticeship, learning the machinist's trade. During his first year at Providence he was elected to membership in the fire department in Engine Company Niagara, No. 2, being the youngest member ever admitted to that organization. Two years later he removed to another part of the city and transferred his membership to the Pioneer, No. 8. In that company he showed so much enthusiasm and proficiency that in three months from the date of joining the company he was elected assistant foreman. The name and number of that company, Pioneer, No. 8, was the same as of the company that he commanded so successfully at Penacook.

He remained at Providence five years and next went to Newport, R. I., where he was married. Shortly after that, in 1847, he came to Penacook to take a position at the Penacook mill for H. H. and J. S. Brown, being a brother-in-law of Mr. J. S. Brown. At Penacook his energetic, active temperament quickly made him

a leading spirit in every association that he was connected with, notably so in political and fire department interests. Mr. Drown was one of the earliest members of Pioneer Engine Co., No. 8, organized in 1849, and was elected foreman of that company continuously from 1850 to 1862, except two years when the place was given to his brother, Leonard Drown. During his adminis-



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tration he made the company the most efficient of any in the city of Concord. The companies in the city did not admit the superiority until after making a notable trial in 1852, when the crack company of the city was so emphatically beaten that they raised a subscription of several hundred dollars and petitioned the city council to take that money to procure an engine for them like the Pioneer, No. 8.

Mr. Drown was a charter member of and the first master of Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, F. & A. Masons, to which interest he gave much of his time and care. In conferring the degrees in that organization he was specially proficient, setting a standard that has not been surpassed since his day. Subsequently Mr. Drown took the higher degrees in Masonry at Concord, and is a member of Mt. Horeb commandery, Knights Templar. But perhaps the most controlling interest in Mr. Drown's life in Penacook was party politics. He was a born politician, and no man in the village ever put so much strenuous effort into politics, or got so much enjoyment out of it, or was so generally successful as Albert H. Drown.

He was originally a Democrat, becoming chairman of the executive committee of that party soon after his arrival in the village, but in 1854 he resigned his position and left that party because of the party action on the repeal of the Missouri compromise: being of strong free-soil proclivities he could no longer remain with that party. Naturally he was then ready to assist in forming the Republican party; in this he was so active that he was elected vice-president for ward one of the city committee when the first party organization was effected.

At the beginning of his work in this line in ward one the Democrats had a majority of 30 votes, but his work for the new party was so effective that within a few years the majority of votes of his own party was greater than the whole number of votes cast by his opponents.

Mr. Drown was not in politics for his personal benefit, but always for the benefit of his party, and because of his earnest belief in principles for which the party stood. He was emphatically a manager rather than an office seeker. His associates, however, desired him to take his turn in office, and he served as alderman of the city of Concord in 1855 and 1856, and was a representative in the N. H. legislature in 1858 and 1859. He was the first assistant city marshal for ward one when the city of Concord was organized, also assistant engineer of the city fire department for several years.

After several years' service at the Penacook mill Mr. Drown, in company with his brother Leonard, went into business as machin-

ists and axle manufacturers under the firm name of L. & A. H. Drown & Co., their place of business being the original building of the present axle works on Crescent street. This business was broken up by the Civil War. Leonard enlisted in the Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, in June, 1861, was appointed captain, and was killed in battle May 5, 1862. Albert remained in business until October, 1862, when he was commissioned as lieutenant in the Sixteenth Regiment, United States Volunteers, and appointed quartermaster, serving in that important position during the entire term of service of that regiment. Shortly after his return to New Hampshire, in 1863, he was appointed master machinist at the Portsmouth navy yard, where he remained in command nearly three years. In 1868 he accepted the position of master mechanic of the Blackstone mills at Blackstone, R. I., continuing that service for thirteen years. Later he was superintendent of cotton mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island for eleven years. In 1892 he returned to Penacook to accept the agency of the Penacook cotton mill, where he remained some four years, but finding the machinery too old for profitable operation he retired from the management and removed to Newton, Mass., and later to Revere, Mass., where he resides at this date (1901). As a skilful mechanic and capable manager of important manufacturing enterprises Mr. Drown has enjoyed an active and successful career.

Mr. Drown was married at Newport, R. I., in 1847 to Miss Louise Harriet Smith of Apulia, N. Y., and by her has had four children, Edward A., a merchant in Boston; Fred I., a dentist at Boston; Mary L., residing with her father at Revere; and Clarence H., deceased. Mrs. Drown died in 1882, and Mr. Drown has not married again.

Beside his Masonic affiliations Mr. Drown retains membership in the Odd Fellows organization, and has been an active member of the Congregational societies wherever he has resided. Of late years he has become interested in the Sons of the American Revolution, for membership in which organization he is doubly qualified, both of his grandfathers having been Revolutionary soldiers.



JERE O'HALLORAN.

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Among the large number of young men born in Penacook who have pushed out to a wider world and become famous in the various lines of human endeavor, few, if any, have become more widely known than Jere O'Halloran, Boston's poet-barber.

Jere was born in the Halloran house near the office of the Concord Axle Co. on November 14, 1861. His parents were Edward and Catherine (Ford) O'Halloran, both natives of County Cork, Ireland. Jere was the oldest of three children, and after the death of his father, in 1871, he left school and went to work, at ten years of age, in the cotton mills. Later on he found employment in the cabinet shop, in the grocery store of Hon. J. C. Linehan for a short time, and at the Harris Woolen mills.

While at the latter place he formed a desire to learn the barber's trade, and was soon given a place in the shop of B. Frank Morse. Later on he opened a shop of his own. For several years he spent some time in business at such summer hotels as Boar's Head, Hampton, and Hotel Fiske, at Old Orchard. In 1882 Mr. O'Halloran was married to Miss Maud Josephine Elliott, by whom he has one son, Edward J. O'Halloran, born Jan. 22, 1884, who has been known in public as "Master Eddie, the musical wonder."

Mr. O'Halloran moved to Cambridge, Mass., in 1888, and has since found employment at his trade in some of the leading shops in Boston. He began verse-making when only thirteen years old. In 1887 his first song, "You Know," was set to music by Sam Lucas, and it has been sung the country over. Since that date he has written and has in print over one hundred songs, of which he has been publisher of thirty or more. Some of the most successful songs are "My Dreamland Queen," "Don't Forget," "Sweet Kitty Cleary," "Yes, Some Sweet Day," "My Sweetheart from Over the Sea," "The Old Brass Knocker on the Door," "I Wonder Why," and "My Home by the Old Village Mill."

Many of his songs have been sung by leading artists in England as well as in America. He has collaborated with such eminent composers as Herbert Johnson, the famous Ruggles street tenor, J. Hallet Gilbertee, and others, using the names of "Clifton Loraine," or "Elliot Rotchford," on their songs, and his own name on the larger number of his compositions. Jere O'Halloran's songs have been published by at least ten music publishers in Boston, by several others in New York, Chicago, and by two houses in London, Eng. They have been sung by the great chorus at the Christmas pantomimes in London; and in America by the "Bronze Melba," with chorus of four hundred voices, and military band, and by concert and vaudeville singers all over the country. Over fifty of Mr. O'Halloran's songs have been written for the Sunday papers and magazines, and he has in scrap-books over seven hundred flattering notices and "write ups" of himself and his songs, all of which seem to establish the fact that Jere O'Halloran is one of the most popular and successful song writers of the country, and to this eminent position he has attained by his own unaided efforts.

THOMAS R. DODGE.

Mr. T. R. Dodge, a celebrated officer of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen with a national reputation for ability in his profession, was born in Chicago, April 19, 1861, but came to New Hampshire with his parents when four years old where he remained until twenty years of age. During the years 1875-'76-'77,



T. R. DODGE.

Mr. Dodge resided at Penacook and attended Penacook academy, with Henry L. Little of Minneapolis, Hon. John F. Philbrick of Bismarck, N. D., and several other young men who have made so good use of their privileges as to attain to positions of great honor and responsibility. After his school days at Penacook, Mr. Dodge attended Pembroke academy, and in 1881 went to Chi-

cago and entered the railroad service. Beginning with the lower grades he worked his way through the several departments of the train service, and soon became conspicuous for ability and trustworthiness. Because of his eminent fitness for the position he was elected a member of the Grand Executive Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen at their convention held in Boston in 1893. Two years later, at the convention held at Galesburg, Ill., he was chosen second vice-grand master, in which responsible position he developed so much executive ability that he has been reelected three times, being now on his fourth term of two years. Mr. Dodge now devotes his entire time to the work of his Order, his duties calling for his presence in all parts of the country; he travels some 25,000 miles annually, makes a great number of speeches, arranges a vast amount of special business, earning and receiving a large salary.

Mr. Dodge married a talented lady from Minneapolis, Minn., who has been very helpful to him in his public work, and their home is in Chicago.

LAWRENCE P. GAHAGAN.

(LAWRENCE GRATTAN.)

A natural gift of oratory and a love of the stage is not the usual endowment of the New England boy, but at least one such youth first saw the light in Penacook. Lawrence P. Gahagan, son of Peter and Ann (Keenan) Gahagan, was born at Penacook, on August 17, 1870. His parents were of Irish blood, members of the race that claims a large majority of the actors and actresses of America and England.

In his early school days Lawrence Gahagan—or "Larry," as he was usually called—was always ready to "speak a piece" on the stage, and as he grew up to be one of the larger boys, at all school exhibitions he was the star performer.

Amateur theatricals claimed his attention while he was yet a stripling, and he usually appeared in the comical parts, gaining great applause. His parents having but limited means, young Larry left school at an early age and began to work for his own support in the Concord Axle shops. There he gave good attention to his work, but his mind was turned more and more towards

the stage. While still connected with the shop, he filled several engagements with amateur theatrical companies, with constantly increasing interest, and with a corresponding decrease of interest in shop work. Finally when he could no longer endure the drudgery of manual labor, he decided to give up shop work, and started out to win fame and fortune as an actor. It was a large



LAWRENCE P. GARAGAN.

(*Lawrence Grattan.*)

undertaking for a young man in his circumstances, but he had some points in his equipment that would seem to command success,—good health, a good figure, an unusually full, rich voice, and a natural aptitude for acting. Evidently he was a born actor, and needed but study and experience to attain a commanding position. He did not make the mistake of trying to begin at the

top, but was willing to work his way upward as his opportunities and his abilities enabled him. He has worked mostly in good stock companies, and gained in reputation and in remuneration for his work constantly since the start in his profession.

His village friends are naturally proud of his success, and, to show their appreciation, presented him an elegant cane during one of his engagements at Concord. Soon after he entered the profession, he assumed the pleasing stage name of "Lawrence Grattan,"—Grattan being the honored name of the most eminent Irish statesman and orator of the last century. That Lawrence Grattan will wear that name worthily, and will make it illustrious on the stage throughout the whole country, is the hope and expectation of his friends at Penacook.

FINALE.

In closing this series of biographical notes, the writer is conscious of many omissions, but time and space forbid a further extension in this direction. Among the villagers who have received but little space in these pages are some of the families of Canadian birth or parentage; of these Francis Jemery represents one of the families of longest residence, having himself been working at his trade as a cooper, at the flour mills, for about forty-five years. Alfred Provost, the father of a large family, is also a long-time resident. Louis J. Sebra, the master carpenter and builder; Louis Deschamps, the efficient nurse; George H. Matott, a veteran of the Civil War; the La Dieus, the Ketchams, are others of the citizens who deserve more than mention. And among the former citizens now residing elsewhere many more worthy names may be recalled, and a few can be mentioned here,—Norman D. Corser, now living at Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. James I. Tucker, Harley C. Gage, and Isaac H. Pevere at Chicago; Herbert Tucker, a successful merchant at Minneapolis, also the brothers John C. and Spicer Gage in the same city; William H. Moody at Grafton, Mass.; D. H. Putnam, Edward A. Drown, and George W. Fox at Boston; Leon M. Greeley, the printer, and Evarts McQuesten, the merchant, at Concord, all of whom and many others have helped spread the name and fame of Penacook throughout the country.

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