

# BIOGRAPHIES OF SOME PERSONS of Conway, NH

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## ALBERT BARNES<sup>1</sup>

, postmaster at Kearsarge Village, was born in this part of Conway, September 9, 1818. He comes of patriotic stock, being the only surviving child of Amos Barnes, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, who died in Conway, N.H., in 1840.

Amos Barnes was born at South Acton, Mass., January 9, 1754. He was the youngest of a family of seven children, and when but six years of age had the misfortune to lose his father, who was killed in the French and Indian War. From that time until becoming of age he lived with an uncle, Barnard Hazeltine, in Hopkinton, N.H. His military record has thus been given: Enlisting in 1775, he marched to the Mystic River, Massachusetts, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill on June 17. He afterward marched with his comrades to New York, going from there to Canada via Lake Champlain, remaining until July, 1776, when he returned to Fort Independence. Joining Washington in December, 1776, he took part in the Battle of Trenton, where nine hundred Hessians were captured. His term of enlistment expiring soon after, he returned to Concord; but in January, 1778, he again offered his services to his country and joined Washington at Valley Forge. Being appointed Orderly Sergeant, he served in that capacity for two years under Captain Hutchins. That winter at Valley Forge was surely the darkest period of that entire long, hard struggle. The soldiers, suffering untold hardships from hunger and cold, were sustained by patriotic ardor, and inspired by the sublime faith of their beloved commander, Washington. In June, 1778, Amos Barnes was with his regiment at the memorable battle of Monmouth, and in August, 1779, was with General Sullivan in his campaign against the Indians, and assisted in destroying the Iroquois settlement known as Newtown, N.Y., NOW Elmira, continuing with him in his subsequent march, when that entire region was laid waste, and more than forty towns, including Genesee, the capital of the Six Nations, were burned. In January, 1780, at the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Barnes returned to his home in Concord, where he remained until 1784, when he settled in Conway, N.H. At the commencement of the War of 1812 he was Lieutenant in the State militia. Politically, he was a Jeffersonian Democrat and a warm supporter of the administrations of Presidents Jackson and Van Buren.

Amos Barnes married in 1789 Polly Eastman, second daughter of Richard and Abiah (Holt) Eastman and a descendant in the sixth generation of Roger Eastman, the founder of the Eastman family in America.

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Roger Eastman, said to have been born in the parish of Wales, Yorkshire, England in 1611, came to New England in 1638. He received land in the "first division at Salisbury, Mass., 1640 and 1643, and there made his home until his death in 1694. His wife Sarah died in 1697. They had ten children, eight sons and two daughters.

Thomas Eastman , their fourth son, was born in September, 1646. He died in 1688 in Haverhill, Mass., where he settled before 1675. By his marriage with Deborah Corliss he had one son, Jonathan, and three daughters. Jonathan Eastman, born in Haverhill January, 1680-1, married Hannah Green, who bore him six sons and five daughters.

Richard Eastman, the third son, was born August 9, 1712. He resided for a number of years in Pembroke, N.H. , and went thence with four sons to Conway, but a little later settled in Fryeburg, Me., eventually removing to Lovell, where he died at the ripe old age of ninety-five years. His first wife, Molly Lovejoy, who died in Pembroke in 1764, bore him five sons and six daughters; and by his second wife, Sarah Abbott, he had four sons and one daughter.

Richard Eastman, the fifth child of Richard, was born in Pembroke, N.H., May 1, 1747. He and his brothers, Noah and Abiathar, were pioneer settlers of Conway, N.H. He died there December 6, 1826. By his first wife, Abiah Holt, of Pembroke, he had eleven children, and by his second, Mrs. Susannah Durgin, a widow, whom he married August 27, 1791, he had seven.

His daughter Polly, born February 17, 1772, who married Amos Barnes, as above stated, died August 18, 1859. She was the mother of nine children. The following is a record: John M. Barnes, who was born in February, 1791, and died January 25, 1854, married Hannah Willey, sister of the Mr. Willey who, with his family, was killed by the awful mountain slide of 1826. Polly Barnes, born December 22, 1792, married Jonathan Seavey, of Bartlett, and died September 27, 1847. Amos, born February 20, 1794, died May 10, 1797. Richard E. Barnes, born February 25, 1798, married a widow , Mrs. Amanda Cram Boston, and died October 28, 1888. Cynthia, born January 10, 1800, died

October 5, 1814. Sally, born May 21, 1803, married Nathan Chandler, of Fryeburg, and resided in Conway, where her death occurred December 27, 1890. Abiah E. Barnes, born May 3, 1805, died, unmarried, November 1, 1878. Alonzo W. Barnes, who was born February 16, 1807, and died February 22, 1900, married Almira Merrill.

Albert Barnes, the special subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Conway. Having learned the carpenter's trade when young, he followed it until 1891, since that time devoting his attention to farming. In 1896 he was appointed Postmaster at Kearsarge Village, a position that he still retains. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and for two years served as Selectman. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Barnes married November 3. 1848, Almira H. Seavey, of Conway, daughter of Simon and Betsy (Hendly) Seavey and one of a family of six children. Two brothers of Mrs. Barnes are deceased, namely: Calvin, who died young; and Orrin, who married Lydia Eastman. Her surviving brother and sisters are: Isiah, residing in Kearsarge, who

married Miss Ella Burbank; Clarissa A., wife of Ezra R. Eastman; and Maria, widow of the late George Clark, of Kearsarge.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have two children—Clara and Lester C. Clara Ella Barnes, born in 1851 in Conway, is the wife of H.H. Dow, of Kearsarge, and the mother of two children—Helen M. and Albert Barnes Dow. Lester C. Barnes, born at Kearsarge in 1866, lives on the homestead. He married Nellie O. Eastman, daughter of Alfred A. and Olive Eastman; and they have two children— Leah M. and Ralph Lester.

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## **ELIJAH B. CARLTON**<sup>2</sup>

, one of the native-born citizens of Conway, Carroll County, is a prosperous merchant and extensive landholder. His paternal grandfather, James A. Carlton, born in Bow, NH , was a farmer and influential citizen, who served his town for a number of years as Selectman. James's wife was in maidenhood Mary E. Heath, of Barnet, VT.

Andrew M. Carlton, son of James and father of Elijah B., settled in Conway, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, owning a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. By his marriage with Nancy M. West, of Lyme, NH., five children were born, namely : James A. , now of Kansas; Mrs. Lena W. Hammond, a resident of Lawrence, Mass. ; Elijah B., whose name begins this sketch; Lilly, now deceased, who married a Mr. Bragdon, of Lowell, Mass.; and Sadie, who is the wife of Horace M. Thompson, of Conway.

Elijah B. Carleton, after acquiring a practical education in the public schools of Conway, was employed for seven years at the Crawford House. Then, leaving the hotel, he carried on general farming and lumbering for five years; and he is now the owner of more than one thousand acres of farm and timber land. Embarking in the mercantile business in 1881, he carried it on alone till 1896, when he took into partnership his son-in-law, Frederick Thoms, the firm name being Carleton & Thoms. An energetic, enterprising citizen, Mr. Carleton is identified with the best interests of his town, which he has served as Selectman for five successive years, having been chairman of the board four years in succession. Fraternaly, he is a member of Mount Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; of Swift River Lodge, I. O.O.F., in which he has filled all the chairs; and of Chataque Tribe, I. O. R. M. He attends and is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Carleton married July 4, 1872, Lorena L. Sanborn, daughter of Benjamin Sanborn, of Conway. Mr. and Mrs. Carleton have four children, namely: Nannie W., who resides in West Ossipee; Andrew N., who is living at home with his parents; Minerva, wife of Frederick Thoms; and Sadie, who lives with her parents and assists in the store.

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## **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLARK<sup>3</sup>**

, of Conway, ex-member of the New Hampshire Legislature, was born in Townsend, Mass., June 25, 1843, son of Benjamin and Maria (Choate) Clark. His grandfather, Ebenezer Clark, son of Ebenezer, born in New Ipswich, NH, November 8, 1774, was engaged in farming during the active period of his life. He married Mary Sampson, who was born December 22, 1784; and the reared a large family.

Benjamin Clark was born in Lexington, Mass., in 1811; and he died in Lunenburg, same State, October 2, 1859. In early manhood he was employed in teaming. Later he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. On November 4, 1839, he married Maria Choate, a native of Lawsville, Pa., and whose death occurred in Boston, March 6, 1883. She was a daughter of Constantine and Abigail (Choate) Choate, of Enfield, NH. Benjamin and Maria Clark were the parents of three children: Ellen Maria, who was born December 2, 1840; Benjamin F., whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch; and Clara Jane, who was born in Townsend, Mass., February 13, 1846. Ellen Maria married her first husband Joseph H. Pierson, who was killed at the battle of Antietam during the Civil War. Of that union there is one son, Henry Pierson. For her second husband she married George S. Pitts, now of Conway, by whom she had two sons and one daughter. The sons are: George Franklin Pitts, now of Helena, Mont., who married Mollie Oliver; and Carl Pitts, whose wife's first name is Agnes, and who resides in Boston. Clara Jane Clark married Judge Henry N. Blake, who was appointed Chief Justice of Montana under the territorial government, and was elected to that office when that Territory became a State.

Having acquired a common-school education in Lowell and Lunenburg, Benjamin Franklin Clark entered upon an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Fitchburg, Mass. The breaking out of the Civil War in 1861 found him ready to take arms in defense of the Union; and in June of that year he enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Simonds and Colonel Devons. The Fifteenth was sent to the Upper Potomac. It subsequently participated in the battle of Ball's Bluff, and in the spring of 1862 joined in McClellan's Peninsular Campaign, taking part in all of the important operations, including the battle of Fair Oaks the Seven Days' Fight, and second battle of Bull Run. It was later attached to the Army of the Potomac, with which it was present at South Mountain and Antietam. At Antietam Mr. Clark received a severe gunshot wound, which destroyed the sight of one eye, and necessarily caused his discharge from the army. Shortly after his return home, he resumed his trade in the shops wherein he had begun his apprenticeship. Entering the employ of the United States government as a machinist at the Charlestown navy yard in 1865, he was subsequently made foreman of the machine shop, remaining there some eight years. About the year 1873-74 he became an employee of the B. F. Sturtevant Company, of Boston, which for many years have carried on extensive manufacturing establishments at Jamaica Plain, Mass., and at Conway, NH. For a number of years he has held the responsible position of superintendent of the Conway factory.

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Mr. Clark is quite prominently identified with local financial matters, and is president of the Conway Savings Bank. He is also a well-known figure in public affairs, holding at the present time the office of County Commissioner, to which he has several times been re-elected. As a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives (1891-93) he served upon a number of important committees. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a member of Mount Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Conway; of St. Jerard Commandery, Knights Templar, of Littleton, N.H.; and a comrade of Custer Post, No. 47, Grand Army of the Republic, of Conway. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On July 19, 1866, Mr. Clark married Annie M. Morton, daughter of Captain Robert W. and Abigail Morton, of Greenland, N. H. She died November 6, 1891, leaving three children, namely; Mabel Maria, born in Boston, October 4, 1869, who married Dr. F. D. Lawson, of New York City; Charlotte Abigail, born in Conway, March 21, 1876, residing at home; and Benjamin Franklin, Jr., born in Conway, July 29, 1879, now a student at Columbia University. Mr. Clark was again married September 18, 1894, to Sarah E. Russell, of Malden Mass.

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#### **HENRY B. COTTON<sup>4</sup>**

, of Conway Centre, one of the most prominent business men in Carroll County and a former member of the New Hampshire Legislature, was born in Pownel, ME, February 20, 1849, son of Asa Cotton. Having attended the public schools of his native town, he became a sailor, and followed the sea for eleven years. Deciding at the end of that time to try his fortune upon land, he located himself at Norway, ME, where for the succeeding nine years he was engaged in the cutting and manufacturing of lumber. Coming to Conway Centre in 1873 and entering the same line of business as a member of the firm of Cotton & Cummings, he shortly afterward became sole proprietor of the enterprise, which included timber lands, water privileges, saw-mills, box and heading factory, etc. For the past twenty-five years he has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of pianoforte boxes, boards, and frames, employing a large force of workmen and having his own private line of track connecting his establishment with the Maine Central Railway. The History of Carroll County states that one of the chief causes for Conway Centre's prosperity is its close proximity to H. B. Cotton's manufacturing establishment. He built a shovel factory for George W. Russell, of Norway. He deals largely in flour and feed; is financially interested in a chair manufactory at Fryeburg, ME, and the Kearsarge House at North Conway; is president of the Fryeburg (ME) Water Company, a director and trustee of the North Conway Loan and Savings Bank, and a director of the J. R. Wyman Manufacturing Company. In 1900 he sold out his saw-mill interests in this vicinity, but still retains his other manufacturing enterprises, the output capacities of which are being constantly increased. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Conway for five or six years, as Town Treasurer for five years; and, as Representative to the

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Legislature in 1887, he was assigned to the Railway Committee. He was County Commissioner from 1892 to 1896.

Mr. Cotton is a member of Mount Washington Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of North Conway; Signet Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, also of North Conway; and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, of Rochester, N.H. He has occupied the important chairs of Saco Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Conway, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Through business ability and perseverance he has created and for many years successfully managed a series of industrial enterprises, the importance of which as beneficial factors to the general welfare of the community cannot be too highly estimated; and his position in the business circles of Carroll County is therefore deservedly conspicuous.

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**FRANK WESCOTT DAVIS<sup>5</sup>**

, a well-known merchant of Conway, carrying on a substantial business as a senior member of the firm of F. W. Davis & Son, was born March 11, 1851, at West Newfield, Me. That town was also the birthplace of his father, Darius Davis, who was a son of Joseph Davis and his second wife, Mary Jane Bullock, they being early settlers of West Newfield.

Darius Davis completed his education at the Parsonsfield Academy, Parsonsfield, Me., and was afterward in the United States Navy four years. He then went to Lowell, Mass., where he worked in a cotton-mill. Removing to Ossipee, NH, he first engaged in mercantile business with Satchel Dore, and later was in partnership with his brother-in-law, being for about ten years head of the firm of Davis & Durgin, afterward conducting the business alone. He acquired considerable property, owning, beside his store, a farm. While living at West Newfield, he served as Selectman of the town. He died at the age of seventy-seven years. He married Ruth Bean Durgin, daughter of Josiah Durgin, of West Newfield. She died at the age of sixty years. They had six children; namely, Frank Wescott, Herbert D. (1<sup>st</sup>), Ella M., Emma T., Clara E., and Herbert D. (2<sup>d</sup>). Ella M. married Ivory S. Loud, of West Newfield, who was station agent at East Wakefield, NH., for many years. Emma T. (deceased), married Frederick Hayes, a druggist, of Manchester. Clara E. is wife of Albert O. Robinson, station agent at Sanbornville. Herbert D., 1<sup>st</sup>, died at the age of thirteen years; and Herbert D. 2<sup>nd</sup>, is now station agent at Conway, NH.

Frank W. Davis, after attending the academies at Limington, Me., obtaining a good business education, worked in stores at Haverhill, Mass. He began life on his own account as telegraph operator at East Wakefield, where his father built the Davis

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House, which he conducted a few years. Subsequently appointed station agent and operator at Conway, he filled that position acceptably from 1873 until 1895. In 1875 he embarked in the grain business, and after a time bought one-third interest in the store of Palmer & Robinson, at the end of six months purchasing the interest of the junior partner, three years later becoming sole proprietor of the store and business. Four years afterward he admitted into partnership H. B. Fifield, forming the firm known for twelve years as Davis & Fifield. In 1897 they divided the stock, and the following year Mr. Davis took in as a copartner his son, Philip S. Davis, the firm name becoming F. W. Davis & Son, which is carrying on an extensive and lucrative trade in hardware, furniture, and men's furnishing goods. Mr. Davis built the Fifield store in 1879, in 1894 erecting his present store, to which, owing to his increasing patronage, he has built an addition. Mr. Davis attends the

Congregational Church. He is a Republican in politics; and in 1887 he was a Representative to the State Legislature, in which he served on the Committee on Banking.

On October 10, 1875. Mr. Davis married Lucy, daughter of Samuel B. Shackford, of Conway. Of their union have been born three children; namely, Philip Shackford, Ruth Burnham, and Maidee Lydia. Mrs. Davis and her daughter Ruth are members of the local chapter, D.A.R.

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### **CAPTAIN ANDREW DINSMORE<sup>6</sup>**

, of Conway, N.H., was born in this town January 5, 1817, being a son of Joseph F. and Lydia (Hart) Dinsmore, and grandson of Stephen and Mehitable (Frye) Dinsmore. Elijah Dinsmore, the father of Stephen, was for many years of his life engaged in farming at Lee, N.H., his native town. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. From Lee he removed to Conway, of which place he was an early settler; and here his death occurred in the nineteenth century. In the "Census of Pensioners," June 1, 1840, is the name of Elijah Dinsmoor, of Conway, N.H., aged seventy-seven years, said to be then residing in the family of Fox Dinsmoor.

Stephen Dinsmoor, who spent his threescore or more years of earthly life in Conway, was engaged in agricultural pursuits, his farm being located at the Intervale. For several years he was a Colonel in the State militia, and he served for a while as Sheriff of Carroll County. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. His wife, Mehitable Frye, was from Fryeburg, Me. They became the parents of seven children; namely, John, Joseph, William, Stephen, Nancy, Sarah, and Polly - all of whom are deceased.

Joseph F. Dinsmore, a lifelong resident of Conway, died in 1839, aged fifty-one years. He was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Baptist church, and a firm supporter of the Democratic Party. His wife, Lydia, who was born in Conway, and was a daughter of

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John and Sarah (Willey) Hart, died in 1876, aged seventy-five years. Seven children were born of their union, namely: Martha, wife of Charles S. Whittaker, of Conway, born September 4, 1815, died December 4, 1877; Andrew, the special subject of this brief sketch; Eveline, born in 1821, who died at the age of eighteen years; Aurilla, deceased, who married Joseph Nute, of Conway; Captain Joseph F., deceased, who married Martha Eastman; William Freeman, who left Conway when a young man, more than sixty years ago, and has not since been heard from; and Sarah Ann, who died June 3, 1828, aged eleven months.

Martha Eastman, above mentioned, wife of Joseph F. Dinsmore, Jr., was born December 13, 1823, and died April 23, 1877. Her twin sister, Honoria W. Dinsmore, born December 13, 1823, married Lemuel Potterance, of Conway, and is now living in the State of Iowa.

Andrew Dinsmore was educated in the public school of Conway and the academy in North Conway. Since that time he has devoted the greater part of his time to general farming, carrying on a successful business. He has taken an active interest in public matters, and has rendered his fellow-townsmen excellent service in various offices of trust. In 1870 and 1871 he was a Representative to the New Hampshire Legislature, in which he served on the Committees on Prisons and on Finance. He is often called upon to act as Moderator at town meetings, and for three years served as Selectman. Politically, he is a staunch advocate of the principles promulgated by the Democratic party. In his early manhood he joined the State militia as private in an independent artillery company and was promoted to be Captain of the company. He was for many years a member of the I. O. O. F.

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### **CLEMENT DREW<sup>7</sup>**

, one of the leading merchants of Eaton, Carroll County, was born in this town, about two miles from the site of his present store, March 20, 1842. He is of pioneer ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Clement Drew, for whom he was named, having come to Eaton from Newfield, York County, Me., about 1818. Settling in the wilderness, he cleared a piece of land and improved it into a farm, on which he lived and labored until his death. He was three times married. By his first wife, Annie Tibbetts, of Newfield, he had seven children ---Patience, Susan, Rufus, Sabrina, Nancy, Carl, and Mary. His second wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Durgin, bore him five children; namely, Warren, Olive, Jane, Clement, and Calvin ---the last of whom died young. He married for his third wife Annie Stewart, of Freedom, NH.

Warren Drew, son of Clement, above referred to, and father of the present bearer of the name, was born at Newfield, Me., March 5, 1817, but spent the larger part of his life in Eaton, NH., where he was an important member of the agricultural community. He was a Democrat politically, and his religious affiliations were with the Free Will Baptist

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Church. He married, 1838, Ann Stewart, a daughter of John Stewart, of Freedom. She is now living, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, being, with but one exception, the oldest in the community. Their children were: Caroline, who married Charles E. Thurston, of Eaton, and now resides at Windham, Me.; Clement, the direct subject of this sketch; and Harriet A., who married John C. Head, of Eaton, and now lives on the Drew homestead in this town.

Clement Drew, of the present generation, when a young man taught school for fifteen terms in the towns of Eaton and Freedom. Then embarking upon a mercantile career, he dealt for a while in country produce, and in 1867 opened a general store near Snowville, having for a partner Charles P. Giles and for two years carrying on business under the firm name of Drew & Giles. Six years later, in 1875, he again entered business as a merchant, opening a store in Eaton. In the following year, in company with F. M. Wood, he began the manufacture of clothing; and he continued as the senior member of the firm of Drew & Wood for a year, at the end of which time he purchased the interests of his partner, and for two years thereafter carried on the business alone.

He now has a well-stocked store of general merchandise, which he is conducting most successfully, having an extensive and flourishing trade. He has also other financial interests, being the owner and manager of a good and profitable farm.

For many years Mr. Drew was identified with the Democratic Party, but since 1884 has cast his vote with the Prohibitionists. He is quite active in temperance work, belonging to Crystal Lake Lodge, No. 125, I. O. G. T., which he helped to organize, and in which he has held all the chairs; and he was formerly prominently connected with the Blue Ribbon Club, organized in 1882. He has been influential in town affairs, filling numerous offices of responsibility. For four or five years he was a member of the School Board. He was chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 1869, 1870, and 1871; Selectman in 1874, 1875, and 1876, and again in 1891 and 1892; Town Treasurer for one year and Town Clerk for three years; and since 1869 he has served continuously as Justice of the Peace. In 1886 he joined Trinity Lodge, No. 63, I.O.O.F., in which he has passed all the chairs; he has also held the office of District Deputy. In 1875 he united with the Baptist church, which for the past ten years he has served as clerk.

Mr. Drew married May 5, 1868, Emma Batchelder, daughter of Thomas Batchelder, of Eaton, NH. He has had three children - Howard (now deceased), Walter B., and Daisy B.

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### **THOMAS CROSBY EASTMAN<sup>8</sup>**

, proprietor of the Moat Mountain House, North Conway, NH, was born in this town, October 8, 1831, a son of Thomas and Eunice C. (Hill) Eastman. He is a descendant of Roger Eastman, who came to America from England in Colonial days. His paternal

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grandfather, Abiatha Eastman, was born and reared in Concord, NH., but with his brothers, Noah and Richard, removed to Conway, being one of the first settlers of that place. Taking up a tract of wild land just south of North Conway, Abiatha cleared and improved a homestead, on which he lived, and where he labored with true pioneer energy until his death. He was an active member of the Congregational church, serving many years as Deacon. Of his union with Lydia Merrill, daughter of Thomas Merrill, six children were born: Calvin, Thomas, Samuel, Abiatha, Caleb, and Lydia.

Thomas Eastman, father of Thomas Crosby, was a farmer by occupation, and spent his entire life on the parental homestead, dying there in 1846, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a firm supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party, and, although not a member of any religious organization, contributed generously to the support of the church. He married Eunice Cutts Hill, daughter of Leavitt and Sarah (Russell) Hill. They had seven children--Abigail, Drusilla A., Abiatha, Leavitt H., Charles, Thomas C., and Mary Anna. Abigail, who married Jonathan R. Thompson, M.D., died in October 1846, leaving six children --- Elizabeth, Abigail, Edward, Mary, Eunice, and Henry. Drusilla A., who is unmarried, resides in Conway. Abiatha died in 1843, at the age of twenty-one years. Leavitt H., who died in 1893, was for many years proprietor of the Conway House, and also served for a number of terms as Sheriff of Carroll County. Charles, formerly a photographer in Conway, is now living in that town, retired from active business. Mary Anna is the wife of Isaac M. Chase, of Kearsarge Village, and has one child, Edith.

Thomas C. Eastman obtained his early education in the public schools of Conway, from his father receiving practical instruction in agricultural arts. He still resides on the homestead farm, which he manages successfully; and for the past forty years he has been proprietor of the Moat Mountain House, as such being widely and favorably known to the large colony of summer guests who seek the pure and invigorating air of this locality. He is a Republican in politics and an attendant of the Congregational church.

On January 9, 1866, Mr. Eastman married Mary E. Eastman, of North Conway, a daughter of J Cummings and Susan (Merrill) Eastman. Her farther was son of Jonathan Eastman and grandson of Richard Eastman, one of the three brothers who were pioneers in Conway. Richard was afterward a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Jonathan Eastman, of Conway, married Phebe Lovejoy, a daughter of Abiel and Anna (Stickney) Lovejoy and grand-daughter of Henry Lovejoy, of Andover, Mass. The last named married a Miss Chandler, and subsequently removed to Concord, NH. He to was a soldier, serving in the old French and Indian wars. Susan Merrill, wife of J. Cummings Eastman, was a daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Eastman) Merrill and granddaughter of the Richard Eastman above mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Eastman have three children: Mary Crosby, born May 31, 1870; Thomas Bowdoin, born November 22, 1872; and Bertram Cummings, born March 18, 1876. The youngest, Bertram, is a cabinet-maker in the employ of the Hammett School Supply Company, of Boston, Mass.

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## JEROME B. FELLOWS<sup>9</sup>

, of North Conway, inventor and manufacturer of several useful and labor saving appliances, is a native of the Granite State, born in Jackson, Carroll County, June 14, 1845, a son of Isaac C. and Isabel (Wadleigh) Fellows. Isaac C. Fellows, the father, who was born in Wakefield, N.H., settled in Maine, buying a farm in Fryeburg, that State, when the subject of this sketch was but five years old, which he carried on in connection with a factory for the manufacture of carriage wheels. His wife Isabel, who was from Gilford Village, Belknap County, N.H., bore him five children, but two of whom - Jerome B. and Ruth - are now living.

Jerome B. Fellows was educated in the public schools of Fryeburg, Me., and after finishing his studies was engaged in farming until reaching the age of thirty years. He then built a mill at Fryeburg Village, which he conducted for about thirteen years, or until 1888, at which time he removed to north Conway, N.H. Here he entered into the lumbering business, with which he was for some time thereafter connected.

It was while he was a resident of Fryeburg that Mr. Fellows inventive genius first asserted itself in the production of a machine for manufacturing bobbins, which he patented and subsequently sold. In 1892 he produced an automatic traveling lawn sprinkler, known as the "Little Giant," which received the highest award at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago; and in 1895 he patented a stationary lawn sprinkler called the "Twin Comet." These machines are now extensively used throughout the civilized world; and their inventor has received many complimentary letters from landscape artists and gardeners of repute, extolling their efficiency and labor saving qualities. In his latest invention, the "Universal Adjustable Chair," Mr. Fellows has excelled himself and, incidentally, all other inventors in this line, having produced an article of such varied and luxurious utility that it needs but to be known to be deemed a necessity in every household. A few words of description in regard to it, and also in regard to the sprinklers mentioned above, not be out of place here, as illustrating Mr. Fellows' versatility and mechanical resource.

The "Little Giant" traveling lawn sprinkler is so constructed as to walk the water over a lawn in any direction and at any pace desired. Though weighing but forty pounds, it will, under an ordinary water pressure of thirty pounds or upward, drag one hundred feet of garden hose, and propel itself slowly and continuously in either a straight line or a circle of any desired diameter, while its speed may be varied at will from fifteen to five hundred feet per hour. By means of a figured dial it may be set to travel any desired distance and to stop itself. A moment suffices to change its speed from the highest to the lowest; and it may be gauged to distribute a spray effectively over a swath varying in width from five to fifty feet, while, by throwing it out of gear, it is instantly converted into a stationary sprinkler of exceptional efficiency. The stationary sprinkler, which weighs but six pounds, sprinkles under ordinary pressure an area of eighty feet in diameter, and throws either a solid stream and sprinkle or a fine mist, as may be desired. Mr. Fellows' latest invention, the chair, can be adjusted to fit the six-year-old child or the six foot man, either as a cot or a chair. It has a footrest that can be adjusted to suit the length of

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any individual; while the back can be slid forward along the rails, thereby shortening the seat to any extent desired. It is the only chair that has the back in two parts, thereby giving an adjustable headrest. It is made entirely of steel, every part finely balanced by the most mechanical contrivances; and it can in a moment be made into a couch, lounge, divan, cot, or chair, of almost any style and position, and (without the cushions) can be folded up into a compact bundle weighing but thirty-seven pounds and occupying a space of twenty four by twenty-two by five inches. It is conceded by all who have seen it to be the best article of its kind yet invented. Mr. Fellows' business office and salesroom is at No. 90 Canal Street, Boston, Mass.

Mr. Fellows married Georgia Pingree, daughter of William and Abbie Pingree, of Fryeburg, Me. His children are: Abie, Karl, Frederick, and Willis.

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### **H. BOARDMAN FIFIELD<sup>10</sup>**

is one of the foremost businessmen of Conway, being a dry-goods merchant and a member of the firm of Fifield Brothers, grocers. He was born at Mount Vernon, Me., December 22, 1855, a son of John Morrill and Elizabeth A. (Boardman) Fifield.

His paternal grandfather, John Fifield, who was born May 27, 1799, and died in February, 1882, removed about 1840 from Brentwood, N.H., to Fayette, Me., and was engaged in farming and carpentering for many years. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and a member of the Baptist church. On November 14, 1826, he married Mary Morrill, a daughter of Captain William and Mary (Gordon) Morrill. Her father was a descendant in the sixth generation of Abraham Morrill, the immigrant, the line being Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Abraham, William, Captain William.

Abraham Morrill came, it is thought, with his brother Isaac in the ship "Lion," arriving September 16, 1632. After living in Cambridge a few years, he settled in Salisbury, Essex County, where in 1641 to him and Henry Saywood were granted sixty acres of land for building a mill, provision being made that no other mill should be build there so long as that one could grind all the corn that was brought. In 1638 Abraham Morrill joined the Artillery Company of Boston, now known as the Ancient and Honorable. He married Sarah Clement, daughter of Robert Clement, an early settler. They had nine children, Isaac, born 1646, being the eldest. Isaac Morrill was a blacksmith by trade, succeeding to the occupation of his father. He married Phebe Gill; and among their descendants of note were David Lawrence Morrill, a former Senator and Governor of New Hampshire, and Justin S. Morrill, the honored Senator from Vermont. Jacob Morrill, who married in 1701 Elizabeth Stevens, was a soldier in Captain True's company, which marched to Exeter in 1710. Abraham Morrill served as a Representative several terms. He was called by many "Faithful Abraham," and by others "Father Abraham." William Morrill filled many official positions, being a Selectman of Brentwood, N.H., a Justice of the Peace for many years, and a Deputy from that town to the Fourth Provincial Congress. He was a signer of the Association Test. Captain William Morrill, father of Mrs. Fifield, was a prominent citizen of

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Brentwood, representing the town in the State Legislature, and filling the more important local offices, including that of Selectman.

John Morrill Fifield was born at Brentwood, N.H., May 6, 1830. He received his education in Fayette, Me, and at Kent's Hill Academy. Embarking in mercantile pursuits, he was in business at Mount Vernon, Me., twelve years, when in 1866 he went to Portland, where he was associated with different dry-goods firms, including those of Locke, Meserve & Co., Deering, Milliken, & Co., Locke, Twitchell & Co., and Twitchell, Chapman & Co., having an interest in some of these firms, and in others serving as clerk or commercial traveler. For Albion Little & Co. he was collecting agent for four years, during the time losing less than one per cent of the amount to be collected. After the great fire of 1886, when the store of Twitchell, Chapman & Co. was burned, he came to Conway, where, in company with Davis & Fifield, he purchased the store of Roscoe Flanders, and from that time until his death, in October 1896, carried on business under the name of J.M. Fifield & Co. One December 14, 1854, he married Elizabeth A. Boardman, the only surviving child of Holmes Allen Boardman, of New Sharon, Me., and a direct descendant in the seventh generation of William Boardman, the line being: William; Aaron, born 1649; Moses, born February 16, 1675-6; Andrew, baptized February 20, 1720-1; Sylvanus, born September 15, 1757; Holmes Allen; Elizabeth A.

William Boardman came to Cambridge, Mass., with his mother and his stepfather, Stephen Day, in 1638, and not very long after was appointed steward and cook of Harvard College. The position of steward he resigned 1667. That of cook he held till his death in 1685, his son Andrew being his successor.

Aaron, third son of William, resided in Cambridge, and, as Paige states, "was a locksmith; was appointed to take charge of the college clock, and also to serve as college smith, 1675, and succeeded his brother Andrew (who died in 1687) as college cook and steward." He became an extensive landholder. Moses, eldest son of Aaron and his wife Mary, was by occupation a tanner. He married Abigail, daughter of Deacon Walter Hastings (John) and his wife, Sarah Meane. Moses Boardman was a Captain in the militia, and eighteen years a selectman. Andrew, his tenth born child, baptized in 1721, was graduated from Harvard in 1737, and ordained in 1746 as minister at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, where he served until his death in 1776.

Sylvanus Boardman, a native of Chilmark, born September 15, 1757, entered the Chilmark Latin School at the age of fifteen, to prepare for Harvard, which he was about to enter when his father's death changed his plans. He subsequently taught school ten years; was ordained as pastor of the Baptist church at Livermore, Me., at the age of forty-four years; removed from there to North Yarmouth at the end of eight years, subsequently having charge of the church at New Sharon for thirty years. He lived to a ripe old age, dying March 16, 1845. On April 12, 1790, he married Phebe, daughter of George and Mary Dana, of Stow, Mass. She survived him, dying September 3, 1860, aged ninety-one years. Of the eight children born of their union, one son and two daughters died in infancy, the others being as follows: Harriet, who died at the age of twenty years; Sarah Phipps, who married captain Andrews Blanchard, of Boston, and died at the age of eighty-four years; Holmes Allen, who was the next in this line of

descent; Frances Green, who married Joseph Bullen, of New Sharon, and is now living in New London, N.H.; and George Dana. The latter, who was born February \*, 1801, studied at the Andover Theological Seminary, was ordained, and went as missionary to Burma, where his death occurred six years later. His widow afterward became the wife of Adoniram Judson, the first missionary to Burma.

Holmes Allen Boardman served as selectman for several terms, as a Representative to the State Legislature two terms, and for a number of years as Deacon of the Baptist church at New Sharon. He died October 18, 1846, aged forty-nine years. His wife, Betsey Titcomb, daughter of William Titcomb, of Falmouth, Me., and his wife Abigail, was born May 11, 1799, and died March 8, 1880.

John Morrill and Elizabeth A. (Boardman) Fifield were the parents of five children. Only two of the family are now living, namely: Holmes Boardman, and his younger brother, Horace P., both of Conway. Horace P. Fifield was born June 28, 1862. For a number of years he was a clerk in his father's store, being thus employed up to the time of his father's death. Since then he has been manager of the business, of which he is part owner. He married Alice Ward Burnham, daughter of Albert W. and Ellen (Ward) Burnham, of Lowell, Mass. They have two children- Dorothy B. and Donald Morrill.

H. Boardman Fifield was graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1879, and the ensuing six years was employed as a clerk in a wholesale dry-goods house in Portland, Me. Coming to Conway in 1885, he formed a partnership with Frank W. Davis, and under the firm name of Davis & Fifield conducted a dry-goods and men's clothing store for thirteen years, since which time he has carried on the business alone, being also one of the firm of Fifield Brothers, grocers. Mr. Fifield has served in various official positions, including that of vice-president of the Conway Savings Bank, president of the Conway Water Company, and a member of the School Board. Fraternally, he is a member of Mount Washington Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., of North Conway, in which he has passed all the chairs, being Past Master; and of Swift River Lodge, No. 84, I.O.O.F., of Conway. For the past twelve years he has been clerk of the Congregational church of Conway.

Mr. H. Boardman Fifield married June 20, 1888, Helen M., daughter of James M. and Martha (Eastman) Gibson, of North Conway. Mr. and Mrs. Fifield have two children- Ernest G. and Martha B.

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### **SAMUEL N. GREENLAW, M.D.**<sup>11</sup>

, an active and skillful physician of Conway, was born in Eaton, N.H., February 22, 1832, a son of Nathaniel and Zenia Kenniston Greenlaw. His grandfather, John Greenlaw, emigrated to America from England in 1770, settling in Maine, where he proved himself loyal to his adopted country by taking an active part in the Revolutionary

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War in behalf of the liberties of the colonies. He married a Miss Whitney, by whom he had five children - Ebenezer, Betsey, Richard, Nathaniel, and Samuel.

Nathaniel Greenlaw, son of John and father of Samuel N., was born in the Pine Tree State, and was a farmer by occupation, engaging in agricultural pursuits in Maine and New Hampshire successively. He died at the age of eighty-three years, after an active and useful life. He was an earnest Christian, and a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His wife Zenia was a daughter of Jeremiah Kenniston, of Eaton, N.H. They became the parents of six children-Sarah, Joseph, Samuel N., Lucy, Harriet and Clement.

Samuel N. Greenlaw acquired the rudiments of his education in the schools of Eaton, and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1862. Beginning the practice of his Profession at Waterboro, Me., he remained there six years; after which he filled a year's contract at the Army Hospital in Augusta, Me. Coming to Carroll County in 1868, Dr. Greenlaw located in Conway, where his successful practice has won for him a large patronage, with the general confidence of the community. He is a member of the Carroll County Medical Association and of the Ossipee Valley Medical Society, and is also identified by membership with Freedom Lodge, F. & A. M., of Limerick, Me., and with Chatague Tribe, I. O. R. M.

Dr. Greenlaw married Rebecca J. Cotton, a daughter of Cyrus S. Cotton, and a lineal descendant of John Cotton, the second minister of Boston. Deacon William Cotton, a direct descendant of the Rev. John Cotton, was born at Portsmouth, N.H., in 1710, married Sarah Fletcher, and died at Portland, Me., December 8, 1768. Their son, John Cotton, a farmer and preacher, was born in Portland Me., in 1741, and died at Cornish, Me., in 1797. Elisha Cotton, the next in line of descent, was born at Portland, Me., April 25, 1779, and died January 8, 1863. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Morrill, was a native of Wells, Me. Cyrus S. Cotton, who was born in Cornish, Me., December 4, 1804, settled first in Parsonsfield and later in Brownfield, Me., where he served as the first Justice of the Peace of that town, and was for a quarter of a century a Deacon in the Free Will Baptist church. His daughter Rebecca, now Mrs. Greenlaw, was born in Brownfield, Me. Dr. and Mrs. Greenlaw have had three children, namely: Fred Willis, born March 10, 1856; Carrie Belle, born March 15, 1862 (died in 1864), and Arabelle G., born July 18, 1865, who married John B. Smith.

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## **B. FRANK HORNE, M.D<sup>12</sup>**

., a prominent and successful physician of Conway, was born June 20, 1864, at Acton, Me., where his great-grandfather, Meshech Horne, was a pioneer settler. His grandfather, Thomas Horne, Sr., was a lifelong resident of Acton; and his father, Thomas Horne, Jr., was a native of the town, and was there engaged in mechanical pursuits for many years.

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B. Frank Horne pursued his early studies at different high schools and academies, including those in Lindsay and Shapleigh, Me., and Wakefield and Brewster, NH. In 1893 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and the following year took post-graduate course at the Johns Hopkins University. Returning home, he served as general house physician at the Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, there acquiring valuable experience and knowledge. Desirous of making a specialty of treating diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, Dr. Horne next took a course of study at the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat College in Chicago. Coming to Conway in 1895, he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice.

Dr. Horne is a member of Mount Washington Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., both of North Conway. He was married November 27, 1901, to Ruth Burnham Davis, of Conway.

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**ALPHEUS CROSBY KENNETT**<sup>13</sup>

, a prominent and progressive citizen of Conway, carrying on an extensive business as spool manufacturer and as a lumber manufacturer and dealer, was born July 27, 1859, in Madison, NH. His father, William Kennett, is now a resident of Conway. His mother, in maidenhood Sarah E. Russell, was related to the Crosby family, for a member of which he was named.

After his graduation from the academy at New Hampton, NH., in 1878, Mr. Kennett entered the employ of the Boston & Maine Railway Company as station agent, serving a year at Salmon Falls, four years at South Berwick, and five years at West Ossipee. Coming to Conway in 1888, he began the manufacture of spools on a modest scale, succeeding so well that he built another mill, in which he gave employment to thirty hands; and , as his business developed, assuming large proportions, he added a planing-mill, box factory, etc. In lumber, bark, and wood his dealings are immense, for ten years supplying the Excelsior Mills with five thousand cords annually, an amount that he has doubled this year. He is one of the largest land owners in this section of the state, having seven thousand acres in Chatham, twelve thousand in Jackson, five thousand in Fryeburg, Me., ten thousand in Albany, Me., six hundred at Hale's Location, fifty-five hundred in Freedom, fifteen in Bartlett, four thousand at Stowe, Me., fifteen hundred at Stoneham, Me., fifteen hundred at Madison, with sufficient tracts at Ossipee, Tamworth, and other places to aggregate seventy thousand acres. In the manufacture of lumber Mr. Kennett uses portable saw-mills, which he moves from one timber lot to another, as occasion demands.

In his various lines of business Mr. Kennett employs three hundred men, forty of them being in the spool factories. He supplies with spools the O.N.T. Company, the Eureka Silk Company, the Warehouse Point Company, the Morse & Kaley Manufacturing Company, the Barbour Linen Thread Company, and others, his trade in spools extending from Canada to California. He is a man of untiring industry, as well as

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enterprise, having never lost a day when with the railway company, and having never taken three days' vacation since he has been in business for himself.

Mr. Kennett has served as a director of the Conway Savings Bank. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has been in both branches of the State Legislature, serving as a Representative in 1893 and 1895, and as Senator in 1897 and 1898, when he was one of three that sustained the district State tax . While in the House he was chairman of the Committee on County Affairs, and in the Senate was chairman of the Committee on Manufacturers, and served also on the Committees on Finance, Towns, and Banks. He introduced and pushed through a bill for the State Library Law, secured an amendment to the Tuberculosis Bill, which was vetoed, making towns pay one-third damage, and secured the passage of Sawdust Bill, prohibiting the throwing of sawdust into the brooks. Mr. Kennett is very prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Carroll Lodge, A.F.& A. M., of Freedom, Me.; to Signet Chapter, R. A. M., of North Conway; to Palestine Commandery, K. T.; and having taken the thirty-second degree of Masonry. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He was Colonel on the staff of Governor Ramsdell.

Mr. Kennett has been twice married. His first wife, Carrie B. Gerrish, daughter of Dr. Gerrish, of South Berwick, lived but a year after their marriage. He married, second, Lora Ferren, of Madison, NH. Mr. and Mrs. Kennett have one child, Frank Edson Kennett.

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**ALBERT C. LOVEJOY<sup>14</sup>**

, a rising young merchant of Conway, was born in Conway, March 13, 1878, son of Samuel S., and Anna F. (Johnson) Lovejoy. His paternal grandfather, Henry Lovejoy, Jr., was born in Eaton, Carroll County, NH, where his great-grandfather, Henry Lovejoy, Sr., was a resident.

John Lovejoy, founder of the family in New England, is mentioned in the oldest book of records of Andover, Mass. (incorporated in 1646) as one of the twenty-three householders of that town. He married, at Ipswich, in 1651, Mary, daughter of Christopher Osgood.

Samuel S. Lovejoy was brought to Conway when a child of four years. After completing his education at the Fryeburg (Me.) Academy, he turned his attention to agriculture, settling upon a farm at Conway Centre. He was prominently identified with local public affairs, serving as Deputy Sheriff for several years; was Tax Collector of Conway and Albany for some time, and acted as Justice of the Peace. In politics he voted with the Democratic party. He was member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Samuel S. Lovejoy married Anna F. Johnson, daughter of Joseph L. Johnson, of Union, NH. They were parents of two children.

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Herbert C. Lovejoy began his education in the public schools of Conway, and completed his studies with a commercial course at the Burdett Business College, Boston. His first employment was as book-keeper for C. W. Leatherbee, a lumber merchant on Albany Street, Boston; and his next position was that of assistant station agent on the Boston & Maine Railway at Conway, in which capacity he continued for four years. In 1890 he established himself in the grocery business at Conway, and is rapidly building up a lucrative trade. He is a prominent factor in local Democratic politics, and in 1900 was his party's candidate for Representative to the Legislature. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, being also superintendent of the Sunday-school.

In June, 1898, Mr. Lovejoy married Miss Mary C. Head, daughter of John Head, of Conway. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy have one son, Theodore Russell Lovejoy, and one daughter, Helen Margaret Lovejoy. [Also, Maurice Lovejoy. a son].

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### **JOHN MCMILLAN<sup>15</sup>**

, who was intimately identified with the agricultural and mercantile interests of North Conway for many years, was born in this town, June 21, 1821, and died here, December 4, 1899. He was a son of Gilbert McMillan and a grandson of Andrew McMillan, one of the earlier settlers of this section of the state.

Andrew McMillan was born in August, 1731, in the parish of Dunbow, Barony Colerain, County of Londonderry, Ireland. Coming to this country when a young man, he served in the French and Indian War, receiving a large grant of land in the towns of Conway, Bartlett, and Jackson, N.H., the title to his lands being given him by King George III. In 1774, while a resident of Concord, he served as Colonel of the Fifteenth New Hampshire Regiment, having on his staff Colonel Thomas Stickney and Benjamin Thompson, later Count Rumford. Subsequently removing to Conway, he signed the Association Test, and as a staunch patriot was made one of the Committee of Safety. On November 12, 1761, he married Hannah Hazen Osgood, who was born in Concord, N.H., August 1, 1743 (O. S.). They become the parents of twelve children, namely: Sarah, born July 29, 1762; Martha, born March 9, 1764; Hannah, born March 6, 1766; Lewis, born April 14, 1768; James, born February 24, 1770; Catherine, born December 9, 1771; John, born February 8, 1774; Jane, born July 13, 1776; Ann, born June 17, 1778; Elizabeth, born July 17, 1780; Sophia, born July 19, 1782; and Gilbert, born December 30, 1787.

Gilbert McMillan assisted his father in the work of the farm, and also in the management of the old McMillan Inn. He was a very quiet, retiring man, highly esteemed as a neighbor and friend, and was a member of the local lodge of Free Masons. His first wife, Janette Osgood, died in early womanhood, having borne him four children. He married, second, Susan Kneeland McFarland, by whom he had one child, Clara Dwight, now Mrs. Ayer, who resides in Boston, Mass. Janette Osgood was a daughter of

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Samuel Osgood, a lineal descendant of John Osgood, one of the original householders of Andover, Mass., and the town's first Representative to the General Court. John Osgood died in 1651. From him the line continued through Captain John, Samuel, James, Samuel, Captain James, to Jane or Janette.

Captain John Osgood succeeded to his father's estate in Andover. He married Mary Clements, and reared eight children. In 1687 he was imprisoned ten days for resisting the taxes imposed by Sir Edmund Andros, which act, say the records, "gave him much popularity among his fellow-townsmen." His son, Samuel, born in 1665, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Dean, of Taunton, and died in 1717. James Osgood, born in Andover about 1707, married in 1731 Hannah Hazen, daughter of Richard and Mary (Peabody) Hazen, of Boxford, and died in Concord, N.H., in 1757. "Mother Osgood's Tavern," as it was known in Concord, was kept by his widow. Her mother was a daughter of Captain John and Hannah (Andrews) Peabody and granddaughter of Lieutenant Francis Peabody and of Robert Andrews. James Osgood served in the French and Indian War, being present at the taking of Louisburg, subsequently raising a company, of which he was made Captain, and of which he was commander at the battle of the Cedars, where the company sustained severe losses.

James and Hannah (Hazen) Osgood had nine children, the first-born a daughter, Anna, who married Colonel Thomas Stickney; the sixth, Hannah, born in 1743, who married Andrew McMillan, as stated above; the son, Samuel, born in 1734, who married Jane Webster, of Concord, and in 1763 removed to Fryeburg, Me., where he was a farmer and innkeeper. His son, Captain James, born in 1757, died at Fryeburg, Me., in 1815. He married Abigail Evans, and was the father of fourteen children, one of them being Janette, who became the first wife of Gilbert McMillan.

John McMillan was educated at the North Conway, Gorham, and Fryeburg Academies, being graduated from the latter institution. He carried on general farming for many years, also doing a good business as a merchant, and was engaged to some extent in lumbering. In 1863 he reopened the old McMillan House, built by his grandfather, enlarging it so that it would accommodate about seventy-five guests, and adding many substantial improvements. This he managed until 1888, when he sold out his interest in it. Until the burning of this inn, September 5, 1899, it was one of the landmarks of North Conway. Mr. McMillan accumulated considerable wealth. He was public-spirited and generous, giving liberally to charitable objects. He served as Representative to the

State Legislature, as Selectman, and for a number of years as Internal Revenue Collector. His death was regarded as a public loss to town and county, and the esteem in which he was held was shown by the large concourse of people from Conway and surrounding towns that gathered at his funeral to pay a last tribute to his memory.

Mr. McMillan married Eliza Lovejoy, a daughter of Jedediah and Betsey (Runnells) Lovejoy and granddaughter of Abial and Anna (Stickney) Lovejoy, pioneer settlers of Conway. Anna Stickney was a daughter of Colonel Jere and Elizabeth (Carleton) Stickney and a granddaughter of William and Anna (Hazeltine) Stickney, the former of whom was a direct descendant of Robert de Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan were the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, a daughter named Janette Osgood, resides on the old homestead. She is a member of the Boston Press Club and of the Anna Stickney Chapter, D. A. R., of North Conway, which was named in honor of one of her ancestors.

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### **ORMAND W. MERRILL**<sup>16</sup>

, proprietor of a popular summer boarding-house at Conway, Carroll County, was born in this town, November 11, 1836, son of Mark and Harriet (Broughton) Merrill. His great-grandfather on the paternal side was Lieutenant Thomas Merrill, who was a son of Deacon John Merrill, of Concord, both of them being among the very earliest settlers in Conway. About the year 1766 Deacon John Merrill, who was one of the original proprietors of the township, built his dwelling-house upon what is now known as the Quint farm, located upon the Intervale on the west side of the Saco River. In 1771 his three sons, Lieutenant Thomas, Amos William, and Enoch, also settled here.

Lieutenant Thomas Merrill acquired possession of large tracts of land lying on both sides of the river. He was one of the most energetic, industrious, and useful among the early proprietors, and was unusually well educated for a non-professional man of the days. Governor John Wentworth, at the solicitation of the inhabitants and suggestion of his Council, appointed him a Justice of the Peace. He also acted as clerk of the proprietors' organization and as clerk at town meetings; and the proprietors' records bear ample testimony to his ability as a public official. To each of his sons who preferred to till the soil he gave a farm, and he aided financially those among them who were desirous of entering professional life. He died July 2, 1788; and his remains lie buried in the old cemetery near the centre of the town. Those of his children who lived to maturity were: Thomas, William, Enoch, Amos, Phebe, Stephen, Mehitable, Jonathan A., John, and Benjamin. Thomas married Hannah Ambrose. Amos married Lois Willey. Phebe married Abiathar Eastman. Stephen married Elizabeth Bailey. Mehitable married Roland Crocker. Jonathan A. married Lydia Merrill; and John married a Miss Boyd, of Portland, Me. The grandfather and father of the subject of this sketch were both residents of Conway. His mother was a daughter of Mark Broughton, an early Conway settler.

Ormond W. Merrill acquired his education in the public schools of Conway. When a young man he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and has followed it in connection with farming for the greater part of the time since. In 1885 he turned his attention to the entertainment of summer boarders; and his pleasantly located dwelling, containing ten well-appointed sleeping apartments, is largely patronized during the summer and autumn months. Mr. Merrill is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted as a private in Company E, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, which served principally in Virginia. He was injured while assisting in the construction of a bridge. Politically, he is a Republican. For the past thirty-five years he has been a

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member of Mount Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and has held all of the offices of Custer Post, No. 147, Grand Army of the Republic, except that of Commander, which he felt obliged to decline on account of not being able to attend the meetings of the Post regularly. He is a member of the Congregational church. In 1867 he married Miss Abbie Quint, daughter of George Quint, of Madison, N.H.

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## **JOEL EASTMAN MORRILL<sup>17</sup>**

of Centre Conway, a former member of the New Hampshire Legislature, was born in Canterbury, N.H., March 12, 1836, son of Dr. Robert S. and Betsey Pettengill (Eastman) Morrill. His paternal ancestors for several generations resided in Massachusetts; and his grandfather, whose name was Reuben Morrill, went from that state to Canterbury, where he spent the rest of his active life upon a farm. Reuben Morrill married Sally Smith, of Andover, Mass.; and their children were: David, who died in Canterbury at the age of ninety-one years; Robert S., M.D., late of Canterbury; and Sally. David Morrill married for his first wife a Miss Smith, and for his second a Mrs. Peverly. Six children born of his first union and two sons by his second wife survived him.

Robert S. Morrill was graduated from the medical department of Bowdoin College. Returning to Canterbury, his native town, he acquired, in a short interval of time, an extensive and lucrative practice; but his professional success was prematurely terminated by his untimely death, which occurred when he was thirty-three years old. Dr. Morrill was one of the pioneer advocates of legal prohibitory measures against the liquor traffic, and frequently delivered lectures upon the subject of temperance and total abstinence. He was a member of the Congregational church. He married Betsey Pettengill Eastman, a member of a highly reputable Salisbury (N.H.) family, being a daughter of Joel and Betsey (Pettengill) Eastman. Joel Eastman was son of John Eastman, 2nd, a Revolutionary soldier. His wife, who was a native of Sandown, N.H., lived to the advanced age of over one hundred and six years. Joel and Betsey (Pettengill) Eastman were the parents of two sons and eleven daughters, of whom Betsey, who married Dr. Morrill, was the youngest. She died September, 1892.

Dr. Robert S. Morrill and his wife Betsey were the parents of four children, namely: Ellen, born in 1834, who is no longer living; Joel E., of Conway Centre; Fannie, who was born in 1838; and Robert, who was born in 1840. Fannie is the wife of Captain William Hazeltine, of Chicago, and the mother of four children. Robert Morrill, who is residing on the homestead farm in Canterbury, married Sarah Smith, of Salisbury, daughter of Joseph Smith, and has two children.

Joel Eastman Morrill acquired his education in the public schools of Canterbury, and the Fryeburg (Me.) Academy. During the last two years of the Civil War he served in the army as Assistant Paymaster, under Colonel John S. Walker, being attached to General Crook's division, and located for most of the time at Wheeling, W. Va. For seventeen

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years he was employed by the Portland and Ogdensburg Railway Company as station agent at Conway Centre; and, after relinquishing that position, he turned his attention to general farming, in which he has ever since been engaged. For the years 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1900 he represented Conway in the State Legislature; and, in addition to the House Committees on State Reform School and Appropriations, he was assigned to several important special committees. In local public affairs he is quite active, frequently serving as Moderator at town meetings. In politics he is a Republican. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church at Fryeburg.

On December 25, 1863, Mr. Morrill married Caroline Warren, who was born in Fryeburg, April 11, 1839, daughter of Isaiah and Ann (Walker) Warren.

They have four children, namely: Milton D., who was born October 11, 1875; Ruth, who was born March 1, 1868; Lucia M., born December 13, 1869; and Mary Odell, born October 19, 1872. Their youngest child, Joel Warren, born January 22, 1880, dies January 7, 1881. Milton Morrill prepared for college at Phillips (Andover) Academy, and, after studying one year at Bowdoin College, entered the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Pratt Institute, from which he graduated. He is now an architect in the employ of the United States government at the West Point Military Academy. Ruth, who is a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1890, is now the wife of Milton G. Starrett, and resides in New York City. Lucia M., also a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1890, is now engaged in teaching. Mary Odell is a graduate of a Boston training school for kindergarten teachers. She was married October 19, 1897, to John Leadbeater, and lives at Alexandria, Va., where her husband is engaged in business.

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#### **HERBERT STEPHEN MUDGETT<sup>18</sup>**

, the genial proprietor of the Intervale House, at Intervale, Carroll County, was born in that town February 12, 1859, son of Stephen and Asenath (Trickey) Mudgett. Stephen Mudgett was born in Jackson, N.H., December 29, 1818. He came to Conway in 1836, purchasing the Samuel Willey farm; and in 1860 he opened the Pine Grove House, one of the first hotels in Conway. This house was burned and rebuilt during the war. In 1872 he sold his farm to E. B. Bigelow, and on the same day purchased the Intervale House of W. H. H. Trickey, who had erected it about 1860. A one-story road tavern had flourished on the site in teaming days. In 1873 Stephen Mudgett enlarged and improved the Intervale House, his new constructions including a complete system of drainage. In 1883 a large wing, forty by eighty-five feet and three stories high, then nearly completed, was blown down, and was rebuilt by him the same season. Stephen Mudgett sold the Pine Grove House to E. B. Bigelow, who transformed it into his present summer residence.

In 1872 Herbert S. Mudgett and his brother, Frank A., became associated with their father in the business, and so continued until the death of the elder Mudgett in 1891. Since then they have carried it on together under the old firm name of S. Mudgett &

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Sons. In 1887 extensive improvements were made in the hotel, fifty rooms being added to the already large structure. Twenty more rooms were added in 1891, and steam heat and electricity in 1896. In the following year the parlor was remodeled and refurnished, and two floors were reconstructed with hardwood finish. The present accommodation of the hotel is two hundred. Mr. Herbert S. Mudgett was the organizer in 1897 of the Goodrich Falls Electric Company, of which he has since been director and treasurer. He is also on of the Board of Directors of the North Conway Loan and Banking Company.

Mr. Mudgett was married June 1882, to Miss Cora Estella Harmon, daughter of Cyrus and Betsey Elizabeth Harmon, of Madison. He has three children: Edward Chester, born October 8, 1884; Harold Harmon, born February 8, 1887; and Mildred Gladys, born April 5, 1891.

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### **LORY ODELL<sup>19</sup>**

Lory Odell was born in 1801 in Conway, N.H. The ancestors of his father, Richard, lived in Salem, Mass. His mother, Molly Eastman of Concord, N.H. was descended from Roger Eastman, one of the grantees of Salisbury, Mass. In 1816 and 1817 he was my pupil in Portland, and he afterward studied the Portland, Fryeburg, and Wakefield Academies. His law studies, begun under Judge Dana of Fryeburg, were continued in the office of Jeremiah Mason at Portsmouth. After a short practice in Conway he became a resident of Portsmouth. He was made collector of the customs for that port by President Tyler, and kept the office under Taylor and Fillmore. Mr. Odell has never been married. In all other respects I have reason to believe he has discharged his duties to society ably and acceptably.

[page 275] Note: he is buried in Center Conway Cemetery

[[See here for Bio in Portsmouth NH](#)]

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/biog/benchandbarofNH1894.htm>

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### **HENRY HARRISON RANDALL<sup>20</sup>**

, proprietor of the Randall House at North Conway, one of the best equipped and most up-to-date hostleries of the White Mountain region, is a native of the town, born May 7, 1870, son of James T. and Susan (Osgood) Randall. His ancestors for several generations have been residents of North Conway, among them his great-grandparents, Captain Nathaniel and Susan (Knight) Randall, Susan Knight being a descendant of the Knight family of Portsmouth, N.H. A daughter of theirs, Susan Knight Randall, named

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<sup>19</sup> History of Bowdoin College with Biographical Sketches of its graduates, by Nehemiah Cleveland, Osgood, 1882

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after her mother, married Charles Stark Whitaker, and was the mother of Charles Henry Whitaker, now Postmaster at North Conway.

George Knight Randall, son of Captain Nathaniel and grandfather of Henry H. Randall, was born in North Conway, and married a native of the town, Martha Merrill, daughter of Isaac Merrill. They had seven children, born as follows: James T., February 1, 1825; Henry H., June 16, 1830; Hannah F., September 5, 1833; Susan K., September 18, 1836; Nathaniel, January 21, 1839; Lizzie W., September 3, 1842; and Fannie A., August 20, 1845.

James T. Randall, father of the subject of this sketch, during several years of his boyhood resided in Jackson. He afterward went to Fryeburg, Me., where for ten years, from 1850 to 1869, he was engaged in trade with his brother Harry. About the year last named he moved to Kearsarge Village, and thence in 1864 came to the home of his ancestors, North Conway. Here he purchased the Melvin Sevey boardinghouse, which he named the Randall House. A few years later, in 1870, he diversified and increased his occupations by engaging in trade in the old McMillan store, in the meanwhile erecting the one now owned by L. W. Brock, into which he moved in 1872, and where he remained ten years. At the same time he continued to carry on the hotel.

Mr. Randall was one of the pioneers in the hotel business in this section. He was also proprietor for several years, before the advent of the railroads, of the old stage line through the Notch and around the mountains. In 1888 he took his son Henry into partnership with him; and the latter thereafter had the principal management of the hotel owing to his father's declining health, the latter being very feeble during the last few years of his life. Since his death, September 23, 1898, Mr. Henry H. Randall has been the sole proprietor and manager. Situated in the midst of a picturesque and healthful region, commanding a beautiful view of an extensive and varied landscape, with every modern convenience, a good table, and excellent management, this hotel has long been popular among summer tourists in New Hampshire, and never more so than at the present time and under the present regime. It is heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and open throughout the year.

Mr. James T. Randall married about 1865 Miss Susan Osgood, of Fryeburg, daughter of Joshua Bailey and Sarah Hutchins (Eastman) Osgood. She was one of three children, the others being Joshua Bailey and John Langdon. She died in 1870, leaving two children-Carrie May, born November 1, 1867, who is now the wife of Andrew D. Davis; and Henry Harrison, whose name begins this sketch. Mrs. Davis has had four children-Lawrence (who died in infancy), Robert Neal, James Elton, and Harry Randall. Mr. James T. Randall was a charter member of Mount Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was buried with all the honors and ceremonial of that body.

Henry Harrison Randall married Myra Ida Swett, a native of New Hampshire, who was born in North Conway, daughter of Alfred L. and Almira L. (Strout) Swett. Mrs. Randall's father was born April 4, 1849, and died May 25, 1902. Her mother, a native of Denmark, Me., was a daughter of Simeon L. Strout. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Swett are as follows: Frederick Everton, born June 29, 1870; Myra Ida (Mrs. Randall), born December 16, 1871; Mary Strout, born December 4, 1874 (the last named married

William F. Breckett, a native of Sanbornville, N.H.; and they reside in North Conway, where he is in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. The have three children-Hazel May, Marion, and Norman William); Edith Ellen, born May 25, 1877; Alma Merle, born November 15, 1879; and Emma Winifred, born April 3, 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Randall are the parents of two children: Philip Leon, born September 6, 1900; and Carl Osgood, born September 29, 1901.

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**GEORGE HOSLEY SHEDD, M.D., and JOHN ZIBA SHEDD, M.D.<sup>21</sup>**

., of North Conway, two of the best known and most popular medical practitioners of Carroll County, are natives of Maine and sons of George and Rebecca (Frost) Shedd. Their paternal ancestors were early settlers in Norway, Me., and belonged to that hardy pioneer class who in the early days of our country's history laid the foundations of its present prosperity. There is no need to expatiate on their labors, which were similar to those of all pioneers. It will be sufficient to give a brief review of the principal American progenitors of the subjects of this sketch and their family connections, together with such chronology and other detail, when possible, as may be needful to mark clearly the corresponding time and locality. George Shedd was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Frost, daughter of Ziba and Phebe (Lovejoy) Frost, died August 24, 1869, leaving two children-George Hosley and John Ziba-whose names begin this article. He married, second, in June, 1871, Sophronia Brackett by whom also he had two children: Myrtie Nina, born September 16, 1875, who is the wife of Dr. Byron W. McKeen, of Saxonville, Mass, and Alton Brackett, born February 17, 1880.

That branch of the Lovejoy family to which Phebe Lovejoy (Mrs. Ziba Frost) belonged has been resident in Andover, Mass., since the middle of the seventeenth century, its founder there having been John Lovejoy, one of the earliest settlers and proprietors of the town, who died in 1690. John Lovejoy married in 1651 Mary Osgood, daughter of Christopher Osgood, another Andover pioneer, by his wife, Naomi Hoyt Osgood. Their family consisted of seven sons and several daughters, most of whom lived to maturity and married. (Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, vol. iii.) In the course of a few generations the family had greatly multiplied, there being no less than sixty members of the South Church bearing the name before the West Parish set off. They are described in Bailey's Historical Sketches of Andover as "good yeomanry, upholders of order, sobriety, and religion." In later times some of them owned and operated iron works on the Shawshin River. Captain Nathaniel Lovejoy, of Andover, commanded a company in Colonel Samuel Johnson's regiment, that marched April 19, 1775, on the Lexington alarm; and he was a prominent and highly respected resident of that town. The line of descent from John Lovejoy, the pioneer, to Phebe, who married Ziba Frost, as shown by the town records of Andover, is: John, William, Samuel, Isaac, Isaac, Phebe. William Lovejoy was born April 21, 1657, and married Mary Farnum. Samuel Lovejoy, born April 10, 1693, married Hannah Stephens. Isaac Lovejoy, born February 9, 1724, married Deborah Sheldon. Isaac Lovejoy, born March 16, 1757, married November 12, 1778, Mary Morse, of Metheun, who was born February 12, 1757, and died April 15,

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1835. He died December 8, 1832. Phebe Lovejoy, born December 5, 1790, married Ziba Frost, who was born September 15, 1793, and died November 21, 1860. She died March 16, 1877.

A full list of the children of Issac and Mary (Morse) Lovejoy is as follows: Issac, born February 13, 1780; Bodwell, born March 4, 1782, who died December 2, 1832 (he married December 31, 1806, Sarah Towne, and had children - Abiah, Sarah K., Catherine, Lusendy, Daniel B., and Phebe); Mary, born June 8, 1784, who died June 15, 1852; William born September 5, 1786; Lemuel, born January 28, 1790; Henry, born April 22, 1793, who died October 27, 1836; and Anna P., born January 19, 1796. The children of Ziba and Phebe (Lovejoy) Frost were: Samuel J., born October 26, 1823; Rebecca, born December 22, 1825, who married George Shedd, and died August 24, 1869; and Benjamin F., born June 13, 1835, who died September 26, 1836.

George Hosley Shedd was born February 13, 1853, at Waterford, Me. After acquiring a good general education in the public schools he decided to become a physician, and accordingly entered the Medical School at Brunswick, Me., where he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1879. He subsequently attended the New York Post-graduate Medical School. For three years or more he engaged in general practice at Bartlett, N. H., and then went to Fryeburg, where he remained till January 1, 1891, at which time he came to North Conway, N.H. Here he had built up a good practice, and is now the most successful and popular physician in the town. He is a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners; and he belongs to several medical societies, including the American Medical Association, the Maine Medical Association, the New Hampshire Medical Association, and the Carroll County Medical Association. A Free Mason, he belongs to Mount Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., and to Signet Chapter, No. 26, R.A.M. On May 15, 1880, he married Mary Hall, daughter of Solomon Smith Hall and a lineal descendant of Hate Evil Hall, whose father was one of three brothers who came from England and settled in New Hampshire. Hate Evil Hall, born at Dover, N.H., in 1707, married Sarah Furbish, of Kittery, afterward settling in Falmouth, where his death occurred November 28, 1797. He had thirteen children; namely; Dorothy, Daniel, Hate Evil, Mercy, Ebenezer, Abigail, William, John, Jedediah, Andrew, Nicholas, Paul, and Silas.

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**JEROME VAN CROWNINSHIELD SMITH, M.D.**<sup>22</sup>

Jerome Van Crowninshield Smith, physician, author, was born July 20, 1800, in Conway NH. He was a physician of Boston, and port physician, where he was [mayor in 1854](#); and subsequently practiced medicine in New York City. He was the author of Class Book of Anatomy; Life of Andrew Jackson; Natural History of the Fishes of Massachusetts; Pilgrimage to Palestine; Turkey and the Turks; and The Ways of Women. He died Aug. 21, 1879 in New York City. [page 251].[\[see link for likeness\]](#)

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**EDWIN SNOW**<sup>23</sup>, one of the foremost businessmen of Snowville, is actively identified

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<sup>22</sup> From Herringshaw's National Library of American Biography, ed by Thomas William Herringshaw

with the mercantile and manufacturing interests of this part of Carroll County. A son of the late Joseph Snow, he was born in this town in 1836, and has here spent his entire life.

He comes of Massachusetts ancestry. His great-grandfather, Captain Thomas Snow, was a native of Cape Cod, and was for many years engaged in the maritime service as master of vessel. On his retirement from seafaring pursuits, Captain Thomas Snow, who had a large family of boys to look after, changed his available assets into continental currency, and removed with his family to Falmouth, now Portland, ME., where the business outlook seemed promising. The subsequent depreciation of the currency left him practically without means; and he sought a new home for his family in Gorham, Me., where he took up a tract of unbroken land, out of which, aided by his sons, he made a comfortable homestead. He was one of the original settlers of Gorham; and the Barn which he reared is still standing, being preserved as a landmark, although the old log house has long since been replaced by one of more modern structure.

Joseph Snow was born at Gorham, Me., in 1791, and, having the misfortune to lose his parents when quite young, was reared by his grandfather, Captain Snow, on the old Snow farm. After the close war of 1812, in which he took an active part, he became a pioneer settler of Eaton, N.H. Taking up land that was still in its primeval condition, he partly cleared what was afterward known as the "Bryant Farm," living thereon until 1822, when, in order to secure natural waterpower, he exchanged that property for land which now embraces the present site of Snowville in Eaton township. Here in 1825 he erected a gristmill, and two years later a sawmill, which later was burned in 1830, but was rebuilt within two weeks. Joseph Snow was a man of strong personality, and exerted a beneficial influence in the new town, of which he became a prominent citizen. His early education having been neglected, he acquired such knowledge as was essential to an ordinary business carrier after attaining the age of thirty-five years, employing a private tutor for that purpose. He married Sally Atkinson, daughter of John Atkinson; and they had eleven children - Silas, Hannah, Alvan, Apphia, Joseph, Susan, Sally, John, Mary A., Edwin, and Jane. Hannah married, first, Mayhew Patch, and second, the Rev. Edmund Dudley. Sally died at the age of eight years. Mary A. became the wife of William F. Brooks, and Jane the wife of Charles Robertson.

Edwin Snow attended first the common schools of Eaton, completing his education in the academy at North Parsonsfield, Me. Opening a general store in 1856 in company with his brothers, he was associated with them until 1859, when he purchased their interest, and has since conducted the business alone. Beginning on a modest scale, he has gradually enlarged his operations, having now an extensive and profitable trade, and often taking timber, bark, and farm produce in exchange for his commodities. For many years he has been largely engaged, also, in the manufacture of lumber, dealing in shooks, barrels, shingles, boards, and other kinds of lumber; and from 1873 until 1878 he was one of the leading livestock dealers in the town. He cuts about eighty tons of hay yearly from his fifteen hundred acres of land, most of which is well timbered.

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Mr. Snow's energy and ability have brought him conspicuously to the front in town affairs, and rendered him a most valuable public official. In 1864 and 1865 he served on the Board of Selectmen, and since then has been ten years chairman of the board. He has filled the office of Town Clerk for many years, and frequently presides at the annual town meetings as Moderator. From 1881 to 1886 he was County Auditor, and for two years County Commissioner, giving excellent satisfaction in these offices. He represented Eaton in the State Legislature for eight years, in 1883 and 1884 being a member of the Committee on Railroads, at which time there was an exciting contest over the railway laws. He also served on the Judiciary Committee as a member of the Committee on Insane Asylums. In 1891 he was elected to the State Senate on the Democratic ticket, and served on several committees of importance. Owing to the State having been gerrymandered by the Republican Party, he has held no electoral office since that time, but in 1892 was appointed by the Governor to the Board of State Equalization and Taxation, taking the vacancy caused by the death of E. W. Drew, of Stewartstown. He is a Baptist in religious faith, and contributes generously to the support of that denomination, having fitted up and furnished a hall for its worship. He is a member of Trinity Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Masonic order.

Mr. Snow was married October 14, 1857, to Maria H. Perkins, a daughter of John W. and Caroline Nason Perkins and granddaughter of Stephen Perkins, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. Snow have four children, namely: Nellie H., wife of A. J. White, a contractor and builder of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Isabel S., wife of L. W. Atkinson, M. D., of Cherry Valley, Mass.; Leslie P.; and Bertha C., the last named born April 4, 1877. Leslie P. Snow, born October 19, 1862, received his elementary education in the public schools of Eaton, afterward attending the academies at Fryeburg and Bridgton, Me., and being graduated from Dartmouth College with the class of 1886. He studied law, was admitted to the New Hampshire bar, and became junior member of the law firm of Worcester, Gaffney & Snow, of Rochester, N. H. Having survived both his partners, he is now the leading lawyer of that place. In 1887 and 1888 he served as a Representative to the State Legislature, and in November 1887, was appointed United States Pension Examiner by President Cleveland. He married Elsie Currier, of Haverhill, N. H.

William N. Snow, an enterprising and successful businessman of Snowville, was born in this town, February 28, 1863. He is a son of Alvan and Malvina (Nason) Snow and a grandson of Joseph Snow, an early pioneer of Eaton. Further information in regard to his ancestry may be found in connection with the sketch of Edwin Snow, which appears on another page of this volume.

Alvin Snow was born in Snowville, N.H., in 1820, and died February 6, 1895. For more than a quarter of a century he was associated in business with his brother Silas as a carpenter and furniture manufacturer, having learned those trades in his younger days. He was a man of firm religious belief and a member of the Baptist church. In 1873 and 1874 he served in the State Legislature. He married, first, Malvina, daughter of Ephraim Nason, and, second, in 1873, Sarah E., daughter of James and Dorothy (Smith) Cram, of Brownfield, Me. Two children were born of his first union, namely: Frank, a carpenter and machinist, now living in California, who represented the town of Eaton, NH, in the State Legislature in 1885 and 1886; and William N., whose name begins this sketch.

William N. Snow began the manufacture of carriages, in company with his brother, when but sixteen years old, and has continued in the same line of business since, having carried it on alone in recent years. An expert workman and mechanic, thoroughly understanding all the details of his trade, he possesses also considerable inventive ingenuity. In 1893 he invented and patented a flexible spring, consisting of a coil spring and an equalizing rod, and in 1894 a gear, both of which inventions proved of practical utility, and are still in use. Mr. Snow makes a specialty of manufacturing sleighs, getting out about seventy-five in a season, and selling them to dealers in various large cities, including New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Boston, where he sold to Ferd. French & Co., and Lynn, where he dealt with the well-known firm of Buxton, Sawyer & Chase. Mr. Snow is also a musician of considerable ability, able to play almost any band instrument, and being especially a good cornet and clarinet player. For fifteen years he was a leader of the Snowville Brass Band, consisting of twenty-two pieces. Fraternally, he is a member of Trinity Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F., of Eaton, in which he has passed all the chairs; and of Mount Chocorua Encampment, of Eaton, which he is now serving as Chief Priest for the second term.

Mr. Snow married in September 1884, Susan E., daughter of Albert Brooks, of Eaton, NH. Mr. Brooks was a lifelong farmer of Eaton, where his death occurred about 1885, and was also for a short time in business with Mr. Edwin Snow, being junior member of the firm of Snow & Brooks. He represented Eaton in the State Legislature for several terms, and held other public offices. He was twice married, and by his first, Harriet Davis, of Eaton, had three children – Rose, Lillian, and Susan E. – the last named now being Mrs. William N. Snow.

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### **WILLIAM D. TASKER<sup>24</sup>**

, proprietor of the Fairview house, at Intervale, Carroll County, was born January 28 1852, at lower Bartlett, a son of the late Cyrus A. Tasker. The following is a brief review of his line of descent.

John Tasker, the founder of the Tasker family of America, emigrated from England to this country at an early day, settling in Madbury, N.H., where his four sons - Ebenezer, Samuel, John, and William - lived for some time. Ebenezer Tasker served in the French and Indian war. At one time, when out on scout duty, he stumbled on a camp of Indians, and was discovered by them. With great courage and presence of mind, he shouted, "Come on, boys!" as though leading an attack, at which the Indians took flight and fled. Settling in Bartlett, about two miles below the present village, he cleared a farm, and there reared his two sons - Ebenezer and Jonathon. Sergeant Jonathan Tasker, the next in his line of descent, served in the War of the Revolution, being in Colonel Reed's regiment and Captain Clay's company. He reared six children two sons, Jonathan and Ebenezer; and four daughters, namely: Polly, who became the wife of Elder Hazeltine; Lucrieta and Lurana, twins, who married two brothers, Daniel Rogers and Joshua Rogers; and Comfort, who married Benjamin F. George. Ebenezer Tasker

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was a lifelong farmer and one of the leading citizens of Bartlett during the greater part of his long life of eighty-four years. His worth and ability were fully appreciated by his fellow townsmen, who elected him to numerous offices of trust, including those of Selectman, Tax Collector, and Representative to the State Legislature. He married a Miss Hussum, and their children were: William, Cyrus A. Ebenezer, Eliza, John, Mary, Andrew, and Martha. William, born in 1813, for nine summers led a horse over the bridle path across Mount Washington, giving to his father the money thus earned, sixty dollars. Then going to West Newbury, Mass., he began mercantile business on a small scale by peddling combs, in which occupation he soon acquired sufficient capital to open a store there. The extent of his operations subsequently became so great that he was enabled to corner the comb market and to exchange his stock for the land on which Kansas City now stands, thus acquiring a large fortune. During the Civil War he suffered financial ruin; but, starting again with a capital of three hundred dollars, he made another fortune.

Eliza, daughter of Ebenezer Tasker, married Hazen Pitman, proprietor of the Pequawket House, at Lower Bartlett. She died April 22, 1899. John, who was educated by his brother William, was Quartermaster in the War Department at Washington, D.C. He married, and reared three children: Herbert Delman, a resident of Providence, R.I.; Ida, now Mrs. Ida Davis, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Jennie, wife of Charles McCutcheon, of New York. Mary, daughter of Ebenezer Tasker, is the wife of Thomas M. Chase, a comb manufacturer, of West Newbury, Mass. They have two children: Elwood N., who married Anna Noyes; and Emma M., who is the wife of Ezekiel Whitman. Martha Tasker married, first, W. Silver, and after his death became the wife of George Bennett. Ebenezer Tasker was a merchant and business man of Bartlett. He married Kezia Loughton, who bore him five children - Ida, John, Sarah, Mary, and Lydia. John resided in Newburyport. Sarah, who is a tailoress at Manchester, N.H., has made a coat for every Governor of the state for the past fifteen years. Lydia married Frank Locke.

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### **CHRISTOPHER WALKER WILDER<sup>25</sup>**

, of Conway, NH., was born January 7, 1829, in Lancaster, Mass., which was also the birthplace of his father, Elisha Wilder. He is of colonial ancestry, being a direct descendant in the seventh generation from Thomas Wilder, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts at an early period of its settlement, locating in Lancaster, where three of his sons, Thomas, John, and Nathaniel, were then living, having come to this country at a still earlier date. Nathaniel, the third son, was killed by the Indians while standing at his own door. The following is a brief review of the line of descent:

Thomas Wilder, born in England, was father of Thomas Wilder, who was probably a lifelong resident of Lancaster. Jotham Wilder, born in Lancaster in 1718, married Phebe Wheeler, also of Lancaster; and they reared eight children. Titus Wilder, born in Lancaster, December 15, 1749, married Mary Allen, daughter of Ebenezer and Tabitha (Fullum) Allen and a granddaughter on the maternal side of Francis Fullum, who was

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<sup>25</sup> Source: American Series of Popular Biographies--Representative Citizens of The State of New Hampshire:New Hampshire Edition;New England Historical Publishing Company, Boston, 1902

killed by the Indians at Fryeburg, Me., in 1725. They had eight children, namely: Thomas, born June 29, 1773, who died at the age of twelve years; Polly, born February 12, 1776; Titus, born November 7, 1778; Ebenezer, born October 1, 1781; Tabitha, born October 19, 1783; Thomas, born June 19, 1786; Betsey, born April 12, 1788; and Elisha, born September 22, 1793.

Elisha Wilder, a carpenter by trade, lived and died in Lancaster, his death occurring in 1836. In early life he was an officer in the State militia, his commission as Lieutenant, dated May 3, 1820, being signed by Governor Brooks and by Alden Bradford, Secretary of State. He married Emily Pollard, who was born in Lancaster, July 7, 1793, and died November 5, 1830. She was one of twelve children of Abner Pollard and his first wife, Achsah (Phelps) Pollard, her father being one of the twelve children of John and Elizabeth Pollard. After the death of his first wife Abner Pollard married Susannah Nurse, who bore him four children. Elisha Wilder and his wife were the parents of five children; namely, Edwin Elisha, Emily, Caroline M., Frederick, and Christopher W. Emily died in childhood. Caroline M., born in 1823, died at the age of twenty-two years. Frederick died in infancy. Edwin Elisha, the eldest child, was born in Lancaster, Mass., June 30, 1821. For many years of his active life he was engaged in business at Bridgton, Me., as a carriage trimmer, but is now retired. He married Philomela Greenwood, by whom he had five children-Caroline P., Edwin G., Helen J., Genevieve, and one that died in infancy.

Christopher Walker Wilder was but an infant when, on the death of his mother, he came to Conway to live with an aunt, Mrs. Benjamin R. Page. Here he attended the public schools, subsequently completing his studies at the Fryeburg Academy. Going then to Haverhill, Mass., he worked with his elder brother at carriage making until twenty years old. On attaining his majority he returned to Conway, and built up an extensive business here as harness manufacturer and dealer, thus continuing until 1870. Since that time he has been employed in various public offices, the duties of which he has performed with commendable fidelity and ability. In 1861 he was elected County Commissioner of Carroll County, and served for three years; from 1864 until 1868 and in 1877 he was a Selectman; and in 1868 and 1869 he represented the town in the State Legislature, in which he served on the Committee on Education. In 1869 he succeeded in obtaining a charter for the Conway Savings Bank, of which, on its organization in May, 1870, he became auditor, a position that he has held up to the present time, besides which, for eleven years, he was assistant treasurer, and since 1885 has been treasurer. In 1871 Mr. Wilder was appointed by Governor Weston, Registrar of Probate of Carroll County, an office that he filled for five years. For the past forty years, of since 1861, he has been Notary Public and justice of the Peace. He is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to Saco Valley Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and to Swift River Lodge No. 84, of the same order.

On November 25, 1852, Mr. Wilder married Sophia Greenwood, who was born in Bethel, Me., July 19, 1830, a daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy (Grover) Greenwood. She is a granddaughter of Nathaniel Greenwood, of Bethel, Me., and is of early Welsh ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder are the parents of four children, as follows: George Sidney; Annette A.; Fred G. who died at the age of two years; and Henri P. George Sidney, born May 14, 1856, died March 27, 1892. He married Carrie C. Yeaton, by whom he had six children-Clifford W., Ethel, Grace G., Alice, Ralph, and Elsie. Annette,

born October 26, 1857, married Haven A. Quint, and died July 6, 1886, leaving three children-Eleanor P., Levi N. I., and Fred C. Henri P., born August 16, 1863, is engaged in business in Conway, and resides with his parents. November 11, 1891, he married Mary E. Long, of Melrose, Mass.

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**BENJAMIN GLAZIER WILLEY<sup>26</sup>**

Benjamin Glazier Willey, author, b. in Conway, N.H. 1 Feb 1796; d. in East Sumner, Maine 17 April 1867. He was graduated in Bowdoin in 1822, studied theology with Rev. Asa Cummings, was ordained as colleague pastor at Conway in 1824, and preached there for seven years, and subsequently at Milton and Farmington, N.H. and East Sumner, Maine. His father, Samuel, was one of the first settlers of Conway, and his brother, who was also named Samuel, perished with all his family in the avalanche of 28 August 1826. An account of this catastrophe is given in Mr. Willey's "Incidents in White Mountain History" (Boston 1856) which was enlarged and republished under the title of "History of the White Mountains, together with many Interesting Anecdotes, illustrating Life in the Backwoods" (New York, 1870).

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<sup>26</sup> Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, Volume 6, edited by James Grant Wilson, John Fiske, Gale Research Co., 1889