

## **EARLY SETTLERS AND IMPORTANT PERSONS OF BATH NH**

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### **ALONZO PHILETUS CARPENTER<sup>1</sup>**

Alonzo Philetus Carpenter, jurist was born 28 Jan 1829 at West Waterford VT, Jan 28, 1829, son of Isaiah and Caroline (Bugbee) Carpenter, and a descendant of William Carpenter, of Wherwell, England, who came from Southampton, England in 1638 and settle din Weymouth, Mass. His son William married Miriam Searles, and their son Noah married Sarah Johnson, their son Isaiah married Alatheia Titus, and their son Jonah married Zerniah Whitmore and was Judge Carpenter's grandfather. He obtained his education in the St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont, where he was graduated in 1844, and at Williams College, where he was graduated in the class of 1849. He studied law at Bath, New Hampshire and began practice there in 1853, forming a partnership with the Hon. Ira Goodall, his father-in-law. Building up an extensive practice throughout his state, he gained considerable note in that locality, and was elected Grafton county solicitor in 1863. He held this office for ten years. In 1881 he was appointed justice of the supreme court of New Hampshire and was chosen chief justice in 1896. Judge Carpenter was noted for his thorough knowledge of the law, for his broad scholarship and for his varied literary attainments. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Williams College in 1887 and Dartmouth College in 1896. He was married Nov 2, 1853 to Julia Rosanna Goodall of Bath, daughter of Ira Goodall. They had six children: Lilian, Philip, Francis, Henry, Arthur Hutchins, Edith and Helen. He died at Concord NH May 9, 1898

### **PHILIP CARPENTER<sup>2</sup>**

Philip Carpenter, lawyer, was born at Bath, Grafton Co. NH March 9, 1856 son of Judge Alonzo Philetus and Julia R. (Goodall) Carpenter. His maternal grandfather, Ira Goodall, was for many years the leading lawyer in northern New Hampshire, and his uncle, Jonathan Ross, was a justice of the supreme court of Vermont for twenty years and for five years chief justice. Mr. Carpenter was prepared for college at the St. Johnsbury (VT) Academy, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1877. He studied law at Bath NH and after being admitted to the bar in 1880, practiced in partnership with his father until the latter was appointed justice in 1881. Removing to Lancaster NH he became a

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<sup>1</sup> The National cyclopedia of American biography ... v.1-, Volume 12 (Google eBook); George Derby, James Terry White; J. T. White, 1904

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member of Drew, Jordan & Carpenter, and in 1885 he went to New York city, where he has since been successfully engaged in practice. Before leaving New Hampshire he served as judge-advocate general on the staff of Gov. Moody Currier, and attained some prominence as an active member of the Republican party. In New York city he has acquired an extensive practice in corporation law. He is a member of the city and state bar associations and of the Union League, Colonial, Republican, National Arts and Harware clubs, and the new England Society of New York city. He was married at West Winsted, CT in September 1880 to Fanny Hallock Rouse, a descendant in the ninth generation from John and Priscilla Alden, and a cousin once removed of William Cullen Bryant.

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**JOHN BEDEL<sup>3 4</sup>**

John Bedel, soldier, lawyer, legislator, was born July 8, 1822 in Indian Stream territory, NH. His father was Gen. Moody Bedel. The son enlisted as a private in the Mexican War in 1847, and became a captain in 1849. He was admitted to the bar in 1850, and practiced in Bath NH until 1853 when he entered the treasury department at Washington DC remaining there until the beginning of the civil war. He was then appointed lieutenant-colonel of the 3rd New Hampshire Volunteers 27 June 1862, was wounded 10 July 1863 and captured at Fort Wagner, 18 July 1863. He was promoted colonel of that regiment, while a prisoner of war, 6 April 1864, and paroled on 9 Dec. He was made a brigadier-general of the United States volunteers, by brevet, dating in 1865, for gallant and meritorious services. He was mustered out of service 20 July 1865. He represented the town of Bath in the legislature, and was several times the unsuccessful democratic candidate for governor. He died Feb 26, 1875 in Bath NH.

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**TIMOTHY BARRON<sup>5</sup>**

Timothy Barron -- Another of the families furnished to St. Clair County, Michigan, from the rugged hills of New Hampshire is the Barron family.... The subject of this sketch, Timothy Barron, is now in his eighty-fourth year. He was born December 30, 1818 at

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<sup>3</sup> Herringshaw's encyclopedia of American biography of the nineteenth century: Accurate and succinct biographies of famous men and women in all walks of life who are or have been the acknowledged leaders of life and thought of the United States since its formation (Google eBook); Thomas William Herringshaw; American publishers' association, 1901

<sup>4</sup> Appleton's cyclopædia of American biography, Volume 1 (Google eBook); James Grant Wilson, John Fiske; D. Appleton and Company, 1888 - History

<sup>5</sup> Biographical memoirs of St. Clair county, Michigan, to which is appended a...compendium of national biography... (Google eBook); B.F. Bowen, 1903

Bath, Grafton County, New Hampshire, and was the son of Timothy and Susan (white) Barron, the mother a native of Cambridge MA while the father had been born at Bath. Timothy Barron Sr. was engaged in the manufacture of lumber in his native town and operated a saw mill....Mrs. Barron died February 28, 1828, her husband passing away seven years later June 5, 1833. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom except Timothy, the subject of this sketch and his sister, Anna are dead. They were William B., who came to St. Clair county in 1836 and engaged in the mercantile business; Anna married William Southard of Bath, NH and resides there; Ruth married S.M. Sanbourn; Thomas E. lived in Port Huron and was quite active in politics; Timothy is the subject thereof; Charles, who died soon after the death of his father, and the youngest child died in infancy.

Timothy Barron was more fortunate in his educational advantages than many of the youths of his day and generation. In addition to the instruction he was able to receive in the district school, he was permitted to complete one year of high school. His proficiency in all of the common school branches secured for him a teacher's license and at the tender age of seventeen he found himself in charge of a school as teacher, at a salary of ten dollars per month. In the fall of 1838 he left New Hampshire and made the journey to St. Clair County, Michigan. His brother, William B. had come out two years previous and established himself in the mercantile business at St. Clair, and Timothy assisted in the store the first winter he was in Michigan. The next spring he took up farming, which he did for a year. He worked for his brother again, and then served as jailor and under sheriff twelve years, part of the time at St. Clair and while there was also city marshal and constable. He was United states deputy marshal for four years, under Austin E. Wing, of Monroe, Michigan, and he engaged in the sale of groceries and provisions at St. Clair for six years.

In December 1848, Mr. Barron was united in marriage to Miss Sophia P. Carleton of Bath NH. She was a daughter of Israel and Nancy (Demming) Carleton, who were natives of New Hampshire but who moved to St. Clair county Michigan in 1830, and located on the farm on which the subject of this sketch now resides. On this place Mr. and Mrs. Carleton made their home and reared their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron are the parents of three children: viz: Timothy D. an engineer on one of the boats plying between this point and Detroit, married Martha Fairman and they are the parents of two children, Lila and George B.; Lila died in 1857, aged three years; George C., who is engaged in business with his father.

After his marriage in 1848 Mr. Barron engaged in the grocery and provision business in St. Clair and continued it for a period of six years meeting with marked success. He then moved to his present location on the farm and in 1873 he and his son, George C., embarked in the dairy business. They established what is known as the "Maple Leaf Dairy Farm," and have continued to operate it ever since. They own at present twenty-five valuable, pure-bred Jersey cows, besides much other stock... They devote one hundred and sixty acres of their dairy farm... June 18, 1894 Mr. Barron met with his first great bereavement (the death of his wife).

He was an ardent Democrat. In religion he is free and independent, and he was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a believer in fraternal societies.

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**ANDREW SALTER WOODS, LL.D.<sup>6</sup>**

Andrew Salter Woods, LL.D., son of Andrew Woods, jurist, b. Bath NH 2 June 1803; d. there 20 June 1863. Dartmouth College 1825. He began the practice of law in 1828; was made justice in 1840; and chief justice N.H. Supreme Court. This office he held till March, 1855, when he was appointed chief justice. Upon the re- organization of the court about a year later, he resigned and resumed practice. In June, 1859, he formed a partnership with his son Edward, and with Harry and George A. Bingham, under the firm name of Woods & Bingham. The firm had two offices, one at Bath, where Judge Woods and George Bingham were located, and one at Littleton, managed by Harry Bingham and Edward Woods. This partnership was limited to two years. At its expiration in June, 1862, Judge Woods and his son Edward formed a partnership which continued till Judge Woods's death, which occurred in June, 1863, of Bright's disease. He married Eliza Hutchins, daughter of James Hutchins. Seven children were born: Eliza Isabella, born November 1, 1830, who is the wife of Hon. George A. Bingham; Rebecca Newell, born February 22, 1833, the wife of T. J. M. Smith, of Boston, Mass.; Edward, born October 24, 1835; Katherine Jane, born September 25, 1837, died of consumption in May, 1860; Harriet Jameson, born July, 1840, died of consumption in September, 1863; Helen Adelaide, born December 22, 1842, died in March, 1843 ; Andrew Salter, Jr., born March 1, 1845, September 26, 1847.

Reportedly he was the first person in Bath NH to enter the legal profession.

<http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications/justices/woods.html>

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**ELBRIDGE GERRY JOHNSON<sup>7</sup>**

Elbridge Gerry Johnson, was born at Bath NH December 14, 1814 and was the youngest child of a family of twelve children. All of his siblings died before him, except Moses, the youngest who continued to live on the home farm at Bath NH.

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<sup>6</sup> Dictionary of American Biography: Including Men of the Time ... and a Supplement (Google eBook); Francis Samuel Drake; Houghton; Osgood, 1879

<sup>7</sup> Biography of the bar of Orleans county, Vermont (Google eBook); Frederick W. Baldwin; Vermont watchman and state journal press, 1886

His father was a "stalward, strong-minded and well-to-do New England farmer" who owned and cultivated a square mile in Bath NH, and counted upon his family of boys to man it.... Elbridge worked on the farm until he was fourteen years old. He studied under Rev. Thomas Goodwillie to try to prepare for college. By the time he was sixteen, during the winters he was teaching school, and returned to work on the farm during vacations of Newbury Seminar, where he was pursuing academic studies.

He afterwards moved to Derby Line, VT on the border of Canada. He read law with the late distinguished Judge Redfield, and was admitted to the bar when twenty years old. He practiced law at Derby Line until he moved to Peoria, on July 1, 1850. He made many high level friends. He held the office of Vermont's state attorney for one term, and later served one term in the state's legislature as a member of the house of representatives, and soon after the enactment by congress of the late bankrupt law he was appointer register in bankruptcy for this congressional district and held the office until the law was repealed. He was law partner, first for a short time with the late Judge E.N. Powell, then with the late H.O. Merriman, then with the late George S. Blakeley, then with Henry B. Hopkins for thirteen years ending march 1878, then with A.C. Hewett, then with George B. Foster until about two years before his death.

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**HARRY HIBBARD**<sup>8</sup>

Harry Hibbard, representative, was born in Concord VT, June 1, 1816, son of David and Susanna (Streeter) Hibbard; grandson of David and Eunice (Talcott) Hibbard and a cousin of Ellery Albee Hibbard. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1835, receiving his A.B. degree in 1843 and that of A.M. 1846. He was admitted to the bar and practised at Bath NH; was clerk of the house of representatives 1839-43; member and speaker 1844-45; state senator 1846-49, and president of the senate 1847-48; and a representative in the 31st, 32nd and 33d congresses 1849-55. H died at Bath NH July 28, 1872.

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<sup>8</sup> The Cyclopaedia of American Biography: Comprising the Men and Women of the United States Who Have Been Identified with the Growth of the Nation, Volume 4; John Howard Brown; Kessinger Publishing, May 30, 2006