

## **BIOGRAPHIES FROM "LANDMARKS OF OSWEGO COUNTY"**

Bradford, George T., Palermo, was born May 10, 1851. Job Bradford, his father, was born in England, came to this country in 1827, and settled in Onondaga county. He married, March 19, 1850 Arrilla, daughter of Nathaniel Miller, who took up the farm our subject now owns as government land before 1800. In 1871 George T Bradford bought the place, which is said to be one of the best in Palermo. He also owns forty-five acres of fine hay growing land; and has in connection with his farm a large dairy. He married, March 19, 1872, Alma, daughter of Conroad Houck of Hastings, Oswego county, and they have two children, Grace and Frederick. Mr. Bradford is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Central Square Lodge No. 622, and is a member of the Grange.

David L, Brown, was born in the town of Deerfield, Oneida county, February 2, 1827, five miles north of Utica. He was reared on a farm and was early taught habits of industry and self-reliance. He received an academic education at Clinton Liberal institute and Whitestown seminary. On the 5th of April, 1855, he married Miss Hannah F Harris, of Florence, Oneida county, and on the 20th of the same month and year removed to Volney, Oswego county. After a residence of four years in that town he removed to Palermo, where he still resides. In early life Mr. Brown taught school and was quite successful in that laudable calling. He has always been a warm friend of the cause of education. He now resides on a farm of eighty acres of land on the road leading from Denton's Corners to Getman's Corners, which farm he keeps in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Brown is a justice of the peace, which office he has held for ten years. In the administration of the legal business that comes before him he always renders an impartial decision; hence as a justice, he enjoys the confidence of the community. In 1870-71 he served his township on the board of supervisors to the general satisfaction of his constituents. He and his amiable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Denton's Corners, and are generally considered consistent Christians, and a worthy couple in every respect. They have a family of five children, upon whose bringing up they bestow a great deal of care and parental affection.

Burtis, Charles P., Palermo, was born April 20, 1845. The father, David H, was a weaver by trade, coming from Paris to his country in September, 1837. At his time the grandfather, David M, came with two sons and one daughter, settled in Hastings, Oswego county, and built a log cabin where subject was born. The mother of our subject was born in Paris, and was married May 11, 1840, he being the only child. He worked on his father's farm until twenty-three years of age, when he married Annis Lorette Wiltze of Skaneateles, Onondaga county. They have one daughter, Myrtie C., a school teacher.

Butcher, Charles J. was born November 1, 1855, son of George H Butcher, who learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in England, and came to this country when twenty-one years of age. At this time William Butcher, the grandfather, also came and settle in North Litchfield, Herkimer County. George H married Mary A Jones of New Harford, Oneida county and their children were George W, Ida, Edward J, Sarah, Herbert g and Charles J. The family on the mother's side was originally from Wales. Charles J has traveled extensively but is not settled on a farm in the town of Palermo. He married in 1881

Libbie Jones, of Utica, by whom he had one child, Grace B. He has filled the office of school trustee for some time. He has been active in the Republican Party and belongs to the Grange.

Clark, Daniel Gould, Palermo, was born March 19, 1849, son of A G Clark, born in 1821, and grandson of Harvey Clark, an old pioneer of Jefferson county. A G Clark is still living, aged seventy-five. He married Elizabeth Keller, who was born at Palermo October 8, 1824, and is still living, aged seventy years. Their children were Emma and Adell (deceased); Hollister and Daniel G. the latter took up farming, in which he has been very successful. He married, April 28, 1869, Delight Scudder, and their children are Clarence and Cady. He is a member of the Grange.

Clement, Arthur F., was born in Lowell, Mass, in 1848, a son of Benjamin Clement, born in Andover, Mass., who was a son of Benjamin of the same place. The father of Arthur was a carpenter, and followed the trade many years. He came to East Palermo in 1857, bought a farm and lived there until 1862, sold out and moved to Hastings, and settled on the farm where Arthur F now resides. His wife was Philidocia Batchelder, and their children were Harriet, Nettie, Arthur and Anna. He died in 1888, since which time Arthur F has owned the farm, his mother residing with him. He married Carrie E., daughter of Joseph Barber and their children are Eugenie, Gertrude (born in February, 1879) and Bertha (born April 7, 1880), both deceased. Bertha married Glenn Davis Trimble, son of G D Trimble in 1906. Eugenie married Marshall N Delong. Mr. Clement is the patentee of the Clement horse power, patented in 1891. He is a member of the Central Square Grange, and his wife is a member of the East Palermo M.E. Church, and also president of the first W.C.T.U. organized in the town.

Coe, Reuben C., was born at Palermo, October 20, 1848. His father, Charles Coe, long prominent in the M.E. Church, died in 1890 at the age of seventy-five. Reuben was for eight years of his married life a lumberman at Palermo. He then removed to a farm at Volney and is at present operating a dairy farm. He has been for a number of years notary public, an office for which he is eminently fitted by education and aptitude. His first wife was Lucy Bowen, who died in 1888, leaving two children, George and Arletta, the latter of whom died August 3, 1894, aged twenty-one years. His present wife, who was Hattie Squires, is the mother of two children, Nellie and Frank.

Cook, Albert D., of Palermo, was born July 31, 1841, and is a son of George W and Eunice (Dayton) Cook, the family having come originally from Canada. Albert D is regarded as a first-class farmer. In 1867 he married Arvilla, daughter of Michael and Esther Getman, of Herkimer county, and they have six children: Vernie C., Ehtel May, Maud L., Florence G. Erwin G. and Roy Harold.

Coville, Oscar, Palermo, was born May 9, 1839. His father, Nelson, was born in 1810. He came to Onondaga county in 1844 and married Annis Sabing, by whom he had these children: Luther (deceased), Edgar, Oscar, Franklin, Marion, George, Hiram, Wallace, and Francis and Celesia (deceased). He has been a resident of Oswego county about ten years. His first work in life was making salt barrels, which he followed fifteen

years, then took up farming and at present has a fine farm and dairy. He was educated in the district schools of Onondaga county, and married in 1858 Sarah Clark. Their children are Willis, Franklin, and Harriet. He is a member of the Baptist church, and also of the Grange.

Cross, Nelson, of Palermo, was born September 8, 1831, son of Richard Cross. The grandfather, Henry Cross, came to this country with Bergon and settled in Saratoga county, and was a mason by trade. Richard Cross married a daughter of Aaron Hickok of Saratoga County, and their children are Nelson, Sarah A., A. Henry, Andrew J, Esther Jane and Charles. Sarah A and Esther Jane are deceased. The maternal grandfather, Aaron Hickok, was a native Saratoga county. Our subject has always followed farming, and now has 160 acres, also a dairy. He married Cylindy G. Keith, then a widow, daughter of Ransford Loomis, and they have one adopted daughter, Flora E. Subject was educated in the district schools. He is a Grange member. In 1884, he had the misfortune to lose his barn, the threshing machine and horses to a fire.

Davis, L.F., of Oswego Falls, is the son of the late Peleg Davis, who settled in New Haven as early as 1801. L.F. Davis married Belle M., daughter of Henry Stacy, who kept the hotel in New Haven for thirty years, and was also proprietor of various other hotels, and a man of much prominence in the community, having served as justice of the peace for a long term of years. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married December 8, 1869 and for many years conducted the Broadway Hotel at Oswego Falls. They have two children, Eva Belle, who died August 2, 1888, aged seven years; and Fannie L, wife of Erwin L. Van Buskirk of Syracuse, by whom she has two sons, William F and Charles E. Mr. Davis is now a traveling salesman, representing a New York furnishing house, and his family occupies a pleasant home on Fourth street in Oswego Falls.

Druce, Daniel M., was born in Volney in 1844, and moved to New Haven when seven or eight years old with his parents, Reuben S and Mary (Chamberlain) Druce, natives of Otsego and Jefferson counties, who died in New Haven in 1864 and 1885 aged fifty-six and seventy-two respectively. In 1873 he married Nellie Mace, a native of Palermo and they have two children, Amos and Florence.

Ellsworth, William B., keeper of the Oswego County Poor Farm, was born in 1839 in Washington county, reared there till sixteen years of age, then came to Palermo, Oswego County, where he followed saw-milling twenty years, also coopering and farming. He married in 1862 Ella J Flint. He was collector of Palermo four years, and came to the Poor Farm in 1890.

Harding, Curtiss, was born in Palermo October 31, 1832, a son of Beriah C., a native of Madison county, born in 1800, who was a son of Theodore and Betsey (Clapp) Harding, natives of Massachusetts. Theodore came soon after the war of 1812, where he and his wife spent their last days. Beriah also spent his life in Palermo. His wife was Polly, daughter of Harlow Johnson, born at Pompey Hill, Onondaga county, in September, 1802. She was at the home of Dr. Tibbals at Manlius, who was captain of a company of militia at the time they received the call to march to Oswego; and by request of the

captain she visited the house of Henry Seymour, father of ex-governor Haratio Seymour, and borrowed his sword for the captain. Their children are Betsey J., Riley T., Jane N., Curtiss, Henry and Frank. He died in 1869, and she in July 1892, aged ninety-two. Curtis has devoted his time chiefly to farming. From 1857 to 1877, he resided in Herkimer and Otsego counties, returning to Palermo and Volney, and in 1884 to West Monroe and purchased his present farm. He is now serving his third term as assessor. In 1856 he married Cornelia, daughter of Cyrus Alford of Cedarville, Herkimer county, and their children are Dr. C.F., D.D.S., of Cleveland, who graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, class of '88; and Beriah C., who resides at home.

The Hart family is of English origin. The old town of Farmington, Conn., so rich in early history, is the mother of the Hart family – a family very numerous, honorable and highly distinguished for piety, industry and patriotism. Daniel Webster Hart, the subject of our sketch, was born in the town of Cicero, Onondaga county, N.Y. on the 12th day of August, 1842. He was the son of Stephen and Polly White Hart, the grandson of Ezra and Polly Owen Hart. Mr. Hart lived in Cicero, his native town until sixteen years of age, at which time he moved with his father to Palermo, Oswego county, N.Y. He was the only son in a family of five children. During his boyhood until the breaking out of the Civil War he assisted his father in the work upon the farm. In the year 1862 he enlisted in the 110th N.Y. Infantry, under the command of D.C. Littlejohn, where he served three years. At the close of the war he returned home, again resuming his former occupation of farming. Mr. Hart was married June 16, 1866 to Miss Mary C Fling, daughter of Alex and Asenath Flint of Palermo, Oswego county, N.Y. The family consists of two sons, L. A. Hart born October 30, 1867 and S. L. Hart born September 26, 1875. The oldest son was married January 25, 1893, to Miss Sarah J Sherman. In his religious ideas Mr. Hart is Methodist and has taken a prominent part for some time as class leader in the church of his choice. In politics he is a Republican of the true type. Mr. Hart served his town supervisor; he has also held other important offices in the town of which he is a resident. Mr. Hart is a thorough farmer, a good citizen and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

Knowlton, J.H., was born in Palermo September 28, 1829. His father, Thaxton, was born in 1803, and was killed at the age of thirty-three by a tree falling on him. The mother of our subject was Elizabeth Knowlton. The life of our subject has been spent mostly in Palermo. In his early life he taught school, then took up farming in which he has always been successful. He had been assessor six years, and is a member of the M.E. Church. He was educated in the academy in Livingston county. Subject married, September 20, 1840, Elizabeth Akroyd, and their children are Leslie, Esther, Emma, Clara and Elizabeth. His second wife was Maria Druce and their children were Edwin, Allace and Wendall. In 1875 he ran the tannery at Vermillion, employing four men. They shipped \$2,000 of leather monthly to Boston.

Lansing, Isaac N., was born at Hoosac, Rensselaer county, November 8, 1796. In 1812 his parents removed to Madison, and two years afterwards his father died, and part of the responsibility of the support of the family fell upon him. In November, 1830, he removed to Oswego county and settled on the farm he now occupies in the town of

Palermo. On the 8th November, 1819, he married Miss Lucretia Wilcox, who was born at Cazenovia, Madison county, April 24, 1803. They had five children, of whom two sons and one daughter survive, namely Joseph Fitch, born September 10, 1831, William S. born March 10, 1840 and Sarah E., born March 25, 1828, now the wife of Benjamin G. Eaton, of Palermo. The two deceased were Eunice L., born July 20, 1820 and Erastus Wilcox, born January 3, 1837. Mr. Lansing is a Republican in politics, although he never desired or would accept any office at the hands of his party. He was recently elected vice president of the Oswego county Pioneer Society, which he deems a greater honor than any political preferment. In religion he and his estimable wife are members of the Baptist church. In 1852, Mr. Lansing went to California and during his absence his wife conducted the affairs of the farm in a very credible manner, assisted by her sons. He made two subsequent visits to the "Golden State", spending in all five years therein. One son resides at home, and the other lives on an adjoining farm. They work mutually, father and sons and no dissatisfaction or misunderstanding exists between them. Mr. Lansing is now in his eighty-first year, carries his more than fourscore years well, thanks to a life of moderation and industry. He and his partner of nearly sixty years are going quietly down the stream of time together, happy in the memories of the past and enjoying a lively hope of future felicity, as promised to those who lead blameless lives and do their duties faithfully in the sphere of life to which it has pleased an all-wise Providence to call them.

Lansing, J. Fitch, Palermo, was born September 10, 1830, son of Isaac N Lansing, who was born November 8, 1796. The family is one of the oldest in this portion of the state. The grandfather, Jacob Lansing, was born in Rensselaer County then moved to Cazenovia. The mother of our subject was Lucretia W., daughter of Frederick Wilcox. She married Isaac N Lansing October 11, 1819. The children were Eunice Lucretia, Sarah E, J. Fitch, William S and Erastus. Eunice L and Erastus are deceased. Our subject married, February 10, 1853, Jane M, daughter of Lehman Austin of this town. Their children are Eunice, Emily L, Noble A of whom Eunice and Emily are deceased. Lehman Austin was born in 1800 and died in 1863, and his wife was born 1801 and died in 1870.

Lansing, W S, manager of the Twice-Told Hotel (at Mexico Point), is a native of Palermo, son of Isaac N. and Lucretia (Wilcox) Lansing, natives of Rensselaer and Madison counties. They were married in Madison county and about 1828 moved to Oswego county, locating on the farm where they spent the remainder of their days, and which is now owned by W.S. The father Isaac died in 1883, aged eighty-six and the mother in 1881, aged seventy-eight. Mr. Lansing resided at the home place till 1885, when he was appointed keeper of the poorhouse and asylum and moved to the county farm, where remained as keeper seven and one-half years. He then moved to the village of New Haven. He was at one time in the livery business at Mexico and for a year and a half was a dealer in buggies, carriages and general horsemen's supplies, and took charge of the hotel in May, 1894.

Loomis, H.W., was born in Herkimer county in 1829 and came with his parents to Oswego county in 1835. In 1866 he moved from Palermo to Mexico. In 1856 he was the first elected school commissioner, being elected for three years. He was a member of the

Assembly in 1863 – 4, and president of the village of Mexico in 1893. He was in the employ of the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford from 1870 to 1891. His wife was Adeline S., daughter of John Sayles. Their oldest child, Ira S., died in 1889 aged thirty-four; Elmer H., was born 1861, graduated from Colgate University in 1883, taught in Colgate Academy seven years, and in 1890 entered Strausburg University (Germany), graduating 1893 as doctor of philosophy; was elected to chair in department of physics in Princeton College, N.J., in 1894; Fred M was born in 1863, graduated from Colgate University in 1885, was two years professor of mathematics in South Jersey Institute, and for four years principal of the Oneida Community High School. He took courses of study at Strausburg and Milan in 1891-92; in 1892 became principal of the Keystone Academy of Pennsylvania, which position he still occupies.

LeClair, Frank P., is one of Boylston's enterprising young men, owner and conductor of a cheese factory, which business he began when fourteen years old. He was born in the town of Mexico in 1857 son of Charles LeClair. Charles LeClair was born in Mexico in 1822 and is one of five sons of Frederick LeClair, who was born in France. The latter came to America in 1820 and settled in the town of Mexico where he cleared a farm. He was soldier in the French army. Charles, the father, left the farm in 1871 and engaged in the general merchandise business in the village of Parish, where he is still in active business. He is a member of the Masonic order. His wife was Catherin Parrot, who was born in France. She died in 1870. Their children were Charles, Jr., Louisa, Mary, Pauline, Frank, Edward, Emma and Ida J. Since the age of nineteen our subject has taken exclusive charge of a cheese factory at Loomis Corners in Palermo. In 1883 he came to Boylston and established himself in business. Here he has been actively engaged in the manufacture of a fine grade cheese. His goods are always in demand and command the highest market price. Since 1890, he has manufactured quantities of butter. He is an extensive reader and a well informed man. In March, 1881, he married Anna, daughter of George and Catherine (Moore) Lewis of Amboy. Their children are Leanna C and Franklin G.

Mason, Almon, was born in Fairfield, Herkimer county, New Jersey, May 11, 1795, and resided there until he was seven years old. In 1802 his father moved to Warren, same county, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1811. He attended a log schoolhouse situated on one corner of his father's farm and was taught his lessons by old fashioned pedagogue. He commenced school about age eight and attended until his father's death. As he was the oldest, the burden of the fell to him to support his mother and four younger children. He was called to duty in the war of 1812, where he entered the Massachusetts Militia, under General Rudolph I. Shoemaker, September 14, 1814. The company was discharged at Sackett's Harbor in November of the same year. He married Lydia Thomas, who was born on November 16, 1796 in Herkimer county, on September 20, 1815. In June, 1817, he received a commission as an ensign in the twenty-seventh regiment infantry of the State militia of New York. He moved from the homestead farm in 1822 to Deerfield, Oneida county, where he kept a hotel until 1825. he then removed to Richland, Oswego county. The area was covered with timber and he was obliged to live in his wagon for fourteen days until he could get a log house built. He lived in that area until 1838, when he moved to Granby, where he remained

until 1851 when he moved to Palermo. They are members of the Baptist church at Gilberts' Mills.

McQueen, Oscar, was born June 14, 1841, son of Ephraim, who was born March 1, 1798. The father had an interest in a saw mill, but farming was his principal business. The family were of Scotch ancestry, the grandfather coming to this country when five years of age with his parents. They settled near New York city, then moved to Montgomery county, where they died. Subject enlisted in Co. F, 147th N.Y. Infantry, August 23, 1862, served until February 6, 1863 and was honorably discharged on account of sickness. He married November 27, 1871, Harriet Jennings, and they have a son and daughter, Fred E and Clara J., both school teachers. Harriet died in 1907. Our subject is a member of the Hiram Sherman G.A.R. Post, No. 434.

Merriam, Allen, Palermo, was born October 4, 1823, in Delaware county. Harvey Merriam, his father was one of the oldest English family of Merriams that first settled in Connecticut. The father was born in 1800 and came to his state when quite a young man. He married Polly, daughter of Nathan Jenkins, 1821 and their children were Hannah (deceased), Nathan, William F (deceased, Celinda, Filey, Clancey, Helen, Erastus, and Lydia (deceased). Allen followed farming until 1861, and from that time until 1888 he conducted a mercantile business in Palermo. He married in 1851 Jane, daughter of Matson Gillett of Onondaga county, and they had eight children: Calinda, Albert, Watson, Bell, Herman D, Ida (married \_\_\_\_ Moore), William and Edward, all living in this country except William and Bell who are living in Ontario county and Edward in Springfield, Mass. Calinda married Frank Young, and seven years ago brought his conducts a general merchandise business. He was postmaster at Clifford in 1883. He died in 1900 at age 77 years.

Parson, H F, Palermo, was born March 5, 1835. Andrew Parsons, his father, was born September 6, 1790. Andrew Parsons, his grandfather, was a native of Vermont. The father married Catherine Rice January 1, 1816, and their children by this marriage were Minerva, Andrew and Emory. Catherine, wife of Andrew Parsons died December 5, 1823. He then married Pheobe Eastwood of Pennsylvania, February 19, 1826, and their children were Marian and H F the subject. He died when H F was eleven years of age, and the latter, at the age of seventeen, took a half interest with his brother Emory. He married, May 7, 1853 Mary A, daughter of Rev. J Smedley of Palermo. Mary died in 1897. Their children were Erwin E, Ida A and Carrie J, all married.

Rigley, J. w., supervisor of Granby, was born in Palermo, Oswego county, May 24, 1856. His father, Israel Rigley, is a retired farmer, and the younger son, Samuel, now conducts the homestead farm at Palermo (Israel Rigley died in 1894 at 71 years, leaving a widow and two sons.) Joshua was educated at Falley Seminary, and was for some years engaged in the manufacture of cheese and butter in Palermo. In 1885 he came to Oswego Falls, and deals largely in produce, making a specialty of the shipment of potatoes to New York and Philadelphia. August 7, 1888, he married Frances L., daughter of Charles Wood of Grand Rapids, Mich., and a niece of Samuel Wood of Oswego Falls. They have

one daughter, Gladys, born July 15, 1892. Mr. Rigley has been four times in succession elected supervisor, a fact without precedent in the political annal of Granby.

Smith, Frank L., son of Harvey H and Lavina (Jennings) Smith, is a native of Schroepfel, born on the farm where he resides in 1858. He was educated in Phoenix. In connection with general farming he deals in live stock, hay, etc. his mother is a native of Palermo, and the father died in 1888 aged sixty-seven.

Sutton, Reuben, born at Manlius, Onondaga county, July 9, 1818. In March following his parents removed to Oswego county, where he has since resided. They settled on the east half of lot 13 on Scriba's patent, at a time when the present town of Schroepfel was a wilderness. Mr. Sutton, Sr. purchased and improved two or three different farms and finally bought one hundred twenty acres on large lots 2 and 3, which Reuben helped to clear. At the age of twenty he taught school in Palermo, having qualified himself for the position of teacher in a self-study and close application to the books contained in the old Volney library, of which his father was a stockholder. At the age of twenty-one he was elected school inspector, which office he held until it was abolished. On the 12th of November, 1843, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Eliza Ann Gregg by whom he has two boys and two girls. In 1870 he had the misfortune to lose his beloved wife who had been his faithful companion for nearly thirty years. He married Amanda Hamilton, a widow lady with whom he was acquainted with in his younger days, on April 14, 1871. For the past two years the sons have worked the farm while Mr. Sutton enjoys the fruits of his labor

Tooley, Minot F., Palermo, was born April 14, 1861, son of George M, who was born August 16, 1818. Peter Tooley, the grandfather, was originally from the Eastern States. Jeremiah Tooley, the great-grandfather, was one of the pioneers of Roderick White. They had six children, Lucy, Martha, Mary, Minott, Elmer B and James A, the latter being principal of Stamford Academy in Delaware country. Our subject married Maude Gilman June 18, 1888, and their children are Queenia R and Minnie L, Minott F has filled several minor offices in the town, and has always been an active worker for his party. In March, 1894, he was elected supervisor. He was educated in the Mexico Academy.

Trimble, David H., Palermo, was born March 28, 1838. His father, David, of Irish parentage, was born in 1809. He married Margaret Scott in New York, who was of Scotch parentage. Their children were Jane, Sarah, Lucinda, D H and Louisa, all being deceased by our subject. His occupation in early life was a farmer up to 1871, at which time he came to Palermo and engaged in the mercantile business on a general line of goods, which he still continues. In connection with this business he has a cheese factory, from which he turns out large quantities. He was the first to make what is known as light skim cheese in Oswego County. He was very successful, and paid his patrons many thousands of dollars more than the full cream factory paid. He succeeded in getting a daily mail service, and was postmaster from 1871 to 1888, also supervisor eight years. While on the Board of Supervisors he succeeded in getting the equalized valuation of the town of Palermo reduced \$225,000. He married in 1856 Ermie, daughter of G F



sattuck of Scriba, Oswego county, and they have five children, Gordon D, John, Minnie, Fred and May, the latter two being deceased. Subject married Mrs. Rose Gilman, widow of Levi Gilman. The second Mrs. Trimble died in 1929. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Hiram Lodge No. 144 of Fulton. He was Overseer of the Poor in 1894. At his death in 1902 at the age of 62 years, he left property valued at more than \$10,000, which he willed to his wife and children.

Trimble, G. D., was born June 13, 1860. His father, David H., has been a prominent man in Palermo, and is at present located in a general mercantile business. Our subject is a man of push and energy, having in the towns of Palermo, Volney and Hannibal cheese factories, also a cheese box manufactory in Palermo. He has earned a reputation as judge of the different grades of milk, and certainly deserves the credit due a young man for the establishment of such a business. In 1884, he was president of the Board of Trade Fulton Cheese Market (they represented the cheese factories). He is a member of the Mason Fraternity, Hiram Lodge No. 144 of Fulton, and is at present town clerk. He was Overseer of the Poor in 1897. In 1907 he sold the store to his son Glenn. His interests were varied, as he was the first agent for the Ford automobile in Oswego County, starting in 1909. He started the Palermo Telephone Company in 1903.

Wilcox, Joseph Yates, was born in Palermo, Oswego county, November 11, 1832. His grandfather, Frederick, who was born February 26, 1771, and died November 29, 1860, came originally from Connecticut and settled in Cazenovia. His father, Joseph Wilcox, who was born February 28, 1798, in the village of Hamilton, went and occupied a farm in Allegany county when about twenty-five years of age. Two years later he exchanged this farm for one in Oswego county, which since the death of the father, May 10, 1869, remained in the possession of his son, Joseph Yates. Melissa, the mother of Joseph Yates, was a daughter of Williard Abbott, one of the pioneer settlers of Madison county. Besides Joseph Yates, there were born to Joseph and Melissa, Nancy Rosing, Lavina and Abbott, the last two having died in childhood. Like most other boys at the time, Joseph Yates enjoyed only such meager educational advantages as were offered by the district school. He took up the occupation of his father, and in his twenty-fifth year married Grace Adams of Batavia, N.Y. At intervals during the past forty years, he has taught vocal music. Of his three children, Mary and Joseph C died in infancy. His son, Abbott Yates, prepared for college at Mexico Academy, graduated from Syracuse University in the class of '91, was general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, first at Keystone, N.Y., then at Marquette, Mich., and in 1894 entered Auburn Theological Seminary where he is now studying. The house still occupied by Joseph Yates was built by his father close to the site of the little log structure in which Joseph and Melissa lived about five years and in which two of their children were born. Joseph Yates Wilcox died in 1902 at age 69, leaving his wife and one son.

Wilson, Francis M., was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., in 1825, and was the son of John and Delia Wilson. When Francis was but a child when his mother died, after which he came to live with his sister at Palermo. When a young man our subject went on a whaling voyage and was in California at the beginning of the gold excitement. He subsequently made two other voyages and became first mate of the vessel. He next

bought a boat and afterward followed the canal for about twenty-five years, then he sold out and for a time lived on a farm in Granby. About two years later, he went again on the canal, but later located at Fulton, and has since been identified with local business interests. He has been in the coal business since 1881. He has been village president, street commissioner, foreman of the State scow, and division superintendent of the canal. He married Flavilla Church, by whom he had three children, Ida, who married W J Watson, Carrie, wife of Frank Blanchard; and Francis M, Jr., deceased.

Wyant, Judson B., son of Daniel, was born February 16, 1841, in Renselaer county. The father moved to Oswego county about 1844 and settled in Palermo where he took up farming. He married Esther A Holmes of Onondaga county, and they had six children, two of whom are deceased. The occupation of our subject up to twenty-three years of age was mostly boating. In 1863 he enlisted in the 24th N.Y. Calvary and served until his discharge, March 17, 1865. In the battle of Petersburg, June 18, 1864, he was wounded and confined in the Mount Pleasant Hospital at Washington, D.C. and the Chestnut Hill Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa. for five months and was discharged March 17, 1865. Subject married in May, 1866, Mary A Groff and they have three children, Carrie E. (died May 27, 1888) Mertie M and Judson W. He has held the office of collector and highway commissioner and is a member of the G.A.R. Post of Mexico.