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SOME OF ITS PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

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first steamboats. At this time it is accessible only for skiffs and ducking boats.

The old stone house—the home of the Hoffman family—was in ruins previous to 1824, and all traces removed by Mr. Tillotson during his occu-

pancy of the place.

The store houses and wharf had previous to this time (1824) gone to ruin—the rival freighting establishments known as the Upper and Lower Docks, being more accessible, had drawn away all the business.

CHAPTER XIX.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF MILAN.

HE town of Milan lies on the northern border of Duchess County, west of the center-It is bounded northerly by Gallatin (Columbia County), on the east by Pine Plains, on the south by Clinton and Stanford, and on the west by Red Hook and Rhinebeck. The town contains a population of 1,275,* and an area of 22,805 acres. Milan was formed from North East, March 10,† 1818, and comprises the western portion of that tract of land originally owned by the Little or Upper Nine Partners. Why it bears the name of an ancient Italian city is not known.

Johannes Rowe, in the year 1760, located in this town, north of what is now known as LaFayetteville, on nine hundred and eleven acres of land which he purchased of Chancellor Robert R. Livingston. Much of this land is still in the possession of the Rowe family. For this land he paid £750, on which, in 1766, he built the stone house now standing on land owned by Benjamin Shelly. Johannes Rowe died in 1771, and was buried in the family ground across the road from the church which bears the family name. He had four sons, John, Sebastian, Philip, Mark-here given in the order of their birth, who settled around on the land of their father's purchase, and to each of whom he gave a farm. The only descendant of those sons now living in Milan is the widow of Leonard Rowe, grand-daughter of Philip Rowe.

Among other early settlers were Maltiah and Macey Bowman, who also located at La Fayetteville, John White, Jeptha Wilbur, Timothy Briggs and John Pells.

John Hicks, Robert Martin and Joseph Mott settled near the east part and John Link, Garrett Holsopple, John Rhybenburgh, Jacob Killman, John Fulton, John Stalls, John Feller, John Hopeman, Zachariah Phillips, Alexander Teats and Andrew Frazier, mostly Germans, near the north part of the town. Alexander Teats and Andrew Frazier lived to the old age of one hundred years.

Perhaps the oldest mill in the town is the one some two miles west of LaFayette built by Robert Thorne.

The farming interests of Milan are much embarrassed, arising from the fact that a large portion of the land is occupied by lease holders. The history of these lands may be briefly told as follows: Some time before the Revolutionary war. George Clarke, who was commissioned Lieutenant-Governor, July 30, 1736, purchased several tracts of land in this vicinity. At the time of the Revolution he remained loyal to the King and sailed to England. Not wishing to lose this vast landed property, he sent his son to America to take charge of it and at the same time to profess deep sympathy with the Whig element. Upon the successful termination of the struggle, the son retained full possession of the estate. At his death this property was willed in such a manner that it has been impossible to give a clear title with the transfer of any of it. Hence it has not been occupied except by tenant farmers, whose tendency has been to impoverish rather than to build up the

The first town meeting for Milan was held at the house of Stephen Thorne on the first Tuesday in April, 1818. The proceedings of this meeting, other than the election of officers, relate to the raising of money for the support of the poor, and for building and repairing bridges. The officers elected were as follows: Supervisor, Stephen Thorne; Town Clerk, John F. Bartlett; Assessors, Jonas Wildey, John Fulton, Jr., John Stall; Commissioners of Highways, Evert N. Van Trogner. Daniel Morehouse, James Turner; Commissioners of Schools, Henry Peck, John Thorne, Jr., Jeptha Wilbur; Overseers of Poor, Jacob Shook, James I. Stewart; Inspectors Common Schools, Joshua Collens, John Darling, James Adams, John R. Heermance, Peter Snyder; Constable and Collector, Philip Rider; Constable, Henry Witherwax; Fence Viewers, Tobias Green, in the southern neighborhood, Obediah Quimby, in the north-east, and Jacob Bachman, in the north-west.

In that year the number of children taught in the districts, (Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9,) was 246.

The following has been the succession of Supervisors and Town Clerks from the succeeding year to 1881:--



[•] In 1870, 1.474. In 1875, 1,414.

[†] French's Gazetteer says March 16.

	Supervisors.	Town CLERKS.
1819.	Stephen Thorne,	John F. Bartlett.
1820.	do do	Benjamin Thorne.
1821.	Jacob Shook,	John N. Darling.
1822.	do do	Richard Thorne.
1823.	do do .	do do
1824.	Richard Thorne,	Phineas Carman.
1825.	do do	Leonard Rowe.
1826.	Stephen Thorne,	
1827.	_do _do	Peter B. Guernsey.
1828.	Henry Fulton,	do do
1829.	Stephen Thorne,	Hiram Simmons.
1830.	Ephraim Fulton,	Wm. H. Wakeman.
1831.	Stephen Thorne,	Wm. I. Stewart.
1832.	Eph'm Herrick,Jr., . do do	, do do Ambrose L. Pinney.
1833-'34	Leonard Rowe,	Cyrus Blood.
1835. 1836.	do do	John H. Carroll.
1837.	John Thorne,	Herrick Thorne.
1838.	do do	Henry P. Teats.
1839.	John P. Teats,	do do
1840.	do do	H. Knickerbacker.
1841.	George White,	do do
1842.	do do	Rensselaer Case.
1843.	Stephen Thorne,	do do
1844.	do do	Rowland Story.
1845.	Clinton W. Conge	
1846.	do do	Henry Teats.
1847.	Otis E. Bowman,	do do
1848.	Leonard Rowe,	Archibald Shook.
1849.	John Ferris,	do do
1850-51	. Rensselaer Case, . Benj. S. Thorne,	Gilbert T. Cornelius.
1052-53	. William Ferris,	Jacob Knickerbacker.
1856.	John Teats, Jr.,	Edward Killmer.
1857.	do do	John S. Bowman.
1858.	Rensselaer Case,	Gilbert Cornelius.
1859.	Alexander Best,	Henry Underwood.
1860.	do do	Henry Killmer.
	. Herrick Thorne,	do do
1863.	Peter Rissebbraek,	
1864.	Lewis M. Smith,	Edmund J. Wright.
1865.	John W. Stickle,	Cyrus Couse.
1866.	Alexander Best,	Edmund J. Wright.
1867.	Herrick Thorne,	do do
1868.	Henry A. Feller,	do do
1869.	H. B. Sherwood,*	Albert Feltz.
1870.	do do	Cyrus Couse.
1871.	Horatio Rowe,	Gerard P. Haviland.
1872.	Albert Bowman,	T. Knickerbocker. Gerard P. Haviland.
1873. 1874	Nicholas Phillips, E. L. Morehouse,	Cyrus Couse.
1874. 1875.	W. E. Shoemaker,	do do
1876.	James Herrick,	Gilbert T. Cornelius.
1877.	Uriah Teator,	do do
1878.	do do	Hiram Bentley.
1879.	Horatio Rowe,	Gilbert T. Cornelius.
1886.	do do	Pedro Sweet.
1881.	John W. Stickle,	Cyrus Couse.

Jackson's Corners.

The town of Milan has no large or important

• M. R. Green (Dem.) and Albert Feltz (Rep.) tie vote. Harmon B. Sherwood was elected by the Justices as Supervisor March 9. Albert Feltz was chosen as Clerk for 1869.

villages. Jackson's Corners, in the northeastern part, is a hamlet of uncertain population. John & William Cole are the only merchants here, and have been engaged in that business here some seven years. The postoffice is also kept by them. The only other business of importance here is a distillery, conducted by John Yeomans-who has run it three years, succeeding Ezra Couse; a blacksmith shop (Philip Edleman), and a gristmill, known as the "Scriver Mill," Alonzo Scriver, proprietor, who has been in that business here over thirty years.

ROCK CITY.

Rock City which derives its name from the rocky nature of the surrounding soil, lies in the western part of the town. It contains a population of fifty-six, according to the census of 1880.

Henry D. Ostrom is the postmaster here, appointed fourteen years ago. He is also the only merchant, succeeding Chancellor Wildey, who had previously conducted the business some four years.

A hotel is kept here by Ralph A. V. Hoffman, who has been in that business here nearly fourteen years.

This place has also a saw and grist-mill—the property of John G. Schultz-the former run by David Tipple, the latter by William A. Coons, and a saw-mill conducted by Nicholas Eighmy.

A shoe-shop (Eli Feroe), and a blacksmith shop (Andrew J. Caroll), concludes the list of the business places of the hamlet.

MILANVILLE.

Milanville, another hamlet, lies in the southern part, southwest of the center of the town. This place contains a saw-mill, blacksmith shop (William Dedrick), a store and the postoffice.

The postmaster is William R. Ostrom, appointed under Johnson's administration in 1868. only merchant here is Rensselaer Case, who has been in that business since 1867, succeeding John Crandall, who had previously conducted the business ten or twelve years. About the first merchant at this point was Stephen Thorne.

The only physician here is Dr. Herrick, who has been in practice in this vicinity some sixteen years.

LAFAYETTE, or LAFAYETTEVILLE.

LaFayette, or LaFayetteville, in the southeastern part of the town, contains a population of seventy-



nine, according to the last census, and is the most important of the hamlets in the township.

This, in its earlier days,* was quite a business place, but the introduction of railroads around and beyond it has robbed it of its prestige.

Among the early merchants here, probably the first, were Otis Bowman and Benjamin Hicks, who, some fifty years ago were general merchants in this probably most ancient section of the town. They, at least, were about the first who did any considerable business in that line, although previously a merchant, of the name of George N. Martin, conducted business here. The latter did a small business here for a few years and left, and when last heard of was in Elkhart, Ind. Bowman and Hicks failed in a short time. The former died about twenty-five years ago. practicing lawyer for some years previous to his death. Hicks died in Poughkeepsie about two years ago.

The present merchants here are Jordan Cornelius and Pedro Sweet, the former having been engaged in that business here five years, succeeding P. R. Carroll, who had conducted the business some eight years. In this store is the postoffice, Benjamin C. Yeomans postmaster, and Jordan Cornelius, assistant.

Pedro Sweet began business here in the spring of 1881.

How this place came by the name of LaFayette, or LaFayetteville,† is not clearly known. Smith's History of Duchess County ‡ informs us that the "LaFayette House," the only hotel here "was built about the time of the visit of the Marquis de LaFayette to this country, for whom it was named." If that were true, then the hamlet derived its name from the hotel, and, indirectly, from the Marquis de LaFayette. But the visit to this country of this celebrated Frenchman, and America's friend, occurred in 1824; and, according to the statement of people living in this vicinity, and who, it may be presumed, are conversant with the facts, this hotel was built by William Waltermier in 1837, thirteen years after LaFayette's visit. That it might have been named for so distinguished a man as LaFayette, even though thirteen years had passed since his visit, is quite probable; but, as at the time of his visit a cluster of houses had sprung up here, in whose vicinity some considerable business was done, it would seem more probable that the hamlet derived its name from that illustrious patriot, and that in the course of time, the hotel took its name from the hamlet.

LaFayette being a somewhat important place of business in the earlier days, before the birth of railroads in this section—as it was on the main road from Ancram and other business places, to the Hudson River,-William Waltermier conceived the idea of building this hotel for the accommodation of the traveling public and as a resort for people who, during the summer months, wished to escape from the heated air of over-crowded places to the cooler atmosphere of a healthy country region. The hotel is a long, rambling, two story structure, with an upper and lower stoop running across the entire length of the frontage. Here for some ten years Waltermier conducted a quite extensive business in the entertainment of travelers and summer boarders. He was succeeded, it is said, by Jacob Knickerbacker, who kept the hotel about two years.* Elansing T. Mosher was the next proprietor, remaining eight years; then Alonzo Buell, one year; Nelson Mott, two years. Nelson Mott traded it to Ambrose L. Smith, but it is not known just how long he conducted it. John Friday came next and kept it a year or so; then Henry I. Keifer, two years; Alonzo Buell, one year; then Henry I. Keifer again a year or so; then Henry K. Thompson, who remained but a short time. The place was then closed a year or two, and Henry I. Keifer bought the property and run the hotel nearly two years, when he died. His son, William Keifer, conducted the business until the spring of 1881, when he sold the property to Clement and Pedro Sweet, the former being the present pro-

The other business interests of LaFayette are a blacksmith shop (John Davis), a wagon shop (Cyrus Couse), and a shoe shop (Gilbert T. Cornelius, who has been in that business here thirty-five years.)

It is said that the Methodists had organized a society in Milan as early as 1790, and that their church edifice was located not far from the present M. E. Church, near Milanville. It was a large, square building, two stories high and was never painted.

The Methodist society here referred to is evidently that which was organized soon after the settlement of Johannes Rowe in 1790, and whose first house of worship, built about the year 1800,



About 1837, and, probably, for some years previous.

[†]This latter name is seldom used, the tendency being to shorten the

[‡]Hist. Duchess County; Philip H. Smith, p. 239.

[•] We give this succession of landlords as it was given us by old residents from recollection, not vouching for its entire accurateness.

stood near, if not on, the Rowe estate, a mile or two north of LaFayette. Among the early members of this organization were Philip Rowe, S. Rowe, John Rowe and Solomon Darling.

A substantial church edifice now stands near the site of the old building, and is known as the Rowe Methodist Episcopal Church. This building was erected in 1838, chiefly through the generosity of John Rowe, whose home was the stopping place of all the itinerant Methodist preachers. The parsonage was built by John Rowe at his own expense. The present membership of the church is seventy-five.

For the past twenty years the society has been served by the following pastors: Revs. O. Haviland, O. B. Turner, N. Hubbell, T. Ellis, J. H. Phillips, H. B. Mead, F. J. Belcher, S. P. Galloway. The present pastor is Rev. Jesse Ackerman, who resides in Bangall, town of Stanford.

The First Christian Church.*—A gentleman of the name of Herrick, who owned a farm in the hollow or valley, which bore his name, built a convenient house of worship not far from his dwelling, and gave the use of it to the Baptist church, he being at the time in strong sympathy with that people. Having become a member of that society he was raised to a deaconship in the church.

The "Christian Denomination," or "Christian Connection," as it is more frequently called, had its rise about the beginning of the present century. The denomination originated from three of the more popular sects of the time, the Methodists in the Carolinas and Virginia, the Presbyterians in the north-western portion of Ohio and the Baptists in New England.

Levi Hathaway and Daniel Call were among the first to break denominational ground in Milan. Deacon Herrick of the Baptist denomination, before mentioned, was also among the first to declare for religious liberty and Christian union.

The church was organized in the autumn of 1820 by the last named elder and consisted of but four members—two husbands and their wives.

As the most of the ministers of this new order were revivalists, these men traveled into adjoining neighborhoods and towns, their meetings being attended by constant conversions. In less than two years, it is understood, the church had increased its membership to over one hundred names.

About this time Elder John L. Peavey, of New England, was called to the oversight of the church.

He was not only a talented man, but a kind and successful pastor. His friends assisted him in purchasing a pleasant home near Rock City, in the same town. His time was now about equally divided between pastoral work and itinerant labors. His circuit of labor embraced this and three other congregations, located in Stanford, Union Vale and Beekman. Dr. Joseph Hall, a physician and minister, settled in Union Vale in the winter of 1825-'6, and relieved Mr. Peavey of his labors in that region. The greatness of his labor, however, impaired his health, consumption fastened upon him, and he died in the fall of 1829.

Dr. Abner Jones, of New England, the first minister of the regular Baptist denomination who declared for "Christian union, no name but Christian, and no creed but the Bible," was next called to the pastorate in Milan. The church greatly increased under his ministration, which continued between four and five years, when he was recalled to New England. His successor was Rev. Joseph Marsh, who remained about the same length of time. He supplied the church at Herrick's chapel and also held monthly services with a branch of the church which had been organized at Stanfordville, in an adjoining town. In 1842, Mr. Marsh was called to take editorial charge of the denominational organ, published at Broadalbin, Saratoga county, and the church then called to the pastorate the Rev. Horace V. Teall. Succeeding him were Revs. John N. Spoor, Geo. N. Helton, R. B. Eldridge, E. B. Rollins, and many others.

During the pastorate of Mr. Spoor, the old, small chapel gave place to the present more commodious house of worship. The old families, members and supporters of the church, embracing the names of Massanneau, Westfall, Lamoree, Cookingham, Wilson, Morehouse, Sherwood, Wiley, Boice, Husted, Stewart, Bentley, Hicks, Schultz, Wilber, Case, Crandell, Thorne, Rowe, and others not here mentioned, are now succeeded by their children and grand-children, who with some incoming strangers, make up a large congregation, who attend at the old place of worship.

Out of the family of Crandell one was chosen to the ministry—C. B. Crandell. His ministry, though talented, was short. He died of consumption, surviving Mr. Peavey but three or four years.

The present pastor is the Rev. C. B. Haner, of Canada, recently a student of the Christian Biblical Institute, at Stanfordville.

^{*} For this synoptical sketch we are indebted to Rev. Philetus Roberts, of Clinton, for years pastor of the Christian church in this County,

MILAN IN THE REBELLION.

The services which Milan rendered in the war of the Rebellion, as far as concerned her ability, were second to those of no other town in Duchess County. Not only did the town respond generously to the call for volunteers, but it kept, in a manner greatly above the average towns, a complete and interesting record of its proceedings relating to enlistments, and of the men who went forth to imperil their lives in defense of the common flag.

The first meeting at which steps were taken to raise a war fund was held at the house of Nelson Motts on Saturday, November 29, 1862. At this meeting it was

"Resolved, That the sum of \$2,265.66 be levied on the town, and the same be assumed as a debt upon the town and the taxable property therein.

"Resolved, That the sum of \$900.00 be levied on said town, to be paid to the volunteers who enlisted previous to the 26th of August, 1862, the said \$900.00 to be paid to John Ferris, Alonzo Carroll and Philo Sherwood, to be kept by them for the benefit of the volunteers who enlisted previous as above stated."

At a special town meeting held at the house of Ambrose L. Smith, August 9, 1864, it was

"Resolved, That the Supervisor of the town shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the said town sufficient to pay to volunteers to fill the quota of the town under the call of the President for 500,000 men.

President for 500,000 men.

"Resolved, That to every man who shall volunteer and be mustered into the United States service for the term of three years shall be paid as a town bounty the sum of \$500.00, and to every man that is drafted under this present call shall be paid, as a bounty from this town, the sum of \$400.00.

"Resolved, That every man who is liable to a draft, and not taxable, shall pay to the committee appointed the sum of \$25.00, on or before the

25th of August, 1864.

"Resolved, That any person who shall enlist for one year, or two, shall receive the same as a drafted man—\$400.00, and that the Supervisor in procuring men for the quota shall have the power to pay to all enlisted by him for one year the sum of \$400.00.

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to draw the money upon the order of the Supervisor to pay to those men who are drafted.

[Alexander Best, Nicholas Phillips, and John Ferris were appointed such committee.]

"Resolved, That the Supervisor* and H. B. Sherwood be appointed to procure volunteers to fill the quota of this town under the present call, and

that they be allowed for their time \$3 per day each, and expenses.

HERRICK THORNE, Moderator. E. J. WRIGHT, Town Clerk."

On August 25, 1864, at a special town meeting, an additional sum of \$100.00 was voted to be added to the \$500.00 before raised to be paid to volunteers for three years; and it was voted that all the one-year men credited to the town should be paid \$500.00. It was also left discretionary with the committee to pay bounties for volunteers to fill the quotas of the town not to exceed \$600.00 for one-year men, and \$800.00 for three-year men.

"Resolved, That the money raised for bounties, together with the interest accruing on the same, be paid in three equal annual installments.

The first in fall and winter of 1864-'5.
" second " " " 1865-'6.
" third " " " 1866-'7.

The last installment coming due in 1867.

HERRICK THORNE, Moderator. E. J. WRIGHT, Clerk."

The proceedings of this meeting were ratified at a special meeting September 2, 1864.

Under the call of the President for 300,000 men of December 19, 1864, the town voted a bounty of \$600.00 for one-year men, \$700.00 for two-years' men, and \$800.00 for those who entered the service for three years. It was also resolved to have this bounty remain uniform for all future calls to avoid the necessity for special meetings.

The following is the record of enlistments:-

128th Regiment.—Henry K. Hicks, born in Milan, April 30, 1846; Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; served three years; took part in battles of Port Hudson, Cedar Creek and Winchester; discharged July 26, 1865.

Jacob S. Bowman, born in Milan, November 24, 1841; Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; was in hospital in Louisiana from April 1st to July 1, 1863; was in battles of Cane River, Halltown, and Alexandria; discharged July 26, 1865; now a druggist in Pine Plains, N. Y.

William Millroy, Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; was in battles of Alexandria, Halltown and Cane River; discharged July 26, 1865.

Elijah D. Morgan, born in Milan, April 1, 1847; Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; took part in battles of Port Hudson, Winchester and Cedar Creek; was promoted corporal; discharged July 26, 1865.

Gilbert D. Morgan, born in Milan, September 11, 1839; Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; was in battles of Port Hudson, Winchester and

^{*} Lewis M. Smith, 1864.

Cedar Creek; was promoted corporal; discharged July 26, 1865.

David Feroe, born in Milan, April 6, 1832; Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; was in battles of Cane River, Halltown and Alexandria; discharged July 26, 1865.

Isaac Burdick, Co. C; enlisted September 14, 1862; was in service four months and deserted, and afterwards enlisted in Co. E, 47th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Elansing G. Hicks, born in Milan, January 20, 1843; Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; took part in battles of Port Hudson, Cedar Creek, Winchester and Fisher's Hill; discharged July 12, 1865.

Robert Millroy, Co. C; enlisted August 14, 1862; was wounded at battle of Berryville, and was in hospital at Alexandria nearly three months; returned to his regiment and was with it in battle of Cane River; discharged July 12, 1865; now a tailor in Rhinebeck.

Hiram Couse, born in Milan, April 16, 1839; Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; was in battles of Port Hudson, Cedar Creek, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cane River; was promoted corporal; discharged July 12, 1865.

Gilbert Warner, Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; was wounded at battle of Port Hudson and carried to hospital where he remained from May 27, to August 29, 1863, when he was discharged; re-enlisted August 4, 1864, and was again wounded at battle of Cedar Creek; was carried to Sheridan Hospital, where he staid until February 6, when he was discharged; now in Binghamton, N. Y.

George Wagoner, Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; was in battles of Port Hudson, Cedar Creek, Cane River and Fisher's Hill; discharged July 12, 1865.

Hiram B. Eddy, Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; took part in battles of Cedar Hill, Winchester and Fisher's Hill; now harness-maker in town of Amenia, N. Y.

Albert Feltz, Co. C; enlisted August 16, 1862; was in battles of Port Hudson, Cedar Creek and Winchester; discharged July 12, 1865.

Norman Killmer, Second Lieutenant, Co. F; enlisted Aug. 16, 1862; now a mason in Pine Plains.

Thomas N. Davis, Co. C; enlisted August 21, 1862; was commissioned Second Lieutenant August 22, 1862, and promoted to Captain September 15, 1863; was engaged in eleven battles; now in Delhi, Delaware county, N. Y., pastor in the Christian denomination.

Walter Rockefeller, enlisted February 2, 1865.

150th Regiment.—John J. Killmer, born in Milan, December 8, 1827; Co. F; enlisted September 3, 1862; was in battles of Gettysburg, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain; in hospital at Alexandria six months.

William H. Stickle, enlisted September 3, 1862; served three years and was discharged.

Alfred Wagoner, born in Milan, April 6, 1845; Co. C; enlisted Aug. 14, 1862; served his time and was honorably discharged.

Peter Shoemaker, Co. C; enlisted January 23, 1865; discharged August 30, 1865.

John Allendorph, Co. C; enlisted August 31, 1864; was in service six months and was discharged.

John W. Myers, Co. F; enlisted September 5, 1864; after being in the service two months was taken to the hospital at Chattanooga, and has not been heard of since.

Charles B. Burdock, Co. F; enlisted September 6, 1862; was in seven different battles and was discharged with his regiment June 1, 1865.

Peter Millins, Co. F; enlisted October 11, 1862; was in battle of Gettysburg, and with Sherman in the campaign of 1864-'65.

Benjamin Dykeman, enlisted October 11, 1862; served his time and was discharged with the regiment, June 1, 1865.

Henry Millins, Co. F; enlisted October 11, 1862; was in battle of Gettysburg, and in Sherman's campaign.

David H. Waltermier, Co. F; enlisted October 11, 1862; in battle of Gettysburg and in Sherman's campaign.

Joel D. Hustis, Co. F; enlisted October 11, 1862; also in battle of Gettysburg and in Sherman's campaign of 1864-'65.

20th Regiment.—Abraham Warner, Co. A; enlisted September 14, 1861; was in battle of Gettysburg; discharged September 15, 1864; still living in Milan.

John R. Morgan, born in Milan, July 9, 1843; Co. A; enlisted September 12, 1861; was in battles of Bull Run and Antietam; wounded in battle of Fredericksburg; in Washington hospital two months, was promoted to sergeant; discharged September 14, 1864; now in Pine Plains, N. Y.

James Dykeman, born in Milan, April 6, 1843; Co. A; enlisted September 12, 1861; was in the battle of Bull Run, wounded in battle at Chantilly, and afterwards in battle of Gettysburg; discharged September 14, 1864; died in June, 1878.

Duane S. Bush, born in Milan, April 20, 1839; Co. A; enlisted September 13, 1861; was in the battle of Bull Run, mortally wounded in battle of Gettysburg, and was buried on the field.

Alexander Millroy, enlisted September 12, 1861; was in service about two and one-half years when he deserted, subsequently arrested and taken back; died in California in 1881.

Frank Hermance, Co. C; enlisted in September, 1861; died in Andersonville prison.

Abraham See, Co. K; enlisted September 13, 1861; re-enlisted Feb. 6, 1863.

32nd Regiment.—Curinias Hoffman, Co. D; enlisted September 28, 1861; was in the battle of Harrison's Landing; served fourteen months and re-enlisted in the regular service, December 12, 1862; served in nineteen engagements, discharged September 28, 1864.

Ephraim Wagoner, born in Milan, April 6, 1842; Co. D; enlisted in 1861; was in the battle of West Point; wounded at South Mountain, and was in hospital six months; returned to regiment and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service.

144th Regiment.—John A. Raymond, enlisted in 1861; was in battle of the Wilderness; was taken prisoner at battle of Laurel Hill, afterward exchanged and re-entered the service.

87th Regiment.—Freeman Myers, born in Milan, in 1846; Co. F; enlisted in October, 1861; was in battle of Fair Oaks; was taken to hospital June 1st, 1862, where he died; buried at White House Landing.

Guerret Tobias Myers, born in Milan, in 1839; Co. F; enlisted in October, 1861; was in the battle of Williamsburgh, and in Seven days' fight before Richmond; in hospital at Fortress Monroe six months; returned to regiment, and was discharged November 1, 1864.

91st Regiment.—Reuben R. Tanner, born in Milan in 1844; Co. K; enlisted November 10, 1861; was in battles of Indian Bend and Port Hudson; remained in the service two years and six months, and was honorably discharged; re-enlisted in same company and regiment in April, 1864; was in Frederick City Hospital two months, and was discharged in July, 1865.

George TenEyck; enlisted February 22, 1865; nothing further known of him.

William Allendorph, Co. A; enlisted September 1, 1864; discharged June 10, 1865; now in Milan.

Theodore Couse, born in Milan in 1847; Co. H; enlisted September 8, 1864; discharged June 10, 1865.

Ezra Couse, born in Milan, January 1, 1833; Co. H; enlisted September 8, 1864; discharged June 10, 1865; died in Milan in 1880.

159th Regiment.—Stephen Killmer, Co. I; enlisted September 9, 1862; was in nine different engagements, and in hospital two months; was discharged June 20, 1864, and died nine days after his arrival home.

William Moon, Co. I; enlisted September 7, 1862; was taken to the hospital May 15, 1863; discharged August 10, 1863, died in New York city on his way home, and was buried in Milan, N. Y.

Abraham Palmer, Co. I; enlisted September 7, 1862.

48th Regiment.—Pulaski Bowman, Co. G; enlisted August 20, 1861; served one year and was discharged; re-enlisted in Co. F, 150th Regiment, October 11, 1862; served as Second Lieutenant one year, and was promoted to First Lieutenant; was in battles of Resaca, Dallas and Port Royal; now in the town of Washington.

47th Regiment.—Cornelius Killmer, born in Milan, February 12, 1847; Co. H; enlisted February 7, 1864; discharged July 6, 1865.

Martin Killmer, born in Milan, April 6, 1841; Co. H; enlisted February 12, 1865.

William Killmer, born in Milan, April 6, 1843; Co. H; enlisted February 23, 1865.

Scattering.—Matthew Knickerbacker, born in Milan in 1819; 98th Regiment; enlisted January 11, 1864; discharged on account of physical disability; died about four years ago.

David Teator, 125th Regiment; enlisted March 30, 1864; now in Pine Plains.

Jacob Frank, Veteran Reserve Corps; enlisted September 21, 1864.

Tom. Steele Sheepcott, rooth Regiment; enlisted Febuary 3, 1865.

Alexander D. Hutson, 192d Regiment; enlisted February 7, 1865.

John Garvey, Co. I, 3d Infantry; enlisted September 6, 1862; was in battles of Chapin's Farm, Atlanta and Savannah; discharged September 14, 1865; now in Bangall, N. Y.

CHAPTER XX.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS.

THE town of Pine Plains lies in the northern part of the county, east from the center. It is bounded on the north by Gallatin and Ancram (Columbia County); on the east by North East;



Shepard W. B., p o Poughkeepsie. Sherman Arthur, p o Poughkeepsie. Skidmore James W., p o Moore's Mills. Sleight Peter R., po Poughkeepsie.

Smith Lewis, p o Noxon.

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Smith Robert H., po Manchester Bridge, farmer, 132 acres, born in Duchess county in 1843, has been commissioner of highways; wife Loretta A. Smith, born in Duchess county, married in 1874; children four. Father, Thomas H. Smith, born in county in 1813, died in 1876. Stringham James A., po LaGrangeville, farmer, 100 acres, born in LaGrange February 28, 1834, has been supervisor two terms; wife H. Louisa Vervalin, born in Duchess county, married in 1866; children four—Edward B, John T., Anna L., and Mary F. Father, Daniel Stringham, born in Duchess county in 1797, died in 1843; children four in Duchess county in 1797, died in 1828; children four second wife Jemima Ally of Duchess county, married in 1833, died in 1857; children one—James A.

Storm John W., po LaGrangeville, farmer, 182 acres, born in Duchess county in 1826, has been supervisor and assessor; wife Annis Clapp of Duchess county, married in 1852. Father, William Storm, born in Duchess county in 1798; wife Elizabeth Roorem of Long Island, married in 1819; children two—Abraham and John. Abraham Storm born in LaGrange about 1769, died in 1819; his father was one of the early settlers in town from Holland.

Swade Johnson, po LaGrangeville, farmer, born in LaGrange, Duchess county March 11819.

Swade Johnson, p o LaGrangeville, farmer, born in LaGrange, Duchess county, May 21, 1818; wife Elma Dean, born in Duchess county, married in 1843; three daughters—Annis, born in 1845, Francelia, born in 1849, and Mary Swade, born in 1862.

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Swade Abraham, po LaGrangeville, farmer, 230 acres, born in LaGrange in 1787, died in 1862; wife Sarah Johnson, born in this county in 1794, married in 1817, died in 1872; children four—Catherine A., Sarah M. Susan, and Johnson. Father, Richard Swade, born in this county in 1761, died November 10, 1832; wife Rachael Swade was born in Duchess county in 1778, died in 1872. Peter Swade the great-grandfather was one of the earliest settlers in the town of LaGrange, purchased the present farm of Catharine A. and Susan the family ninety years.

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Tanner William K., p o Noxon, farmer, 135 acres, born in Duchess county in 1827; wife Caroline H. Tanner of this county, married in 1856; one child—Charlle M. Father, Martin H. Tanner, born in this county in 1800, died in 1873; wife Jane Hagaman, of Duchess county; children three, Duchess county in 1794, died in 1849; wife Sarah 1825.

Tompkins Joseph, p o Pleasant Valley.

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Tompkins Brundage, po Freedom Plains, farmer, 90 acres, born in Duchess county in 1834; wife Elizabeth V. 1864. Father, Richard Tompkins, born in 1834. married in in 1798, died in 1872; children eight.

VanBenschoten Henry, po Freedom Plains, farmer, 214 acres, of Duchess county, married in 1857; children four Annie, born in 1859, Louise, in 1857; children four John E., in 1870. Father, Elias T., VanBenschoten, years.

VanBenschoten Elias, p o LaGrangeville, farmer, 155 acres, born in LaGrange in 1826; wife Sarah I. F. Wooster, of New York city, married in 1875; children three—all adopted. Father, Tennis VanBenschoten, born in 1835, farmer. Grandfather, Elias VanBenschoten, born in this county. Old homestead purchased in

VanKleeck Andrew J., p o Manchester Bridge.

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Vankleek Monfort J., p o Noxon, farmer, 100 acres, born in Lacollector; wife Margaret A. Ostrander, born in Duchess county in 1828, married December 31, 1845; Duches, Emeline, Norah M., and Cora E.

Velic James L., p o Freedom Plains

Velic Melissa J., p o Freedom Plains.

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Wright Thomas, p o Arthursburgh, farmer, 332 acres, born in LaGrange in 1833, has been town superintendent of Beekman, married in 1859; children eleven. Father, married in 1821, died December 30, 1827; two children; married in 1821, died December 30, 1827; two children; married in 1821, died December 30, 1827; two children; married in 1828; children four, three living.

Warren W. J., p o Noxon.

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Ackerman Rev. Jesse, po Milan, pastor of M. E. Church, born in Ulster county in 1848, settled in this county in 1880, president of Bible Society; wife Mary A. Falkner, of Ulster county, married in 1873; children three. Father born in Ulster county, mother still living there; has been in ministry eight years.

Allendorf George, po Milan, farmer, 160 acres, born in Duchess county June 25, 1815. has been commissioner and assessor; wife Catharine E. Stall, married in 1835; children six. Father, Nicholas Alendorf, born in 1776 in Red Hook; wife born in 1778. Philip I. Stall born in Milan Sept. 21, 1718. Annue Cookingham born in Milan Nov. 19, 1789.

Allendorf Peter E., po Milan, farmer, 85 acres, born in Rensselaer county March 12, 1850, settled in this county April 1, 1859; wife Adella Cookingham, of Rhinebeck, married Feb. 25, 1875; one child

Case Rensselaer, po Milan, merchant, owns house and store, born in Clinton in 1811, has been town clerk and justice for twenty years; wife Charity Crapser, of Schoharie, married in 1832.

Cole Catharine, po Jackson Corners, merchant, born in Columbia county May 1, 1820, settled in this county in 1844, owns 129 acres of land, married in 1841; children four living; husband, Peter Cole.

Cookingham Isaac, po Milan, farmer, born in Milan in 1844; wife Phebe White, of Milan, married in 1859; children six by first wife. Father. Daniel G., son of George Cookingham, born in this county.

Cornelius Jeptha W., po LaFayetteville, farmer, 200 acres, born in Stanfordville in 1829; wife Eliza A. Haines, born in Milan in 1833, married in 1851; children six living. William Haines, born in 1807, still living.

Case Sackett L., p. o. LaFayetteville, farmer, 200 acres, born in 1810; wife Ida B. Palmer, of Stanford, married Jan 18, 1872; children three

Cornelius Alfred M., po LaFayetteville, farmer, 200 acres, born in 1810; two dawhters. Father, Matthew Cornelius, born in Stanfordville Dec. 25, 1830, has been assessor six years; wife Louise Rowe, of Milan, married about lasance.

Feller Henry A.. p o Jackson Corners, farmer 267% acres, born in Red Hook in 1824, has been supervisor and assessor six years, married in 1845; children nine, four boys, five girls.

Fero Eli, p o Rock City, shoemaker, born in Red Hook in 1822; wife Eliza M. Camfield; children three living; first wife Almira Sickle, married in 1851; children three. Father, Peter Fero, born in Red Hook in 1788, died in

Father, Peter Fero, born in Red Hook in 1788, died in 1858.

Ferris Charles, po Ping Plains, farmer, 200 acres, born in Pine Plains in 1853, has been inspector of election two years; wife Minerva Herrick, of Pine Plains, married in 1876; one child—John Herrick, of Pine Plains.

Fulton Elisha E., po Upper Red Hook, farmer, born in Milan in 1824, has been inspector of election and justice of the peace: wife Margaret Smith, of Columbia county, married Dec. 16, 1860; children three living. Father, Ephraim Fulton, born in 1781, died in 1856; wife Susanna Fellow, born in Columbia county in 1782, died in 1863. Grandfather, John Fulton, settled on same farm in 1765, died in 1833, aged about 93 years.

Fulton Isaac, po Upper Red Hook, farmer, 270 acres, born in Milan April 13, 1819, has been assessor and justice of peace; wife Elizabeth Snider, of Red Hook, married in 1848; one child—Benjamin R. John Fulton, Jr., born in 1776. Father, John Fulton, came from Ireland about 1771.

Huffman, R. A. V., p o Rock City, hotel proprietor, owns two acres, born in Rensselaer county in 1823, settled in this county in 1825; wife Josephine Ham, born in Columbia county in 1842, married in 1862; children four. Father, George N. Huffman, born in 1790; wife born in 1791.

Hedges J. D. p o Jackson Corners, farmer, 170 acres, born in Milan in 1840, has been commissioner of highway.

Hicks George, p o Milan, farmer, 116 acres, born in Pine Plains March 1, 1818; wife Cynthia Acker, married Sept. 5, 1841; one child.

Hicks, C. D., p o Milan.

Herrick Walter, po Milan, physician. born in Milan in 1820; wife Ellen Sherwood, of Pine Plains, married in 1856; children two.

Husted Adelbert L., p o LaFayetteville, farmer, 200 acres, born in Milan in 1844; wife Susan L. Thomson, of Stanford, N. Y., married Oct. 5, 1865; children three.

Jackson Ferris, po Milan, farm laborer, born in Milan in 1856. Father, Henry Jackson.

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Link Jeremiab. po Milan, miller. 23 acres, born in Milan March
14, 1821, has been commissioner of highways two terms,
assessor one term; wife Catharine N. Hicks, of Milan,
married in 1838; one son—Alfred I., aged 19 years.

Morehouse Ezra L. po Rock City, deputy sheriff, born in
Milan in 1838, has been justice of peace and constable;
wife Phebe Thom, born in 1838. married March 14,
1860; one daughter. Grandfather born in Bridgeport, Conn., came to this county in 1803.



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Pells Alfred, po Jackson Corners, farmer, 263 acres, born in Milan in Isli, has been commissioner four terms, is county wife Julia Stickel, born in Columbia man, wife Julia Stickel, born in Columbia man, in 1841, warried Oct ober 11, 1862; one son, Jere-Milan in 1844; wife Amelia C. Vosburg, married in Reid Eliza C; children two Amelia C. Vosburg, married in 1866; in 18

Yeomans John, p o LaFayetteville, farmer, born in Milan in 1806, has been justice of peace twenty years, and commissioner; wife Margaret Ann Morris born in Milan in 1808, married in 1828; children four living. Father and in other were Scotch.

Barton L. L., Colman Station, farmer, 144 acres. born in Columbia county in 1860, has been county in 1834, settled in this county in 1860, has been county in 1834, settled in this county in 1860, has been 1834, married issioner; wife Henrietta Pulver, born in 1834, settled in 1860; children three.

In 1840; wife Millerton, merchant, born in Sharon, Conn., in 1874 and the Wheeler, born in Sharon, Conn., in 1874 and the Wheeler, born in North 1875 and the Sessor, 1819 komeko, farmer, 400 acres, born in North 1888 acres, as sessor, 1819 komeko, farmer, 400 acres, born in North 1874 and 1 in spector of electron arried in 1867; first 1874 and 1 in spector of electron arried in 1867; first 1884 and 1 in spector of electron acres, born in North 1885 acres, born in North 1885 acres, born in North 1886 acres, born in 1887, married 1887, ma

Campbell Eliza, po Millerton. farmer, 154 acres, born in Columbia county in 1813, settled in this county in 1855; husband John Campbell.

1835, ided in 1886; children Massachusetts, married in 1885, ided in 1886; children five.

Clark George, po Millerton. farmer, 700 acres, born in North East in 1812, 400 acres in old homestead, born in North East in 1824, the Mary Riter, born in Pine Plains in 1824, in 1824; wife Mary Riter, born in Pine Plains in 1824, in 1824; wife Mary Riter, born in Pine Plains in 1824, in 1824; wife Mary Riter, born in this county in 1808; wife Betsy Ann Wheeler, born in this county in 1808; wife Betsy Ann Wheeler, born in this town, married in 1836, died in 1870.

Couch Hattie E., po Mount Riga.

Collins Kate, po Colman Station, farmer, 212 acres, born in Pine Plains in 1835; has and William Collins, married in 1859, died in March 1878; children one. Mrs. Collins grandfather.

Crum George E., po Millerton, farmer, 100 acres, born in Litchfeld county, Conn., in 1815, settled in this county in 1815, is now supervisor and justice of peace; wife Emily A. Clark, born in town, married in 1839; children five.

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finch James, po Millerton, merchant, born in Columbia county in 1827, settled in this county in 1848, has been town clerk two terms. Aug. 3, 1880, the store of Mr. Finch was entered by masked men, himself and Clark bound, and a large amount of valuables taken.

Frink George S., po Irondale, manufacturer of pig iron, born in Litchfield county, Conn. in 1845, settled in this county in 1878.

Litchfield county, Conn. in 1845, settled in this county in 1878.

Grey W. B., p o Millerton, merchant, born in Pine Plains in 1832, has been postmaster at Millerton; wife Charlotte A. Card, born in Columbia county, married in 1866; children five.

Guernsey Mrs. L. E., p o Sharon Station, farmer, 200 acres, or this county, married in 1859, died Dec. 4, 1876; children four. Mrs. Guernsey occupies the old homestead occupied by Mr. Guernsey's father.

Garnsey John S., p o Sharon Station, farmer, 159 acres, born in Duchess county in 1842, has been commissioner of highways; wife Julia A. James, born in this county in 1825, married in 1843; children four.

Hamblin Myron, p o Millerton, farmer, 340 acres, born in county in 1808, has been assessor several terms, and commissioner; wife Rachel A. Tripp, married in 1844; children four.

Hamblin David, p o Millerton, farmer, 333 acres, born in Columbia county in 1841, settled in county in 1858; wife Sarah Rowe, born in Pine Plains in 1847, married in 1872; children three.

Hamilton J. E., p o Shekomeko, wagon manufacturer and farmer, 130 acres, born in Rhinebeck in 1818; wife Anna er, 130 acres, born in Rhinebeck in 1815, married in 1840; children seven. One son served in last war, and lost an eye in the service.

Harris Joseph, p o Millerton, merchant tailor, born in Germany Dec. 18, 1853, settled in this county in 1871; wife Lena Kantrourch, born in Germany in 1860, married in 1879; children one.

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Cyrus F., p o Millerton, merchant, born in Sharon,
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Conn. in 1844, settled in this county in 1869; wife Matty
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Conn. in 1844, settled in this county in 1869; wife Matty Brown, born in this town in 1856, married in 1873; children one.

Holley Josiah A., p o Millerton, retired, owns 6 acres land, born in Ancram. Columbia county, in 1806, settled in this county in 1867; wife Isabella Mills, born in this county, married in 1876.

Kerley J. D., p o Winchells, farmer and physician, over 220 acres, born in Red Hook in 187; wife Sarah E. Card, born in Monroe county, married in 1857; children four. Graduated at University of New York city in 1850, practiced as surgeon at hospital.

Lloyd H. G. & C. E., p o Boston Corners, teacher and farmer, 212 acres, born in this town, C. E. in 1843, H. G. in 1833; latter has been overseer of poor; wife Alida A. Deyo, born in Columbia county in 1887, married in 1861. Wife of C. E., Sarah A. Porter, born in Columbia county in 1885; children one.

McElwee Daniel B. p o Shekomeko, farmer, and drover, 163 acres, born in North East in 1857, has been collector for his town.

McGhee George, p o Shekomeko, farmer, 30 acres, born in Scotland March 28, 1825, settled in this county in 1848; wife land March 28, 1825, settled in this county in 1848; wife land March 28, 1825, settled in this county in 1848; wife land March 28, 1825, settled in this county in 1846.

Merwin S. T., p o Colman Station, farmer, 282 acres, born in Dewey, born in Madison county in 1830, married in 1856; children seven.

Miller Hugh, p o Shekomeko, farmer, 22 acres, born in Ireland, in 1825, settled in this county in 1844; wife Anna Wood, in 1825, settled in this county in 1844; wife Anna Wood, in 1825, settled in this county in 1844; wife Anna Wood, in 1827, settled in this county in 1844; wife Anna Wood, in 1827, settled in this county in 1844; wife Anna Wood, in 1827, settled in this county in 1848.

Paine J. R., p o Millerton, dealer in hardware, and farmer, born in 1861, wife Anna M. Friss, born in this town, married in 1842; children two, this county in 1830, married in the county.

Ancestors were early settlers in the county