

ROBERT C. McCREDIE came to Mount Morris in the nineties and purchased the local creamery from Campbell & McMaster. During his ownership, the building burned to the ground but was rebuilt. He finally moved with his family to Sunnyside, Wash.

JOSEPH S. NYE conducted the first hardware store of any importance in Mount Morris. In 1857, he bought the tin shop and hardware end of the business of Brayton & Baker, and for its accommodation built the brick building on the corner of Wesley and Front Sts., now occupied by Hough's Hardware. He conducted the business for ten years and finally moved the stock to Lanark. He was the son of Mrs. Harriet Nye and was born in Dover, England. He came to Mount Morris in 1853 with his brother, John H. Nye. See picture on page 376.

A. POPE advertised the Ogle County Book Store in the June 13, 1857, issue of the Northwestern Republican. He handled school books, stationery and maps.

POTTER & WEBB advertised in the Northwestern Republican of June 18, 1857, a full line of dry goods and groceries, at the store on the corner of Wesley Ave. and Center Street, formerly occupied by Jonathan Mumma.

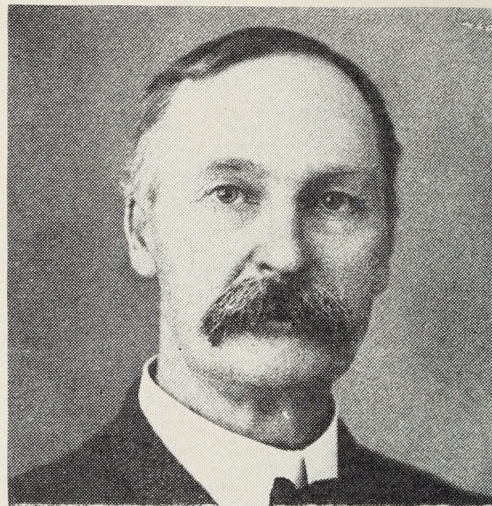
JOHN LONG advertised a new confectionery store in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman. He handled confectionery, fruits, cigars, chewing tobacco, etc. He was located under the Brayton & Baker Building, opposite Fouke's grocery store.

DR. J. S. VAUGHAN, dentist, had an office at Blair's Hotel in Mount Morris in 1858.

H. N. RYAN inserted a business card in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman, announcing his profession as attorney-at-law, notary public and insurance agent.

JOHN P. HAND was a partner of F. B. Brayton in the drug business in the early seventies. Later he became a well-known lawyer and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Illinois.

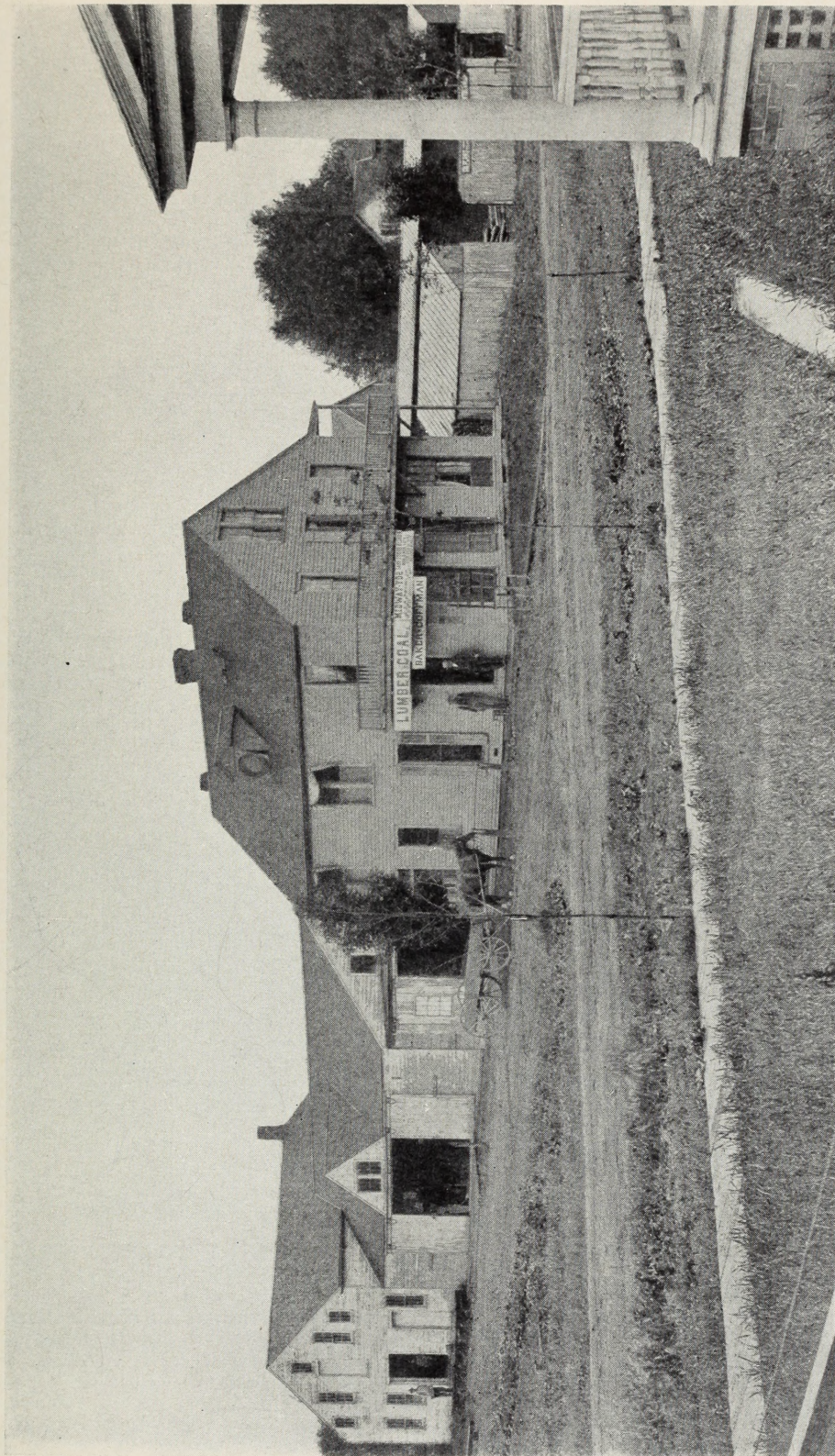
DR. THOMAS WINSTON, physician and surgeon, inserted his business card in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman. His office was with Dr. Francis A. McNeill in Brayton & Baker's new building. He served as surgeon with the 92nd Ill. Inf. during the Civil War.



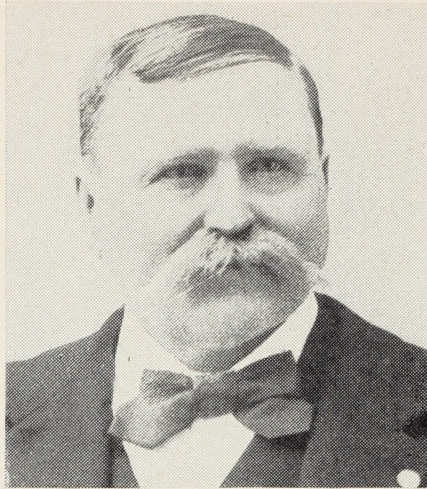
WENTWORTH W. WHEELER was a prominent figure in business circles in Mount Morris for many years. He was the son of T. A. and Abbie (Whitcomb) Wheeler and was born Sept. 6, 1847, at St. Charles, Ill. He attended the public schools of St. Charles and, when 18 years of age, enlisted in the 141st Ill. Volunteers. After the war, he assisted his father on his farm and lumber yard. He came to Mount Morris in 1870 and engaged in the implement business and later clerked for Sprecher & Clevidence. In 1881, he and his brother-in-law, John H. Swingley, moved to Kansas City and engaged in the coal and feed business. He returned to Mount Morris in 1899 and bought an interest in the Sprecher & Wheeler Dry Goods Co. In 1905 he bought the O. S. Watts grocery, later selling a half interest to Thos. Watts. In 1908, he returned to Kansas City where he associated with the Townley Metal & Hardware Co. until he retired in 1922. He died at his home in Kansas City, Aug. 18, 1924. Mr. Wheeler married Luella M. Sharer in 1874 and they had one daughter, Anna. After Mr. Wheeler's death, Mrs. Wheeler and Miss Anna returned to Mount Morris where Mrs. Wheeler died Jan. 27, 1930.

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THIS IS THE WAY the corner of Wesley Ave. and Emily St. looked about the year 1900 when Baker & Coffman used these buildings for a lumber yard. Buser & Mumma, contractors and builders, also used this as their headquarters. The building on the corner is still standing but all of the other buildings were torn down to make way for the building of homes.



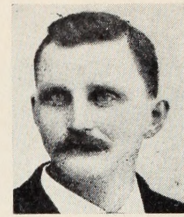
JOSEPH T. BAKER died June 20, 1905, aged 62½ years. He was born in Pine Creek Township in 1842, three years after his parents arrived from Martinsburg, W. Va., in 1839. He spent his boyhood days in Pine Creek Township, and in 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, 69th Illinois Infantry, at Polo and served 100 days. He drifted around for a number of years in various occupations, including a number of years at Falls City, Nebr. He returned to Mount Morris in 1893 and in 1895 went into the lumber and coal business with N. E. Buser and later with Frank Coffman. Mr. Baker was married twice, first to Anna Herbert, to whom five children were born, Jasper and Alma and three who died young. He married a second time to Mrs. Julia Lester.

GEORGE H. RINER came to Mount Morris in 1873 and operated as a carpenter and builder. Later he formed partnership with H. C. Clark under the firm name of Riner & Clark, and they operated a lumber yard which was purchased from Philip Sprecher. Mr. Riner was born in Berkeley County, West Va.

ELIJAH LOTT was engaged in the mercantile business in Mount Morris from 1872 to 1875. He also engaged in farming. He was born in Danville, Pa., in 1806.



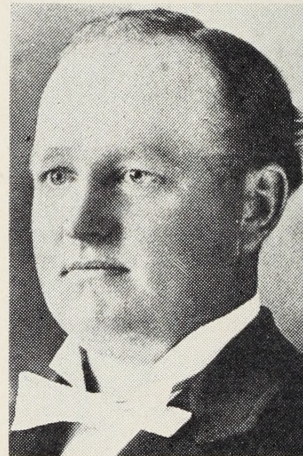
S. A. SHRINER opened a harness shop in Mount Morris in November, 1898, coming here from Dixon, and continued for several years.



CHAS. U. NIMAN conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris, having purchased the business of John H. Miller in 1899. Later he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Mount Morris and near Grandview, Wash. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Weller) Niman and was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 17, 1868. In 1900, he married Minnie M. Kable, and they have five children: Hale K., Dorothy E., Donald O., Roger C., and Ruth M. Mr. Niman is employed as janitor at the Kable plant.

J. M. SMITH, associated with a Mr. Prickard, started a hardware store in Mount Morris in 1870. Mr. Prickard retired from the business and Mr. Smith continued until about 1878 when he sold out to I. B. Kinne.

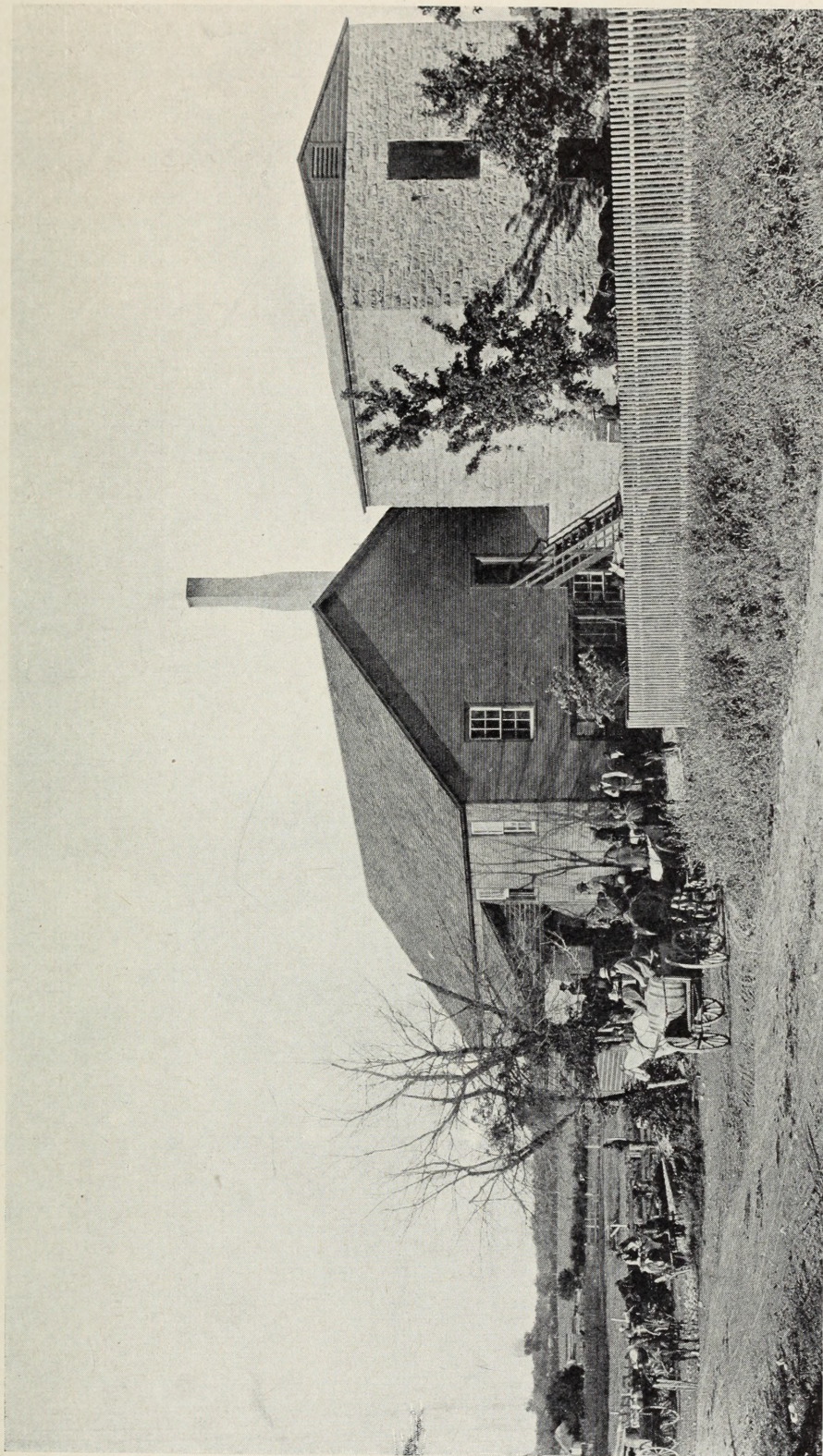
WILLIAM H. BULL established a grocery business in 1875 in the brick building opposite the present township hall. After a few years he sold out to Benjamin Rine, who in turn sold to Holly Clark and Ira Wingert.



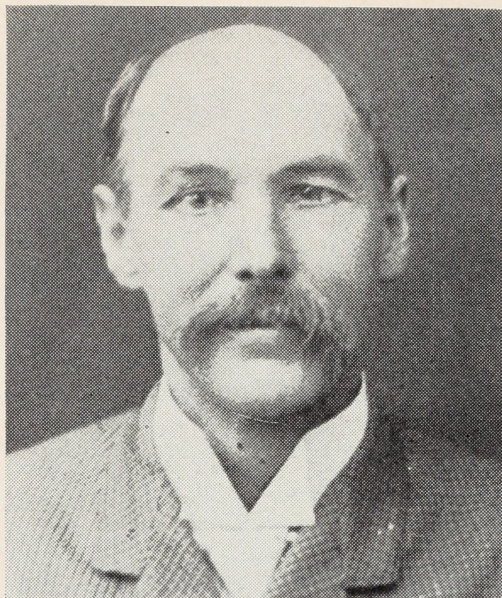
FRANK COFFMAN died May 22, 1918, aged 49 years. He was born in Pine Creek Township, May 5, 1869, and was the son of John C. and Mary (Welty) Coffman. He attended the local public school and Mount Morris College. In January, 1898, he married Grace McCoy, and they established their home in Mount Morris, where Mr. Coffman engaged in the building material and fuel business in partnership with Joseph T. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Coffman. Two children were born to them, Eugene and Hugh.

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THE MOUNT MORRIS CREAMERY as it appeared about the year 1900. This creamery did a thriving business for many years. It was owned and operated for a number of years by Wm. H. Jackson, who sold to Robert C. McCredie. The building was burned to the ground several years after this picture was taken. Part of the walls of the ice house at the right are still standing, just at the south edge of town.



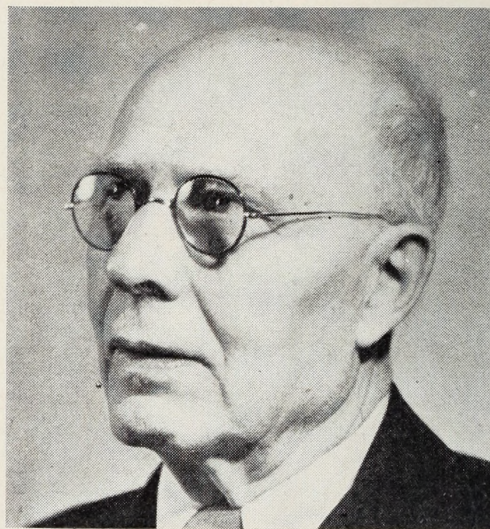
WILLIAM A. NEWCOMER, son of Andrew and Eliza (Hamilton) Newcomer, was born in Mount Morris, March 29, 1850, and died Feb. 24, 1927, aged nearly 77 years. He attended school in the old Miller schoolhouse and Rock River Seminary. In 1871, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, Ninth Infantry, serving five years. He had many interesting experiences in Indian warfare and was mustered out of Custer's army only two weeks before his company was annihilated in the famous Custer Massacre. He returned to Mount Morris in 1876 and engaged in the grocery business with his father until the latter's death in 1885. His brother, Arthur M., then joined the firm under the name A. M. and W. A. Newcomer, William dropped out of the firm for awhile and conducted another grocery in partnership with John Tice, but later sold out and again joined his brother. Eventually Howard Newcomer became a member of the firm in place of his father, A. M. In April, 1886, Mr. Newcomer was married to Lottie E. Rohrer, who survived him and died in 1929.

J. D. ARMSTRONG, born at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 7, 1852, was engaged in the hardware business in Mount Morris in the eighties, first in partnership with W. E. Cushing (Cushing & Armstrong) and later with C. E. Price (Armstrong & Price). Mr. Price retired from the business and Mr. Armstrong later sold out to J. M. Piper.

BENJ. MUMMA was first associated in the meat market business with Samuel Middour, but later purchased Middour's interest and conducted the business for many years, after which Henry H. and Ernest E. Newcomer purchased it. Mr. Mumma's ad appeared in the Ogle County Democrat of Dec. 21, 1882.

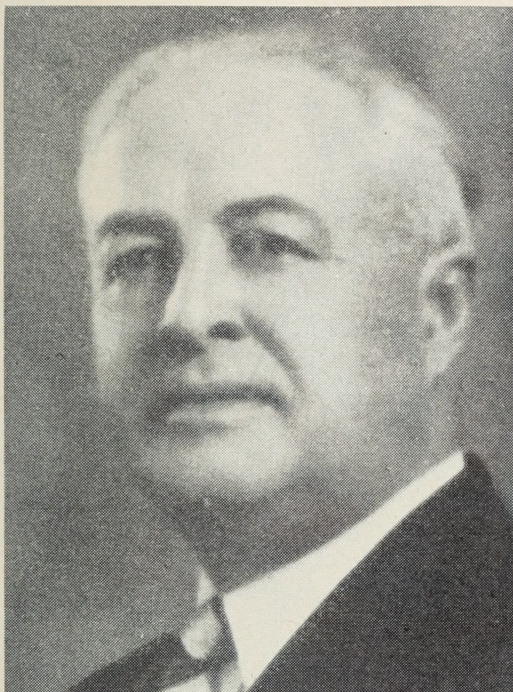
ANDREW NEWCOMER, father of A. M. & W. A. Newcomer, was justice of the peace and real estate agent in 1858. His office was a few doors east of Brayton & Baker's new store, on the south side of Front Street. In 1866, he started a small store in this same location. This was later the home of Robert Crosby. He sold the business to Geo. Windle, but on the return of his son, William, from the army in 1876, the two started another grocery with the firm name of A. & W. A. Newcomer, located on the corner of Front and McKendrie Sts. They continued until the death of the father, when A. M. Newcomer took the father's place in the business.

SAMUEL LOOKABAUGH died Sept. 4, 1899, aged 72 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., in 1827. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Mount Morris from 1865 to 1872 in partnership with Samuel Middour. In 1848, he married Mary E. Gross and came to Mount Morris in 1865. They were the parents of nine children.



AUGUST T. OLSON, son of Hans and Anna Olson, was born Nov. 8, 1864, at Malmo, Sweden. He came to the United States in 1880, and worked as a chef in Denver. Later he moved to Mt. Carroli, Ill., where he operated the Glenview Hotel for six years. He came to Mount Morris in 1898 and purchased the Hotel Rohrer. He changed the name of the hotel to the Olson Hotel and operated it until 1921, when he sold it to Kable Brothers Company. Later he opened Olson's Restaurant, which he operated for a number of years. He is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows. In 1883, he married Dina Gifford at Denver, and there were four children: Carl Oscar, Glenn William, Floyd E., and Cecil Harriett. Mrs. Olson died in 1916. Mr. Olson was married again in 1931 to Bessie Raney.

DR. JOSEPH I. MERSHON, who was born in Jones County, Iowa, Nov. 25, 1849, was a physician in Mount Morris for about eleven years beginning in 1874. He then located in Mount Carroll where he lived until his death in 1899. He married Mary Jane McMurrin and they had five children: Geneva (married F. G. Stearns), Mable C. (married Roy W. Graham), Noble C., Joseph I. (deceased), and Dr. Glenn E. Mershon, who is now



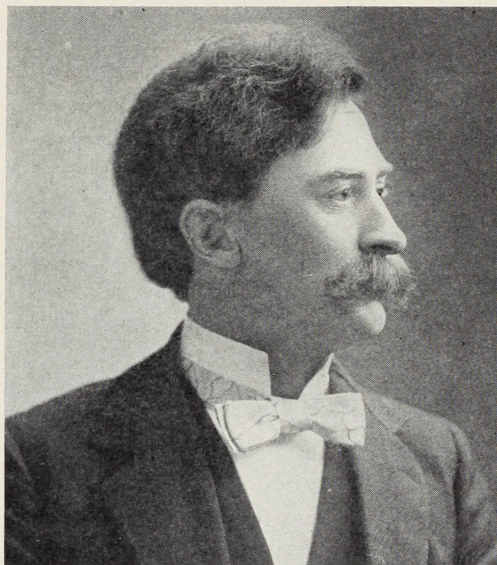
DR. GLENN E. MERSHON

a practicing physician in Mount Carroll. He also has a son, Donald G., who is a physician, thus making three generations in the medical profession. All of the Mershon children were born in Mount Morris except Geneva. Dr. Glenn Mershon attended Mount Carroll High School and Mount Morris College. He graduated from the Barnes University Medical in St. Louis in 1901. He has practiced in Mount Carroll since that time.

JOHN H. NYE, for many years a prosperous farmer in Mount Morris Township, and later a resident of the village, was born in Dover, England, Dec. 31, 1831. He was 19 years old when he came to the United States. He learned the trade of carpenter in New York and came to Mount Morris in 1853 where he assisted in the construction of Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming until 1870, when he moved to Mount Morris. He established the first lumber yard in Mount Morris about 1872 after the completion of the railroad. He later sold the business to Henry Gilbert. In 1857, he advertised in the Northwestern Republi-

can that he had purchased the right for one-half of the United States for the sale of the famous Hays Lard Lamps. Kerosene or electric lamps were unknown at that time. Mr. Nye was married to Marie Beebe in 1852 and four daughters were born to them. The mother passed away in 1859 and Mr. Nye was married again in 1860 to Catherine (Coffman) Stonebraker, widow of Michael Stonebraker. Two children were born to them, Frank C. (deceased) and Ulysses C. In 1896, Mr. and Mrs. Nye went to California to spend the winter and Mr. Nye died in Los Angeles on Feb. 28, 1896. Mrs. Nye lived until March 27, 1910. See picture on page 376.

A. V. JOHNSTON, who conducted a jewelry store in Mount Morris, for a number of years, died April 23, 1931, at the age of 67 years. He was the son of Isaiah and Anna Johnston and was born April 8, 1864, at New Castle, Pa. He moved from Pennsylvania to Marion, Ohio, in 1902, and came to Mount Morris in 1907, when he purchased the jewelry business of H. E. Newcomer, which he continued until ill health forced him to retire. He was married to Ida Brown and they had two sons, Harry and Clarence. The mother died in 1906 and Mr. Johnston was married again to Addie Tucker Stoll, who with a step-daughter, Mrs. R. C. Hoffmann, and the two sons survive.



DR. J. F. CANODE, son of Wm. L. and Mary Canode, was born Jan. 23, 1863, at Greenwood, Pa., and came to Ogle County with his parents in 1876. After engaging in various lines of business in Oregon, he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and graduated in 1898. He located in Mount Morris where he practiced dentistry for a number of years and then moved to Oregon. He was married in 1896 to Lucy A. Seyster and they had two children, Mary and Morris.

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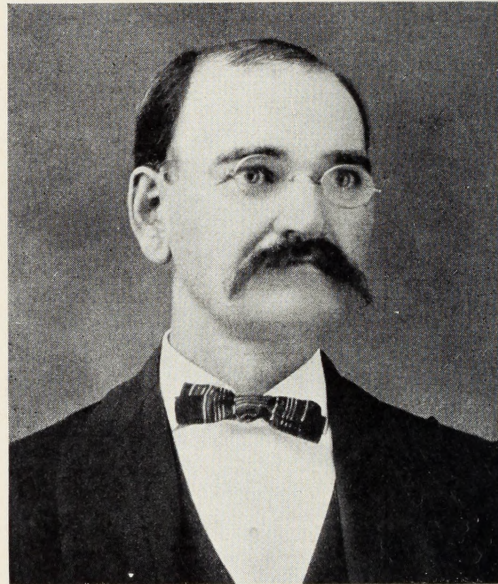
DR. GEORGE B. McCOSH was a well-known physician in Mount Morris for thirty-five years. He was of the famous musical family of Dr. John and Elizabeth McCosh, and was born at Quincy, Pa., March 4, 1855. He died Dec. 5, 1915, aged nearly 61 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents in the early sixties, and after attending the local schools, entered Rush Medical College, from which he graduated in 1880. Returning to Mount Morris, he entered the practice of medicine with his father, who died in 1883. He continued to practice in Mount Morris for 35 years. He conducted a drug store in Mount Morris for a number of years, part of the time in partnership with C. H. Mishler. Dr. McCosh was married in 1881 to Wanda Blair, and they had six children: Blair (died in 1926), Gladys (Mrs. T. R. Trawick), Jeanette (died in infancy), Mac (died in 1935), Jean (Mrs. Edwin B. Scott), and Marion. Other well-known members of the musical McCosh family were Mrs. Lucia Maltbie, James McCosh, David S. McCosh, Benjamin McCosh, Mrs. Jacob Strock, and Mrs. Chas. H. Sharer.

DR. CAROLINE L. PARKER was Mount Morris's only woman doctor. She maintained her office and residence with Mrs. E. A. Newcomer on Center St. in 1882. She specialized in obstetrics and diseases of women and children.

B. F. SHEETS, operating as B. F. Sheets & Co., purchased the hardware business of Hitt, Smith & Co., about the year 1880 and later sold out to Cushing & Armstrong.

CHAS. B. STANGER operated a tailor shop in Mount Morris in the eighties. He was born in Maryland in 1829 and came to Mount Morris in 1870.

JAMES M. WEBB conducted a hotel in Mount Morris before the Civil War. He was born at Lunenburg, Vt., July 8, 1817, and was the son of Samuel Webb. He came to Mount Morris in 1840 and served as Justice of the Peace and later was elected County Judge. In 1858, he purchased the Eldorado House from Jonathan Mumma and continued to operate it as the Webb Hotel until his death of consumption in 1859, after which Mrs. Webb continued to conduct the hotel for many years. The building was on the present site of the Kable Inn. While running the hotel, Mr. Webb was also in the mercantile business in the same building with a Mr. Potter with the firm name of Potter & Webb. Mr. Webb was married in 1848 to Caroline J. Jones, daughter of Rev. W. P. Jones, who was a student at Rock River Seminary. They had three children: James M., Samuel T. (who was station agent in Mount Morris) and Linna Alice, who married George Wirtz.



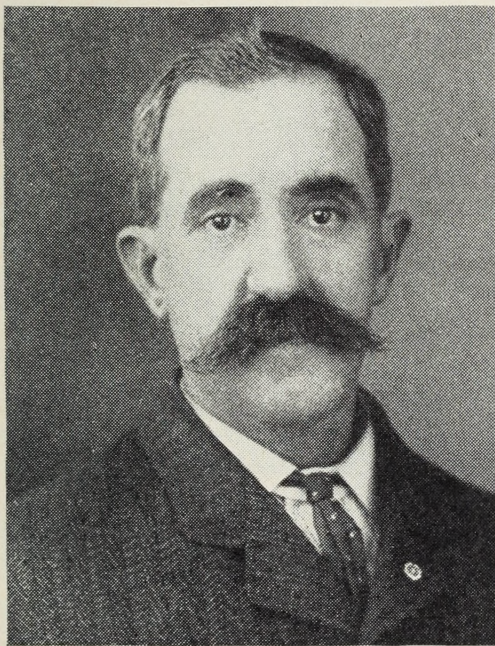
DR. W. W. HANES, son of Samuel and Mary (Walkup) Hanes, was born in Pine Creek Township, June 13, 1861, and died in Mount Morris, March 11, 1924, aged nearly 63 years. His childhood was passed at the family home five miles south of Mount Morris. After preliminary education, he entered the Physio-Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated in 1883. He commenced the practice of medicine at Adeline and located in Mount Morris in 1886, where he administered to the sick continuously for 38 years. He served as Coroner of Ogle County for sixteen years and several terms as President of the Village Board of Trustees. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge. In 1889, he was married to Georgia Rohrer, and they had one son, Ernest. Mrs. Hanes died Jan. 28, 1925.

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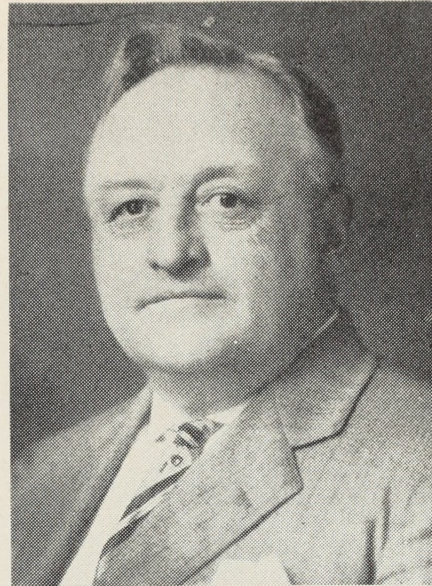
DANIEL H. SMITH, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Ackerson) Smith, was born in Orange County, N.Y., July 21, 1830, and came to Ogle County in 1856. He engaged in farming and in about the year 1878 purchased the hardware business of David Rine and George Sprecher, which was operated under the name of Hitt, Smith & Co. They eventually sold out to B. F. Sheets & Co. Mr. Smith also purchased the south elevator in 1882 from Daniel Sprecher, which he later sold to Thos. C. Williams. In 1865, he married Martha A. Little, and they had five children: Mabel, Burt, Eldridge, Nellie and Olive G.

I. B. KINNE & SON conducted a hardware store in Mount Morris in the early eighties. Their advertisement appeared in the Ogle County Democrat in September, 1882.

DAVID RINE died Sept. 4, 1898, aged 62 years. He was born near Newville, Pa., Feb. 14, 1836, and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1853. In 1859, he married Eliza C. Sharer. For a number of years, Mr. Rine was in the grocery business in Mount Morris, with the firm of Rine & Marshall. In 1883, he sold out his business interest and moved to Kansas City, but returned to Mount Morris about a year previous to his death. For a number of years he was choir leader at the Lutheran Church. He had three brothers, Benjamin, William and John, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Stroh.



C. H. WHITMAN conducted a jewelry store in Mount Morris about the year 1900 and thereafter. He married Anna M. Rine, daughter of Benj. Rine. The family moved to Belvidere.



DR. ROYAL O. BROWN, son of Perry and Lena (Seise) Brown, was born at Freeport, Ill., Nov. 15, 1874, and died Dec. 15, 1934, aged 60 years. He attended grade school in Freeport and graduated from the Madison, Wis., High School in 1894. He also graduated from the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College. After serving his internship, he located in Mount Morris in 1903, but moved to Forreston in 1905, where he stayed 10 years, returning to Mount Morris in 1915, where he continued to practice until his death in 1934. In 1904, he married Miss Marie Jones, and they had one son, Russell.

DANIEL SPRECHER, a prominent figure in the early days of Mount Morris, was the son of Philip T. and Catherine (Houke) Sprecher and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1839. He engaged in farming for a time, then located in Mount Morris where he engaged in the grain business and built the north elevator in 1875 which he sold to H. H. Clevidence and John Sprecher in 1879. He also built the south elevator in 1882 and later sold it to Daniel Smith. In the early forties he married Barbara Kauffman, and they had eight children as follows: Amos, Philip T., Lewis C., William (who died at 23), Harvey, Daniel, Eliza (Mrs. Roher Eakle), and Samuel. The mother died at the age of 39, and later he married Mary Eakle, who also passed away and he was married a third time to Mrs. Elnora Hedges. Mr. Sprecher passed away May 4, 1888.

H. M. AND WM. N. GILBERT operated a general store in Mount Morris in 1878, succeeding Gilbert & King.

DR. A. R. LONG, dentist, was located in Mount Morris in 1882. His business card appeared in the Sept. 14 issue of the Ogle County Democrat.



R. E. ARNOLD was born November 18, 1867, at Burlington, W. Va. He graduated from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va., in 1889, receiving an A.B. degree. Traveled during 1892 and 1893 in England, Scotland and Wales in commercial business. Came to Illinois in 1893 and located at Mount Morris. He conducted a drygoods business in Mount Morris from 1894 to April 1, 1900. He married Irena Amick, daughter of Joseph Amick, Sept. 1, 1897. Moved to Elgin, Ill., April 1, 1900. Spent the following three years in commercial traveling, covering most of the United States. He was elected business manager and treasurer of the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin, Ill., in 1904 and has served in that capacity continuously to the present time. A son, Ralph E., is married and in business at Biglerville, Pa. A daughter, Lois Virginia, is a physical educational teacher in the Junior High School at Lansing, Mich.

E. O. STARTZMAN conducted a confectionery store and bakery in Mount Morris for nearly 25 years, beginning in about 1880. He owned the brick building which stood on the present site of the Township Hall. Mr. Startzman moved to Freeport where he passed away.

J. N. STONEBRAKER conducted a confectionery in the "Mammoth Block" in Mount Morris in the early eighties. His advertisement appeared in the Nov. 3, 1881, issue of the Ogle County Democrat.

RINER, MOORE & CLARK advertised a new firm in August, 1881. They did a general contracting business and handled lumber and building material.

Z. W. BUCK succeeded Riner & Clark in the lumber business in Mount Morris in about 1882.

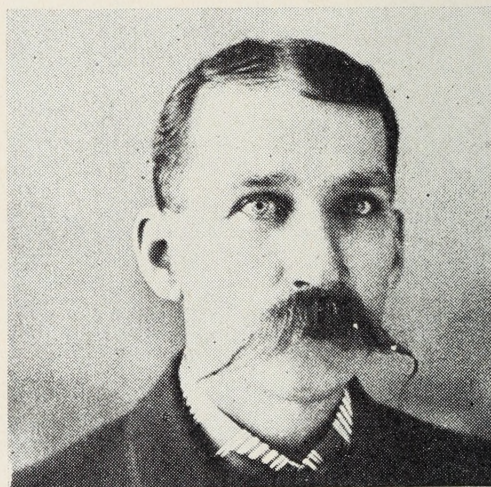
LOOKABAUGH, TEETER & CO. advertised a dry goods and grocery store in the Ogle County Democrat in 1882.

ED. CRIPE conducted a grocery business in Mount Morris in the nineties and later combined his stock with the dry goods stock of F. K. Spalding. He was a brother of D. S. Cripe and was a former student of Mount Morris College.

GEORGE W. DEPPEN conducted a grocery and dry goods business in Mount Morris in the nineties. Previous to that he engaged in farming south of town. He was the son of John R. Deppen, and was born Oct. 13, 1863, at Nachusa, Ill., and died at Rockford, Mar. 17, 1931. In 1882, he married Nettie J. Neff and they had two sons, Merritt and Roy. The family moved to Rockford in 1907 where Mr. Deppen engaged in the grocery business for 20 years. Mrs. Deppen died May 18, 1927. The elder son, Merritt, was a professional musician for many years. He is now employed in the Rockford postoffice.

EDWARD JIMMERSON operated a restaurant in the nineties in the building south of the John Sprecher store. He had a wife and three children: John, Edward and Esther.

A. H. KNODLE, doing business as A. H. Knodle & Co., in the early nineties bought the general store of L. C. Stanley (formerly the Sprecher & Clevidence store) and after several years sold the business to F. K. Spalding.



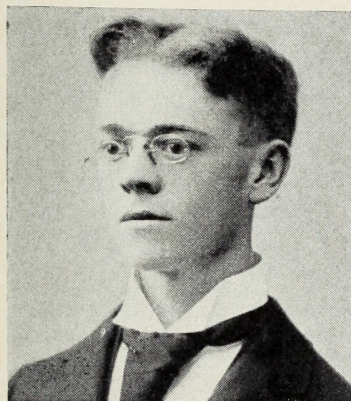
ALBERT C. LOOKABAUGH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lookabaugh, was born at Funkstown, Pa., Jan. 11, 1854, and died Dec. 18, 1929, aged nearly 76 years. He came to Mount Morris at the age of 21, and worked at his trade of blacksmith the greater part of his life. In 1878, he was married to Mary D. Davis, and six children were born to them: Elsie (Mrs. H. E. Longman), Lulu (Mrs. George Fouch), Ruth (Mrs. Theodore Horst), Charles Clifford (deceased) and Nellie (deceased).

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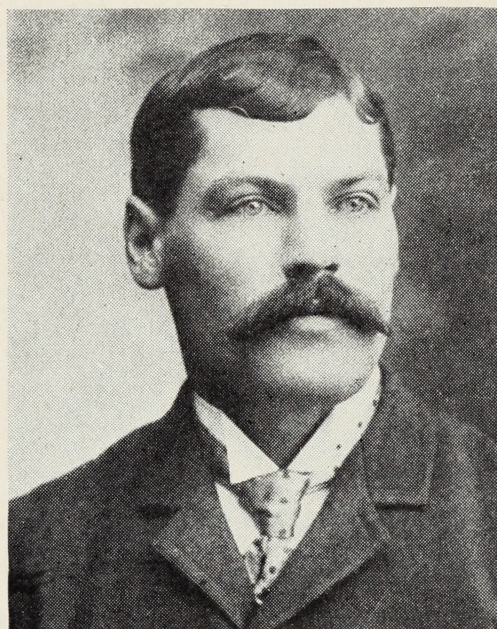
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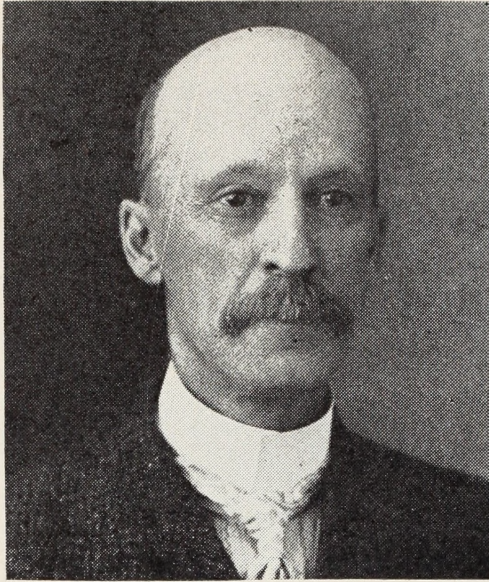
THIS PICTURE was taken about the year 1920 and shows the interior of the Citizens Bank in its first location on Wesley Avenue. Those in the picture are, left to right, Joseph L. Rice, Benj. S. Price, Daniel L. Miller.



BENJAMIN E. AVEY was engaged in business in Mount Morris in 1899 and several years thereafter. He is the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Bovey) Avey and was born in Lincoln Township, Aug. 3, 1874. He attended Mount Morris College and the Zanerian Art College of Columbus, Ohio. Later he filled several positions as teacher of art, and in January, 1899, returned to Mount Morris and purchased the confectionery business of Otho Baker, which he conducted for a year. He then opened a hardware store in the frame building owned by George Sprecher, which stood on the present site of the Wishard Building. After several years he disposed of this business and since that time has been a traveling salesman. He married Maude Rowe and they have two sons.



DANIEL L. KEES was born at Shanghai, W. Va., Sept. 30, 1868, and died in Mount Morris, April 30, 1936, aged 68 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1901 and engaged in farming for several years, then operated a confectionery for 25 years. In 1919, he married Mrs. Etta Bruner, who passed away in 1928. He was survived by four brothers and four sisters, all residing in the east.



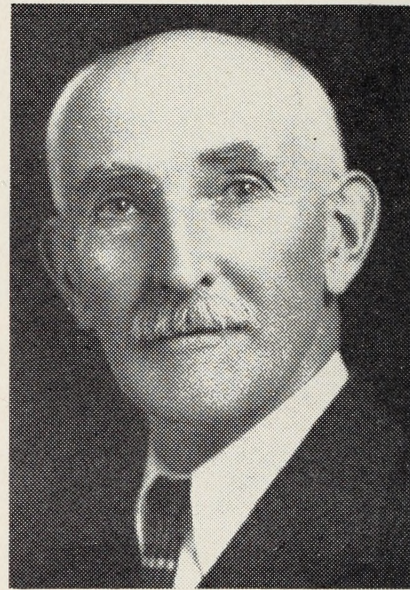
ARTHUR W. BRAYTON, son of Frederick B. and Charlotte (Wheeler) Brayton, was born in Mount Morris, Jan. 7, 1847, and died Jan. 19, 1922, aged 75 years. The name of Brayton has been prominent in Mount Morris since the founding of the village. The grandfather, Daniel Brayton, established the first store in Mount Morris in 1841, which was handed down to his son, Frederick B. Brayton, who in turn handed it down to the subject of this sketch, Arthur W. Brayton. Mr. Brayton lived in Mount Morris all his life, attending the public school and Rock River Seminary, in which institution he taught mathematics for several years. In 1871, he took a course in telegraphy in Chicago, and in December of the same year became the first station agent of the Chicago & Iowa Railroad in Mount Morris. Later he became a clerk in his father's store and became a registered pharmacist in 1881, then succeeded to the ownership of the store until he sold out to S. E. Avey and O. E. Marshall. The remainder of his life he looked after his extensive fruit farm and other interests. He was actively interested in many affairs of the village. He was president of the Village Board of Trustees for a number of years, and a director of Kable Brothers Company from 1903 to the time of his death. In 1876, Mr. Brayton was married to Harriet Grigsby, of Lena, and three children were born to them: Louis, Bruce LeRoy (died in 1928) and Ernest.

J. M. RINEDOLLAR conducted a photograph gallery in the nineties. The gallery was located upstairs over Brayton's drug store.

WILLIAM H. STEWART, son of John and Laura Stewart, was born at Martinsburg, W. Va., and died in Mount Morris, March 1, 1923, aged 65 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents when

he was only seven years old. He worked at the carpenter trade for a while with his father, but during the greater part of his life he conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris. In 1886, he married Susie Huffmaster, and three children were born to them—Maud and May, who died in childhood, and Maurice, who lives in Mount Morris. Mrs. Stewart died in 1915.

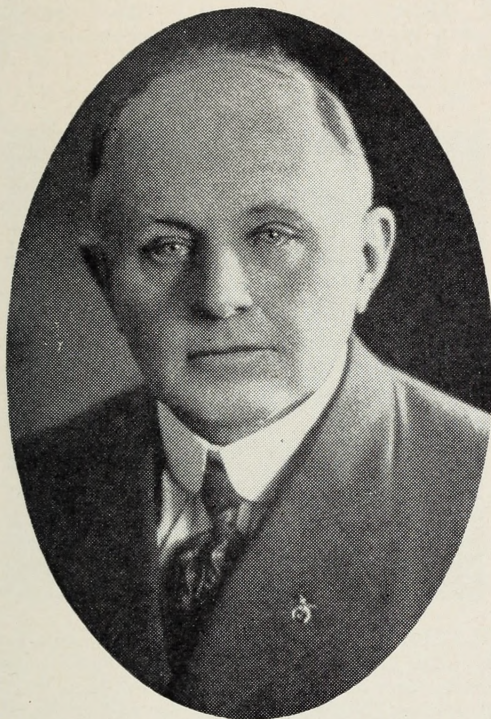
L. C. STANLEY, of Chippewa Falls, bought out the general store of Sprecher & Clevidence in 1891, and after conducting the business for several years sold out to A. H. Knodle & Co.



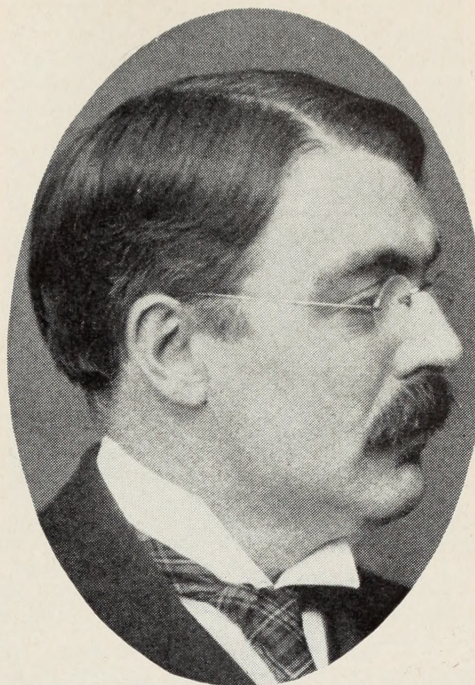
CHARLES H. SHARER, son of Henry and Sara (Felker) Sharer, was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 25, 1859, and died May 19, 1935, aged 75 years. He was educated in Mount Morris, including Rock River Seminary, and graduated from Northwestern University in 1883. He was a staunch supporter of education and during his years of service as president of the High School Board of Education the school was increased to a four-year course. He also served with distinction as president of the Village Board of Trustees, and was instrumental in having the principal streets of the village paved. Most of his life was devoted to various business enterprises in Mount Morris. In 1895, he became a partner of J. A. Brubaker in the grocery and dry goods business, and several years later purchased the grocery end of the business which he conducted for many years. He finally sold out to J. P. Holsinger and operated a dairy farm for several years until he retired. He was an active member of the Methodist Church. In 1887, he married Susan McCosh, daughter of Dr. John McCosh. Seven children were born to them: George (died in infancy), Elizabeth Hill (died in 1928), Wentworth, Max, Mrs. Ruth Hardt, Dwight S., and Robert.

F. K. SPALDING came to Mount Morris about 1895 and purchased the general store of A. H. Knodle & Co., and after several years combined it with the grocery business of Ed. Cripe. He later moved to the state of Washington.

THOMAS C. WILLIAMS operated a nursery on his farm just east of Mount Morris. He was also engaged in the grain-buying business having purchased the south elevator from Daniel Smith in the eighties. He moved his family to Sunnyside, Calif., where he died some years ago.



NATHANIEL E. BUSER, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ellen Buser, was born at South Mountain, Md., April 28, 1851, and died in Mount Morris, April 16, 1931, aged 80 years. He came to Mount Morris with his mother in 1868 and completed his education. Later he taught school for a time and then took up his life's work as carpenter and builder. He became a licensed architect and contractor. Nearly all of the important buildings in Mount Morris and dozens of the residences were constructed by him and stand as monuments to his genius in his chosen vocation. He also built many schools, churches and residences in surrounding towns. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Church of the Brethren. He was married in 1872 to Arbanna C. Middlekauff, and six children were born to them: Floy, (Mrs. John Wine), Pearl (Mrs. F. A. Myers), Robert E., Ruby (Mrs. Albright), and two that died in infancy. In 1906, he married Ivey D. Eversole, who died in 1919, and in 1921 he married Nora Gouker, who survived him.

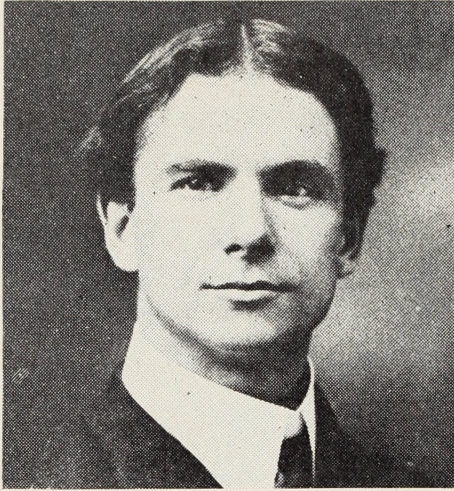


JOSEPH L. RICE, son of Isaac and Sarah Hiestand Rice, was born on the Rice farm, north of Mount Morris, Dec. 23, 1866, and died June 9, 1931, aged 65 years. He attended Rock River Seminary and graduated from Northwestern University at Evanston. After graduation in 1893, he and his cousin, John H. Rice, established the Citizens Bank of Mount Morris, and he served as president until he retired several years before his death. He served as an officer and director of Kable Brothers Company from the organization of that company until his death. He was one of Mount Morris's most prominent and influential citizens and was affiliated with every important movement for the betterment of the community. In 1893, he was married to Miss Emily Newcomer, who passed away in 1929.

GEORGE WINDLE, prominent farmer and business man of Mount Morris, was the son of William and Mary (Kretsinger) Windle and was born Nov. 18, 1841, at Shenandoah, Va. The family consisting of ten children moved to a farm a few miles south of Mount Morris in 1855. He attended Rock River Seminary and in 1865 married Mary Ellen Sprecher, daughter of Philip and Catherine Sprecher, pioneers of this vicinity. They had a family of five children: Chas. E., who died at the age of 19; Mary Catheryn, wife of J. H. Harnly; Addie, wife of Ira R. Henderickson; Orpah Irene, wife of Harry Bibler; and Philip, living near Harrison, Ill. Mr. Windle was a successful farmer and at the time of his death owned considerable real estate. He was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business in Mount Morris. Mr. Windle died May 22, 1913, and Mrs. Windle died Jan. 28, 1920.

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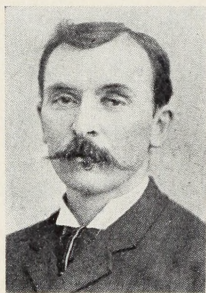
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ROY HOUSEHOLDER conducted a photograph gallery over the Brayton store for a number of years, but later moved to Rockford. He was the son of Peter and Anna (Sheets) Householder and was born and raised in Mount Morris.

JACOB STROCK purchased the grocery business conducted by John Tice in 1891 and conducted it for over ten years, selling out to Fred Middlekauff. He then moved to Colorado, where he died.

CHAS. E. ROHRER built the front section of the present Kable Inn in 1894 and conducted it as the Hotel Rohrer until his death on Dec. 3, 1895, aged 35 years. He was the youngest of a family of 11 children and was born in Rohersville, Md., Oct. 24, 1860. Before coming to Mount Morris he was clerk at the Central House in Forreston. On March 28, 1889, he married Miss Dora Boekholder, who later became the wife of Dr. David F. Stevens.



JOHN H. RICE, son of John and Eliza Kendall Rice, was born in Leaf River Township, Aug. 8, 1859, and died July 13, 1931, aged 72 years. He was the youngest of a family of five children. He attended Mount Morris College and Beloit College. He came to Mount Morris in 1887 and was employed in the Bank of Mount Morris by Major Newcomer. In 1893, he and his cousin, Joseph L. Rice, organized the Citizens Bank, and continued as cashier of that bank for a number of years. In 1906, he married Miss Maude Rohrer, who died Jan. 1, 1936.

SAMUEL W. BARNHIZER died Dec. 20, 1899, aged 50 years. He was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 26, 1849, son of John and Elizabeth Barnhizer. He married Mary Elizabeth Royer, Nov. 12, 1876, and they had three children, Bertha, Minnie and Paul. He was engaged in the furniture business in Mount Morris in the nineties, in partnership with T. J. Watkins, with the firm name of Watkins & Barnhizer.

J. A. BRUBAKER in about 1895, doing business as J. A. Brubaker & Co., purchased the grocery and dry goods store of Daniel Wingert, and later took in Chas. H. Sharer as a partner. After several years he sold the grocery department to Mr. Sharer and the dry goods to R. E. Arnold.



OLIVER E. MARSHALL, son of Reuben S. and Matilda (Steffa) Marshall, was born on the Marshall homestead north of Mount Morris, March 21, 1873. He attended the community school and then entered Mount Morris College in 1886. He graduated from the Northwestern School of Pharmacy in 1893. He purchased the drug business of McCosh & Mishler in 1900, which he conducted until 1911, when he sold to F. J. Dean. He later owned drug stores in Lanark and Rockford, but returned to Mount Morris in 1933, where he is an employe of the Mount Morris Pharmacy. Mr. Marshall was married in 1903 to Mrs. Cora Drummond. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and was at one time Master of the local Masonic lodge.

FRED B. STARK conducted a jewelry store and watch repair shop in Mount Morris in 1898 and several years thereafter. He located in St. Paul when he left Mount Morris.

J. H. LAMBING conducted a blacksmith shop in Mount Morris, beginning in the year 1900. His shop was located south of the old Startzman Building.

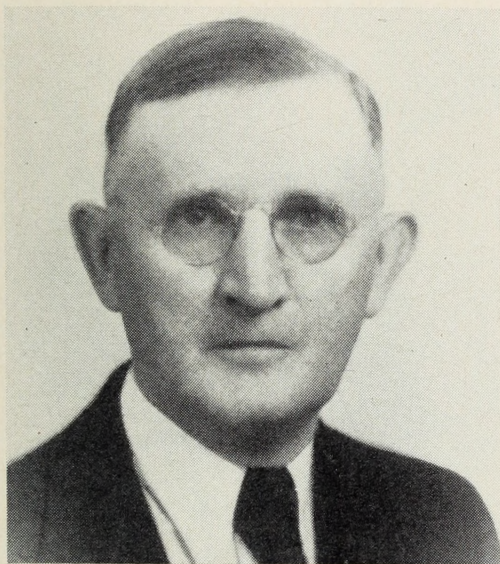
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WILLIAM DOMER, son of Samuel and Rachel (Varner) Domer, was born April 21, 1859, in Leaf River Township, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 23, 1935, aged 76 years. For many years Mr. Domer conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris and later a general teaming business. In 1881, he married Mary K. Alter and four children were born to them: Jesse M., Percy E., Mrs. Ethel Tracy and Bessie. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19, 1931. The mother died Nov. 28, 1932.

ANDREW H. DAHL operated a shoe repair shop in Mount Morris during the nineties. His ad appeared in the Dec. 9, 1896, issue of the Mount Morris News.

J. I. HOUSEWERT came to Mount Morris to operate the Hotel Rohrer in 1896 following the death of the owner, Chas. Rohrer, and continued in that capacity until the hotel was purchased by A. T. Olson in 1898.



FRED L. WATTS, son of William and Anna (Ankney) Watts, was born on the Watts homestead south of Mount Morris on Feb. 17, 1869. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School and from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. He engaged in farming for a time, then purchased the harness business of J. D. Miller, in 1902. Later he engaged in the grocery business during several different periods. He then purchased the Wm. Rowe farm, north of town, where he lived from 1926 to 1934, when he retired to Mount Morris. He served several terms on the village board and was Democratic committeeman for 20 years. He is a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Watts was married in 1894 to Fannie Felker. Mrs. Watts passed away Dec. 25, 1923. Mr. Watts was married in 1926 to Elizabeth Slifer.

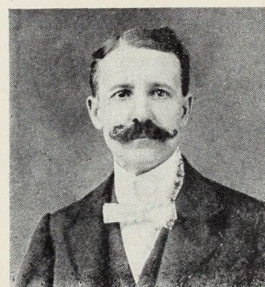


DAVID S. CRIFE, son of Tobias and Anna Cripe, was born in Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 17, 1864, and died June 4, 1928, aged 64 years. In 1887, he came to Mount Morris and attended the College for three years, and in 1891 he started in the mercantile business in Mount Morris, which he continued for 37 years. In 1891 he married Elva Newcomer, and seven children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Those remaining are Elmer, Merl, Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Cora Birdsill, together with the mother.

NEWCOMER BROTHERS (Henry and Ernest) conducted the City Meat Market for a number of years. The former later went to farming and the latter became a traveling salesman.

O. E. HUFF came from Egan City in 1902 and bought the bakery and restaurant of Walter Wolfe, which he continued to operate for a number of years.

FRED C. SCOTT purchased the grocery store of Jacob Strock in 1902 and conducted the business for several years. He was a former resident of Oregon.



G. W. HAMLIN purchased the dry goods store of R. E. Arnold in 1900 and conducted it for several years. He came here from Rochelle.

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CALVIN H. MISHLER, son of Emanuel and Susannah Mishler, was born at Kent, Ill., August 21, 1857, and died Oct. 29, 1929, aged 72 years. He attended Rock River Seminary and Iowa State Normal College, and taught school in Iowa for several years. He located in Mount Morris in 1888 and was engaged for 15 years as carpenter and builder, later conducted a drug and book store for a number of years, and worked at the Kable plant for four years. He served the community as Village Trustee, as Village Clerk, and as Justice of the Peace. In 1883, he married Louise A. Miller, and they had five children: Mrs. Evangeline Olson, Mrs. Vinette McRae, Max and Eugene, twin sons, and a child that died in fancy.

BYERS BROTHERS conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris beginning in 1903. They purchased the business of Chas. Niman.

JESSE B. BAKENER bought the grocery store of A. M. Newcomer in 1904 and conducted it for several years, finally selling the business to Flory & Son.

FRED W. RINE, son of Benjamin Rine, conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris beginning in 1904. His shop was located over the Watts store.

FLORY & SON (A. M. Flory and Elmer Flory) purchased the grocery store of Jesse B. Bakener in 1905 and continued the business several years.

B. I. GRANGER (colored) for several years, beginning in 1905, conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris. He was the son of Mrs. Margaret Granger and was born in Mount Morris.

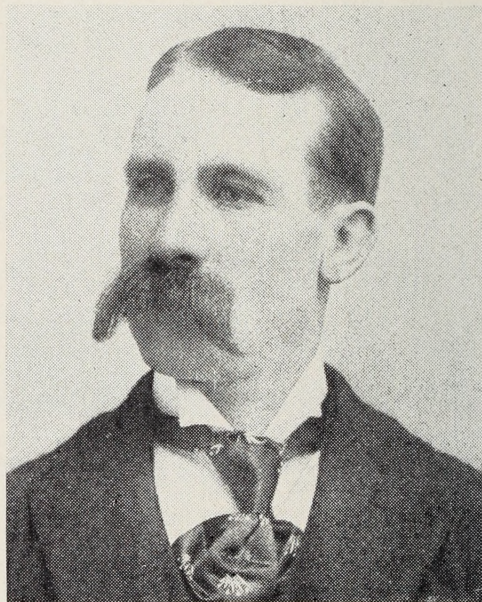
C. F. ZOLLER sold pianos and organs in Mount Morris in 1902 and several years following. He married Florence Thomas, daughter of Henry Thomas.

HENRY E. NEWCOMER died March 6, 1906, aged 36 years. He was born in Mount Morris, March 25, 1870, and was educated in the local public school. His parents were Henry F. and Elizabeth Ann (Knodle) Newcomer. He conducted a very successful business in Mount Morris, consisting of a jewelry and stationery store and insurance business. He was married in 1901 to Lanah H. Janssen, who since his death has successfully continued the insurance business.

W. H. JOHNSON opened an undertaking and furniture establishment in Mount Morris in 1907, which he later sold to Louis Finch.

Dr. J. B. BYWATER was a practicing physician in Mount Morris in 1909. His office was located over the Price & Blair hardware.

DR. L. W. MUNGER, dentist, practiced in Mount Morris for several years, beginning in 1909, with offices in the Brayton Block.



FRED A. MIDDLEKAUFF was born at Beaver Creek, Md., Nov. 15, 1858, and died in Mount Morris, April 19, 1930, aged 71½ years. At the age of 17, he came to Illinois, where he farmed for a while near Polo and later conducted a restaurant in Polo. He came to Mount Morris in 1903 and engaged in the grocery business until the time of his death. In 1905, he married Miss Minnie Longman, and they had two children, Mrs. Winfield Colvin and Robert Middlekauff. The mother died in July, 1937.

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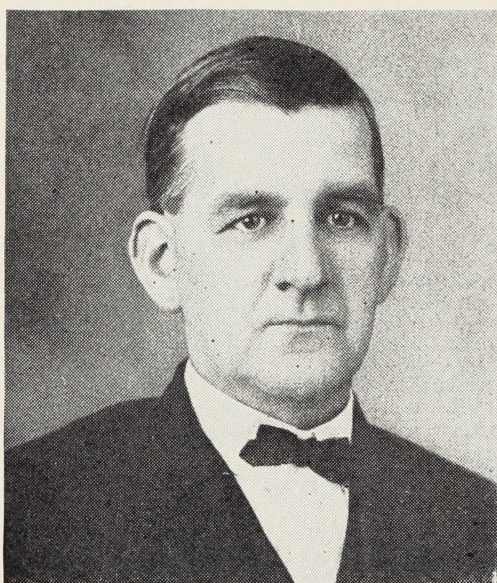


GROUP OF BUSINESS MEN AND CLERKS of Mount Morris picknicking at Bovey's Springs in August, 1904. Front row, left to right: Rosa Brubaker, Clarence Hanstine, Oscar Olson, Pearl Buser, Rilla Baker, Bertha Gloss, Reuben Marshall, Susie Kerns, Gertrude Marshall, Mae Ankney; second row: Allie Kable, Myrtle

Royer, Mrs. C. J. Price, Elsie Griswold, Mrs. Goldie Alter, Bessie Griswold, Mrs. B. S. Price, Mrs. R. O. Brown, Minnie Longman, Annabelle Smith; standing: Roy Withers, Leslie Rees, Dr. C. J. Price, Daniel Kees, Vernon Rees, Harry Castle, Sherman Alter and son, Benj. Price, Fred Middlekauff, Silas Goughnour, Harry Kable.

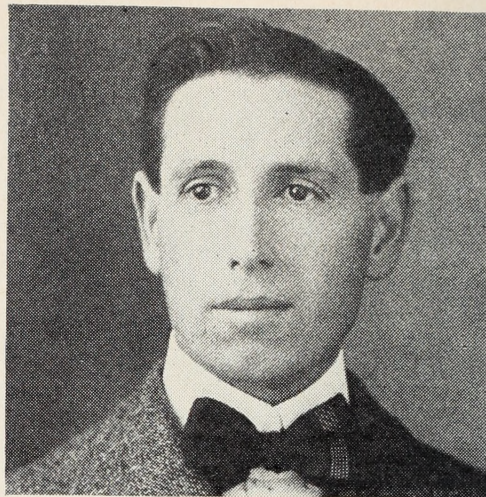
FRED LONG, son of Andrew J. Long, operated a livery stable for a number of years in a barn located just north of the present Wishard Building. He is now an employe in the electrotype foundry at the Kable plant.

THOMAS O. WATTS died Oct. 23, 1919, aged nearly 69 years. He was born Jan. 10, 1851, in Pine Creek Township, and was the eldest son of William and Anna Watts, early pioneers. He engaged in farming for a number of years and after moving to Mount Morris conducted a grocery store about the year 1906 and thereafter. He was married to Martha Avey in 1876, and two children were born to them, Grace (Mrs. Frank Baker) and Earl Watts. Mrs. Watts died July 12, 1931, aged 80 years.



J. P. HOLSINGER, son of Christian and Barbara Holsinger, was born at Baker Summit, Pa., Oct. 17, 1864, and died July 7, 1931, aged nearly 67 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1894 to attend Mount Morris College. After finishing school he remained in Mount Morris and associated with R. E. Arnold, C. H. Sharer and O. S. Watts. In 1913, he purchased the Sharer grocery, which he conducted until the time of his death. He was an active member of the Church of the Brethren and a trustee of Mount Morris College. In 1887, he was married to Minnie Biddle, and two sons were born to them, Clyde and Paul.

LEWIS A. BRINKER operated a Ford automobile agency and service station in Mount Morris for a number of years and in recent years has been an employe in the press room of Kable Brothers Company. He was the son of John and Dora-tha (Neidenkirchen) Brinker and was born in Maryland Township. He married Anna Garkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garkey.

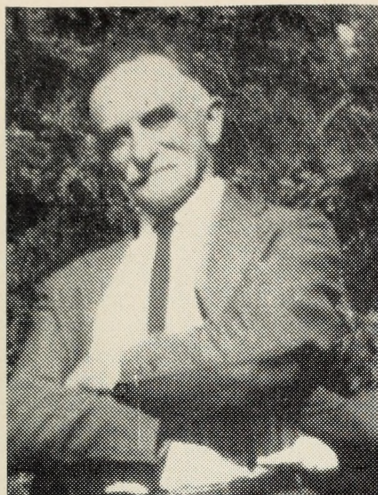


OLIVER S. WATTS, son of William and Anna (Ankney) Watts, was born in Pine Creek Township, March 28, 1871. He attended the Pine Creek country school and Mount Morris Public School; also graduated from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. He engaged in the grocery business in Mount Morris for a number of years and later in the dry goods business with J. P. Holsinger. In 1898, he married Ada E. Mumma, and they had one daughter, Marian, who died at the age of nine years.



PAUL KENT came to Mount Morris in 1927 and for five years conducted a Ford agency and service station. For the last five years he has been an employe of Kable Brothers Company. Mr. Kent is the son of Gustav and Clara Kent and was born in Chicago, June 15, 1894. He was raised in Chicago and educated in Chicago public schools. He was a private in the army during the World War. He is a member of the American Legion, the Masons and a former Kiwanian. He was first president of the Mount Morris Business Men's League and has been active in civic affairs. Mr. Kent married Frances Dickerman and they have two sons, William and Robert.

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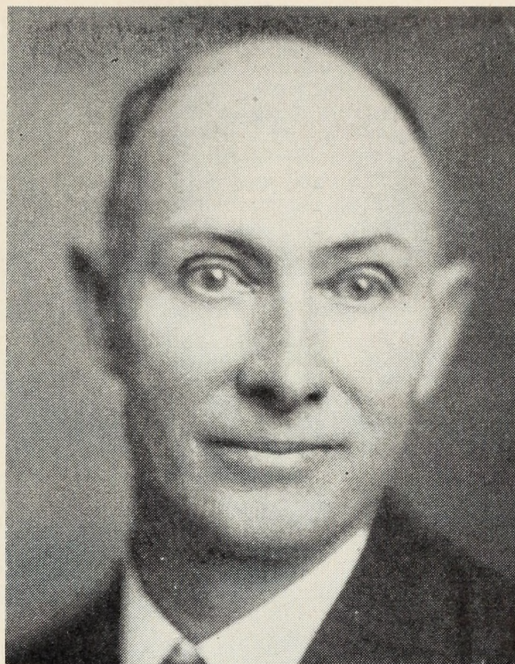


CLINTON E. PRICE, son of Samuel and Sarah Long Price, was born near Mount Morris, Nov. 27, 1854, and died at Mount Morris, July 10, 1937, aged nearly 83 years. Practically his entire life was spent in Mount Morris, most of the time engaged in the hardware, plumbing and heating business. He purchased the hardware business of J. M. Piper in 1890, and conducted it for a number of years. His brother, Benj. S. Price, became associated with him and later he sold his interest to George Blair. In later years, he operated a plumbing and heating business, until his death in 1937. In 1885, he married Catherine Winders, who passed away in 1919. They had one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Metzger. Mr. Price was again married in 1923 to Miss Lula Barber.

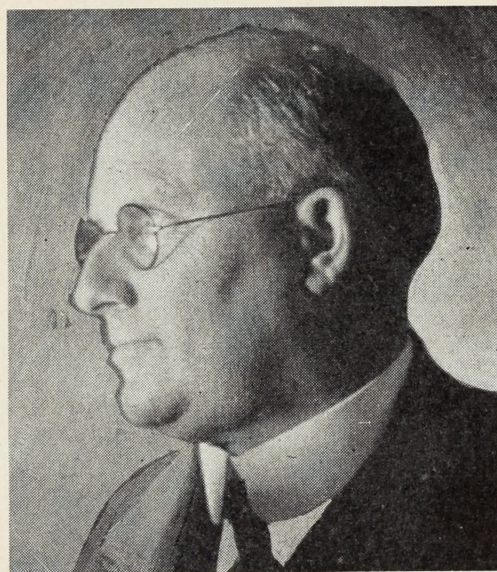
JAMES L. WATTS, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts, was born on the home farm in Pine Creek Township, August 27, 1864, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 22, 1925, aged 60½ years. He farmed the home place for a number of years, then moved to town and conducted a harness shop, after which he had charge of the village pumping station. In 1902, he married Mrs. Ida Castle Baker, who survived him. They had no children.

LESLIE STONE started a restaurant in 1911 in the room now occupied by Cratty's clothing store. Later he operated the hotel dining room.

DR. JOHN A. GARDINER practiced in Mount Morris from 1913 to 1918. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with degrees of Master of Arts in 1907 and Doctor of Medicine in 1911. He served his internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and located in Mount Morris in 1913. In 1918, he moved to LaGrange, Ill., where he has a lucrative practice. Dr. Gardiner was born in 1883 at Walton, Ontario, Canada. While in Mount Morris, in 1916, he married Edith Miles and they have a son, Miles Gardiner.



JOSEPH FREDERICK O'HARA, son of John and Laurinda O'Hara, was born at Port Byron, Ill., March 25, 1872, and died at Mount Morris, May 26, 1934, aged 62 years. In 1900, he married Miss Aimee Rees, and two children, Vera and Mary, were born to them. Following the death of his wife in 1911, Mr. O'Hara moved to Mount Morris from Port Byron, and for 23 years conducted a barber shop, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rees.



JOHN W. WINE, son of Jacob W. and Katherine Brubaker Wine, was born in Northampton, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1873, and died Dec. 25, 1927, aged nearly 53 years. He was educated at Bridgewater, Va., and at Mount Morris College, and then

filled several responsible positions in Louisiana and Missouri. In 1907, he came to Mount Morris and was connected with the Buser Company, the Farmers' Elevator Company and in the coal business for himself. In 1921, he became cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He served on the school board and village board and two terms as mayor. In 1896, Mr. Wine married Floy A. Buser, and three daughters were born to them, Lucille, Lois, and Florence.



ARTHUR E. CLEVIDENCE, son of Henry H. and Sophia Clevidence, was born in Mount Morris, June 11, 1869. He attended public school in Mount Morris and also Mount Morris College. He was associated with his father in the grain and implement business, and continued to conduct the business after the death of his father in 1901. In January, 1903, he and Ira W. Wingert went into partnership, combining the lumber business of Mr. Wingert. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Wingert in 1912. In 1895, Mr. Clevidence married Lillie D. Billig, who passed away in 1935.

JOHN H. SWINGLEY was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 12, 1840, and died at Mount Morris, July 22, 1922, aged nearly 82 years. In 1846, he came to Illinois with his parents, Benjamin and Catherine (Hershey) Swingley, and located three miles north of Mount Morris, which became the Swingley homestead. His broth-

er, Oliver and two sisters, Ellen and Louise, came with the parents from the east, and four sisters were born here, viz., Anna, Laura, Alice and Grace. Mr. Swingley spent most of his life in or near Mount Morris. He engaged in farming for a number of years, and later went into the grocery business with Henry Sharer and later with Daniel Wingert. He spent about ten years in business at Kansas City, Mo. In 1868, he married Anna D. Sharer, and three children were born to them—Charles, Frank and Cornelia (Mrs. George Farwell). Mrs. Swingley died Nov. 16, 1930.

DR. W. G. DAHLKE, dentist, practiced his profession in Mount Morris, beginning in 1922. He was located in the Wishard Building.



J. ELMER CLAPPER, son of Ludwig and Malinda (Himes) Clapper, was born at Rogersville, Ind., April 8, 1870. He graduated from the High School at Madrid, Nebr., in 1891 and attended the Western Normal School at Lincoln, Nebr., in 1892. He taught school for several years, then engaged in farming until 1904. He served as clerk in the Sharer and Middlekauff groceries. From 1910 to 1920 he was in the grocery business at Maryland, then returned to Mount Morris and in partnership with Chas. Eigenbrode purchased the Murdock grocery. He purchased Engenbrode's interest in 1926 and sold out in 1931. In 1937, he was elected as assessor of Mount Morris Township. Mr. Clapper was married in 1907 to Grace Hanstine and they have two sons, Ivan H. and Robert L.

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Chapter 3

INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE

IN an investigation of the past history of the churches, schools, and even of the Township of Mount Morris, it is found that the old records, in the majority of cases, have been woefully neglected, many of the old books being entirely lost sight of. In the case of the village, however, the clerks whose duty it was to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Village Board of Trustees preserved the old records from the time of the first movement toward organization of the corporation to the present time.

From the time when the first settlers built their rude dwellings within the present limits of Mount Morris, late in the thirties, until 1848, Mount Morris was simply a precinct of Ogle County. The first step toward incorporation was made Dec. 28, 1847, when copies of the following notice were posted about the town:

A MEETING

of the inhabitants of the town of Mount Morris will be held at the chapel of said town on Saturday, the 8th day of January (1848), at 2 o'clock for the purpose of determining whether we will incorporate said town. (Signed)

MANY CITIZENS.

Mount Morris, Dec. 28, 1847.

In conformity to the above notice, a meeting of the white male inhabitants, of lawful age, who had been residents of the village six months immediately preceding this date, or who were owners of freehold property in the village, was held, as ordered, in the seminary chapel, at the time specified. On motion, Daniel Brayton was called to the chair and F. G. Petrie appointed clerk.

A viva voce vote, to decide whether the village should be incorporated, was then taken. Nineteen votes were cast in favor of the measure and none against. The following notice was also

posted by Daniel Brayton on the 28th day of December, 1847:

NOTICE

A meeting of the inhabitants of Mount Morris will be held in the chapel of Rock River Seminary on the 15th day of January, 1848, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of electing, viva voce, five (residents and freeholders of said town) trustees of the same.

Mount Morris, Jan. 8, 1848.

F. G. PETRIE, Clerk.

This meeting was duly held, and the following trustees were chosen: Aaron C. Marston, Andrew Newcomer, James J. Beatty, Jonathan Knodle, Sr., and William McCune. On the 22nd day of January, 1848, this board, with A. C. Marston as clerk, formulated and passed eight ordinances, which form the groundwork of the present village ordinances. They are quite interesting from the fact that they are the first laws passed by the first Board of Trustees of Mount Morris. They are as follows:

PREAMBLE.

We, the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, as a body corporate and acting in accordance with the powers vested in Chapter 25, Section 12, of the revised statutes of the state of Illinois, do hereby declare and make known the following, as below subjoined, to be nuisances within our jurisdiction, and that after ten days' public notice being given, the same shall take effect. Any person or persons persisting, in whole or in part, in any infringement of the laws herein provided or enacted by said Board of Trustees, be it unto them made known that civil process will be immediately issued against them according to the laws herein provided.

ARTICLE 1.—Be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris that the boundaries

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of said corporation shall be as follows: Commencing at a stake set at the southwest corner of the land owned by the Rock River Seminary, thence on a line due north one mile, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile to the place of beginning.

ARTICLE 2.—Be it further ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that the licensing of groceries for the purpose of retailing spiritous or malt liquors within the jurisdiction of the corporation is strictly injurious to the good and well-being of the citizens of said corporation.

ARTICLE 3.—Resolved, therefore, and be it ordained by the president and trustees aforesaid, that the sale or vending of spiritous or malt liquor is, by virtue of this ordinance, strictly prohibited, and any person or persons found violating said ordinance, he or they shall be subject to pay a fine of not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 4.—Provided always and be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that a permit may be granted from time to time for the sale of spiritous liquors for medical and mechanical purposes, and for none other.

ARTICLE 5.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that all gambling and drunkenness of whatsoever class may be, is, by virtue of this ordinance, declared a nuisance and will be proceeded against as such; and any person or persons found violating said ordinance shall be subject to pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 6.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees aforesaid, that all shows, circuses, theaters, or exhibitions of that class, not having license under seal of the president of the Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris are, by virtue of this ordinance, strictly forbidden to exhibit such shows, theaters or performances, under a penalty of paying a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 7.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that all riotous behavior, such as quarreling, fighting, or in any way disturbing the quiet and peace of the citizens of said town, is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons wantonly or presumptuously violating this ordinance shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 8.—Be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that horse-racing is hereby strictly forbidden and prohibited within the limits of this corporation is, by this ordinance, declared a nuisance, and any person or persons violating this ordinance shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

The record next contains six more ordinances, passed by the same board in a meeting held April 5, 1848. The first prohibited persons from suffering the carcasses of animals, owned or claimed by them, to remain unburied, and provided a penalty for the same. The second prohibited the indecent exhibition of animals in the village. The third provided that all male residents of the village, who had arrived at the age of twenty-one years, should labor three days on the roads, streets or alleys, as they might be directed by the supervisor of the same; and further provided that any one neglecting to do so when notified should be fined one dollar for each day's labor neglected, the same to be laid out on the streets where labor might be required. The fourth provided a penalty and method of prosecution of persons who should idle away their time, or act disorderly, or refuse to obey the supervisor under whose charge they were placed when working on the streets. The fifth specified the duties of the supervisor of the town. The sixth provided penalties for the wanton or malicious destruction of property within the corporation. At this same meeting the board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That all trials shall be before the president of the board and conducted in the same manner as they are before justices of the peace, and all fees and costs proceeding therefrom shall be the same as if issued before a justice of the peace.

These two meetings of the board appear to have been the only ones. No corporation officers were appointed, and for several years nothing further was done, at least there are no records of any elections until Jan. 1, 1856, when the following notice appeared:

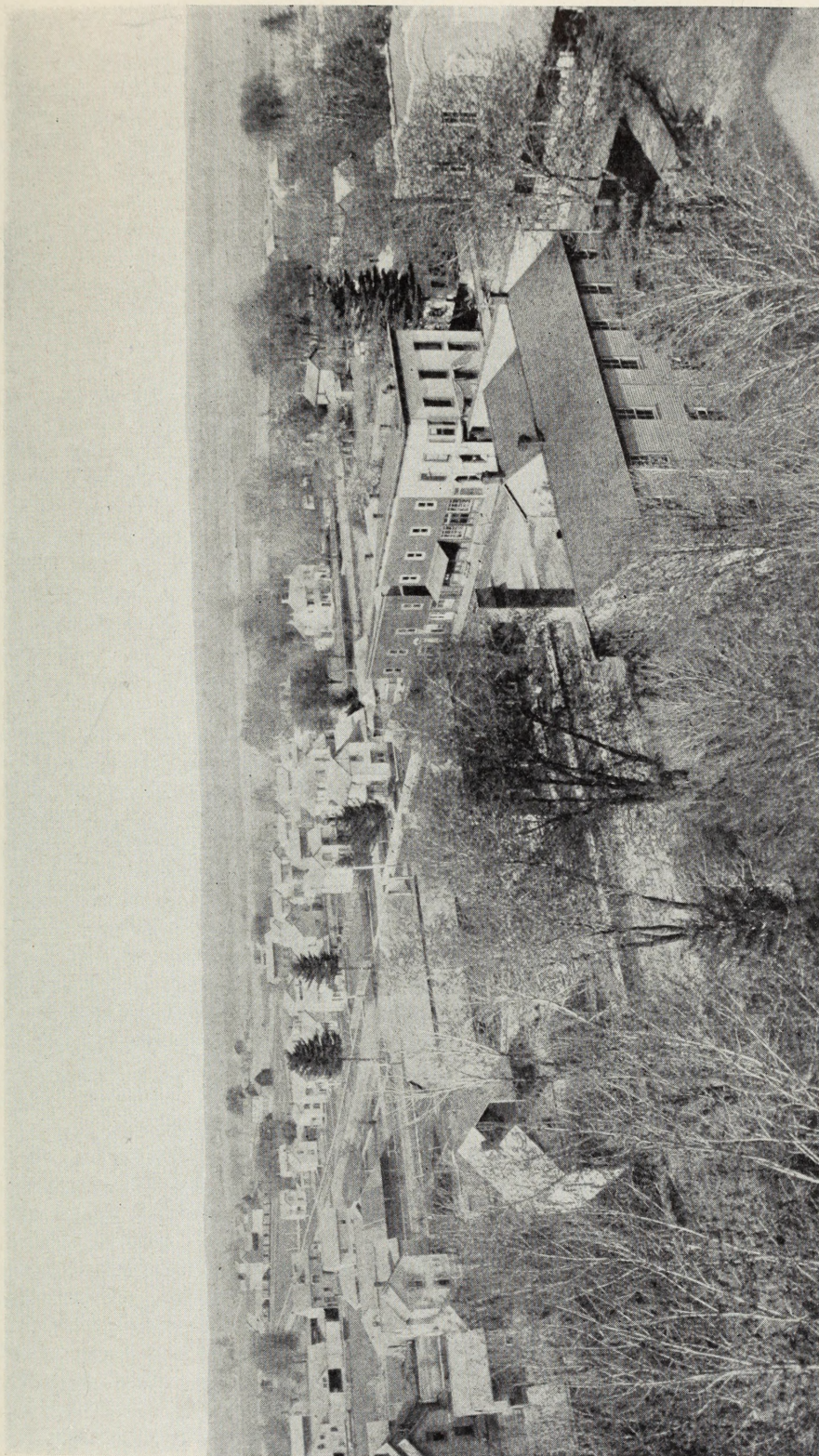
ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election held at the house of William S. Blair in the town of Mount Morris, on the 15th day of January, 1856, for the purpose of electing five trustees of the town of Mount Morris, in Ogle County, Illinois.

F. G. PETRIE, Clerk.

Mount Morris, Jan. 1, 1856.

Jacob Coffman, Frederick B. Brayton and D. A. Potter were appointed judges of this election.



VIEW OF MOUNT MORRIS looking to the northeast as it appeared from the top of College Hall in about the year 1900. The frame building in the right foreground is the old Brethren Publishing House building which was occupied by that institution for many years before moving to Elgin. Kable Brothers moved the

Mount Morris Index into this building in 1900 and it was here that the first edition of "Mount Morris: Past and Present" was printed. Part of this building was later torn down and the rest was moved across the street to the north where it was used several years until a new plant was built on the south side of the campus.

As a result of this election, Jacob Coffman, David A. Potter, Elias Baker, William Schultz and Henry I. Little were the trustees elected. The whole number of votes cast was thirty-six. The poll-list was as follows:

A. H. Baily	Jonathan Knodle
Hiram Beard	Peter Knodle, Jr.
W. S. Blair	E. W. Little
F. B. Brayton	William Little
L. J. Brogunier	Jesse Mayberry
Richard Brown	Jonathan Mumma
C. R. Cheney	Andrew Newcomer
E. M. Cheney	J. A. Noel
Thomas Clems	Robert O'Neal
D. S. Coffman	D. A. Potter
Simon H. Coffman	Peyton Skinner
Jacob Coffman	B. F. Shyrook
Henry Coggins	B. R. Thomas
B. Cooper	Ezra Toms
J. D. Hays	John F. Wallace
G. W. Harshman	J. M. Webb
William Hedges	John Winders
J. A. Knodle	Thomas Winston

The newly-elected board met and organized Jan. 19, 1856. D. A. Potter was elected president; William Schultz, clerk; Jacob Coffman, treasurer; and Peter Knodle, Jr., constable. The first business of importance transacted was concerning the taxes. By a unanimous vote the motion was carried that a tax be raised of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of all the real estate within the limits of the corporation, according to the last assessment, for the purpose of making sidewalks and improvements of roads, streets and alleys within the corporation. The ordinances passed by the trustees in 1848 were reenacted at this meeting. Peter Knodle, Jr., was appointed corporation tax-collector.

Feb. 15, 1856, it was provided that sixteen blocks of sidewalk be built, and the same to be made three feet wide and of two-inch plank, the lots in front of walks to be taxed to pay three-fourths of cost of same.

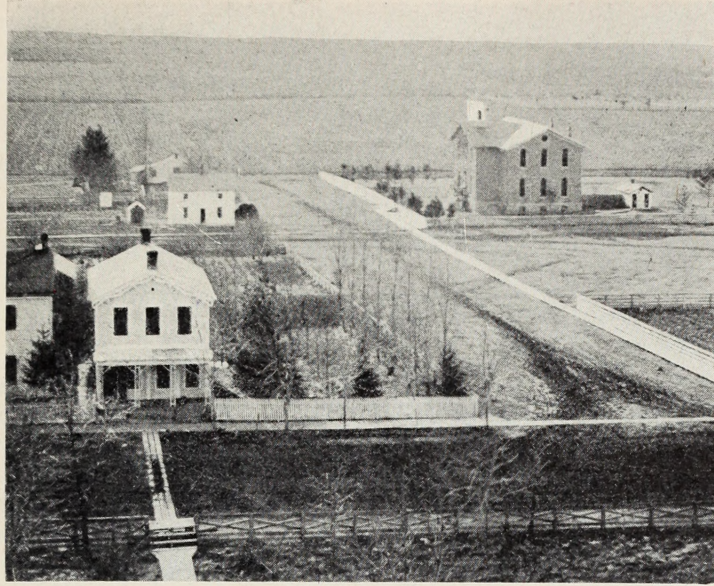
Feb. 22, 1856, a tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars was again levied on all real estate in the corporation, and the collector authorized to proceed to collect the general tax in ten days. March 7, Jacob Coffman was appointed street commissioner. April 11, the cost of building sixty-six feet of sidewalk was estimated at \$13.34 by the trustees. June 13, all huckstering was forbidden in the seminary square and within the bounds of the streets surrounding the same; also the sale and

firing of firecrackers or any kind of fireworks was prohibited within the limits of the corporation, except by permit.

March 28, 1857, fifty dollars was appropriated to build a pound. April 22, William Schultz was appointed assessor and his compensation fixed at \$1.50 per day. William H. Coho was appointed constable and poundmaster. May 1, Jonathan Mumma was appointed street commissioner with a compensation of \$1.25 per day. Provision was also made for nine more blocks of sidewalk, the owners of land to pay three-fourths of the cost of building in front of their lots. May 15, Lewis Fletcher was appointed collector for the ensuing year, his compensation to be three per cent. A tax of five mills was levied on all taxable property.

March 1, 1858, the spring election took place in the house of W. S. Blair. Jacob Coffman, D. A. Potter and William Schultz were judges. New names appearing on the polling-list were those of Elias Williams, Nelson Potter, S. V. Miller, William Knodle, Jeremiah Stuff, Warren Little, Eugene Mattison, George Davis, H. I. Little, B. G. Stephens, D. C. Wagner, A. Q. Allen, H. N. Ryan, Samuel Knodle, J. L. Nye, D. Routzhan, George W. Fouke, L. Fletcher, Reuben Wagner, Andrew Newcomer, F. A. McNeill, Michael Noel, H. A. Neff, L. Redfield, A. B. Pickard, William Schultz, H. H. George, Solomon Davis, L. H. Coffman, W. S. Pope, H. H. Newcomer, Charles Brook, E. Baker, and J. M. Webb. The trustees elected for the following year were Elias Baker, D. A. Potter, J. B. McCoy, William Schultz, and J. McClelland Miller.

The following, the latter part of the oath of office taken by the trustees at this time and for several years later, would sound rather queer, and, of course, would be entirely unnecessary at this time: "Also we do solemnly swear that we have not fought a duel, nor sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might have been the death of either party, nor in any manner aided or assisted in such duel, nor been knowingly the bearer of any such challenge or acceptance since the adoption of the



THIS IS A VIEW looking south from the top of "Old Sandstone" about the year 1870. The schoolhouse in the distance had just been built. Note the small size of the pine trees, also the old wooden fence in the foreground, which entirely surrounded the campus of Rock River Seminary, which then consisted of four blocks, including the two blocks immediately west of the present campus.

Constitution, and that we will not be so engaged or concerned, directly or indirectly, in or about such duel during our continuance in office. So help us God!" This part was dropped in 1871, and a briefer form adopted.

The board organized March 19, 1858, with D. A. Potter president and William Schultz clerk. J. B. McCoy was elected treasurer; H. N. Ryan, corporation attorney; J. S. Nye, constable and poundmaster; J. McClelland Miller, street commissioner; William Schultz, corporation assessor. April 9, J. McClelland Miller was elected collector and Peter Knodle, Jr., assessor. April 14, an ordinance was passed, providing that many of the sidewalks of the town be widened from three to four feet. The tax levy for this year was forty cents on the one hundred dollars.

At the spring election of 1859, eighty-eight votes were cast, and Elias Baker, James B. McCoy, Henry Neff, Samuel Knodle, and Andrew Newcomer were elected trustees. At their first meeting, Elias Baker was chosen president; Samuel Knodle, clerk; and H. A. Neff, treasurer. Later, Samuel Knodle was elected collector and town constable, and Jonathan Knodle, street commissioner and

poundmaster. Sept. 2, a tax of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of real and personal property was assessed.

March 5, 1860, at the annual election, fifty-three votes were cast, and J. B. McCoy, Andrew Newcomer, Samuel Knodle, Henry A. Neff, and James M. Webb were elected trustees. Andrew Newcomer was elected president; Samuel Knodle, clerk; and Henry A. Neff, treasurer. The board appointed Peter Knodle, Jr., and William L. Coho corporation constables, and Jacob Coffman, street commissioner. A tax levy of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars was made for the year.

The same trustees were re-elected in 1861, and the president, clerk, and treasurer remained the same. A tax rate of twenty cents was again levied for the year.

December 7, 1861, the following petition, signed by twenty-six citizens, was presented to the board:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS:

Gentlemen: In view of the fact that an ordinance of this village against the sale of beer, etc., is daily violated by certain shopkeepers, and of the fact that all good

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