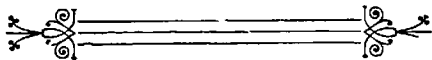


that office that he has filled it continuously to the present time. His marriage to Miss Henrietta Rose occurred May 4, 1875. She belongs to a branch of the old family descended from John Rose, who came over from England, landing at North Sea in the year 1640. To our subject and his wife there have been born three children, Bessie R., Grace and Marcia.

Mr. Griffin has a farm of some hundred acres, which he maintains at a cultivation that attracts admiration, and the home in which he and his family dwell is an elegant and hospitable abode. He follows family lines both in his politics and in his religion, being identified with the Republican party and a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an Elder.

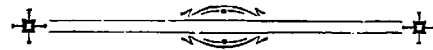


JOHN ROBERT, a prominent citizen of Mastic, was born in the town of Brook Haven August 4, 1840, and is a son of William S. and Caroline (Smith) Robert, both natives of Brook Haven. His father spent the larger portion of his life in agricultural pursuits, and died November 9, 1877. His wife had passed away many years before him, her death occurring in 1850.

Our subject received his primary education at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., and later entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1862 with honor to himself. He continued under the parental roof until the time of his father's death, and meantime relieved that parent of many of the onerous duties incident to farm life, his father being an invalid for some years prior to his death. Subsequent to that event our subject came to the lovely home where he still resides. His residence is a modern edifice of substantial construction and design and was built with a view to perfect comfort.

November 19, 1885, Mr. Robert married Miss Julia Havens, daughter of Charles S. Havens, of Brooklyn. One son, Josiah Smith, has been

born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Robert are members of the Moriches Presbyterian Church, in which the former has served as Trustee, and is one of the chief supporters. In politics he is a Republican. His ancestry can be traced back through several generations, and he has in his possession a silver bowl that has passed through generations from 1775, which is as far as he can authentically trace its ownership.



CHARLES EDGAR GRIFFING, a representative of one of the old and honored families of the county and a prominent business man of the village of West Hampton Beach, is a native of West Hampton, his birth occurring June 1, 1841. He is the son of Edgar and Hannah H. (Griffing) Griffing, and was the third in a family of four children, of whom he is the sole survivor. His father, a native of Riverhead, was born February 14, 1809, and was a son of Stephen Griffing and a grandson of John Griffing, descended from Jasper Griffing, who settled on the island in the sixteenth century. For a detailed genealogy the reader will consult the sketch of Marcus E. Griffin which appears in this issue.

Edgar Griffing grew to manhood in West Hampton, having been brought here when a child of five years old. He spent his life in farming and other pursuits, dying here November 12, 1881. His wife was a daughter of Nathaniel Griffing and was one of four children, whose names were Nancy, Nathaniel, Hannah and Edward.

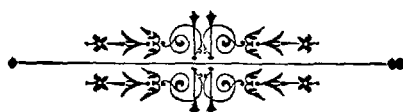
Reared on a farm, our subject led a life familiar to the greater number of our readers, not only in its privileges of a free and hearty outdoor existence, but in its schooling and training for the serious work of life. As he grew to manhood and began to think what he should do for a livelihood he could think of nothing better than to engage with his father in farming and fishing, and this work he followed with his father until that gentleman died. In 1873 he opened up a

boarding house for the accommodation of summer boarders, who had begun to seek this part of the coast in great numbers. This venture soon became very remunerative, and at the present time it is of great importance.

Some two years after the death of his father our subject entered into partnership with John D. Young and established a business which speedily became very remunerative. About four years ago George F. Griffing, the elder son of our subject, purchased the interest of Mr. Young, and the business is now continued under the efficient management of these two enterprising and pushing business men.

The marriage of Mr. Griffing and Miss Mary A. Raynor occurred July 1, 1865, she being a daughter of Capt. Henry Raynor, and was born January 24, 1844. To this marriage there were born five children, four of whom are now living. George F. married Miss Christine Halsey and is mentioned above as being in partnership with his father. Stephen F. bears the name of his great-grandfather. Sarah Elizabeth and Edith Maud are still students in school.

The political views of the subject of this article are considered as very fairly expressed by the periodical utterances of the Republican party, and with that party he usually votes. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is regarded as one of the most reliable and honorable men of the community. He bears an honored name, and in his hands the standing of the family has suffered no loss.



MRS. MARY K. FOSTER DOBSON, a resident of the village of Quogue, and the widow of Rev. Augustus T. Dobson, was the daughter of Jabez and Cynthia (Tuttle) Foster, and was one of three children. Lydia H., the widow of Warren Halsey, is now living, and is the mother of four children. Rufus H., now de-

ceased, was the only son in the family. Jabez Foster was a son of Rufus and Ruth (Halsey) Foster, and was born on the Foster homestead in Quogue, May 11, 1795. Here he spent his boyhood, and acquired his education in the common schools, under the tutorship of his father, who was a prominent teacher for many years. When he became a man he turned his attention to farming, settled on the home farm, and here the subsequent years of his life were spent. We cannot avoid the reflection that here are two lives, one of which has not yet terminated on the earth, that cover a full-rounded century, and comprehend within their sweep the most important events in human history. Within that hundred years the face of the world has been changed, human institutions, re-created, and social conditions vastly improved.

For information in regard to the Foster family back of our subject's father, turn to the sketch of Nat W. Foster, whose grandfather was Rufus Foster, mentioned above. Mrs. Cynthia (Tuttle) Foster, the mother of our subject, was born, November 28, 1796, in Mattituck, where she was reared, and when a young woman married Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Dobson, of whom this sketch is written, acquired her education in the common schools here, and the seminary at Riverhead. She has lived a helpful and cheerful life, assisting as best she could in moral and Christian labors. In 1885 she became the wife of Rev. Augustus T. Dobson, who by his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Marcy, had two children. After her death, he married her sister Martha, by whom he had one child. He was born in 1820, in Philadelphia, where he grew to manhood, and graduated from Lafayette Academy. He received his theological training from Princeton College, of which he was a graduate. Many years of his pastoral life were spent in Chester and Glen Olden, Pa., and in Moriches, L. I., where he was located for sixteen years, and where he was highly esteemed and loved by a multitude of friends and admirers. He died in 1891, and his widow cherishes in her heart a deep gratitude for the privilege of companionship with so godly and beautiful a character.