

head, and in May, 1870, was transferred to the office at Mineola. After concluding his course at the military academy he had charge of the train and material in the construction of the Port Jefferson branch of the road, under Webster Snyder. Then, returning to the station at Mineola, he remained there until May 12, 1874, when he was made agent at Greenport. With the exception of four months, when he was called by the company to the important position of train dispatcher at Jamaica, he has been in charge of the Greenport office. So familiar is he with every detail of the business that if a man is sick or off duty he can fill his place. The company look upon him as one of the most valuable men in their employ. He has made a study of the railroad business and is master of it in all of its branches.

Aside from his connection with the railroad Mr. Griffin has been engaged in business transactions on his own account, and for many years has done a large business in the sale of coal and fertilizers. This, however, has not interfered with his duties as agent; in fact, it has proved a benefit to the company, as coal is now shipped over the railroad while previously it had been shipped entirely by boats. In this way he has made money for the company as well as for himself.

In all the affairs of the village Mr. Griffin takes an interest, and his co-operation is relied upon for the promotion of public spirited projects. He is a Director in the People's National Bank of Greenport. During his service of two terms as a member of the Board of Education he has assisted to advance the grade of scholarship and promote the interests of the schools. Socially he is a Royal Arch Mason and is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. His residence, which is situated on First Street, is one of the finest in the village, and in the society of his family he finds needed relaxation from business cares. He was united in marriage May 12, 1875, with Miss Charlotte A. Norton, of Riverhead, and they have two children: Marcileta, who was born November 17, 1876, and Henry L., June 16, 1878.

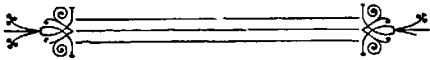
**M**ARCUS EDWARD GRIFFIN, of Quogue, was born March 22, 1851. His father, Edward Griffin, Esq., was born June 27, 1817, and was a son of Nathaniel Griffin, whose birth occurred March 15, 1780. The latter was a son of James Griffin, born in 1746, who was a son of John and a grandson of Jasper Griffin, the first of the family to locate on Long Island. Jasper Griffin was born in Wales about 1648 (the records failing to hand down the exact date) and came to this country when quite young. We have a notice of him in Essex County, Mass., when he was said to be twenty-one years of age, and still another notice of him in Marblehead in 1674. The following year he came to this island with his young wife, and finding a location at Southold settled there and spent the subsequent years of his life engaged in peaceful and honest industry. "A strong tradition handed down from generation to generation is that the last Prince of Wales, Llewellyn ap Griffith ap Llewellyn, is the progenitor of all. A record connected with the Tower of London calls one of these a Griffin. The Virginia Griffins, who are descendants of Cyrus Griffin, of the provincial congress, are not of the Jasper branch, but have this same tradition."

The mother of Edward Griffin was Azubah Herrick, and from her side of the family came the present Griffin homestead, where her husband spent his life and where the subject of this article is now living. The mother of our subject, Sarah Smith Jackson, married Edward Griffin November 27, 1846, and bore him three children, all of whom are still living. Mr. Griffin was for many years a Justice of the Peace and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, as was his father before him. He died October 2, 1872, and left behind him memories of a good and useful life.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood under the parental roof and acquired his education at the "little red schoolhouse." When he had hardly entered manhood his father died and he inherited the farm. By the voice of his neighbors he was also called to fill the vacant position of Justice of the Peace, which his father had held for seventeen years, and he is doing so well in

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.



**J**OHN 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.



**C**HARLES 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