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was first a school-boy in Washington City, and subsequently attended Augusta College in Kentucky, where he graduated at the age of sixteen, and then entered Harvard University, in the year 1835, passing the examination necessary to admit him to the senior class as a resident graduate. The next year he entered the Harvard Law School, which had as its most distinguished professors James Story, then a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Simeon Greenleaf. After taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws, he entered upon the practice of his profession at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was building up a good business, and winning a wide circle of patrons, when the Civil War broke out. By the advice of President Lincoln and the solicitation of friends, and especially by the request of those acting for General Fremont, who had authority from the Government to raise troops, our subject raised a regiment of troops for the service, and was commissioned its Colonel in September, 1861. This regiment, the Seventy-fifth Ohio Infantry, was in active service through the war. After the second battle of Bull Run, November 29, 1862, Colonel McLean received his commission as Brigadier-General, and served in that capacity through the war, or until the surrender of General Lee. He then resigned his commission, as the war was practically closed, making the honorable record of having been absent from his post of duty only thirty days during the whole time, from his appointment as Colonel to his resignation as Brigadier-General, which was dated April 20, 1865.

Soon after the time of his leaving the service, General McLean settled at Frontenac, Minn., on the Mississippi River, where for many years he engaged in stock and sheep raising. In the year 1885 our subject removed to this county from the West, and entered into possession of the handsome home which he still occupies, and where he lives in an honored and venerated old age.

General McLean has been twice married; first to Caroline T., daughter of Judge Burnett, of Cincinnati. Mrs. McLean died after becoming the mother of six children, four of whom are now

living. Jacob Burnett is the eldest; Caroline is the wife of Colonel Post, of Babylon; Eveline is the wife of Major Whipple, of the United States army; and John is a physician with a growing practice at St. Paul, Minn. In 1858 our subject was married to Mary Louise Thompson, who still survives, and who is the mother of five children: Elizabeth, wife of Lieutenant Sage, of the United States army; Mary Louise and Nathalie, living at home; Marshall, a business man of New York; and Henrietta Post, now Mrs. Hill, of Boston.

For further information regarding John McLean, see Volume 10, American Encyclopedia.



CAPT. ALBERT M. DARLING, the popular Treasurer of Suffolk County, was born in Smithtown Branch, May 11, 1840, being a son of Albert and Tabitha (Hart) Darling. His father, a native of the same place as himself, was in early life engaged in the mercantile business, but later removed to Brooklyn and became a milk dealer in that city, continuing thus engaged until his death. The grandfather, George Darling, was born in Nantucket, Mass., and came to Smithtown, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise. His father, Capt. John Darling, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestors, and it is said that he was commander of the first whaling-vessel that ever sailed out of Nantucket. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Capt. Lemuel Hart, was a native of Smithtown and a prominent sea-captain, and had two sons, Moses and Prior Hart, who were large ship-builders at Northport.

The parental family consisted of seven sons and two daughters, of whom only three are now living, namely: Emmet W., an undertaker, residing in Smithtown; Walter, who is living in Riverhead; and Albert M. The last-named was a child of two years when the family moved to Brooklyn, and there he obtained his education. At the age of fifteen years, after his father's death, he went to sea, and, being by nature and

training adapted to that calling, he soon received promotion. Before he was twenty-four years of age, he was in command of a ship.

In 1862, being then twenty-two years of age, our subject sailed from New York as chief mate on the ship "Rebecca," bound for Melbourne, Australia, and for six years he was not in the North Atlantic waters. Early in 1864, at Melbourne, he was made commander of the ship "Eli Whitney," afterward transferred to the barque "Tom Brown," and later to the ship "Lillias," of Callao, South America. In 1866, with five men from South Australia, he went to the north coast of that continent on an exploring expedition, in search of pasture land for sheep-farming. After returning from the inland trip, and while on the coast, he discerned a large number of pearl oysters upon the coral reefs which extend along the coast of that country. At once going to Freemantle, he bought a cutter, which he fitted out for pearl-fishing, and then returned to the northwest coast. In that field, now the richest pearl fishery in the world, he was the pioneer, and to his efforts subsequent successes were largely due. However, he met with misfortune himself, being shipwrecked, and losing his vessel, together with about \$15,000 worth of mother-of-pearl.

During the fifteen years that he spent on the water, Captain Darling made three trips around the globe, and the adventures and perils of his life on the seas would fill an interesting volume. After an absence of six years, in 1868, he returned to America, expecting soon to go to sea again, but during his stay he married Miss Sarah M., daughter of Capt. Joseph Tyler, of Smithtown. He then decided to abandon the exciting but dangerous life of a sailor, and spend the remainder of his years on land. Accordingly he embarked in business at Smithtown Branch, and after a time started a mercantile establishment at Kings Park.

The first wife of Captain Darling died in 1881, leaving two children, namely: William Furman, who was associated with his father in business until they were burned out in 1893, and is now in Smithtown; and Albert M., Jr., who resides

with his father. In 1882 the Captain married Miss Jennie M., daughter of Capt. Samuel Brewster Mills, and they have one child, Harold Raymond. Socially our subject is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Royal Arcanum.

In 1886 Captain Darling served as Justice of the Peace, and for the following three years was Supervisor of the town of Smithtown. In the fall of 1890 he was elected Sheriff, which office he held three years. During that time occurred the great excitement over the landing of the cholera patients on Fire Island, of which the New York papers gave a very erroneous account, in that way bringing much unjust criticism on Suffolk County, and himself as Sheriff. But it has become plain that his course in that critical time was the best and wisest that could be taken, and he is now commended by all who know the real facts in the case. He received a letter from Governor Flower complimenting him on the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties. So well pleased were the voters of the county with his administration of the office that, on the expiration of the term (under the law he being not eligible to re-election), they showed their appreciation of his services by making him County Treasurer in the fall of 1893, and he is now serving his second year in that capacity. He has always been a prominent factor in the ranks of the Republican party, and is looked upon as one of the most reliable men of the county.



FRANK A. JOHNSON. This gentleman was identified with the fortunes of Suffolk County throughout almost his entire life, and as an editor did much to advance the best interests of the people, making for himself a good name and winning for his paper an extensive patronage, but he has now ceased from his labors and gone into the courts of the "great hereafter." He was a man of strong character, great force of will, high morality and an inflexible standard of justice,

self-made man, and his success in life has been attained by industry, untiring attention to his legitimate business and fair dealings. He possesses a fair competency and can gratify his tastes to a considerable extent. The family residence is a neat and substantial building, erected with a view to comfort. Mr. Gerard was married, December 3, 1873, to Miss Agnes L. Cook, daughter of Augustus and Jane (Givens) Cook, the former a native of Switzerland, and the latter of New York City. Mrs. Gerard, who was born in Brooklyn, became the mother of four children, two of whom survive. They are Catherine L. and Charles E., both of whom are still at home with their parents.

Our subject and his wife are devoted members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Gerard holds the honorable offices of Elder and Trustee. He is a fine musician, and has occupied the position of organist in the church for a period of twenty-five years. In politics he is a Republican, and has cast his vote with that party since its organization. He has never aspired to hold office, but, on the earnest solicitation of his friends, he accepted the nomination as Superintendent of the Poor in 1871, and most efficiently filled the position for three years. During his incumbency he spent much time and attention in bringing into operation a system as nearly perfect as possible, and the present success of the county institution is largely due to Mr. Gerard's untiring effort. As a gentleman, the head of a family, and a fellow-citizen, Mr. Gerard has no superior. He is upright in all his dealings, and is noted for his sterling qualities.



OSCAR DARLING is a very successful and popular civil engineer in the village of Babylon, and was born in Smithtown, May 11, 1844, the son of William H. and Mary A. (Wheeler) Darling. His father, a native of Smithtown, was of Quaker antecedents. He was a ship-carpenter, and had interests in ship-building at Port Jefferson, making his home at the village mentioned above until the latter part of

his life, when he moved to Brooklyn, becoming extensively engaged in the dairy business. He was short-lived, dying in 1865, at about the age of forty-four, and his remains are buried in the village cemetery at Smithtown. His wife survived him by some three years. She was the mother of six children, of whom Oscar was the eldest. They are all still living, and have their home on the island, except one brother, Benjamin F., who is also a civil engineer, and is located at White Plains,

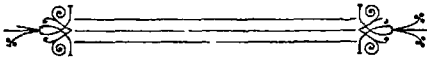
The subject of this sketch was twenty-one years old when his father died, and the care of the young and growing family fell upon his shoulders. He did not hesitate to meet the responsibility. When he was twelve years of age, he had been taken from school, and was given charge of a milk wagon in Brooklyn, and thus his opportunities for education, except as he could pick it up, were limited. When he was sixteen he entered the service of Lewis L. Bartlett, formerly a professor in Andover College, where he studied and worked for three years, getting a salary of \$25 the first year, and \$100 the last, but he was a master of the business of civil-engineering. When not quite twenty, our subject opened an office in Flushing, where he followed his profession until 1875.

Mr. Darling was married, in 1864, to Miss Hannah A. Smith, of Flushing, who became the mother of fifteen children, three dying in infancy, and the other twelve living to maturity, and they are still in good health at this writing.

In 1869 Mr. Darling was appointed chief engineer for the commissioners appointed to drain the lowlands of Flushing, and in obedience to their directions he prepared a system for the sewerage of Flushing, College Point and Whitestone, that has received high praise from competent critics. He was also chief engineer in the construction of the Central Railroad of Long Island from Flushing to Babylon, and has acted in the same capacity in the extension of a branch of that road from Whitestone to tide water. In 1872 he was connected with William E. Worthen in the construction of a system of water-works for Long Island City. He was also engineer for the

laying out of the villages of College Point and Whitestone, and a large part of the suburbs of Flushing. In 1875 our subject removed to Huntington, where he was associated with the construction of an extensive system of water-works for Northport, Huntington, Babylon and Southampton. He removed to Babylon in 1894, and proposes to make his home here for the rest of his days.

Mr. Darling lost his first wife in 1884, and he was married two years later to Miss Catharine P. Hamilton, of Flushing. She is the mother of five children, all living. Our subject is of a very intelligent and ingenious turn of mind, and invented and patented, along with Mr. Worthen, the Compression Tank System of water-works, the first being erected at Babylon, and the next at Southampton. He is entirely independent in political matters, and does his own thinking and voting.



GILBERT E. ALDRICH. Agriculture and stock-raising form the principal occupation of this gentleman, and the wide-awake manner in which he takes advantage of all methods and ideas tending to enhance the value of his property has had a good deal to do with his obtaining the competence which he now enjoys. Personal popularity, it cannot be denied, results from the industry, perseverance and close attention to business which a person displays in the management of any particular branch of business; and in the case of Mr. Aldrich this is certainly true, for he has closely adhered to the above-mentioned pursuits, and high esteem has been placed upon him. His property and interests are located in the town of Southold.

Mr. Aldrich was born in Suffolk County, April 17, 1855, and is the son of Elisha and Mary (Wells) Aldrich, also born within the limits of this county. On both sides our subject is descended from the oldest and most influential families on Long Island. His father, who through his own efforts attained a position of affluence,

departed this life in March, 1890, beloved by all who knew him. While his own interests engrossed his attention to a considerable extent, he never lost sight of the public welfare, and there were few of his fellow-citizens who were more helpful to the general good of the community than Elisha Aldrich. He was a worthy member of the Congregational Church, and his acquaintance throughout the county was extensive. In his political relations he was a Republican, with Prohibition proclivities. He was seventy-five years of age at the time of his death, and in him the county lost one of its best citizens. His widow, who is still living, makes her home at Riverhead.

The parental family included seven children, of whom those now surviving are five in number, named as follows: George; Harriet, the widow of James Thompson; Fanny M., the wife of Christopher Downs; Gilbert E., of this history; and Charles H., a resident of Southold.

The subject proper of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farmer lads. He first attended the school taught in his district, after which he was enrolled as a student in the academy at Franklinville. Throughout the greater part of his business career he has been engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He has seventy acres of excellent land, and to its development and cultivation devoted his energies until he transformed it into one of the best estates in the county. It is peculiarly adapted to stock-raising, in which branch of agriculture Mr. Aldrich is very much interested, making a specialty of breeding Shorthorn cattle, Hampshire Down and Horned Dorset sheep, Duroc and Jersey Red swine, and Light Brahma and White Leghorn fowls. He has been very successful in his ventures in this direction, and has done much toward developing the interest in stock-raising in his community.

Mr. Aldrich is a member of the Suffolk County Agricultural Society, and is also President of the Riverhead Town Agricultural Society. He exhibits his stock at the various fairs on the island, and it is nothing unusual for him to carry off many of the first premiums.

York City, where he held the responsible position of inspector of vessels for the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Active and energetic in disposition, Captain Wheeler continued in business until the infirmities of age forced him to relinquish much of his work. In 1889 he retired from active business, and, returning to Port Jefferson, continued to make his home here for five years, when, in 1894, he passed away, respected by the people of the community where so many years of his useful life had been passed. His wife, who survives at the age of sixty-two years, makes her home in this village.

Attending the public schools in boyhood, our subject gained a thorough practical education, becoming in that way fitted for the duties of life. Under the oversight of Mr. Ridgeway, his father's partner, he was initiated into the mysteries of bookkeeping and the mercantile business. From an early age he has also been familiar with milling. In 1877 the old mill burned down, and the following year the present milling company was organized. Of this he has since held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Among the people of this locality he is popular, both in commercial and social circles. For many years he has been Sunday-school Superintendent, and has done all in his power to advance the welfare of the Presbyterian Church, with which he is connected. Politically he is an advocate of Republican principles.

CHARLES T. DARLING was born in Port Jefferson, July 23, 1857. His father, Jeremiah Darling, was born in Smithtown, August 22, 1815, and by his marriage to Mary J. Tooker had six children, all of whom excepting the subject of this sketch are now deceased. Their names with dates of birth and of death are as follows: Gilbert F., born October 5, 1837, and died May 10, 1883; Mary E., November 4, 1839, August 30, 1841; William H., June, 1842, December 6, 1860; Edwin J., May 1, 1847, February 22, 1872, and Mary A., December 26, 1852, January 5, 1858.

When he was only thirteen years of age, Jeremiah Darling began to work on a coasting vessel in company with his brother, and continued at this until he was eighteen years of age. Then going to Port Jefferson, he learned the trade of ship carpenter, and in this business he became so proficient that the man from whom he had learned the trade took him in as partner. Working together they built about fifty vessels, and won a high standing as builders of fast sailing and reliable craft. After a few years his partner was drowned and he then carried on the business alone. In the spring of 1857 he took a position as Inspector for the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company of New York City, which he held at the time of his death thirty-six years afterward. The year that he entered upon this work he moved his family to New York City, and there made his home until 1883, when he sought Stony Brook as a home, securing the place where our subject now resides. He died January 19, 1893; his wife had passed away April 29, 1888, and their remains are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them.

Before the wife and mother died, the golden wedding of the venerable couple was celebrated by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Mr. Darling was the last surviving charter member of Suffolk Lodge No. 60, F. & A. M. He was a man of genial character, attractive presence and remarkable business qualities, so that it is simply true that the success of the insurance company, with which he was so long associated, was largely due to his personal and business qualities. Now he is at rest after a useful, honest and well spent life. He began life a poor boy, but won a large and substantial success in life. His father and three brothers died with cholera during the time of the great epidemic in New York and they are buried on Staten Island. He was then very young and was thrown upon his own resources, which, as it would appear from this outline of his life, were amply sufficient for his needs.

Our subject had good educational advantages, attended the public schools of New York, the Delphi Academy, private schools, and finished at

Carpenter's Business College in Brooklyn. Soon after leaving school he engaged in the broker's business for a year, and was then with the Clyde Steamship Company for four years, after which he established a business of steam fitting for steamboats, and was in this line for three years. Since coming to this place he has not been engaged in any special business, but is putting in a large plant on his home place, growing mushrooms and winter vegetables for the great markets in New York City. He was married August 19, 1894, to Miss Hattie L. Brown, one of the bright and charming young ladies of this village. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to both the orders of Masons and Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum.

DEXTER K. COLE, one of the representative business men of Northport, where he holds the position of manager of the Northport Oyster Company, was born in the City of New York, January 3, 1837, and was the second child in the family of eight sons and daughters born to Henry T. and Jane L. (Williamson) Cole. Susan, the oldest, is the wife of Edward Davis, of Darien, Conn.; John H., the third child, is a ship carpenter at South Norwalk, in the same state; Hixon W. is also a resident of the same state and is engaged in the oyster business at Norfolk; Lydia died at the age of nine, and the three younger children also died very young.

The father of our subject, Henry T. Cole, was born at Salem, N. H., where he was reared. On attaining the age of twenty-one he went to New York, and there he learned the trade of ship-carpentry, which he followed for many years in New York. In 1850 he removed to Darien, Conn., where he died in 1874 at the age of sixty-six. The mother of our subject was a native of New York City, and her death occurred at the age of forty-seven. Her grandfather came from England and fought in the Revolutionary War, on the side of the Colonies.

Our subject remained at home and when quite young learned the ship carpenter's trade, at which he worked for many years in that city. During the late war he served as master carpenter on board the steamboat "Cosmopolitan," chartered by the government to transport troops between Charleston and Fernandina, Fla., for about a year, when he retired from the service and engaged in building small sloops and steamers in Darien. This he followed for many years, gradually drifting into the oyster business. The last boat that he built was the largest steam oyster boat in the business, and was employed in his own trade.

Mr. Cole came to Northport in 1889, and engaged in the oyster business with Edward Thompson for about three years, when he purchased his partner's interest and sold the whole establishment to George H. Shafer & Co., who made an assignment in 1894. The Edward Thompson Company bought the whole concern, in connection with our subject, who is the general manager. The firm now owns extensive oyster beds, has a fine plant, and is one of the largest enterprises of the kind in this part of the island.

The first wife of Mr. Cole was Jennie M. Lownes, of Darien, Conn., who died, leaving three children. The oldest of these, Annie L., is the wife of James F. Seymour, of this village. Edna M., educated as a type-writer at the Merrill Business College, is at home, as is her sister, Jennie. Our subject was married, in 1886, to Miss Catharine T. Hoyt, of Darien, Conn. He is independent in his political views, and has a good standing in the community, both as to his personal characteristics and business qualities.

SAMUEL BUELL GARDINER, deceased. The history of Suffolk County would be indeed incomplete without mention of Samuel B. Gardiner, for many years one of its most prominent and enterprising citizens. He deserves special mention in a volume of this kind as the tenth proprietor of Gardiner's Island, which is located at the extreme end of Long Island, with

Sag Harbor. In educational affairs he has always been greatly interested, and since the organization of the School Board has been a member and is now President of the same. He is also President of the Southampton Literary Society, an organization which holds many interesting meetings and has been instrumental in developing the hidden talents of its various members. Mr. Fordham is Secretary and Treasurer of the Village Improvement Association and is likewise Clerk of the Village Board. He is widely known for his enterprise and general business ability and exhibits in his character the traits of honest integrity and sterling worth.

FRANKLIN A. DARLING. A resident of the town of Brook Haven, our subject was born at East Setauket April 19, 1846. He is a son of Alfred and Martha (Smith) Darling, and was one of five children born to his parents, namely: Elizabeth, who married Rev. C. S. Williams and died in 1862; Clarissa, who is the wife of George Fordham and a resident of Setauket; Elbert O., who is a contractor and builder residing at East Setauket; Franklin A.; and Martha, who married Alfred Woodhull and died in 1886.

Our subject's father was born in Smithtown April 13, 1808, and was a son of Capt. John Darling. When only six years of age his father took him on a voyage with him, and as soon as he was old enough he was given charge of a vessel plying between the island and New York City and also trading along the coast. He removed to East Setauket about 1840, at which time he left the sea and took up farming. His first tract of land to which he devoted himself is now the home of our subject. There he died February 6, 1891. He was interred at Setauket Cemetery and his demise was lamented by friends and neighbors. He was an active worker in the church and organized the Methodist body in this place. For many years he occupied the offices of Trustee and Steward. In politics he was a Republican. His first

wife, whom he married in 1839, died in 1849 and in 1852 he married Mary Roe, who died February 14, 1889. One child was born of that union, Seymour, who died in 1862.

Our subject was born and reared on his father's farm, which is now his own home. He received his education in the district schools and when twenty-two years of age entered the mercantile business at East Setauket, and conducted a general store for fifteen years. At the end of that time he moved to Hewlett's, L. I. There he was engaged in the mercantile business until 1893, when he sold out and returned to the old homestead. During this time, while he was occupied as a business man, he held the office of Postmaster at East Setauket from 1870 to 1883. After removing to Hewlett's he was appointed Postmaster there and held the office throughout his residence, which was ten years.

January 1, 1868, Mr. Darling married Miss Adelia S. Punce, a native of Setauket, born in 1847. They have had three children: Mary R., who is the wife of Wilfred Horton, of Hewlett's; Effie A. and Robert B. In politics Mr. Darling is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has held the office of Steward. He has been an energetic man, which has insured his business success. Although he is now retired from active participation in mercantile affairs he is esteemed as one of the clear-minded, level-headed men of affairs in this place.

JEREMIAH BAKER. They make good, strong men in the Amagansett country. The flavor of the salt sea creeps into their natures, and they are breezy and stormy like the great ocean at their feet. They sail the seas, or open the West, or master the hostilities of a great city, always in a large and grand way, like the hills and waters around their boyhood home. When we touch the story of their lives it has a flavor of romance, and we see ships sailing off in the sunset to remote quarters of the earth and sailors in far-off lands. Surely the sailor lads

became so distinguished as to highly commend him to Comptroller Fillmore, and when that gentleman became President he offered him the position as Private Secretary, which he occupied for some time in the early part of that executive's administration. He later gave up this post in order to devote himself to the study of law. He was elected a delegate on the Whig ticket to the Baltimore convention, and was later nominated for Congress, but declined to accept. The judges of the Superior Court selected him as Clerk of the court, a valuable and highly honorable place, which he held to the time of his death. Upon Governor Hunt's accession to the gubernatorial chair he made Robert G. Campbell his Aide-de-Camp. This short but brilliant career was cut off in 1853. At the time of his death he was engaged to the daughter of President Fillmore, and was one of the most promising of our young public men.

Our subject's grandfather, George Campbell, lived to the patriarchal age of ninety-two years. He was a New York merchant, and it was his pride to tell that when a boy General Washington made his headquarters at his father's house. In after years George Campbell paid a visit to the father of his country at Mt. Vernon. He numbered among his intimate friends both Hamilton and Burr, and when the latter was hunted by officers of the law after his fatal duel, Colonel Burr sought refuge in the house of Mr. Campbell at Hackensack. There he was secreted, although Mr. Campbell's brother, who was attorney for the State of New Jersey, and who also lived in Hackensack, would have given \$5,000 for Burr's arrest. Mr. Campbell never spoke of any knowledge of the fugitive until thirty years had elapsed.

Our subject has for many years been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, having been baptized by Rev. Dr. Patton, of the Broome Street Central Church. He has also been an ardent worker in the Sunday-school, having taught for many years. Of his philanthropic work we quote a few lines from the New York "Evening Telegram," describing the work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: "The real active spirit of the administration is centered in the person of Mr. Bergh. In his untiring devotion

he is heartily seconded by A. H. Campbell, who is the right arm of the President. This gentleman deserves only less honor than Mr. Bergh, he having dedicated his life labors to the benefaction of the animal family, without other compensation than accompanies the fulfillment of a noble object. He declines all pecuniary benefit, although constant in his services."

JUDSON L. DARLING. This prominent citizen and successful merchant of Port Jefferson was born in this locality, August 9, 1855, to F. F. and Mary W. (Smith) Darling, prominent citizens of Port Jefferson. The father came to this place in 1852, prior to which time he had served as master of different vessels for some time. At the time of his location in Port Jefferson he purchased a business and has since been actively and very successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits, with the interests of which no man in this section has been closer identified. He is a man of decidedly practical ideas, but is far-seeing and shrewd in the management of his affairs, and although he is quick to take advantage of all opportunities that present themselves for the betterment of his financial condition, and is keenly alive to his own interests, yet he is the soul of honor in all his business transactions, and is generous withal.

Judson L. Darling received his education in the schools of Port Jefferson, and since he attained the age of fifteen years his time has been spent in his father's store, whose interests he has made his. In 1876 he became possessed of an interest in the business, and in the management of the establishment has shown that he is a "chip of the old block." Their stock consists of a large line of general merchandise, and there is perhaps no better stocked store of this nature in Suffolk County, and without doubt there is no better patronized one, for the liberality and courtesy which the proprietors have shown to their patrons have met with their reward. Judson L. Darling has by no means confined his attention to this business

alone, but has outside interests of a lucrative nature. He is a Director in the Bank of Port Jefferson, the Pennington County Bank, of Rapid City, S. Dak; the Port Jefferson Milling Company, and of the Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Steamboat Company.

In the month of December, 1878, Mr. Darling was married to Miss Irene A. Tuthill, daughter of Minor Tuthill. They have two sons and one daughter, Frank F., Chester L., and Gladys I. Although Mr. and Mrs. Darling are not connected with any church organization, yet they are attendants of the Episcopal Church and believe in and follow the teachings of the Golden Rule. Mr. Darling is a Democrat of life-long standing, and is one of President Cleveland's warm admirers. He has proved himself a useful and law-abiding citizen, and fully deserves the respect and confidence which are universally accorded him as a business man and citizen.

ERASTUS FOSTER POST, a prominent citizen of Quogue, is a representative of a family that was established on Long Island at a very early period in its history and that has since been intimately connected with its growth and development. He traces his lineage to Richard Post, who came here in 1643, receiving a home lot from the proprietors. Descended from him were John, Captain John, John and John, who died January 3, 1793, at the age of ninety-two. Next in line of descent was Abraham, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Lupton, and died December 8, 1815, at the age of seventy-seven. His children were named as follows: Abigail, who was born February 18, 1773; Abraham, November 29, 1775; Oliver, November 15, 1777, and Mary, March 29, 1780.

The next to the youngest of the children named was Oliver, our subject's grandfather. He married Mary, daughter of Josiah Howell, and died April 13, 1871. His children, three in number, were as follows: Josiah Howell, born July 4, 1807; Phebe Pierson, April 7, 1812, and

George Oliver, March 16, 1814. The last named, our subject's father, was a man of great integrity of character and the utmost probity. Though deceased for some years, he is affectionately remembered by the large circle of friends whom he won by his genial manners and amiable disposition. He was born March 16, 1814, on the old homestead at Quogue, which had also been the birthplace of his father. Upon attaining manhood he chose agriculture for his life occupation, and to this calling he devoted his mature years. His fellow citizens frequently called upon him to represent them in some official capacity and he always discharged every duty in a straightforward, able manner. For one term he held the office of Supervisor of the town, and for eighteen years served as Commissioner of Highways. Public-spirited and progressive, his sympathy was given to every broad movement and his active support promoted the success of every philanthropic enterprise.

The first wife of George O. Post was Julia, daughter of Elisha Howell. They became the parents of two children, namely: Josiah Howell, who was born December 10, 1844, and is now a resident of Philadelphia, and William Elisha Howell, who was born February 27, 1848, and died July 23, 1877. After the death of his first wife Mr. Post married Miss Harriet Foster, daughter of Cephas and Abigail (Howell) Foster. Their two children were Mary, whose birth occurred July 27, 1856, and Erastus Foster, born July 3, 1859. The father passed away August 7, 1895, in the eighty-second year of his age.

The subject of our sketch acquired his education in the Bridgehampton Academy and in Wiliston Seminary at Easthampton, Mass., graduating from the scientific department of the latter institution in 1880. On his return to Quogue he engaged in surveying and civil engineering, which, together with farming, have taken up his time since. Like his father, he has always maintained an interest in public affairs. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter. From 1888 to 1893 he was President of the McKinley Club at West Hampton. For one term he filled the office of

nence within its bounds. Mr. Havens was for eighteen years Tax Collector of Shelter Island and also efficiently served as Overseer of the Poor for several terms. With his wife he was one of the influential and devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. He was an honorable and upright man and had a reputation for veracity and high principle which was second to none in the neighborhood in which he lived as a boy and man.

To the parents of Mrs. Clark there were born six children, namely: Elizabeth S.; Adelaide M., now the wife of David Clark; Chester S.; Fannie, Mrs. Edward Wilcox; Charles E., pastor of a church at Newton Highlands, near Boston, Mass., and Martha A. Mr. Havens departed this life in December, 1886. His good wife preceded him to the better land, dying in June, 1866.

Mr. Clark is a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs. The property which our subject owns and cultivates is in a highly developed state. His brother David makes his home in Shelter Island and is the owner of the South Ferry, which plies between Shelter Island, North Haven and Sag Harbor.

FREDERICK F. DARLING. One of the most positive truths taught by modern science is that mental and physical qualities are hereditary in man, and this statement of fact is as old as Moses, who declared that the generations to come should feel the influence of the father's actions. The subject of this sketch is descended from a worthy ancestry, and owes his vigor of body and his strong mentality to his parents and his parents' parents. In him is found a man whose business career is decidedly interesting, showing the shrewdness, business ability and competency which can be attained by one who has the determination to make his life a success. As a merchant he possesses excellent ability grafted upon a stock of sturdy honesty, and as he is possessed of a goodly amount of

those personal attributes that spring from a kindly heart and an honest purpose, it is not to be wondered at that his patronage is extensive and among the best people of Port Jefferson.

Frederick F. Darling was born in Smithtown, in January, 1829, his parents being James and Hannah Darling, who were also born in that village. The father spent the greater part of his life upon the water, for he was the owner of a packet line from Smithtown to New York City, but at the age of forty-five years he retired from this line of work and embarked in the mercantile business, which he conducted successfully for some twenty years, then lived in retirement until his death in 1889. His wife's death antedated his many years. This worthy couple were universally respected, and in the village where they so many years made their home they occupied an enviable social position, while in commercial circles Mr. Darling was very highly regarded.

The youthful days of Frederick F. Darling were spent in acquiring a practical education in the public schools of Smithtown, but at the age of seventeen years he dropped his books to become a clerk in his father's mercantile house, and during the three or four years that he continued thus occupied he learned lessons of industry and perseverance, besides a comprehensive knowledge of commercial life. Following this he clerked in a mercantile house of New York City for some time, then found employment on the water up to 1852. In this year he came to Port Jefferson, purchased a small mercantile business, and has since devoted his attention to the sale of a general line of merchandise, although he sold this establishment three years later. He purchased an interest in the "Old Jones Store" on the docks and in 1868 built the commodious sales and ware rooms now occupied by himself and son.

As a business man Mr. Darling is shrewd, practical and far-seeing and as he is liberal with his patrons and makes every effort to please them, his establishment is perhaps one of the best in Suffolk County. The business was first conducted under the style of F. F. Darling & Co., but since 1880 as F. F. Darling & Son. His motto

has been significant of his own commercial life: "Mind your own business and attend to it."

Mr. Darling was married in 1851 to Miss Mary W. Smith, daughter of Thomas W. Smith, of Smithtown. Two children have been born of this union: Judson L., who is associated with his father in business, and Helen A., widow of George R. Hand, who died in 1883. Mrs. Darling is a member of the Methodist Church, and socially Mr. Darling is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. The principles of Democracy have ever found favor in his sight and in his younger years he was frequently solicited to make the race for various offices, but invariably declined, as his business occupied his entire time and attention.

WILLIAM HEIBERGER is a summer resident of Huntington, the family residence being in Brooklyn, where he is general manager of the Brooklyn and Long Island department of the Peter Doelger Brewing Company, of New York City. He is one of those sturdy characters who has been strong enough to rise superior to adverse circumstances, making each impediment to his progress but a stepping stone to success. Coming to this country a poor and unknown boy, he has risen through his own exertions to a position of influence. He was born in Baden Baden, Germany, April 6, 1836, and is a son of Echford Heiberger, of the same place.

Mr. Heiberger, Sr., was an extensive farmer, owning one of the handsomest places in that part of Germany. He died when his son was but twelve years of age. Four years later the young man left the parental roof and came to America, looking for a brother who had preceded him hither by some four years. He found him on a sick bed, where he had been confined for some months, and thus was unable to advance the interest of the boy. He first worked with a construction gang that were laying a street railroad in Brooklyn. Of all the foreigners on the gang, he was the only German, and was unable to talk or make

himself understood, thereby becoming the subject of much ill-natured rebuff and the victim of many practical jokes. These became almost unbearable and he determined to return to Germany as soon as he had earned his passage money. He was then getting one dollar a day.

Time worked a change with young Heiberger, and he made the acquaintance of an engineer who was engaged in a large pocketbook manufacturing concern in Brooklyn. This man took a liking to the German lad, and secured a position for him in the factory. There, during odd hours, at nights and on Sundays, he studied engineering under his friend's tutorship and at the end of four years, through his friend's influence, he was engaged as engineer in a pottery in Greenpoint, L. I., at \$12 per week. A short time afterward a vegetable factory was started in Williamsburg and he was engaged as chief engineer at a better salary. Two years later he became engineer for what is now Fleischman's distillery. A year and a half later he became intimate with a Scotchman, who, for the sum of \$150, taught him the art of making compressed yeast, which served him to good advantage later when employed by Simm Brothers to superintend fitting out a distillery which they were erecting. They agreed to pay him a salary of \$50 per week as superintendent when the plant was in running order.

While in that position, where he remained for sixteen years, Mr. Heiberger established a wholesale liquor house at No. 153-55 Greenport Avenue, Greenpoint. He subsequently resigned his position in order to look after his own business, which he conducted until June, 1886, and then sold out, leasing the purchasers his property for a term of ten years. Shortly afterwards he became the manager of the Brooklyn and Long Island territory for the Peter Doelger Brewing Company, one of the largest concerns in this country. Under his able management this territory is now yielding an annual income of \$250,000. In May, 1895, he purchased the handsome summer home in Huntington Harbor, where he anticipates spending the heated term hereafter.

December 31, 1858, Mr. Heiberger married Miss Sophia Herzog, a native of Bavaria. Six