

named respectively: Susan, now the wife of Lozelle Young, who is engaged on the police force of New York City; Nathan B., Jr., a resident of this town, where he is engaged in the fishing business; Frederick, a resident of Greenport, and captain of a fishing steamer; Capt. Asha B., proprietor of the Hallock House at Quogue; Richard H., whose home is at Good Ground; Phebe, teacher in the schools of this county, and Fannie, Postmistress of Flanders.

The tract of land which Mr. Hallock owns is twenty acres in extent. This is a goodly property and is managed by Nathan B., Jr. On one portion of it is located a summer hotel, which is well patronized during the season when the vicinity abounds in tourists. Our subject makes his home with Nathan and is living retired from business of any kind. He is a Republican in politics and on this ticket was elected School Trustee during his younger years. As one of the oldest residents of Suffolk County we are pleased to publish this brief record of his life's history.

EDWARD HAWKINS, JR. Among the shrewd, successful and far-seeing young farmers of Suffolk County is Edward Hawkins, Jr., whose life of industry and usefulness and whose regard for honesty and uprightness have given him a hold upon the community which all might well desire to share. He is one of the leading gardeners of the town of Riverhead and has on his estate a fine greenhouse, his knowledge of floriculture enabling him to engage in this industry with success.

Mr. Hawkins is a native born resident of Suffolk County and was born in the town of Brook Haven, January 16, 1861. There were seven children born to his parents, Hon. Edward and Susan C. (Smith) Hawkins, of whom Edward was the third born. (A full history of the parents will appear in the biography of Hon. Edward Hawkins, on another page in this volume.)

Our subject was given a good education, his earlier years being spent in attending the public

schools. He also carried on his studies for a time in the select schools of this community, after which he took a four years' course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Brooklyn. Then, thinking he would follow one of the professions, he entered the office of a prominent law firm in New York City, and for six months read Blackstone. At the end of that time, however, he abandoned the idea of becoming a lawyer, and, returning home, has ever since been engaged in farming. All his farming operations are conducted in a manner showing him to be a man of excellent judgment and much sound sense. He has met with the success attending perseverance and industry and is now one of the substantial young residents of the county. He has about thirty-five acres of land under the best methods of improvement, which for the most part he devotes to raising vegetables for the city markets. In his greenhouse he makes a specialty of growing English violets and is now prepared to raise the very best variety in large quantities.

January 20, 1885, Mr. Hawkins and Miss Priscilla Smith were united in marriage. The latter is well educated and is the daughter of Capt. John Smith, of New York City. By her union with our subject she became the mother of two children, Priscilla, who was born December 15, 1886, and Edward S., who died when three years of age. In politics Mr. Hawkins is an ardent Democrat and takes an active interest in the success of the party. His father was one of the most influential politicians in the county and was Senator for one term.

SAMUEL S. GRIFFIN is a representative of an old family in Suffolk County, and is numbered among the well-to-do citizens of Flanders, where he now resides. He was born in this place, March 27, 1853, and was the fifth in order of birth of a family of nine children granted his parents, John and Hannah (Griffin) Griffin. Oliver C. is a well known seaman and master of the steamer "Massachusetts," which

plies between New York and Providence, R. I.; Amanda is the widow of E. W. Phillips, of Quogue; Charles resides in the town of Southampton; Joseph is also living in this locality, and is engaged in farming; Samuel S., of this sketch, was the next in order; Mary married Edwin F. Corey, and is living in New Haven, Conn.; William died when about twenty years old, Frank when eighteen, and John H. departed this life when in his thirty-seventh year.

The father of the above family was born March 15, 1815, in Connecticut, and there spent the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm. He left home about that time, hiring out as cook on a sloop plying on Long Island Sound, and later was promoted to be mate of the vessel, remaining with this craft for three years. He then went on board a schooner as sailor and with the vessel went to Texas during the progress of the Mexican war. For the next twenty-five years he followed the sea, visiting the West Indies and many foreign ports during that period. His career as a sailor was then cut short by an injury which he sustained by a fall and he therefore resigned his position. Coming to Long Island, he has here made his home ever since, and for sixty years was engaged in fishing in Peconic Bay and in farming. He was the son of Henry Griffin, whose birth also occurred in the Nutmeg State, and who was also a seafaring man, spending the earlier years of his life on the water. Upon retiring from that business, however, he devoted his attention to farming, and in whatever line of business engaged, met with success. He lived to the remarkable age of ninety-two years.

The father of our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics always casts a ballot in support of Democratic candidates. He was fairly successful in his farming interests and until old age compelled him to abandon hard labor, cultivated thirty acres of land. He is now in his eightieth year and with his estimable wife makes his home with our subject. The mother, who is a native of this county, is seventy-eight years of age.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Samuel S. went to sea when young and from the

age of twelve years until 1885 lived most of the time on the Sound and on the Atlantic. He first hired out as cook on a schooner running between Flanders and New Haven, Conn., carrying wood. As his parents were getting old, however, he determined to make life as comfortable for them as possible while they lived, and, coming home, took charge of the farm. He gives his attention almost entirely to the poultry business, raising as many as five thousand ducks each year, besides large numbers of chickens, turkeys, geese, etc. The farm is admirably located for the raising of ducks and geese, as it is situated on the banks of Great Peconic Bay.

May 5, 1877, Mr. Griffin was married to Miss Anna E. Squires, of this town, and to them have been born two daughters, Fannie E. and Blanche. In politics Mr. Griffin is a Democrat and takes an active part in the affairs of his party in this community, and at various times has been Town Committeeman and Inspector of Elections. He is an Odd Fellow of good standing, belonging to Lodge No. 462 at Riverhead.

CAPT. DAVIS BAKER, for many years one of the prominent residents of Patchogue, departed this life December 4, 1894, when in his eightieth year. He was born near the bay in this village, December 26, 1814, to Jonathan and Rebecca (Davis) Baker. His father was a son of Deacon Jacob Baker, whose father removed from East Hampton to Patchogue prior to the Revolutionary War, so that the family is one of the oldest on the island. In that early day he purchased a large tract of land, extending from the village proper to the bay and known as Baker's Neck. At the time that the road (now Ocean Avenue) was extended through the Baker property, the east side remained in possession of the Baker family, while the west side was given to the daughter, who married a Mulford.

The father of our subject departed this life at the age of sixty years, leaving a family of two sons and four daughters. The eldest of the house-