The present officers of the lodge are E. D. Pohlman, M.; George Gibson, S. W.; Festus Franklin, J. W.; Rev. J. M. Johns, Chap.; W. W. Leonard, Sec.; William Moore, Treas.; F. S. Emmes, S. D.; E. M. Bostwick, J. D.; D. R. Gregor, S. M. C.; S. M. Krake, Organist; G. S. Rouland, Marshal; W. E. A. Fachney, Librarian; Truman Demick, Tyler.

PHYSICIANS.

Dr. John Bean was the first practicing physician in the town of Hammond. He came into the town as early as 1820, and continued in practice until about the year 1856, when he removed to Richville, where he died a few years later.

Dr. Blackman was the pupil of Dr. Bean, and afterwards practiced in the town, as his partner, for a number of years.

Dr. Morse located about the year 1824, and continued in practice for two or three years.

Dr. Greene commenced practice in the village about the year 1837. Removed from the county in 1844.

Dr. J. Addison Brown was the pupil of Dr. Bean. Commenced the practice of medicine in 1843, and continued in practice in the village of Hammond for three years, when he removed to California. He held the office of superintendent of public schools in 1844.

Dr. A. R. Gregor, of Hammond village, was the pupil of Dr. Trowbridge, of Watertown, and of Dr. Dewey, of Antwerp. Attended a course of lectures at the Albany medical college during the winter of 1843–44. Graduated at the Geneva medical college in the spring of 1846. Since that time he has been in practice in the village of Hammond. Was elected to the office of town superintendent of schools in 1847, and continued to hold that office until it was abolished, about ten years after. He has also held the office of coroner, and from 1867 until 1875 was the only practicing physician in the town. Is a member of the county society.

Dr. C. M. Wilson, of Hammond village, graduated at Bellevue medical college in New York city, in the spring of 1871. Practiced in the village until 1873, when he removed to the village of Rossie, from which place he removed to Hammond village in February, 1875. He is a member of the county medical society, and in 1876 held the office of vice-president of that society.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

The Presbyterian society in the town of Hammond was incorporated Dec. 14, 1827, with Luther Lanphear, James Hills, and Walter Wilson, trustees. A church had been formed shortly before, by Rev. Hiram S. Johnson, of twelve members, which was under the St. Lawrence presbytery, and the pastoral care of Joseph Taylor. From sickness and other causes this organization was lost.

The present Presbyterian society belongs to the Ogdensburg presbytery, and was organized with eighteen members, by the Rev. James Sanford, Aug. 1, 1821. Their first house of worship was erected in 1838, and was a substantial stone building. The present one was built in 1871, at a cost of $10,000. It is a handsome wooden structure, and is an ornament to the village. It will seat four hundred persons upon the first floor, and one hundred and eighty in the basement. The church has been under the care of the following pastors: Rev. Messrs. James Rodgers, John McGregor, James Gardner, H. B. Swift, Andrew Milne, and D. A. Ferguson, the present pastor. The society has recently erected a parsonage, at a cost of $3000.

There is a Sunday-school, under the supervision of Mr. James Rutherford, with an attendance of one hundred and fifty scholars.

A FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

was formed April 6, 1843, by Elder Samuel B. Padin, who preached two years. It was composed of fourteen males and thirteen females, most of whom resided in the south part of the town. They have formed no legal society, and have no house of worship.

TRINITY CHURCH,

in the towns of Hammond and Rossie, was incorporated Dec. 16, 1846. Henry W. Chapman, William Laidlaw, Sophereth Ophir, William Welch, Robert Morris, John Burrows, and James Hill, *vestrymen*. This society has never erected a church.

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

was organized with thirty-seven members, by Prof. J. S. Lee, Oct. 29, 1870. Their church edifice was completed in September of the same year, at a cost of $3000. It will seat two hundred and seventy-five persons. The church property is valued at $4000. Rev. D. S. Libby was the first pastor. He was succeeded Nov. 8, 1876, by the present pastor, Rev. J. M. Johns.

The society numbers fifty members, including a large part of the leading minds of the town, and it consequently exerts a strong influence for good.

There is a Sunday-school in connection with the church, under the superintendence of Mr. F. W. A. Blackman, which has an attendance of about eighty scholars, and is supplied with a small library.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

of Hammond was organized Sept. 29, 1832, and a church edifice was erected a few years after.

There are at present about one hundred members, who are under the pastoral care of Rev. T. P. Bradshaw.

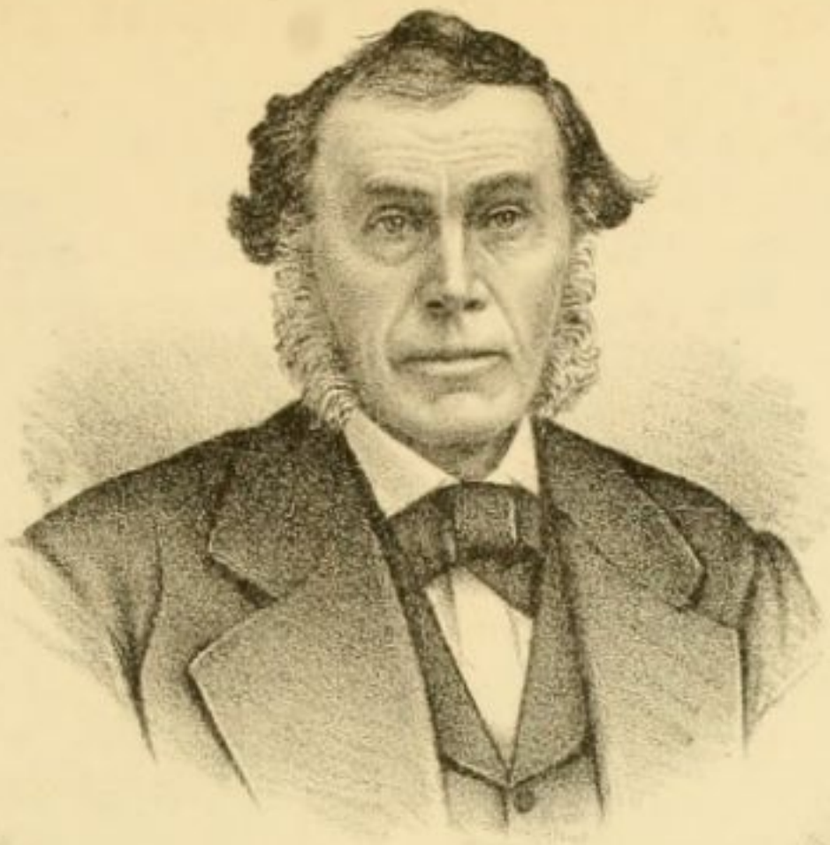
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

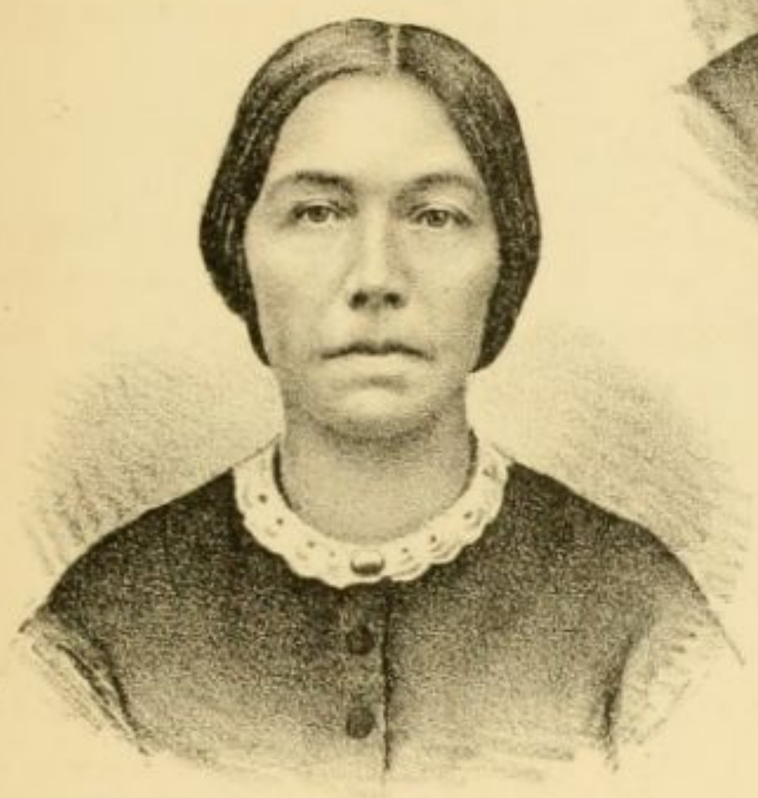
THE RODGER FAMILY.*

Among the very large and intelligent families that have left their native homes in distant countries none have taken a deeper interest in all that pertains to the welfare and ma-

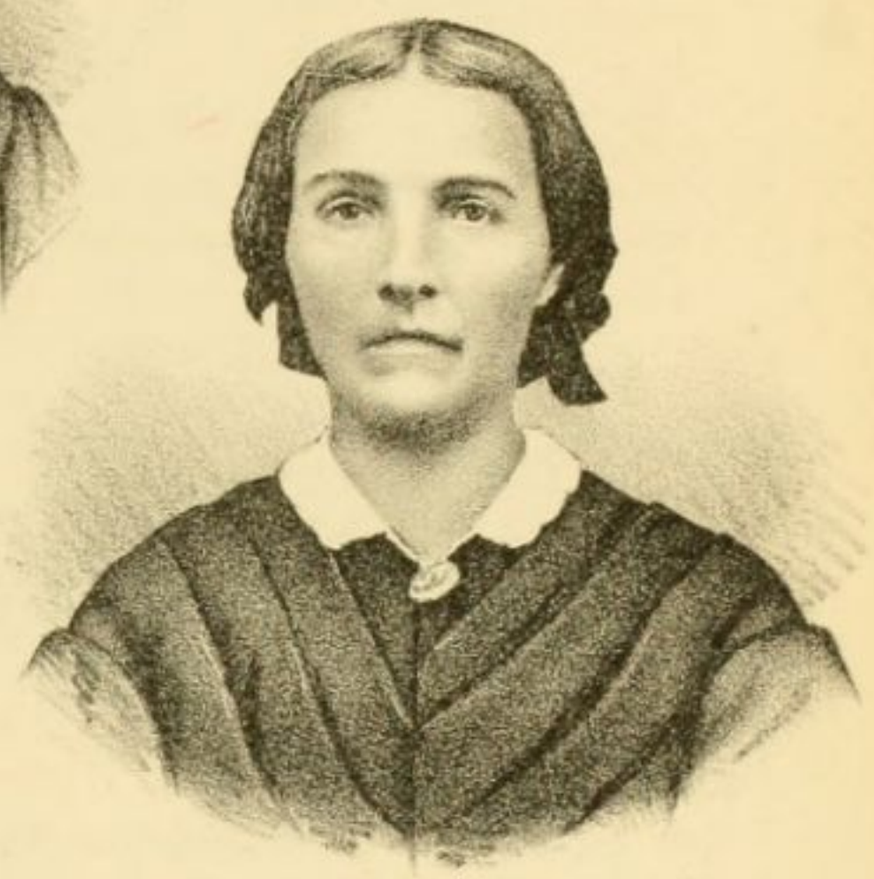
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ANDREW RODGER.

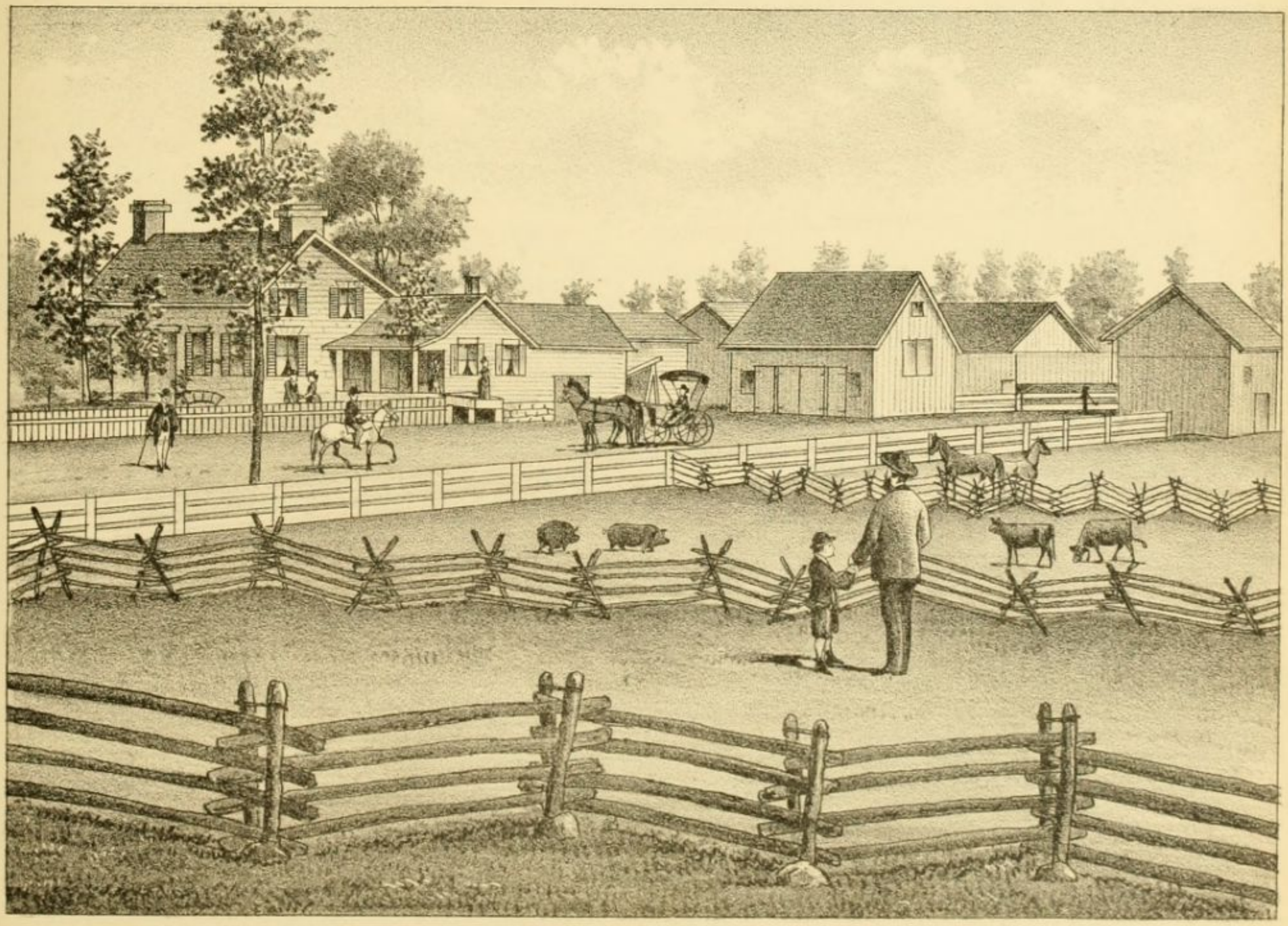


MRS. NANCY D. RODGER.



MRS. MARY RODGER.

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RESIDENCE OF **ANDREW RODGER**, HAMMOND, ST. LAWRENCE CO., N.Y.

terial growth of society than this family. They are of Scotch origin; the grandfather on the male side was James Rodger, who was born in Kelso, Berwickshire, Scotland. He married Betsey Riddle, by whom three children were born: William Rodger, James, Jr., and Margarette. All lived to old age, and each had large families. Mr. James Rodger lived for many years in Kelso, and afterwards in Whitridgbog, where he died. His wife died at Kelso.

William, son of James and Betsey Rodger, was born at Kelso, April 6, 1779. He was an industrious man, and followed various pursuits at Whitridgbog. He married Nancy Hill (she was born in 1782), of Roxburghshire, in 1803, by whom thirteen children were born, namely: James Rodger, born Nov. 14, 1803; married Betsey Ling, of Kingston, Canada; no children. George Rodger, born Oct. 21, 1806; married Jeanette Thompson, of St. Boswell's, Scotland, in 1831; two children born. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church of Gouverneur. John Rodger, born Aug. 9, 1808; married Mary McGregor, of Hammond, in 1841; six children born. Helen Rodger, born July 2, 1810; married William Turnbull, of Kelso, in 1831; thirteen children born. Robert Rodger, born June 27, 1812; married Ann Waddle, of Waddington, St. Lawrence County, in 1844; six children born. He is an elder in the Hammond Presbyterian church, and he has a son, James, preparing for the ministry. William Rodger, born June 17, 1814; married Isabel Shiell, of Hammond, in 1848; six children born. He is an elder in the Hammond Presbyterian church. David Rodger, born Feb. 15, 1817; never married; died May 30, 1866. Andrew Rodger, born April 6, 1819; married Mary Taylor, of Hammond, Feb. 6, 1850; two sons. She died July 5, 1867. He married Nancy Dodds, of Hammond, Jan. 14, 1869; she had one child, and it died in infancy. She died July 12, 1874. Rutherford Rodger, born July 18, 1821; married Helen Taylor, of Hammond, Feb. 2, 1853; five children born. Elizabeth Rodger, born June 26, 1823; married James S. More, of Hammond, Feb. 6, 1850; five children born. Margarette Rodger, born Nov. 14, 1826; married William M. Wilson, of Hammond, Feb. 12, 1852; eight children born. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church at Hammond. Nancy Rodger, born Sept. 3, 1829; never married; died Jan. 21, 1851. All of this family of brothers and sisters were born in Scotland.

In 1828, James Rodger came to Kingston, and in 1830 John came, and they earned money to bring the family over. In June, 1831, William Rodger and the rest of the family came to Hammond and settled on the land now owned by their sons, John and Andrew. Mr. Rodger followed farming while here, reared his large family to industry and economy; was a member of the Presbyterian church; so was his wife. He died Jan. 1, 1832. His wife died May 24, 1864.

Andrew, son of William and Nancy Rodger, was born in Whitridgbog, Scotland, April 6, 1819. His advantages for an education were limited. He was reared on a farm, and early learned the value of time and money. He came to Hammond with his parents in June, 1831. His father dying Jan. 1, 1832, left the care of the large family to his mother and the older members of the family. The family was kept together for many years till they began to settle down for themselves. Andrew now owns a part of the old farm, and to this he has kept adding, until to-day he is one of the largest farmers in the town, owning some five hundred and thirty acres; the larger part is as fine land as the town affords. A view of his home farm may be seen in another part of our work.

He married Miss Mary T. Taylor, Feb. 6, 1850. She was born in Methven, Scotland, March 7, 1826. Two children were born, namely: Albert H., born July 10, 1851, and John S., born Jan. 28, 1860. Mrs. Rodger was a faithful wife and good mother, and a member of the Presbyterian church at Hammond. She died July 5, 1867.

Mr. Rodger married for his second wife Nancy Dodds, of Hammond, Jan. 14, 1869. She was born June 7, 1828. She had one child, which died in infancy. She died July 12, 1874. She was a devoted wife, and a kind and loving mother, and by her kind words and generous deeds won respect from all who knew her. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Hammond.

Early in life, Mr. Rodger became a member of the Presbyterian church, and has always done his part in sustaining it. In politics he was a life-long Whig and Republican. In the history of Mr. Rodger one can see what can be done by close application to business.

Albert, son of Andrew and Mary Rodger, was married to Miss Elizabeth Cuthbert, of Hammond, Oct. 24, 1877. Margarette, daughter of James Rodger, married William Brodie, of Yetholm, Scotland, came to America in 1834, and settled in Hammond. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Hammond till his death. His son James held the same office at Gouverneur, and their grandson, James, is preparing for the ministry. James Rodger, Jr., son of James Rodger, of Kelso, married Margarette Hill, and lived in Whitridgbog, Scotland, till 1819, and in that year came to Hammond, and was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church at Hammond, and was soon ordained minister of the same; afterwards removed to Oswegatchie and labored till his strength failed him. His son James is now an elder in the Hammond Presbyterian church, and his grandson, James, is a minister in Minnesota. His son Robert was an elder at Oswegatchie, and at his death, his grandson, George, took his (Robert's) place. Nancy, daughter of James Rodger, married Archibald Furguson, of Oswegatchie. He was a minister. He has a son James, who is a minister in New Jersey, a son Robert, an elder in Minnesota, and one son Daniel, an efficient and faithful minister of the Hammond church to-day.

JAMES S. MORE.

Among the representative men and substantial farmers of Hammond is the subject of this sketch. He is the son of David and Christian More, and was born near Perth, Scotland, March 1, 1823. He is one of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity, and are living to-day in this town. Mr. More was reared on a farm, and early learned the cardinal principles of success. At the age of six (1830) he emigrated to America in company with his parents and