

uary 22, 1822, and has always been a farmer in Barre, with the exception of a year and a half spent in Holley. He now lives on the old homestead and is regarded as one of the successful farmers of the town. He was originally a Democrat, but one of the founders of the Republican party in the town. October 8, 1846, Mr. Culver married Jane Delano, by whom he had three children: Daniel D., of Barre Center; Mary, who married Sanford Wagoner and moved to Michigan; and George P., of Barre. His wife died July 3, 1856, and March 17, 1858, Mr. Culver married Sarah S. Burnham, by whom he had one child, Milton L. Culver, of Rochester. His second wife died June 26, 1886, and September 25, 1887, Mr. Culver married Lois M. Miller, who died August 31, 1892.

Calkins, David, was born in Mt. Washington, Mass., and died at West Gaines at the age of eighty-four in 1868 on the farm where his daughter, Miss Eleanor, now resides. His wife, Sarah Stuart, was born in Kent, Conn., and died at West Gaines in 1852, aged seventy-four. David came with his family to West Gaines, March 12, 1821, and bought the farm on which he lived and died; he endured the hardships of pioneer life. The children of David and Sarah are as follows: Edward, born in Kent, Conn., in 1804, and died August 8, 1873, married Eliza Beauvay; John, born in Kent, Conn., in 1809, resides in Lewiston, married Betsey Curtis, by whom he has four children: Sarah, Ellen J., S. Cordelia, and John; Cornelius, born in Kent in 1810, died in 1882, married Alzina Patrick and have four children: J. Jay, Ray, Addie, and Ella; Eleanor, born in Kent, September 20, 1813, lives on the farm where her parents lived and died; Sarah, born in Cayuga county, September 23, 1817, and died at the family home in 1873; James; born on this farm in 1823 and resides in Albion, married Jane Sherman and have five children: Sarah, Alice, Anjennett, Edwin, James, and Frank Sherman.

Downs, John, was born in Clarendon, Orleans county, January 22, 1846. His father, William, was a native of Ireland, being a son of Alexander Downs. William came to America in 1828, and settled in Troy, N. Y. A few years later he removed to Orleans county, locating in Holley, but soon afterward settled in Clarendon, where he engaged in farming. He was also a dealer in live stock for many years. His father, Alexander, came to this country in 1840, and after a short residence in Orleans county removed to Wisconsin. William Downs married in 1840 Jane, daughter of John Best, and they had two sons, William and John, and one daughter, Nancy. He was an active member of the Methodist church. He died in May, 1877, and his wife February 26, 1894. William Downs, jr., married Mary McFarland, and resides on the old homestead. Subject was educated in the public schools of Clarendon, and when a mere boy engaged in the live stock and wool business, buying and selling to eastern markets, gradually extending his operations until he became known as one of the largest shippers of live stock in the country. Between 1880 and 1890 he forwarded more sheep to New York than any other dealer who bought them direct of farmers, and was also the largest buyer in the Detroit market, having shipped 200 car loads to New York in one winter. In 1875 Mr. Downs became a partner in the well known firm of Hallwell & Willis, extensive wool dealers of Rochester, continuing eight years. In 1874, in company with George W. Stoddard and W. G. Rutherford, he organized a bank at Walden, Orange

county, N. Y., carrying on a private banking business until 1883, when it was reorganized as the Walden National Bank, Mr. Downs severing his connection with the institution soon after. He was two years a agent of the firm of Nelson Morris & Co., of Chicago, dealers in dressed beef. In 1882 he purchased an interest in the banking business of Eddy & Bowman, of Holley, the firm name becoming Eddy, Downs & Bowman, and conducted business under that name until the death of Mr. Eddy in 1884, since which time the firm has been Downs & Bowman. Mr. Downs is largely interested in real estate and stone quarries. In 1885 he removed to Holley. A monument to his enterprise and public spirit is the fine stone building known as the Downs Hotel, erected in 1892, and is the finest hotel in Orleans county. He is a Republican, is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal church; a member of Holley Lodge, I. O. O. F. and Murray Lodge No. 380, F. & A. M., and has passed most of the chairs. In 1885 he married Eva, daughter of Warren Glidden, of Clarendon, and their children are: John, jr., Nancy, Hattie and Gladys.

Austin Day was born in Connecticut in the year 1790, being one of a family of thirteen children. His parents were Oliver Day and Diadema Beebe, embodying a marked progressive spirit they were not content with the offerings of their native State, they formed a colony with nine other families and started to better their condition. In the year of 1800 the colony moved to Bennington county, Vt., where Austin Day received his education, and after teaching for a time married Mary Chapman of Holland county, Conn., sister of the celebrated Doctor Chapman of Long Island, she also being a teacher. Mr. Day's father was a thrifty farmer, and Austin, inheriting the sterling qualities of his forefathers, became bent upon penetrating the western wilds; at twenty-five years of age with their accumulations and stout hearts, with covered wagons and stock they began their long trip to the "Genesee country." In the summer of 1815 they bought their first farm in the town of Murray, and then began pioneer life in earnest within the confines of the dense forest. That section began to fill up rapidly. Being a man of energy and capability, he became at once a leading spirit in the work of the development of the resources of the country, establishing of schools, and the bettering of the conditions of the less fortunate emigrants. With a kind heart, sympathetic nature and open hand, he dispensed to the struggling ones material assistance and with the growth of the section grew his prominence. In 1826 the Erie Canal was completed, and from private life he was called to the superintendency of the canal, and during his office he developed (as much of the stone work at important points was rebuilt by him) into a contractor of note, as he displayed marked courage by making a canal contract along the Susquehanna River, which required three years to complete, proving a profitable undertaking, thus enabling him to materially increase his ownership of land in this county. He was elected sheriff, served one term, accepting the appointment of a judgeship, serving in that capacity for five years. In 1850 he retired from public life, devoting his time thereafter to the management of his farms, which consisted of about five hundred acres in the town of Murray. His motto was, "Owe no man anything." His life was one of sterling integrity united with a kind and sympathetic nature and of perfect morals, and well may it be said of him, "The world is better for his having lived in it." He gave to his wife the credit justly her due, as through her