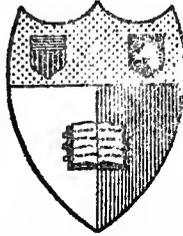


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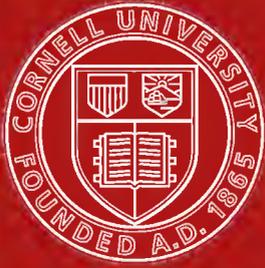
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Formation of Hudson County.



ALTHOUGH the smallest county in the state in area, Hudson County is the second largest in population in the State of New Jersey. It is bounded on the east by the Hudson River and New York Bay; on the west by Newark Bay and Passaic River; on the north by Bergen County; and on the south by the Kill van Kull, separating the county from Staten Island. It comprises 43.83 square miles. The geological composition is trap rock with underlying sandstone.

Hudson County was formerly a part of Bergen County, but was organized into a separate municipality in 1840. Its original history is so closely interwoven with that of Manhattan Island, that one chronicle serves for both territories. All through the Dutch occupation it was part of New Amsterdam.

The County received its name from Hendrick Hudson, the discoverer of the Hudson River, but it is a source of deep regret that the only records of Northern New Jersey are so widely scattered—more so, perhaps, than those of any other section of the county. Thousands of grants, deeds, wills, and other documents relative to Hudson County, all of the greatest importance to the searcher for knowledge, were never recorded and never even deposited in any public record office, owing to the bitter controversy between the colonies of New York and New Jersey over the location of the boundary line between them,—a controversy which lasted more than a century from the time when the country began to be settled by Europeans. Then again, many of the only records of this section are peculiar and many are in a foreign language. It would be necessary, in order to make a successful record of the early history of Northern New Jersey, to spend at least five years in a house to house hunt for the necessary data now hidden away in trunks and chests of the old pioneer families. This article has been prepared from available data which it has taken months of hard work to gather, but for the reasons above stated the matter it contains must necessarily be replete with errors and important omissions. However, it will be of some assistance to the thousands of descendants of those who settled the County of Hudson.

The Village of Bergen.

On September 5, 1661, the first municipality within the limits of New Jersey was established by order of Director General Stuyvesant and his Council. It was called the "Village of Bergen". There is some doubt about the origin of the name "Bergen". Some writers claim it to have been derived from "Bergen", the capital of Norway. Others assert it to have been derived from Bergen op Zoom, a town on the river Scheldt, in Holland, eighteen miles north of Antwerp. During the following seven years, new settlers located on lands outside the "village" limits. These, with a view to protect themselves from the savages, asked that they be annexed to the main settlement. Accordingly, Governor Philip Carteret and his Council of East New Jersey granted to the settlers of North Bergen—then comprising some forty families—a charter under the corporate name of "The Towne

and Corporation of North Bergen” This new “Towne” comprised the present County of Hudson as far west as the Hackensack River. The line on the north as described in the charter, started at “Mordavis Meadow”, lying upon the west side of Hudson’s River; from thence to run upon a north-west lyne by a Three rail fence that is now standing to a place called Espatin (the hill), and from thence to a little creek (Bellman’s Creek) surrounding N. N. W. till it comes unto the river Hackensack, the Indian name of “Lowland”, containing in breadth, from the top of the hill, one and a half miles or one hundred and twenty chains. Later new settlements sprang up north of Bergen. These were termed “Out Lands” or “Precincts” without any corporate power whatever and subject to the restrictions of the authorities of the “Towne”.

As the population increased, courts became necessary, and as all the colonial officials were Englishmen, and many English immigrants had settled in the colony, it was but natural that they should desire the adoption of the English system of County Government. On the seventh of March, 1682, the Provincial Legislature passed, and Deputy Governor Rudyard approved an act under which New Jersey was divided into four counties: Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, and Monmouth. Bergen County, as then defined, contained “all the settlements between Hudson’s River and the Hackensack River, beginning at Constable’s Hook and so to extend to the uppermost bounds of the Province, northward between the said rivers, with the seat of government at the Town of Bergen.” Essex County comprised “all the settlements between the west side of the Hackensack River and the parting line between Woodbridge and Elizabethtown, and northward to the utmost bounds of the Province.” By this division the greater part of the present County fell within the limits of Essex County, where it remained until 1710.

This division into counties soon caused great dissatisfaction among the people. They complained that the counties were too large, that the distance between their homes and the county seat was too great, and that traveling such long distances over the worst of roads, interfered with their pursuits and subjected them to great expense and discomfort. Sheriffs found it difficult to summon and compel the attendance of jurymen and witnesses. The administration of justice and the transaction of all other public business were seriously retarded. After the Assembly had stood out, for several years, against numerous complaints and petitions, it was finally obliged to yield, and on the second of January, 1710 (or 1709), an act was passed and approved directing a redivision. By the terms of this act, the boundaries of Bergen County were fixed as follows:

“Beginning at Constable’s Hook, so up along the Bay to Hudson’s River, to the partition point between New Jersey and the Province of New York; thence along the line and the line between East and West New Jersey to the Peguannock and Passaic Rivers; thence down to Peguannock and Passaic Rivers to the sound; and so following the sound to Constable’s Hook where it begins.”

In the northwestern part of the county, as above described, was included the County of Passaic, and on the 22nd of February, 1840, all that part of it lying south of the original north bounds of the “Towne and Corporation of Bergen”, together with a considerable area of territory west of the Hackensack River known as New Barbadoes Neck, were, by legislative enactment, erected into the County of Hudson. A part of this was annexed to Bergen County in 1852, being the boundaries of Bergen and Hudson Counties as they are to-day.

Early Settlers of Hudson County.

A large majority of the first settlers in Hudson County were immigrants from Holland, or descendants of persons who had immigrated from that country and settled on Manhattan Island or Long Island. The rest were Germans, Scandinavians, English, and French. The principal causes which impelled them to leave their native lands, were overcrowding of population and the desire to better their conditions.

In the few years preceding 1621, several voyages of discovery and adventure had been made by the Dutch to New Netherland, but no colonies had been founded. Letters from these voyagers declared that New Netherland was a veritable paradise—a land “flowing with milk and honey”, traversed by numerous great and beautiful rivers, plentifully stocked with fish; great valleys and plains, extensive forests, teeming with fruits, game, and wild animals; and an exceedingly fertile and prolific soil. These and many similar letters aroused and stimulated many of the discontented and unemployed of Holland to emigrate to New Netherland with their families, in the hope of being able to earn a handsome livelihood. In 1621 the “States General”, fully comprehending the gravity of the situation, took steps looking towards relief, and on June the third, a charter was granted to “The Dutch West India Company” to organize and govern a colony in New Netherland; and in June 1623-4 an expedition under Captain Cornelius Jacobsen Mey, of Amsterdam, carrying thirty families, most of whom were religious refugees, came over to New Amsterdam and began a settlement on the lower end of Manhattan Island. Captain Mey, however, did not like his job of being director of the new colony, and soon returned to Holland, leaving William Verhulst in charge, who was succeeded by Peter Minuet in 1626. The first colony was not a success, as the colonists, aside from building a few rude bark huts and a fort, busied themselves dickering with the savages for skins and furs, but tilled no ground, and for three years were non-supporting.

On the 7th of June, 1629, the “States General” granted a title of “Freedoms and Exemptions” to all such private persons as would plant any colonies in any part of New Netherland—except the Island of Manhattan—granting to them the fee simple in any land they might be able to successfully improve. Special privileges were granted to members of the West India Company, and whoever of its members should plant a colony of fifty persons, should be a feudal lord, or “Patroon”, of a tract “sixteen miles in length, fronting on a navigable river, and reaching eight miles back.

Up to this time only exploring parties bent on trade with the savages had traversed Hudson County. No one had ventured to “take up” lands here, until one Michael Pauw, then Burgomaster of Amsterdam, obtained from the Director General of New Netherland, under the title of “Freedoms and Exemptions”, grants of two large tracts, one called “Hopogahn-Hackingh” (land of the tobacco pipe), now Hoboken, and all of Staten Island, and the other “Ahasimus” and “Aressich”, including the whole neighborhood of “Paulus Hook” of Jersey City, to which Pauw gave the name of Pavonia.

These grants bear date, respectively, of July 13th and November 22nd, 1631.

It was a wise selection on the part of Pauw, for the Indians used it as a vantage point from which to ship their peltries directly across the river to Fort Amsterdam. The territory was so desirable, in fact, that its acquisition

gave rise to much jealousy. In December, 1633, Pauw was summoned to appear before the Assembly of the XIX and was finally forced to sell his property to the West India Company for 2600 florins. Michael Paulesen, an official of the company, was placed in charge as superintendent. It is said he built and occupied a hut at Paulus Hook early in 1633. If so, it was the first building of any kind erected in either Bergen or Hudson County. Later in the same year the company built two more houses, one at Communipaw, afterward purchased by Jan Evertse Bout, the other at Ahasimus (now Jersey City, east of the hill), afterward purchased by Cornelius Van Vorst. Jan Evertse Bout succeeded Michael Paulesen as superintendent of the Pauw plantation, June 17, 1634, with headquarters at Communipaw, then the capital of Pavonia Colony. He was succeeded in June, 1636, by Cornelius Van Vorst, with headquarters at Ahasimus.

In 1641 one Myndert Myndertse, of Amsterdam, bearing the title of "Van der Heer Nedderhorst", obtained a grant of all the country behind Achterkull (Newark Bay), and from thence north to Tappan, including part of what is now Bergen and Hudson Counties. With a number of soldiers, Myndertse occupied his purchase, established a camp, and proceeded to civilize the Indians by military methods. He soon abandoned this perilous undertaking and returned to Holland, forfeiting the title to this grant. Early in 1638, William Kieft became Director General of New Netherland, and on the first day of May following, granted to Abraham Isaacsen Planck (Verplanck) a patent for Paulus Hook (now lower Jersey City).

There were now two "plantations" at Bergen, those of Van Vorst and Planck. Part of these were later leased to and occupied by, Claes Jansen Van Pummerend, Dirck Straatmaker, Barent Jansen, Jan Cornelissen Buys, Jan Evertsen Carsten, Michael Jansen, Jacob Stoffelsen, Aert Teunsen Van Putten, Egbert Woutersen, Garret Dirckse Blauw and Cornelius Ariessen, Van Putten also leased a farm in Hoboken.

The thriving settlement of Bergen was, however, soon imperiled by the acts of Governor Kieft, whose idea of government was based mainly upon the principle that the Governor should get all he could out of the governed. The savages, for the first time, began to show symptoms of open hostility. Captain Jan Petersen De Vries, a distinguished navigator, who was then engaged in the difficult task of trying to found a colony at Tappan, sought every means in his power to conciliate the Indians and to persuade Kieft that his treatment of them would result in bloodshed.

The selfish Governor turned a deaf ear to all warnings and continued to goad the Indians by cruel treatment and harsh methods of taxation. In 1643 an Indian—no doubt under stress of great provocation—shot and killed a member of the Van Vorst family. This first act of murder furnished a pretext for the whites and precipitated what is called "the Massacre of Pavonia", on the night of February 25, 1643, when Kieft, with 80 soldiers fully armed, crossed the Hudson, landed at Communipaw, attacked the Indians while they were asleep, and without regard to age or sex, deliberately and in the most horrible manner, butchered over a hundred of them. After this attack the tribe, at once took to the war path, attacked the settlement, burned the buildings, murdered the settlers, wiped the villages out of existence, and laid waste the country round about.

Only a few of the settlers escaped and fled across the river to New Amsterdam. Peace was not restored until August, 1645, when the remaining owners and tenants of farms returned to the site of the old village, rebuilt their homes and started anew.

Governor Kieft had, in the meantime, been driven from office and Petrus Stuyvesant was made Director General, July 28, 1646. Under his administration, the settlement grew rapidly and prospered. Between his arrival and the year 1669 the following named persons purchased and leased lands: Michael Pauw, Michael Paulesen, Jan Evertse Bout, Cornelius Van Vorst, Myndert Myndertsen Van der Heer Nedderhorst, Abraham Isaacsen, Planck (Verplanck), Claes Jansen Van Pummerend (Cooper), Dirk Straatmaker, Barent Jansen, Jan Cornelissen Buys, Jan Evertsen Carsten, Michael Jansen (Vreeland), Jacob Stoffelsen, Aert Teunisen Van Putten, Egbert Woutersen, Garret Dircksen Blann, Cornelius Ariesen, Jacob Jacobsen Roy, Francisca Van Angela (negro), Guillaem Corneliesen, Dirk Lycen, Claes Carsten Norman, Jacob Wallengen (Van Wintsch), James Luley, Lubbert Gerritsen, Gysbert Lubbertsen, John Garretsen Van Immen, Thomas Davison, Garret Crynnen, Casper Stimets, Peter Jansen, Hendrick Jans Van Schalckwyck, Nicholas Bayard, Nicholas Varlet, Herman Smeeman, Tielman Van Vleck, Douwe Harmansen (Tallman), Claes Jansen Backer, Egbert Steenhuysen, Harmen Edwards, John Vigne, Paulus Leendertsen, John Verbruggen, Balthazar Bayard, Samuel Edsall and Aerent Laurens.

All these persons received their deeds or such titles as they had, from the Dutch, through the different Director Generals.

The English captured New Netherland from the Dutch in 1664, and thereupon, Philip Carteret, by an appointment of the "Lords-Proprietors" of the Province of East New Jersey, became its first Governor.

Besides confirming the titles of the settlers in Bergen in 1668, Carteret also granted other portions of land in Hudson County to the following persons: Maryn Adrianse, Peter Stuyvesant, Claes Petersen Cors, Peter Jansen Stett, Barent Christianse, Mark Noble, Samuel More, Adrian Post, Guert Carsten, Frederick Phillips, Thomas Frederick De Kuyper, Guert Geretsen (Van Wagenen), Peter Jacobsen, John Berry, Ide Cornelius Van Vorst, Hans Diedrick, Hendrick Van Ostum, and Cornelius Ruyven.

"The Town and Corporation of Bergen", as appears by Carteret's charter, had an area of 11,500 acres. Up to the end of 1669, only one-third of this area had been patented to settlers. The balance, more than 8,000 acres, was used in the common by the patentees, for nearly a century, before it was finally divided and set off to those entitled to it. As is ever the case under similar circumstances, many of the patentees and their descendants and grantees encroached upon these common lands. This state of things caused great confusion and numerous violent disputes between the settlers, who in January, 1714, petitioned Governor Hunter for a new charter empowering them, in their corporate capacity, to convey or lease their common lands, in fee, for one, two or three lives, or for years.

Governor Hunter in response to this petition procured a new charter for the town, known as "the Queen Anne Charter". The power given by this charter had little or no effect in stopping encroachments, and in 1643 another effort was made by the settlers to protect their rights in the common lands. An agreement was made, dated June the 16th, of that year, providing for a survey of the common lands, and how much of same had been lawfully taken up, used or claimed, and by whom. However, this agreement was never carried out, and matters continued to grow worse until December 7, 1763, when the settlers appealed to the Legislature for relief. That body passed a bill, which was approved by Governor Franklin, appointing commissioners to survey, map and divide the lands among the persons entitled thereto. These commissioners filed their reports and maps on the second day of

March, 1765, copies of which reports and maps are filed in the offices of the Clerks of both Bergen and Hudson Counties.

In the divisions made by the commissioners the common lands were apportioned among the patentees hereinbefore named, and their descendants, as well as among the following named persons: Michael de Mott, George de Mott, Gerebrand Claesen, Joseph Waldron, Dirk Van Vechten, James Collerd, Thomas Brown, Andries Seagaerd, Dirk Cadmus, Zackariah Sickles, Job Smith, Daniel Smith, Joseph Hankins, John Halmeaghs, Philip French, Ide Cornelius Sip, Herman Beeder, Nicholas Preyer, Sir Peter Warren, Anthony White, Michael Abraham Van Tuyl, Walter Clendenny, John Cummings, David Latourette, and John Van Dolsen.

Several other families, namely those of Day, de Graun, de Groot, Hesses, Hopper, Banta, Huysman, Van Giesen, Earle, Franzen, Morris and Swaen, had become residents of the county without having lands granted them. It may therefore be safely said that the families above named constitute nearly all of the original settlers of Hudson County east of the Hackensack River. The westerly part of the county was included in the purchase by Captain William Sandford from the Parish of St. Mary's in the Island of Barbadoes. Governor Carteret and Council granted this tract to Sandford July 4th, 1668. The southerly part of the tract is now East Newark, in Hudson County.

Landowners and Settlers.

For the information of the reader and those who may become interested in genealogical research, a list of the earliest and most prominent landowners and settlers of Bergen and Hudson Counties is hereto appended.

SURNAME OF SETTLER	LINEAGE	NAME AND DESCENT OF EUROPEAN ANCESTOR.
ACKERMAN	Dutch....	David Ackerman.....Berlikum, Holland
ACKERSON	Dutch....	Johannes Tomassen Oostenvelt, Holland
ADRIANSE	Dutch....	Maryn Adrianse Veere, Holland
AERISON	Dutch....	Cornelius Ariesen.....N. Brabant, Holland
ALLEN (1)	Dutch....	Pieter Van Hallen.....Utrecht, Holland
ALLEN (2)	Flemish....	Lorens Van Hallen.....Limbourg, Flanders
ALYEA	French....	John Alyea Artois, France
ANDERSON	Scotch....	John Anderson.....Inverness, Scotland
ANTHONY	Dutch....	Allerd Anthony Amsterdam, Holland
ARENTS	Dutch....	Johannes Arents.....Vanderbilt, Holland
AURYANSE (1)	Dutch....	Jan Auryanse.....New York, United States
AURYANSE (2)	Dutch....	Lambert Arianse Gelderland, Holland
BACKER (1)	Dutch....	Claes Jansen Backer....Hertogenbosh, Holland
BACKER (2)	English....	Richard Backer Barbadoes, West Indies
BACKER (3)	Dutch....	Jacobus Backer.....Amsterdam, Holland
BANTA	Dutch....	Epke Jacobse.....Harlengen, Holland
BARENTSEN	Dutch....	Dirk Barents Amsterdam, Holland
BASTIENSEN	Dutch....	Johannes Bastiansen Aernheim, Holland
BAYARD (1)	French....	Balthazar Bayard.....Daupheney, France
BAYARD (2)	French....	Nicholas Bayard.....Alphen, France
BEDLOW	Swedish....	Isaac Bedlow Stockholm, Sweden
BEEDER	Dutch....	Herman Beder Amsterdam, Holland
BEEM	German....	Anthony Beem.....Flammersvelt, Germany
BELL (1)	German....	Hermann Bell.....Darmstadt, Germany

SURNAME OF SETTLER	LINEAGE	NAME AND DESCENT OF EUROPEAN ANCESTOR.
BELL (2)	English	William Bell..... New York, United States
BENSON	Swedish	Dirck Bensingh Groningen, Holland
BERDAN	Dutch	Jan Baerdan Amsterdam, Holland
BERRY	English	John Berry Barbadoes, West Indies
BERTHOLF	Flemish	Guillian Bertholf Sluys, Flanders
BILFIELD	English	John Bilfield Enfield, England
BLACKLEDGE	English	Philip Blackleach London, England
BLAGGE	English	Benjamin Blagge London, England
BLANCH	English	Richard Blanch Bristol, England
BLAWVELT	Dutch	Gerret Hendericksen Deventer, Holland
BLAUW (1)	Dutch	Gerret Dirck Blauw Drenthe, Holland
BLAUW (2)	Dutch	Herman Jansen Blauw Gronengen, Holland
BOARD	English	Cornelius Board London, England
BOGERT (1)	Dutch	Cornelius Jansen Schoendewoert, Holland
BOGERT (2)	Dutch	John Louwe Schoendewoert, Holland
BOGERT (3)	Dutch	Tunis Gysbertsen Heykoop, Holland
BOUT	Dutch	Jan Evertsen Bout..... Barneveldt, Holland
BRAECKE	Dutch	Dirk Claesen Braecke.... Amsterdam, Holland
BRIGGS	English	Walter Briggs Providence, Rhode Island
BRINKERHOFF	Dutch	Joris Dircksen Drenthe, Holland
BROCKHOLST	Dutch	Anthony Brockholst Amsterdam, Holland
BROSS	Dutch	Hendrick Brass Albany, New York
BROWER (1)	Dutch	Peter Clementsen Hoorn, Holland
BROWER (2)	Dutch	Adam Brower Cologne, France
BROWER (3)	Danish	Jacob Eldertsan Brower...Holstein, Denmark
BROWN	English	Thomas Brown London, England
BURGER	Dutch	Burger Joris.....Hersburg, Silesia
BUSH	Dutch	Hendrick Bosh..... Leyden, Holland
BUYS	Dutch	Jan Cornelisen Buys.....Beest, Holland
CADMUS	Dutch	Dirck Fredricksen Friesland, Holland
CAMPBELL (1)	English	Alexander Campbell....North Britain, England
CAMPBELL (2)	Scotch	James Campbell..... Aberdeen, Scotland
CAMPBELL (3)	English	William Campbell.....Isle of Man, England
CAMPBELL (4)	Irish	William Campbell.....Ireland
CARSTENS	Norwegian	Clates Carstiaens.....Sant, Norway
CHAMBERS	Scotch	John Chambers New York, United States
CARSBOON	Dutch	Jan Elbertsen Carsboon...Gelderland, Holland
CHRISTIANSE (1)	Danish	Christiaen Pietersen.....Holstein, Denmark
CHRISTIANSE (2)	Danish	Barent Christianse.....Holstein, Denmark
CHRISTIE (1)	Scotch	James Christyn.....Edinburgh, Scotland
CHRISTIE (2)	Dutch	John Christianse Amsterdam, Holland
CLAESEN	Dutch	Gerbrand Claesen.....Hoorn, Holland
CLARK	Iirsh	Robert Clark.....Caven Co., Ireland
CLENDENNY	Scotch	Walter Clendenny Scotland
COLE	Dutch	Barent Jacobsen Kool....Amsterdam, Holland
COLLARD	English	Jacobus Collerd.....London, England
COMMEGAR	Dutch	Hendrick Jans Commegar..Amsterdam, Holland
COOPER (1)	Dutch	Claes Jansen Purmerend, Holland
COOPER (2)	Danish	Tennis Fredericks.....Oldenburg, Denmark
CONKLIN (1)	English	Mattys Conkelin.....Philipsburg, New York
CONKLIN (2)	English	John Conklyne.....Nothinghamshire, England
CONOVER	Dutch	Jacob Wolfortsen Amsterdam, Holland

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CORBETT	English	John Corbett.....London, England
CORNELISEN	Swedish	Cornelius Mattys.....Stockholm, Sweden
CORNELL	French	William Cornelise Kalbrist, France
CORS	Dutch	Claes Petersen Cors.....Amsterdam, Holland
CORTELYOU	French	Jacques Cortelyou.....Utrecht, Holland
COX	German	Michael Cox Hanover, Germany
CUMMINGS	English	John C. Cummings.....Scotland
DANIELSON	Dutch	James & Jacob Danielsen, Amsterdam, Holland
DAVIDSON	Dutch	John Davidsen Liveden, Holland
DAVISON	English	Thomas Davison London, England
DAVISON (2)	Irish	William Davison Dublin, Ireland
DAY (1)	Dutch	Tunis Dey Amsterdam, Holland
DAY (2)	English	William Dey.....New York, United States
DEBAUN	Flemish	Joost de Baen.....Amsterdam, Holland
DEBOW	Dutch	Hendrick De Boog.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE CLARK	Dutch	Daniel De Clerq.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE GRAW	Dutch	Albert Leendertsen.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE GROOT (1)	Dutch	Dirk Jansen de Groot.....Rylevelt, Holland
DE GROOT (2)	Dutch	Staats Janse de Groot.....Tricht, Holland
DE GROOT (3)	Dutch	Wm. Petersen de Groot.....Harlem, Holland
DE HART	Dutch	Balthazar de Haert Utrecht, Holland
DE KAY	Dutch	Theunes de Kay.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE KLYN	Dutch	Hugh Barents de Klyn.....Buren, Holland
DE KUYPER	Danish	Thomas Fred. de Kuyper, Oldenburg, Denmark
DELAMATER	French	Claude le la Maister.....Riechburg, France
DE LA MONTAGNE	French	Jean de la Montagne Saintong, France
DEMAREST	French	David des Marets Beauchamp, France
DEMEYR	German	Nicholas de Meyr.....Hamburg, Germany
DE MONT	German	Frederick Tremont.....Darmstadt, Germany
DE MOTT	Dutch	Mattys de Mott.....Kingston, New York
DE REIMER	French	Petrus de Reimer.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE RONDE	Dutch	Jacob de Ronde....Cortland Manor, New York
DE VOE (1)	French	Frederick de Voe.....Rochelle, France
DE VOE (2)	French	Nicholse de Voe.....Walslandt, France
DE VRIES (1)	Dutch	Jan Jacobs de Vries.....Vries, Holland
DE VRIES (2)	Dutch	Jan Garretsen de Vries.....Workum, Holland
DE VRIES (3)	French	Jan Petersen de Vries.....Amsterdam, Holland
DE WITT	Dutch	Dirk Claesen de Witt.....Zunderland, Holland
DIEDRICKS	Dutch	Hans Diedricks Isleven, Holland
DOREMUS	Dutch	Johannes Doremus.....Middleburgh, Holland
DOUGLAS	Scotch	William Douglas.....Leith, Scotland
DOW	Dutch	Douwe Jans Harlengen, Holland
DOUW	Dutch	Volkert Jansen Lenwarden, Holland
DUNCAN	English	George Duncan Bristol, England
DURIE	French	Jan Durje Mannheim, Germany
EARLE	English	Edward Earle, Jr. Maryland, United States
ECKERSON	Dutch	Jan Tomassen Oostenvelt, Holland
EDSALL	English	Samuel Edsall.....Reading, England
EDWARDS	Welsh	Harman Edwards .. New York City, New York
ELBERTSEN	Dutch	Elbert Elbertsen.....Nieukerk, Holland
ELY	English	Nathaniel ElyHartford, Connecticut
EVERTSEN	Dutch	Jan Everts Bout.....Barnevelt, Holland

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FELL	French	Symon Fell Dieppe, France
FELTER	German	William Velta Hamburg, Germany
FERDON	French	Thomas Verdon Amsterdam, Holland
FEURST	Flemish	Bartholmew Feurst Bruges, Flanders
FLIERBOOM	Dutch	Mattys Flierboom Albany, New York
FRANCE	Dutch	Frans Jacobsen Beest, Holland
FREDERICKSEN	Dutch	Dirk Fredericksen Friesland, Holland
FRENCH	English	Phillip French London, England
FOUNTAIN	French	Charel Fontayn Brooklyn, Long Island
GARRABRANTS	Dutch	Gerebrand Claesen Hoorn, Holland
GARRISON	Dutch	Gerret Gerretsen Wageningen, Holland
GARRETSON (1)	Dutch	Gerret Gerretsen Wageningen, Holland
GARRETSON (2)	Dutch	Wouter Garretsen Workum, Holland
GILBERTS	Dutch	Gysbert Lubberts Hilversam, Holland
GISNER	German	Hendrick Geisener Westchester, New York
GROOME	English	Samuel Groome Stepney, London, England
GUEST	Dutch	John Guest Pennsylvania, United States
HALMAGHS	Dutch	Peter Roloefsen Utrecht, Holland
HARDING	Swiss	Hans Jacobsen Harding Berne, Switzerland
HARING	Dutch	Jan Pietersen Hoorn, Holland
HARRIS	English	Ezekiel Harris New England, United States
HART	English	Thomas Hart Enfield, England
HAWKINS	English	Richard Hawkins London, England
HELMS	Dutch	Hendrick Teunis Hellinck Leyden, Holland
HENNION	Dutch	Nath'l Pietersen Henyon, New York, U. S.
HERTIE	Swiss	Hans Jacob Hertie Berne, Switzerland
HESSELS	Dutch	Peter Hessels, New Utrecht, Long Island
HOLDRUM	Dutch	William Holdrum Amsterdam, Holland
HOOGLAND (1)	Dutch	Dirk Jansen Maarsden, Holland
HOOGLAND (2)	Dutch	Cornelius Adriance Amsterdam, Holland
HOPPER	Dutch	Andries Hoppe Amsterdam, Holland
HOUSMAN	Dutch	Guert Cornelius Huysman, Amsterdam, Holland
HUYLER	Dutch	Capt. John Huyler New York, United States
JACOBS	Dutch	Peter Jacobs Beest, Holland
JACOBUS	Dutch	Roloff Jacobus Amsterdam, Holland
JANSEN (1)	Norwegian	Peter and Roloff Jansen Sant, Norway
JANSEN (2)	French	Mattice Jansen Cologne, France
JANSEN (3)	Swedish	Barent Jansen Stockholm, Sweden
JAY	French	Peter Jay London, England
JEROLEMON	Dutch	John Hans Jerolemon Albany, New York
JOOSTEN	Dutch	Rutgert Joosten Amsterdam, Holland
JURIANCE	Dutch	Andries Juriance Bergen op Zoom, Holland
KIERSTED	German	Kier Wolters Magdeburg, Germany
KINGSLAND	English	Nath'l & Isaac Kingsland, Barbadoes, West Ind.
KIPP	Dutch	Hendrick de Kype Amsterdam, Holland
KUYPER	Dutch	Claes Jensen Purmerend, Holland
LAMATER	French	Claude de Lamaister Riechbourg, France
LAROE	French	Jaques Laroe France
LAURENCE (1)	English	William Laurence St. Albans, England
LAURENCE (2)	Dutch	Arent Laurens Ysselstein, Holland
LAURENCE (3)	Danish	Serven Lorens Holstein, Denmark
LAURENCE (4)	Danish	Laurens Andriesen Holstein, Denmark

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LEENDERTS	Dutch	Paulus Leenderts..... Amsterdam, Holland
LOCKHART	English	George Lockhart..... London, England
LOOTS	English	John Loots..... Norwich, England
LOZIER	French	Francois Luseur Colmenil, France
LUBY	Dutch	Jacob Luby Amsterdam, Holland
LUDLOW	English	Gabriel Ludlow..... London, England
LYDECKER	Dutch	Ryck & Gerrit Lydecker.. Amsterdam, Holland
LYN	German	Conrad & Abraham Lyn.. Darmstadt, Germany
MABIE	Dutch	Casparus Meebje..... Amsterdam, Holland
MACLEAN	Scotch	Charles Maclean..... Leith, Scotland
MANDEVILLE	Dutch	Gillis Jansen de Mandeville, Garderen, Holland
MARINUS	Flemish	Cornelius Jansen Marinus .. Oostberg, Flanders
MARTIN	English	James Martin..... New York, United States
MERSELIS	Dutch	Peter Merselles..... Beest, Holland
MATTYS	Swedish	Cornelius Mattice..... Stockholm, Sweden
MEET (1)	English	Adam Meet,..... Essex, England
MEET (2)	Dutch	Pieter Jans Meet Amersfort, Holland
MELLINOT	Italian	Michael Mellinot Savoy, Italy
MERRITT	English	William Merritt..... London, England
MEYER (1)	German	Adolph Meyer..... Ulsen, Germany
MEYER (2)	German	Nicholas Meyer..... Hamburg, Germany
MEYER (3)	German	Harmanus Meyer Bremen, Germany
MILBURN	English	Jacob Milburn..... London, England
MOORE (1)	English	Francis Moore..... Boston, Massachusetts
MOORE (2)	English	Samuel Moore..... Barbadoes, West Indies
MORGAN	Welsh	Carl Morgan..... Hamburg, Germany
MORRIS (1)	English	Robert Morris..... Liverpool, England
MORRIS (2)	English	Richard Morris London, England
MORRIS (3)	English	Anthony Morris..... London, England
MORRIS (4)	English	Jury Maris
NAUGLE	Dutch	Barnt Naugle Groningen, Holland
NEWKIRK	Dutch	Gerbrand Claesen Amsterdam, Holland
NOBLE	English	Mark Noble New England, United States
ONDERDONK	Dutch	Adrian Vanderdonk..... Breda, Holland
OUTWATER	Dutch	Frans Jacob Outwater..... Oudewater, Holland
PARCELLS	French	Thomas Parcells..... Huntington, England
PAUW	Dutch	Michael Pauw..... Amsterdam, Holland
PEACK	English	Johannes Peack..... Amsterdam, Holland
PERRY	French	Jan Perie..... Pont-le-feeques, France
PETERSEN (1)	Dutch	Gerret Petersen Friesland, Holland
PETERSEN (2)	Dutch	Peter Rolofsen..... Utrecht, Holland
PHILLIPS	Dutch	Frederick Phillipse..... Bolswaert, Holland
PINHORNE	English	William Pinhorne..... London, England
PLANCK	Dutch	Abram Isaacsen Planck... Amsterdam, Holland
POST (1)	Dutch	Jan Jansen Postmail..... Harlingen, Holland
POST (2)	Dutch	Capt. Adrian Post..... Harlingen, Holland
POWLESS	Dutch	Powles Pietersen..... Merven, Holland
POWLESSEN	Dutch	Powles Pietersen..... Merven, Holland
POWLESSEN (2)	Dutch	Michael Powles Veendoren, Holland
PRIOR	Dutch	Casparus Cornelissen..... Amsterdam, Holland
PROVOST	Dutch	David Provost..... Connecticut, United States
PULIS	German	John Pulisfelt..... Darmstadt, Germany

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QUACKENBUSH	Dutch	Petrus Quackenbos.....Oostergeest, Holland
QUIDORE	French	Petrus Quidore..... Havre, France
RAMSAY	English	Samuel Ramsay..... Scotland
REYSERICK	Dutch	Reynier Reyserick.....Amsterdam, Holland
RIKER	Dutch	Abram Reyken..... Amsterdam, Holland
ROMAINE	Dutch	Claes Jansen Romeyn.....Amsterdam, Holland
ROY	Dutch	Jacob Jacobsen Roy.....Amsterdam, Holland
RUTAN	Dutch	Daniel Rutan..... Esopus, New York
RYERSEN	Dutch	Adrian & Martin Ryerson..Amsterdam, Holland
RUYVEN	Dutch	Cornelius Ruyven.....Ruyven, Holland
SANDFORD	English	William Sandford, St. Marys, Barbadoes, W. I.
SAUNIER	French	Paul Saunier..... Normandy, France
SCHOONMAKER	German	Cornelius Jans Schoonmaker, Hamburg, Germany
SCHUYLER	Dutch	David Pietersen & Philip Petersen, Amsterdam, Holland
SEGER	Swedish	Andries Seagard.....New Albany, New York
SCHOENMAKER	Dutch	Jan Cornelius Crynnen.....Aernheim, Holland
SHUART	German	James Shureg.....Darmstadt, Germany
SICKLES	Austrian	Zacharias Sickels.....Vienna, Austria
SIP	Dutch	Jan Adrianse Syp.....Amsterdam, Holland
SIMMONS	English	George Simmons...Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
SIVERT	German	Adolph Sivert..... Pruynes, Germany
SLINGERLAND	Dutch	Albert Slingerland.....Albany, New York
SLOTE	Danish	Jan Pietersen Slott..... Holstein, Denmark
SMEEMAN	Dutch	Herman Smeeman..... The Marsh, Holland
SMITH (1)	Irish	Morgan Smith..... Co. Cavan, Ireland
SMITH (2)	English	Matthew Smith..... London, England
SMITH (3)	English	Michael and John Smith..... London, England
SMITH (4)	Dutch	Lambert Arianse..... Gelderland, Holland
SMOCK	Dutch	Hendrick Mattice Smock... Friesland, Holland
SNEDEN	Dutch	Johannes Sneden..... Amsterdam, Holland
SNYDER	German	Abram Snyder..... Germany
SOMERINDYKE	Dutch	Necaseus de Stille.....Aernheim, Holland
SONMANS	Scotch	Pieter Sonmans..... Wallingford, Scotland
SPIER	German	Dirck Jansen Spier.....Bremen, Germany
STAGG	Dutch	John and William Stagg..Amsterdam, Holland
STEENHUYSEN	Dutch	Egbert Steenhusen..... Soest, Holland
STEVENSEN	Dutch	Oloff Stevensen..... Holland
STEWART	Scotch	John Stewart..... Stirling, Scotland
STILLWELL (1)	Dutch	Alex Stillwell..... Dunkirk, Holland
STILLWELL (2)	English	Nicholas Stilwell... Staten Island, New York
STIMETS	Dutch	Caspar Stimets..... Zeeland, Holland
STOFFELSEN	Dutch	Jacob Stoffelsen..... Zirkzee, Holland
STOOTHOFF	Dutch	Elbert Elbertsen..... Newkerk, Holland
STORMS	Dutch	Dirk Storms..... Utrecht, Holland
STRAATMAKER	German	Dirk Straatmaker..... Bremen, Germany
STRAUT	German	Dirk Straatmaker..... Bremen, Germany
STUYVESANT	Dutch	Petrus Stuyvesant.....Friesland, Holland
SUFFERN	Irish	John Suffern..... Antrim Co., Ireland
SWAEN	Swedish	John Swaen.....Stockholm, Sweden
SYCAN	Danish	Dirk Sycan..... Holstein, Denmark
TALLMAN	Dutch	Douwe Harmensen.....Friesland, Holland

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TER BOSH	German	John Terbosh Delmenhorst, Westphalia
TERHUNE	French	Albert Albertsen Terhune Hunen, Holland
TIBOUT	French	Michael Jan Tibout Bruges, France
TISE	Dutch	Dirk Tysen Gelderland, Holland
TITSORT	Dutch	John Titsort Amsterdam, Holland
VANDELINDA	Flemish	Joost Vanderlynden Belle, Flanders
VANDEBEEK	German	Paulus Vanderbeek Hamburg, Germany
VANDERHOFF	Dutch	Cornelius Vandehoff Gelderland, Holland
VANDERPOOL	Dutch	Myndert Gerritsen Amsterdam, Holland
VARLET	French	Nicholas Varlet Amsterdam, Holland
VARRICK	Dutch	Rudolphus Van Varrick Gelderland, Holland
VAN ALLEN (1)	Flemish	Lorens Van Halen Limbourgh, Flanders
VAN ALLEN (2)	Dutch	Petrus Van Halen Utrecht, Holland
VAN BLARCOM	Dutch	Johannus Van Blarcom Blarcom, Holland
VAN BUSKIRK	Danish	Lourens Andriesen Holstein, Denmark
VAN BUSSUM	Dutch	Cornelius & Gerret Van Borsen, Emden, Holland
VAN CAMPEN	Dutch	Garret Jansen Campen, Holland
VAN CORTLANDT	Dutch	Oloff Stevens Van Cortlandt, Wyck te Dunderstede, Holland
VAN DAM	Dutch	Rip Van Dam Albany, New York
VAN DINE (1)	Dutch	Gerret Cornelisse Van Dyne, Niewkirk, Holland
VAN DINE (2)	Dutch	Dirk Garretsen Tricht, Holland
VAN DOLSEN (1)	Dutch	Jan Garretsen Vries Workum, Holland
VAN DOLSEN (2)	Dutch	Dirk Jan Van Dolsen Haarlem, Holland
VAN DUSER	Dutch	Abram Pietersen Dursen, Holland
VAN DYKE	Dutch	Jan Tomasse Van Dyke Amsterdam, Holland
VAN EMBURG	Dutch	Gysbert Gysberts Van Imbrooch Amsterdam, Holland
VAN ETTEN	Flemish	Jacob Jansen Van Etten Brabant, Flanders
VAN GELDER	Dutch	Jacobus Evertse Van Gelder, Gelderland, Holland
VAN GIESEN	Dutch	Reynier Bastianse Giesen, Holland
VAN HORN	Dutch	Claes Jansen Hoorn, Holland
VAN HOUTEN	Dutch	Peter Roelfsen Utrecht, Holland
VAN IMMEN	Dutch	Dirk Garretsen Van Immin Bextel, Holland
VAN NESS	Dutch	Hendrick Garretsen Van Ness, Amberlandt, Holland
VAN NOSTRAND	Dutch	Hans Hansen Zeeland, Holland
VAN ORDEN (1)	Dutch	Claes Jansen Naerden, Holland
VAN ORDEN (2)	Dutch	Dirk Jansen Naerden, Holland
VAN OSTUM	Dutch	Hendrick Van Ostum Amsterdam, Holland
VAN PUTTEN	Dutch	Aerent Teunessen Putten, Holland
VAN REIPEN	Danish	Juriaen Tomassen Reipen, Denmark
VAN SALLE	Dutch	Anthony Franzen Saale, Holland
VAN SAUN	Dutch	Jacob Van Saun Zauwen, Holland
VAN SCHALCKWYCK	Dutch	Henry Jans Van Schalckwyck Schalckwyck, Holland
VAN SCIVER	Dutch	Petrus Van Schuyven Schuyven, Holland
VAN TUYL	Dutch	Michael Abrams Van Tuyl Tuyl, Holland
VAN VALEN	Dutch	Johannes Vervielle Amsterdam, Holland
VAN VECHTEN	Dutch	Tunis Dircksen Van Vechten Noeg, Holland
VAN VLECK	German	Tielman Van Vleck Bremen, Germany
VAN VOORHIS	Dutch	Coert Albertsen Voorhuysen, Holland

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VAN VORST	Dutch	Cornelius Van Vorst Gelderland, Holland
VAN WAGENEN	Dutch	Guert Gerretsen Wageningen, Holland
VAN WART (1)	Dutch	Mattice Van Waert Utrecht, Holland
VAN WART (2)	Dutch	Tuis Jacobsen Van Woert. Schoendewoert, Holland
VAN WINKLE	Dutch	Walling, Jacob and Simon Jacobsen, Middleburg, Holland
VEDDER	Dutch	Harman Albertsen Vedder. .Gronengen, Holland
VERBRUGGEN	Dutch	John Verbruggen. Amsterdam, Holland
VERBYCK	Dutch	Jensen Verbyck Isveren, Holland
VERWAY	Dutch	Cornelius Verway. Amsterdam, Holland
VINGE	Flemish	John Vinge Bruges, Flanders
VREELAND	Flemish	Michael Jansen Brockhuysen, Flanders
WALDRON	Dutch	Resolved Waldron. Amsterdam, Holland
WANNAMAKER	German	Peter Wannamaker. Darmstadt, Germany
WARREN	English	Peter Warren London, England
WESTERVELT	Dutch	Lubbert Lubbertsen. Meppel, Holland
WHITE	English	Anthony White. Boston, Massachusetts
WILSON	Scotch	Peter Wilsey Leith, Scotland
WINANS	Dutch	Cornelius Wynhard Gronengen, Holland
WINNE	Flemish	Peter Winne Ghent, Flanders
WORTENDYKE	Dutch	Nicaseus de Stille Aernheim, Holland
WOUTERSON	Dutch	Egbert Wouterson Ysselstine, Holland
YEREANSE	Dutch	Andries Jurianse Bergen op Zoom, Holland
ZABRISKIE	Polish	Albrecht Sobeiski. Zolkieu, Poland

Introduction of Township Governments.

The first division of the counties into townships was made pursuant to two acts of the Colonial Assembly, one approved in September, 1692, and the other in October, 1693. The reasons for this division were set forth in the preamble to the second of the above mentioned acts, as follows:

“Whereas, several things is to be done by the inhabitants of towns, hamlets, tribes, or divisions within each county, as chusing of deputies, constables, &c., taxing and collecting of several rates for publick uses and the making orders amongst themselves respectively about swine and fences, &c.

“Whereas, a great many settlements are not reckoned within any such town or division, nor the bounds of the reputed towns ascertained by means therof, the respective constables know not their districts, and many other inconveniences arising from them, and forasmuch as the act made in September, 1692, for dividing the several counties and townships, the time for the return of the said divisions, being too short and the method of dividing by county meeting inconvenient, Therefore be it enacted, &c.”

Under the above acts Bergen County (then including the present Bergen and Hudson Counties) was divided into three townships: Hackensack, New Barbadoes, and Bergen. Of these, Hackensack comprised “all the land betwixt the Hackensack River and Hudson River, that extends from the corporation town bound of Bergen to the partition line of the Province.” New Barbadoes comprised “all the land on Passaic River, above the third river, and from the mouth of the said third river northwest to the partition line of the Province, including also all the land in the New Barbadoes neck, betwixt Hackensack and Passaic Rivers, and thence to the partition line of

the Province." Bergen comprised what is now that part of Hudson County east of the Hackensack River.

The following table shows the names of the several townships and municipalities erected in Hudson County to date, the dates of their erection, and the names of the townships and other municipalities from which they were erected:

No.	NAME OF TOWNSHIP	DATE OF ERECTION	NAME OF TOWNSHIP FROM WHICH TAKEN
1	Bergen (Tp.)	October, 1693	Original
2	Jersey (City)	January 28, 1820	Bergen
3	Harrison (Tp.)	February 22, 1840	Lodi, Bergen County
4	Van Vorst (Tp.)	March 11, 1841	Bergen
5	North Bergen (Tp.)	February 10, 1843	Bergen
6	Hoboken (Tp.)	March 1, 1841	North Bergen
7	Hudson (Tp.)	March 4, 1852	Bergen
8	Hoboken (City)	March 28, 1855	North Bergen
9	Weehawken (Tp.)	March 15, 1859	Hoboken
10	Bayonne (Tp.)	February 16, 1861	Bergen
11	Union (Tp.)	February 28, 1861	Bergen
12	West Hoboken (Town)	February 28, 1861	Bergen
13	Greenville (Tp.)	March 18, 1863	Bergen
14	Town of Union	March 29, 1864	Union
15	Kearney (Town)	March 14, 1867	Harrison
16	Bayonne (City)	March 10, 1869	Bayonne
17	Guttenberg (Tp.)	April 1, 1878	Union
18	West New York (Town)	March 21, 1898	Union
19	East Newark (Town)	1898	Harrison
20	Secaucus (Bor.)	March 12, 1900	North Bergen
21	Secaucus (Town)	June (?), 1917	North Bergen

Borough Governments.

The borough system of government for small communities was first introduced into New Jersey by an act incorporating the "Borough of Elizabeth" During the next ninety years a number of similar municipalities were erected in various parts of the State, each of which was the creation of a special act of the Legislature. No general law on the subject was enacted until April 5, 1878, when what has since been known as "The General Borough Act" became a law. It provided that the inhabitants of any township or part of a township embracing an area not to exceed four square miles, and containing a population not exceeding five thousand, might become a body politic and corporate in fact and in law whenever, at a special election to be called for that purpose, it might be decided by a majority of votes of the electors of the proposed borough qualified to vote at elections for State and Township officers.

For a period of sixteen years following the passage of this act, very few boroughs were organized in the State, only three of them being in Bergen County. In the spring of 1894 an act was passed establishing an entirely new system of public instruction. By this act the old school districts were blotted out and each township erected into a separate and distinct district. All the taxpayers of each township were thenceforth required to assume and pay, pro rata, the debts already incurred by the several old districts, as well as

all future debts of the township for school purposes. The people complained against the injustice of such a law, and sought a way to escape its operation.

By the terms of the law, it was in operation in all incorporated boroughs, towns, villages and cities, and accordingly a rush was made to form boroughs, particularly in Bergen County, and had not the Legislature hastened to check this rush by amending the school law, the whole county would have been carved into boroughs in less than two years. As it was, 26 boroughs were created in the county from January 23rd, 1894, to December 18th, of the same year. The amendment which the Legislature made to the school act provided that no borough might maintain a school separate from the township unless there should be 400 children within its limits. This so effectually checked the borough movement that only five have since been formed.

Jersey City.

The locality now known as Jersey City was, before the white race came to America, inhabited by a branch of the Minsi Division of the Lenni Lanape Nation of the red men, and was called Sheyichbi. The name Lenni Lanape means "Men of Our Nation" and they claim to be the oldest nation and root of the great Algonquin stock which occupied this continent from Hudson Bay to South Carolina, and from the Atlantic to the Mississippi and the great plains, with the exception of a portion east of the lakes, where the Huron Iroquois dwelled. In 1750 New Jersey paid them \$5,000 for their lands in this state.

In the fall of 1609, when Hendrick Hudson anchored the "Half Moon" off Communipaw, where lower Jersey City now stands, it was largely salt marsh, and the heights were crowned with heavy forests. Hendrick Hudson found an Indian village called Gemoenepa, and another at Hackensack. It is said that Summit Avenue was a part of the trail or path connecting the two villages. He found the natives along the west shore, from Sandy Hook to Weehawken, most friendly and generous. Of these natives it is said "they were more beautiful in form or feature than can possibly be described".

As already mentioned, Michael Pauw secured a deed from the Indians on November 22, 1630, to Ahasimus and Aresick (burying ground) peninsula late called Paulus Hook. In May, 1633, Michael Paulaz or Paulluson, an officer of the West Indian Co., was living at Pavonia. He lived in a hut on the Point, which was later called Paulus Hook.

In the latter part of 1633, two houses were built, one at Ahasimus, what is now the corner of Fourth and Henderson Sts., and the other at Communipaw. These were the first two regular buildings in this county. Jan Evertsen Bout, who succeeded Pauluson as Superintendent of Pavonia, selected the house at Communipaw for his home and was the first white resident there. This house was burned in 1643. In 1636, Cornelius Van Vorst became Superintendent of the property and lived in the house built at Ahasimus.

On September 8th, 1660, Jacques Cortelyou was ordered to survey Gemoenepa and lay it out into lots. This site, fronted by the bay, extended from what is now Communipaw Avenue on the north to the Bay Shore House on the south. In June, 1663, Gerrit Gerritsen, Harmen Smeeman and Dirck Claussen were appointed commissioners to fortify Gemoenepa, as it was called at that time. On May 9th, 1661, Egbert Sanderson and Jan Theunis-

sen, inhabitants of Long Island, petitioned for permission to erect a saw mill near the stream of Gemoenepa and move their families there, and for a lot of land for each. The permission was given, and they built a mill below the points of rocks on the stream formerly called the Creek of the Woods or "the Creek of the High Wood Lands." This mill was later referred to as the "Mill of Hossemus"; from this mill the creek received its name of Mill Creek. This creek was filled in when the cut was made for the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1837. In 1661 Sanderson erected a saw mill on Showhank Brook; this creek rose in an Indian spring in West Hoboken and ran south until it reached the point where New York Avenue crosses Palisade Avenue; then it turned down the hill and emptied into Mill Creek.

The first legalized ferry across to Manhattan Island was established at the foot of Communipaw Avenue, when the village of Bergen was started in the fall of 1830 by William Jansen. The boats were of the old Spanish pirouge style, pointed at both ends, and with two masts. Horses and carriages were also transported across in these boats. The rates were fixed by the Governor General and Council. Jansen ran boats across three times a week. In 1669 a license was issued to Peter Hetfelsen to run a ferry from Communipaw to New York with a list of rates to be charged; all of which were payable in Wampum. "Any person, letter, packet, or message of public business, and the Governor and his family were to be carried free." John Tymensen succeeded Hetfelsen in 1672. In 1783 Aaron Longstreet and Company advertised that "constant attendance was given by the boats at the ferry stairs, near the Exchange, at 3 P. M., to bring passengers to Communipaw, where the Newark stage would be ready to convey them to Newark and thence by the excellent New York and Philadelphia running machines in one day to Philadelphia."

The first road built in this county was from Communipaw to Bergen in 1660. It ran across the present Communipaw Avenue to Summit Avenue, then northerly along Summit Avenue to Academy Street, then westerly to Bergen. It was named "Off-fall" Road, from the stream that ran from Tuer's Pond and fell over the ledge of rock at the present intersection of Grant Street and Communipaw Avenue. Until Grant Street was extended across the marsh in 1847, the people from Communipaw and along to Bergen Point, could only reach Jersey City by way of Bergen, and the Prior's Mill Road or Newark Avenue; where Monticello Avenue now is was a marsh until comparatively recent times. On November 24th, 1790, the Legislature appointed five commissioners to locate and build bridges across the Hackensack and Passaic and lay out a road four rods wide from the Newark Court House to Paulus Hook.

Bergen section, around Montgomery Street and Bergen Avenue, was founded in 1660 by Tilman Van Vleck. He petitioned for permission to found a village there. After being refused twice, he was finally successful the third time, and on August 16th, permission was granted him on the following condition: "The site should be selected by the Governor and Council; it must be a place easily defended; the land to be distributed by lot, and work on each lot to begin within six weeks. Each owner of a lot to send one man to bear arms. The houses were to be within a fortified village, and the farms were to be outside." The place was surveyed and laid out by Jacques Cortelyou, Surveyor of Nieu Netherland. This was the first village in New Jersey, and was called "Bergen Village" after a small town in Holland. It is claimed that a block house was built on the corner of Vroom and Teurs Sts., as a protection against the Indians. The first lot taken in the new village,

now known as 201 Academy Street, was bought by Cornelius Van Reypen. Some of the other families who bought lots in the village, were: Van Wagnens, Romeyns, Van Winkles, Sip and Neukirk. Branches of many of these families are still living in that neighborhood.

The first local Court in New Jersey was established in Bergen in September, 1661. Tielman Van Vleck was schout or sheriff, Michael Jansen, Herman Smeeman and Casper Stynmets as schepens or magistrates. However, only smaller offenses came before this court, all criminal cases were tried before the Director General and Council in Nieuw Netherland. In 1673, a house was made "ye prison for the Province" until a prison could be built, and Adrian Post, a constable, was made keeper. Later a "lock-up" was built on the east side of the square near where the school now stands. On the westerly side were the stocks and the whipping post.

During the war of 1812-14 a Liberty Pole was erected in a well, which had been dug in the center of the square in 1662. This pole was taken down in 1870, when the square was paved.

The first school house in Bergen was built in 1664, and Engelbert Steenhuisen was appointed schoolmaster. In 1790 the Columbia Academy was built on the same site, and in 1857 the present school, No. 11, was erected.

The first church was built in 1680, but before that time it is believed religious services were held in the school house.

In 1773, the new church building was erected on the corner of what is now known as Vroom Street and Bergen Avenue. The third church was dedicated July 14th, 1882.

The first cemetery of Bergen was laid out on the south side of Vroom Street, just outside of the new town. The second cemetery was opened in 1738 on the corner of Vroom Street and Bergen Avenue. The Jersey City Cemetery was opened in 1829. About 1831 still another burial ground of the Bergen Church, east of Bergen Avenue and south of Vroom Street, was bought of Aaron Tuers. The New York Bay Cemetery was established in 1849, and the Spier's Cemetery in 1857. Other cemeteries have been founded since then.

Paulus Hook was situated east of what is now Warren Street. It was sold by the East Indian Company to Abraham Issacsen Planck on May 1, 1638. The Planck family sold it to Cornelius Van Vorst on August 2, 1699.

In 1754 a post route was established between New York and Philadelphia by way of Bergen Point and Staten Island.

One of the first parks was laid out by Van Vorst, at what is now the foot of Grant Street. Michael Cornelisen built a tavern north of Grant Street, near the water. This was later also used as a ferry house. In 1769, Van Vorst laid out a race track along the edge of the upland. This was in use until 1804.

The Beacon Race Course was established on the hill which was later known as Hudson City, about 1837. It was located southeast of where the reservoir now stands and was the scene of some very celebrated races.

Revolutionary Notes.

Lord Stirling, in command of the American forces in this section in 1776, put Bergen and Paulus Hook in condition of defense. A fort was built at Bergen Neck, later called Fort Delancy, to prevent the English from coming over from Staten Island. Troops from New York and Philadelphia were stationed there under command of General Mercer. On July

12th, 1776, fire was opened on the British warships as they came up the bay. On the 16th of September, the British captured New York City, and on September 23rd, the English bombarded the fort and then landed a force. General Mercer recognized that the fort could not be held, and retired with his troops, after removing all guns, stores, etc. He retired with his troops to Bergen and later joined Washington in his retreat to the Delaware.

For a long time Paulus Hook was the only British stronghold in New Jersey.

On August 18th, 1789, Major Henry Lee, with a little over 400 men, started from New Bridge (Hackensack) on a march of 14 miles through the woods to make an attack upon the fort at Paulus Hook. The following afternoon he gained possession of the outer fort. Major Lee had intended to burn the barracks, but on finding sick soldiers, women and children, he retreated, after taking 159 prisoners; he lost 2 of his own men and had three wounded. After a march of many hardships Major Lee returned to New Bridge. He received a medal from Congress and \$15,000 to be distributed among the troops which were engaged in the attack.

On August 24th, 1779, General Lafayette marched his troops on a foraging expedition from Fort Lee to Bergen. They encamped in the locality now known as Waldo Avenue, between Henry Street and Magnolia Avenue, about an old tulip tree. The tree was cut down December 20th, 1871. Van Wagenen's Place on the northwest corner of Academy Street and Bergen Square, was Lafayette's headquarters. Here he entertained General Washington at dinner in the orchard under an apple tree.

The Incorporation of Jersey City.

Anthony Dey of New York bought Paulus Hook with its ferry rights, from the Van Vorst family, on March 26, 1804, for \$6,000 in Spanish Milled Dollars. Dey sold it to Abraham Varick, who again, within a month, sold it to Richard Varick, Jacob Radcliff, and Anthony Dey. These men were all successful lawyers in New York, and they became the founders of Jersey City. They divided their purchase into one thousand shares, associating others with themselves. On November 10th, 1804, the Legislature passed an act incorporating the "Associates of the Jersey Company".

The city limits were, at various times, extended and the governing power changed. In 1820 the Legislature passed an "Act to Incorporate Jersey City, in the County of Bergen". On January 23, 1829, this was changed to "The Board of Selectmen and Inhabitants of Jersey City". On the 22nd of February, 1838, the governing power was vested in the "Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City". It then ceased to be part of Bergen Township.

Dudley S. Gregory was the first Mayor of Jersey City. He served as Mayor in 1838-39-41, 58 and 59.

Hudson County was set off from Bergen County in 1840. Hudson City was formerly part of North Bergen Township, but on March 4th, 1852, was incorporated as the "Town of Hudson in the County of Hudson". On the 11th of April, 1859, it was incorporated as the "City of Hudson". In 1869 that section, Bergen, and Jersey City, became one city under the name of Jersey City. In 1873 the town of Greenville was annexed to Jersey City.

The first school on Paulus Hook was started in 1806. This was a private "pay" school and soon failed. In 1838, the Mayor and Council remodeled an old building and used this as a school house, town hall, and jail.

After a time the officials ceased to use it, and they met at different inns and taverns until 1861, when the City Hall was built. In 1887 measures were begun to build a larger City Hall, and on May 26, 1894, the corner stone was laid for the present City Hall, which was completed on January 1st, 1896, costing a sum of \$736,267.56.

The first public school was opened in Jersey City in 1848, on York St., west of Washington St. Mr. Lensley was the first principal and the school was called Public School No. 1.

The first Post Office was established in 1807 by Postmaster General Grainger. Before that time, people had to go to New York or Newark for their letters. The first successful church society was that of St. Matthews' Episcopal Church, which was organized on August 21, 1808. The first Presbyterian society was founded in 1809. The Particular Baptist Church was organized in 1839. In 1836 the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. It is said that the Roman Catholics were under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of New York until 1853, when the Diocese of New Jersey was organized. However, St. Peter's R. C. Church opened for services in 1837. Many other church societies have since been organized.

The first Fire Department was started in 1829 by public subscription. The Police Department was organized about the same time with seven watchmen. In 1837 four night watchmen and a City Marshal to serve by day, were appointed. In 1845 the watchmen were required to call the hours during the night "until the hour of calling off arrive". In 1851 uniform caps and clubs were introduced. The first station house was built in 1859 at Coopers Alley and Gregory St. The present form of police government was started in 1866, and the mounted police were organized in 1873. The first attorney to practice law in Jersey City was James Wilson, who opened his law office in 1812. The Hudson County Bar was founded in 1840.

The first court of the new county opened in Lyceum Hall in Grand St., on April 14th, 1840. On September 19th, 1843, the court was moved to the Newkirk house at the Five Corners, and continued there until March 11th, 1845, when the Court House was completed. The jail, next to the Court House, was finished a little later. The present Court House was completed in 1912. In 1843 street lamps were introduced; on December 1, 1852, gas was first used in Jersey City, and in 1884 electric lighting for the streets began. The first telephone service in the city was in 1878.

In the early days, people living in Bergen and Communipaw, had to travel by private conveyances or walk to the ferry by the mill road; later stages were run by Peter Merselis from the ferry to Bergen via the Five Corners. After a time omnibuses were introduced and large open sleighs in the winter. Peter Merselis sold out to the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Co., which was incorporated on March 15th, 1859. They were authorized to lay out and construct a railroad from some point on the Kill van Kull at Bergen Point to the Newark Turnpike Road, leading from Jersey City to Newark. They ran a line with dummy engines from the Pennsylvania Railroad Ferry to Bergen Point. Later they received permission to lay a single track of iron rail on Montgomery St., Newark Ave., Grove St., to Montgomery St., Gregory St. to York St. and Hudson St. to Montgomery St.

The horse cars came into use in 1864, and the first trolley car was run in Jersey City on the Montgomery St. line from Bergen Ave. to Monmouth St., in 1890.

In 1834, the New Jersey Railroad and the Paterson and Hudson River Railroad were opened in Jersey City. The N. J. Railroad extended to

Newark. Eight trips were made a day and each trip took one hour and a half from Jersey City to Newark. The cars were drawn by horses until the locomotive, "the Newark", was used in 1838. The road consolidated with the Camden and Amboy in 1867, and the consolidation was leased to the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. in 1870.

Jersey City to-day is one of the most up-to-date and prosperous communities in the county. Many of the most beautiful buildings can be found there; the Court House, City Hall, Post Office, Free Public Library, City Hospital, Dickinson High School, and many others too numerous to mention. Some of the finest parks in the county can also be found in Jersey City.

In 1913, Jersey City adopted the Commission form of government to take effect the following year.

Hoboken.

Hoboken received its name from Hohopoghan Hackingh—the land of the tobacco pipe. Here the Indians procured the stone from which they carved their pipes.

The first recorded deed was conveyed by the Indians on July 12th, 1630, to the Director and Council of New Netherlands, who were acting for Michael Pauw. An agent of Pauw, Cornelius Van Vorst, settled at Ahasimus (Jersey City), and his son Hendrick was probably the first white occupant of Hoboken. At least he had a farm there, but there is no record of any house, and they probably lived with his father at Ahasimus. He returned to Holland, where he died in 1639, and the following year Director-General Kieft, the Governor of Nieu Netherland, leased Hoboken to Aert Teunissen Van Putten and agreed to build a small house there. Van Putten improved the place, worked the soil, and built a brew-house, which was still standing in 1649. Van Putten was killed by the Indians in 1643. His widow later re-married and laid claim to Hoboken, but Governor Kieft did not allow the claim and leased Hoboken to Dierck Claesen from Bremen, who later abandoned the place, and in the end of the year 1649 Hoboken was unoccupied. A few years later Nicholas Varleth acquired an interest in Hoboken, and in 1663 he succeeded in getting a formal grant of the land from Governor Peter Stuyvesant, which was later confirmed by Governor Carteret after the English conquest in 1668. Varleth had married Anna Stuyvesant, a sister of the Governor, and the widow of Samuel Bayard, in 1665. After Varleth's death in 1675 his heirs succeeded to his estate, and from them the Hoboken property was conveyed to his step-son Samuel Bayard, Jr., in 1711. His descendants continued in possession of Hoboken until the Revolutionary War. The mansion of Wm. Bayard, the last of the family to own Hoboken, stood on Castle Point.

During the Revolutionary War, Wm. Bayard was on the side of the colonists, but when the British captured New York in 1776, he joined the King's Army with the rank of Colonel. At the close of the war, the State of New Jersey confiscated his Hoboken estate, as he had taken up arms against his own country. The estate was ordered to be sold at public auction. General Von Steuben tried to buy the land before it was sold at auction, but his attempt was unsuccessful and the auction sale of the Bayard Estate was held on March 16th, 1784. Colonel John Stevens bought the Estate for about \$90,000.

The Stevens family at once started to build up Hoboken, and it soon became one of the greatest pleasure resorts. Twenty-five thousand to thirty

thousand people would come to Hoboken to spend the day there. There were all kinds of entertainments and refreshments were served at the "76 House" near the ferry and at the "Colonnade", a pavillion which was erected by Colonel Stevens in the Elysian Fields in 1830, and many others. The "Green" and "River Walk" were frequented by all classes of all ages. John Jacob Astor and many other well known people mingled freely with the throngs of pleasure seekers there.

In 1811, John Stevens ran the first steam ferry boat, the "Julianna", his own invention, and the first steam ferry boat in the world. In the early days the ferry boats landed in New York at Vesey St.; in 1817 it was moved to Murray St., and in 1818 to the present site, at Barclay St.

With the perfection of the steam ferry boat and the steamship, Hoboken slowly changed to a commercial center.

On March 28th, 1855, Hoboken was incorporated as a city, with a population of 6,727. To-day the population of the "Mile Square City" numbers over 80,000.

The first stage route was established in 1855; the first water mains were laid in 1857; in 1858 the first school was opened. St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church held the first services in 1832, but a permanent organization was not effected before March 2nd, 1835.

The first horse cars appeared on Washington St. in 1861. The first National Bank was established in 1865. The Erie Railroad and the Hamburg-American Line were established two years previous.

North Hudson.

West Hoboken, which has the distinction of being the biggest town in the United States, was incorporated as a township on February 28th, 1867. Previous to that time, it was part of North Bergen Township, which formerly was part of Bergen County. It is not definitely known when the first house was erected in West Hoboken, but it is supposed to be in the last quarter of the eighteenth century. The first inhabitants, who were Dutch, and later French people, settled and founded a village around Paterson and Clinton Ave. A few people settled in the northern end of the town, which at that time was mostly woodland.

It seems that the Indians, after the Indian War in 1643, gained complete control over the northern part of the county, or what is now known as North Hudson. A deed conveying this property to the whites, read in part as follows: "On the 30th day of January, 1658, the Indians sold to the Noble Lord Director General Pieter Stuyvesant and Council of Nieu Netherlands, a tract of land lying on the west side of the North River.

"Beginning from the Great Clip (referring to the Palisades) above Wiehachen and from there right through the land above the Island Sikakes (Secaucus) and therefrom thence to the Kill von Coll, and so along the Constables Hoeck again to the aforesaid clip above Wiehachen."

The tract was purchased for: 80 fathoms of wampum, 20 fathoms of cloth, 12 brass kettles, 6 guns, 1 double brass kettle, and half a barrel strong beer," in all valued at \$675.00.

Almost all of the property north of Stevens Street belonged to the Bayard Estate. This was auctioned off, as before mentioned, in 1784, when John Stevens bought the biggest part of it; he later sold his holdings in West Hoboken to the Hoboken Land Improvement Co. Wm. Jackson bought a large tract of land adjoining Stevens' property. In 1785 Cornelius Van

Vorst bought a large tract of what now comprises the middle western part of the town. Some of the other early land owners were: the De Motts, Trap-hagens, Van Reinens and Van Winkles. A large tract of land was owned by Mersalis in 1779, and by his heirs later sold to John Syms. Outside the "village" limits West Hoboken was composed of farms and thick woods, in which many specimens of cedar trees could be found. Among some of the owners of these farms and their descendants may be mentioned the Kerri-gans, De Motts, Van Vorsts, Syms, Ludlows, Mascus, Roseman's, Trap-hagens, Dubois, Bonns and the Dreschers. Some of these farms were only cut up into building lots in the early 60's and some much later.

At the time the town was incorporated the population numbered 1500 inhabitants. The center of population was at Paterson and Clinton Avenue, and only a few houses were grouped together in the northern end of the town, where the car barns are now located.

One of the oldest land marks in North Hudson is Cox's store on Hack-ensack Plankroad and the Boulevard. It was established in 1837 when the Cox family bought it from A. Ross. People living in the neighborhood would say, "I live ten minutes north (or south, east or west) of Cox's Corner." Some people would even print this on their business cards, besides their address.

One of the greatest amusement places in those days was the Syms Woods, located in the middle of the Township. It was bounded on the east by the present line of Spring Street, on the south about one hundred feet south of Syms Street, on the west about one hundred feet east of Central Avenue, and on the north by John Street. The gate leading to this wood was situated on Spring Street. Most of the picnics were held in this wood. In the minutes of the Town Council of June, 1871, a motion can be found to "allow the trustees privilege to maintain a bar for the sale of malt liquors, said bar to be in the woods."

There were no streets running north and south through the town, except the Weavertown Road (Boulevard), until 1870, when Palisade Ave. was opened. There were no side streets from Stevens Street north to Angelique Street, until 1882. Spring Street was opened 1882, and Clinton Avenue was opened five years later. The large tract of land in the northern part of the town was "known as the Commons". It was on these "Commons" that the U. S. Government, in 1861, maintained a camp for their soldiers. When the car stables were built, the railroad company leased part of the "Commons", fenced it in, and used it for pasturage for their horses.

The first members of the Township Committee of West Hoboken were Sinclair, Cox, and Aldcorn. W. Sinclair was the first chairman of the Township Committee, and John A. Freeland was the first Township Clerk. Sinclair was also elected Treasurer, and Andrew Anderson was the first Assessor and Collector. The first meeting of the Township Committee was held in the office of John Hague and later the meetings were held at Mrs. C. H. Piebes' Hotel on Hillside Road and Palisade Avenue. A Town Hall was erected on Palisade Avenue, near High Street, in 1868. The building was later removed to Charles Street, where it remained until 1888, when the present Town Hall was built. The office of Recorder was created in 1875, and W. E. Simms was the first Recorder. The Justices of the Peace had previously tried most of the cases. There were no policemen, but on holidays or on special occasions a Constable would be hired to preserve peace. The offices of Assessor and Collector were separated in 1871, and the first Assessor was Herman Brtising. The Post Office was situated on

Paterson Avenue in a grocery store kept by John Freeland, who was also the Postmaster.

In 1884 the Township assumed the title of Town, but retained the old charter, and in that year the following citizens were elected to the Township Committee: Alfred De Bevoise, Thomas Nolan, B. Fitzgerald, R. E. Galbraith, and Fred Engeln; S. A. Fawl was elected Town Clerk. A regular paid police force was established the same year, with Fred Sieler in command as sergeant. The special officers were paid on the piece work system, receiving fifteen cents for each hour's work. In addition they received seventy-five cents for every arrest, fifty cents for attending court, one dollar and forty-eight cents to bring a prisoner to Snake Hill, and a dollar and a quarter for lodging a prisoner in the County Jail.

The first school in West Hoboken was established in 1845. It consisted of one large room in a small one-story frame building located on Hoboken Street near Spring Street. The lone teacher and principal's name was Kelly. A few years later another school was established on Ann Street, and this school was in charge of a teacher named Kroh. Several other small schools were added until 1867, when Public School No. 1 was built at a cost of \$32,762.56. The first principal of this school was John Keynton.

The first transit facility was established in 1846, when Saltzman began running stages from De Mott Street and Clinton Avenue to the Hoboken Ferry, going down Paterson Plankroad. The fare was one shilling. The line changed hands several times until finally Nicholas Goelz secured control of the line. He changed the route from West Hoboken to Union Hill, using the Hackensack Plank Road to the ferry. This was in 1859. Goelz built his stables on Bergenline Avenue and Franklin Street. About this time a line of horse cars were running from the ferry to Congress Street in Jersey City. Goelz's barns and stables were struck by lightning and burnt down in 1863, and before rebuilding he consolidated with the Jersey City Co., who had cars running in Jersey City and Hoboken. After the consolidation the company erected a car depot on Spring Street in 1865, and a steam dummy was installed on the Palisade Avenue line in Jersey City, and this road was extended up into West Hoboken, running as far as the Hillside Road. In 1871, the tracks were extended to the car stables, the dummy was discontinued, and the first horse car was run through West Hoboken.

At that time the stores and residences were illuminated by kerosene lamps, but in 1872 the Township Committee of West Hoboken entered into an agreement with the Hudson County Gas Co., and this company was given permission to lay gas mains in several streets. Seventeen gas lamps were installed and John Everson was appointed gas lighter. The gas company agreed to pay one half of his salary and the Township the other half. The lamps were not supposed to be lit on nights when the moon, according to the almanac, was supposed to shine.

In the year 1890, the Town Council contracted with the Hudson Electric Light Co. for fifteen arc lights. These were installed on Clinton Avenue from Stevens south, and on Spring Street from Stevens north.

Union Hill.

Union Hill, which was incorporated as a town on March 26, 1864, began to be settled in 1851, when a small group of German-Americans employed by the Hoe Company in New York City crossed the Hudson River to look for more pleasing quarters where they could establish their homes. After climbing the bluff, they reached Union Hill, which at that time was farms and woodlands. After thoroughly looking over the ground, they decided it would be an ideal place to live, and upon their return to New York City, they called a meeting in a small Weinstube on the Bowery near Stanton Street, and there organized a Building and Loan Association. In this way Union Hill was born. John Pleikhardt, who has since become well known in Union Hill, was among the first settlers. The section between Hackensack Plank Road and Union Street was the first to be settled, but in 1853 Louis Becker incorporated a company, which bought large parcels of land from the Gardner Farm, one of the largest farms located between Union and Fulton Sts. The Greenleaf, Danielsens, Earle, Merrit, Cantello, and several other farms were located within the section. The Louis Becker Co. sold the lots ranging from \$50 to \$100 a piece on the installment plan, payable at \$2.50 a month. After part of the money had been paid, a lottery was held in New York one Sunday morning, when a drawing for their lots took place. Hardly any of the men who had bought lots knew where these were located or what they looked like. After the drawing the men went to Union Hill to locate their individual plots; some found themselves to be very lucky, and others found their lots to be a big water pool. Among the latter was Fred Lange, who found his lot to be nothing but water, where the Simon factory now stands. He had already paid \$30, but stopped further payments on his purchase. Among some of the luckier purchasers were the Berenbroick and Gottlieb families, and several others.

The first public school was established in 1858 on Lewis Street, next to where now the Hudson Theatre stands. Part of this first schoolhouse still stands there. A man by the name of Schaefer was the teacher.

On January 30, 1860, several citizens met at Erb's Hall to organize a Fire Company. The following temporary officers were elected: H. Rottmann, President; W. Vogel, Secretary; U. Erb, Treasurer. The monthly dues were fixed at 25c. A committee consisting of Rottmann, Vogt and Reinhart were elected to prepare a constitution. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Budenbender's Hall, on Sunday, February 12. The constitution was adopted at the next meeting, and the company organized as Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Union Hill. Any German over 21 years of age was eligible for membership. This was amended at the next meeting to read: All business at meetings and orders at fires shall be in German. The uniform consisted of a red woolen shirt and a fire hat. The following officers were elected: H. Rottmann, Foreman; J. Reinhart, Jr., Assistant Foreman; W. Vogel, Secretary, and U. Erb, Treasurer. On April 7, 1860, the company was accepted by the Town Committee. On May 1, Mr. Rottmann bought a truck for \$50, which he paid. The first bell tower was erected on Jefferson St., between Palisade and New York Avenues. The bell originally came from Krupp Gun Works, Germany. It's the same large bell now at the Town Hall.

It was not alone in the Fire Department, but in all the town's official departments, that all business was transacted in the German language. The

executive sessions of the Board of Council were conducted in German as recently as 1893.

The charter of the old North Hudson County Railroad, which introduced the horse cars in North Hudson, was granted in 1859.

The late John H. Bonn of Weehawken was the first President, and the late Nicholas Goelz the first Superintendent.

The first rail was laid in 1860, and the first car was run over the tracks on December 15, of that year. The horse cars were given up in the 90s. The North Hudson County Car Road consisted of a single track road at first and ran from 19th St., Weehawken, down the old Bulls Ferry Road to the lower Hoboken Ferry. The old stage line which had been in existence since 1858 continued from 19th St., Weehawken, to Union Hill. The waiting room and the stables of the stage line were, as before mentioned, located at Kossuth St. and Bergenline Avenue on the site of the present residence of Henry Luther, at 22 Bergenline Avenue, son-in-law of Nicholas Goelz, who built it for his home after the stables were removed. A horse car line was later extended to include Union Hill, the route leaving from Bergenline Ave. was from Union St. down to 19th St., Weehawken down Bulls Ferry Road to Willow Ave., Hoboken, and down Ferry St. to the ferry. Returning from Hoboken, it ran up Washington St. to about 8th St., where it ran diagonally across town until it struck Willow Ave., then up the Bulls Ferry Road to Lewis St., Union Hill, and along Lewis St. to Bergenline Ave. Two turntables were used in connection with the Union and Lewis St. turns. The double track system from Union Hill to Hoboken was installed about 1876. Later cars were installed on Bergenline Ave., to run along that thoroughfare to Herman Ave., Guttenberg. The steam elevator at the West Shore Ferry was operated for the first time in 1894. The passengers were lifted from the ferry to the top of the steel structure, a height of about 154 feet. The process required but one minute.

The Hillside Railroad or the "Merry-Go-Round" was established in the early nineties.

The first church in Union Hill was the German Evangelical Church on Columbia Street, which was organized in 1853. The minister was the Rev. Mohn. People living in the section of Union St. and Bulls Ferry Road used the cow path running from that section across to Columbia St. and Bergenline Ave. when they went to church. The section above Fulton St. was all thick woods. It was in these woods that Gen. Lee lost his way when he, with 400 men, marched down to Paulus Hook to take this fort from the English in 1776.

Bergenline Ave. was a narrow lane, and it was originally thought that Palisade Ave. was to be the main street. A bitter fight arose over this question, but the people who favored Bergenline Ave. as the main street won out.

The late Abraham Birnbaum established the first dry goods store on Bergenline Ave. and Franklin Lane in 1872. Some months later Holt-hausen opened his store on Bergenline Ave. and Jefferson St.

The Gulden furniture store was established by the late William Gulden in 1868. It was located at 129 Union St. as a furniture and repair shop. "Big Schneider" opened his store the same year, at Palisade Ave. and Jefferson St. Other old stores were; Schmidt's drug store on Bergenline Ave. and Hackensack Plankroad, Foster's photo studio on the top floor of the

building where Groth's cafe now is located; Etzold's hardware store on Blum St., near New York Ave.; Roehm's stationery store, and Vorberg's grocery store, and others.

The famous eating place at that time was Hellstern's Oyster House at the corner of Bergenline Ave. and Lewis St. Meier's Hotel was at the corner of Union St.

Daniel Bernes Brewery was founded in 1853, and William Peter founded his brewery in 1865 at its present location.

In 1886, the first local newspaper appeared. It was published in German, under the name of "Union Hiller Sonntags-Journal" (Union Hill Sunday Journal). John Weber, who conducted a small print shop at 422 Liberty St., was the publisher. It was a weekly paper, and before the second issue was published, Fred Michel secured a position as printer with Weber, and two years later George Rank was employed, also as a printer. Soon after, the name of the paper was changed to "Hudson County Revue". In 1898, Weber died, and Michel and Rank conducted the business for his widow until August of that year, when they bought the paper as well as the printing plant. Six years later, the shop was moved to its present location at Humboldt St. and New York Avenue, where Michel & Rank, the publishers of this book, are still continuing the business, and publishing the "Hudson County Revue"

At the west side of Bergenline Ave. was a thriving settlement, containing at least 25 houses, as early as 1850; this was called Dallytown. Its central point was the Liberty Pole at what is now the corner of Fulton St. and the Boulevard. Here the people met once a week to await the arrival of a butcher by the name of Chamberlain, of Hoboken, who supplied them with fresh meat. Here, too, was the end of the stage line to Hoboken, and many an old resident remembers the sound of the old stage horn. This corner was long known as the Sawpit, for here many of the trees of the surrounding forest had been changed into ship timber.

North Bergen.

North Bergen became a township on February 10, 1843. It consisted of a long stretch of land lying west of Hudson Boulevard and extending from the Jersey City boundary line to Bergen County. One of the most popular sections of the township is New Durham, which up to 1803 was known as Marshland, and here was located "The Three Pigeons", a well known tavern before the Revolution, where many people came to enjoy a spin behind fast trotters along the country roads. The Frenchman's Gardens was another interesting place. Andre Michaux, a noted French botanist, came to this country with letters of introduction from Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington. He was granted 200 acres of land on the western slope of the hill at New Durham. From this spot, the Lombard poplar trees spread all over the country.

The Schuetzen Park, in North Bergen, was established in 1874. It is claimed that this land was the estate of the son of an English lord, who built a stone castle there, surrounded by a deer park. Later it became the residence of a rich Southern cotton broker named Wright. He failed some time later, and the Plattdeutsche Verein purchased the 33 acres for \$105,000. It has since become known, not only in this county, but in the whole state, as well as in New York, as one of the greatest amusement parks.

North Bergen, especially the New Durham section, has become a thriving manufacturing centre, while the upper section, Woodcliff, is one of the finest residential sections in the county.

Weehawken.

Weehawken, variously also known as Whehocken, Weehank and Weehauk, was the place where Hendrick Hudson anchored his "Half Moon", in the cove north of Hoboken. The name originated from the Indians, and translated means: the end of the Palisades. The women of the Indian tribe who was in possession of that section, are described in early history as "the prittiest ever seen".

The water front, a short distance north of the anchorage of Hendrick Hudson, is a historic spot, known as a great duelling ground. One of the most famous duels was fought here on July 11, 1804, between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Burr had fought one with Hamilton's brother-in-law, Mr. Church, on September 2, 1799. Alexander Hamilton's son, Philip, was shot and killed, at the same spot, by Geo. L. Gacker, a New York lawyer, on November 23, 1801. The day before, Gacker fought a duel, at the same place, with a Mr. Price, a companion of Philip Hamilton, so it seems it must have been a family feud. Other duels fought on this ground were between: John Langstaff and Oliver Waldson, Jr., Dec. 25, 1801; DeWitt Clinton and John Swartout, July 31, 1802; Richard Riker and Robert Swartout, November 21, 1803; Isaac Gouverneur and W. H. Maxwell, July 10, 1815; Benjamin Price and Major Green, May 12, 1816.

Weehawken became a township on March 15, 1859. Among the first settlers of that section were the Duer, King, Cassett, and Brown families, who owned large estates there.

It is claimed that Maryn Adriansen was the first settler. The Weehawken ferry was established in about the year of 1700.

Like the other sections in North Hudson, Weehawken consisted of farms and woodland. The "Shades" was a strip of land west of Willow Ave. which formerly belonged to West Hoboken, but in 1878 was consolidated with Weehawken. The Kings woods on the top of the bluff was a mobilization camp during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Eldorado, now the Highwood Park section, was about 25 years ago one of the greatest amusement parks in the country. This section was later cut up into building lots, and to-day some of the finest residences can be found there. It is not, however, in that section alone that fine dwellings can be found, the Hauxhurst section as well as Weehawken Heights contain some of the most beautiful residences in North Hudson.

West New York.

West New York is one of the youngest municipalities in North Hudson. It was incorporated as a town on March 21, 1898, and has since that time developed into one of the most up-to-date sections of the county. West New York and Guttenberg were formerly associated together, but it disagreed, and West New York seceded. It then established the Township of Union and went along prospering, until it outgrew itself and adopted a more liberal charter in 1908, which in a great measure contributed to its success. The enormous growth and improvement of West New York from

a rural section to practically a full grown city has certainly been a wonderful achievement. In 1895 the town had a population of 5,000, while to-day its inhabitants number over 30,000.

The population has increased by about 20,000 in the last seven years. This is due to the many wonderful improvements which have been made in the town in recent years, and the splendid facilities the town offers to manufacturers, business men, and residents. The town fathers went slow and noted the mistakes of the neighboring towns. In this way they avoided many mistakes. The town is especially well known for the many embroidery factories situated there. No other town can boast of a better administration, police and fire department, and school system. The town has one of the most beautiful municipal buildings in North Hudson. It was erected at the cost of \$80,000. The town is one of the healthiest places that any one could wish to locate in. It lies high and the air is very pure.

Guttenberg.

Guttenberg was formerly a farm owned by Wm. Cooper. In 1853 it was sold to a party of New Yorkers, who had formed a Weehawken Land and Ferry Association. Lots were sold for \$140 a piece, payable at \$5 a month. The company ran two boats, the "Hultz" and the "Flora". These plied between Guttenberg, landing at the foot of Bulls Ferry Road, Pleasant Valley and Fort Lee, and Spring St., New York. Shares in the ferry were sold at \$10. The West Shore Railroad Co. later bought over the rights in the ferry.

The settlers of Guttenberg were, like the settlers of Union Hill, mostly Germans.

The present Mayor Daniel Herrmann's father, Frederick Herrmann, was one of the pioneers. He settled in that town in 1854.

Guttenberg became a town in 1859. In 1894 the first car tracks were laid on Broadway, where the Palisade Trolley cars now are operated.

It was one of the most prosperous towns in the days of the Guttenberg race track in North Bergen, when thousands of people visited that place.

Bayonne.

The first tract of land of the present Bayonne contained about 300 acres and was granted to Jacobsen Roy, a gunner of Fort Amsterdam, hence the name of "Konstale", the title for gunner and hocke, Constable Hook or Gunner's Point. Van Boskerck's Point, which is really a part of the same formation of land, jutting out into the bay, was to the north of the point, distinctively named Constable Hook. Probably the first house ever built in Bayonne stood on Van Boskerck's Point in 1646. Patents were granted for lands between Gemonepas and Kill Van Kull in 1654. What was formerly called Pamrapo, but then Penrepogh, now a portion of the third ward was within this grant. During the early years of the settlement the growth was somewhat retarded by the unfriendly attitude of the Indians, who had been incensed by the treatment they had received from the Dutch at Nieu Amsterdam. The Indians gradually disappeared from the section, the forests were cleared, the farms extended, and the population increased.

Bayonne played an important part in the Revolutionary War, when it was used as a thoroughfare for the fighting forces between Staten Island and New York and northern New Jersey. It is said that a fort was located on the high ground near the old homestead of Hartman Vreeland, about 52nd St. and Avenue C.

A militia company, known as the "Close Light Guards", was organized at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. It received its name from Joseph B. Close, a wealthy resident and property owner, who provided money for some of the equipment. The company saw service at the front.

The present City of Bayonne is a southerly part of Bergen Township, formerly known as Bergen Neck. This township was one of the parts of Hudson County which were set off from the County of Bergen in 1840. The City of Bayonne was chartered in 1869, and since that time its growth has been remarkably rapid, until at the present time the population has reached nearly 70,000. The city was governed by Mayor and Council from 1869 until May 1, 1915, when Commission Government assumed control.

In Revolutionary days, the transportation facilities were limited to horseback or farm wagons. This led to the construction of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Plank Road, built as a Town Road, and maintained as such until after the incorporation of Bayonne.

A States Route was then established and maintained for many years; later a steamboat line was established running from Elizabeth Port to New York. When the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey was first laid and operations begun, passengers and freight were carried by rail to Elizabeth Port and thence by the steamboat to New York. The bridge across Newark Bay, and the line through Bayonne to Jersey City were then built. The first trains ran over this section of the railroad in 1865. Prior to the building of the Central Railroad the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad constructed its line to what is now Broadway, and then over its own right of way between Avenue C and Broadway to Bergen Point. This was operated for many years as a steam "dummy" railroad between the Bergen Point Ferry and Jersey City Ferry. Later the steam cars were abandoned, and in 1885 the company obtained its franchise for a car line over Avenue C and the route now used, and in 1893 electricity was substituted for horse power.

In writing this History of Hudson County, it must be understood that some of the data has been taken from various publications, while other information has been secured from data possessed by old residents.

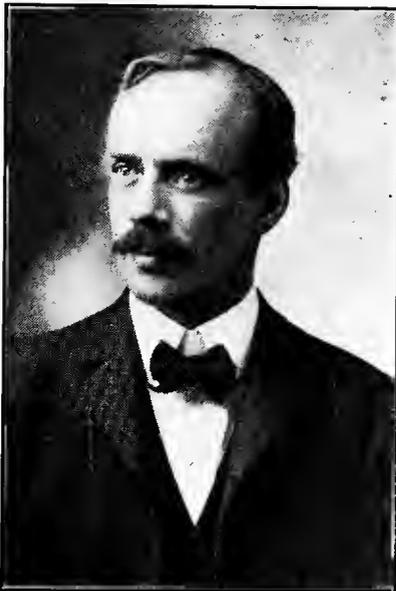
The reader is requested, however, not to take every statement in this history as absolutely authoritative, as it has been impossible to verify many items, because no official records could be found of these. Much of the data has been taken from the memories of old residents, and the reader must realize that memories are not always accurate.

The publishers of this book wish to thank the many people who have contributed much valuable information and in this way assisted in writing this history.

Many items of historical interest will be found on the following pages among the biographies. Histories of churches, schools, and public departments may be found in the biographies of the ministers, boards of education, and public officials.

The Stevens Family.

One of the most distinguished and influential families in Hudson County is the Stevens family of Hoboken. For generations this family has been conspicuous in civil, military, governmental and professional affairs, contributing a wholesome influence in the community and achieving for themselves distinction as men of great learning and ability.



COL. E. A. STEVENS.

The development of Hoboken was a gigantic achievement for which the family will never be forgotten.

The numerous great inventions which have been perfected by various members of the family have been important and of enormous value, not alone to this country, but to the whole world.

Their daring and heroic undertakings and the splendid results obtained from these have put the Stevens family down in history as one of the most beneficial to mankind.

As philanthropists the family has benefited the community probably more than any other family in this part of the country.

John Stevens, the founder of the family on this side of the Atlantic, immigrated to this country in 1699 from England, where he was born in 1687. He married Margaret Campbell. Their son John (2) was born in New York City in 1708. He married Elizabeth Alexander. Their children were: John (3), Richard, and Mary, who married C. Livingston. John (3) was born in New York City in 1749. He married Rachel Cox. Their children were: John C. (4), Robert L., James, Richard, Francis B., Edwin A., Julianna, Mary, Harriet, Esther Bowes and Katrina.

The second John settled in New Jersey, where he later became one of the joint commissioners for defining the boundary line between New Jersey and New York, in November, 1774. He resigned as Royalist Councilor in 1776 and from that year till 1782 was Vice-President of the Council of New Jersey. In November 1783 he was elected to the Federal Congress, and on December 18th, 1787, presided over the State Convention that ratified the United States Constitution. He died in 1792.

John Stevens (3), the grandson of John, the immigrant, was graduated from Kings (now Columbia) College in 1768, was admitted to the Bar, and during the Revolutionary War held several offices, being Treasurer of New Jersey from 1776 to 1779. On March 16, 1784, he bought Hoboken or the Bayard Estate, at auction, as mentioned in the historical section of this book. In 1790 he petitioned Congress for protection to American Inventors, which resulted in a law, passed April 10, 1790, that formed the foundation of the American Patent Law. Having begun experiments

in the application of steam in 1788, he now continued them with his associates Nicholas I. Roosevelt and the elder Brunel. Mr. Stevens, his brother-in-law Robert R. Livingston and Nicholas I. Roosevelt built the steam boat and navigated the Hudson River near the close of the eighteenth century. Their boat, however, failed to develop the speed required by the Legislature of New York and their joint proceedings were interrupted by the appointment in 1801 of Livingston as Minister to France. In Paris the latter met Robert Fulton and afterwards was associated with him in establishing and developing steam navigation.

In 1804 Mr. Stevens built a vessel propelled by twin screws that navigated the Hudson, which was the first application of steam to the screw propeller. In 1807, Mr. Stevens and his son, Robert, built the paddle wheel steam boat "Phoenix", which was used on the Delaware River for six years. Mr. Stevens was one of the greatest inventors and he secured patents on numerous important inventions. On October 11, 1811, he established the first steam ferry in the world with the "Juliana", which was operated between New York City and Hoboken. In 1813 he invented the ferry boat with the paddle wheel in the middle, which was turned by six horses. This sample of horse-boat was long used on the Hudson and East Rivers. In 1814, Mr. Stevens applied to the State of New Jersey for a Railroad Charter from New York to Philadelphia, which he received on Feb. 15th. He did not proceed with the project, however. In 1823, with Horace Binney and Stephen Girard, he obtained from the State of Pennsylvania a Charter for a railway from Philadelphia to Lancaster, along the route of the Pennsylvania Railroad. These were the first

railroad charters granted in this country. On October 23, 1824, he obtained the patent for the construction of railroads. He built a circular railroad in Hoboken in 1826 and placed on it a locomotive with a multi-tubular boiler which carried a half dozen people at the rate of over twelve miles an hour. This was the first locomotive that ever ran on a steel railroad in America.

Mr. Stevens built Castle Point in Hoboken and in 1835 replaced it by the present mansion. Colonel Stevens married Elizabeth Alexander, a sister of William Alexander, who laid claim to the Earldom of Sterling and was a famous General in the Revolutionary War. Colonel Stevens died in Hoboken, March 6th, 1838.

John Cox Stevens, son of John Stevens, was born September 24, 1785, and died in Hoboken, June 13, 1857.

Robert Livingston Stevens, another son of John Stevens, was born October 18th, 1787, and died in Hoboken, April 20, 1856.

James Alexander Stevens, also a son of John Stevens, was born January 29th, 1790, and died in Hoboken, October 7, 1873.

Edwin Augustus Stevens, another son of John Stevens, was born at Castle Point, Hoboken, July 28, 1795. He married twice. His first wife was Mary B. Pieters, with whom he had two children, Mary P. and Elizabeth. His second wife was Martha B. Dod. The following children blessed this union: John (5), Edwin A., Carolin B., Julia A., Robert L., Charles Albert, and Richard. He became an engineer and was very closely connected in business affairs with his brother Robert L.

Edwin A. Stevens was occupied largely in the management of his father's estate, on which the City of Hoboken now stands. He was also

connected with the organization, construction and operation of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, the charter for which he and Robert L. obtained from the State of New Jersey in 1830. Robert L. became the President and Edwin A. the Treasurer and Manager of the road which was opened for traffic in about 1842. The brothers made many improvements, among which may be mentioned the vestibule car. They retained their interest in navigation and made many improvements therein and became prominent in the invention, introduction and development of appliances for railroads, locomotives and cars.

Edwin A. patented the air-tight fire room for the forced draught in 1842. This invention is now used in all the great navies of the world. The brother also devised and effected many improvements in the means of attack and defense in naval warfare. Edwin A. invented the steam plow which was very extensively used for years. He founded the Stevens Institute in Hoboken and bequeathed to it and the High School a large plot of ground, \$150,000 to the building and \$500,000 for endowments. His widow, whose maiden name was Martha Bayard Dod, donated \$200,000 to religious and charitable institutions, among which was the Church of the Holy Innocence of Hoboken.

Edwin Augustus Stevens (2), the subject of this sketch, was the third oldest of eight children. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 14, 1858, and obtained his education at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. J., and later at Princeton, N. J. He built the first screw ferry boat, although the people ridiculed his idea. This ferry boat is the "Bergen", which is still running between Hoboken and New York. Many others of Mr. Ste-

vens' screw ferry boats are to-day operated on the D. L. & W. R. R. ferries.

In 1905 he received the degree of Doctor of Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr. Stevens also built the electric light engine and marine engine.

Like his ancestors, he soon became one of the most distinguished and influential citizens in this part of the country, and was honored with many public offices of great responsibility and trust. For six years he served as State Highway Commissioner. He also served on numerous other local and State Committees.

Mr. Stevens took a deep interest in military life. He served as Adjutant of the Ninth Regiment, N. G. N. J., from 1880-1881, as Aide on the Governor's Staff from 1881 to 1886, and as Colonel of the Second Regiment from 1886 to 1892, when he retired.

The Colonel served as an Elector in 1888 and 1892. In 1894 he made an unsuccessful attempt to become a member of Congress, and in 1906 he was a prominent candidate for the U. S. Senate.

His career has been an eminently successful one and stamped him as a man of unusual ability, of great force of character, and he was possessed of that self-reliance and perseverance which characterize the man of affairs. He achieved a wide reputation as an able, conscientious man, and through his many excellent qualities always had the confidence and respect of the entire community.

Colonel Stevens married Emily C. Lewis in 1879. They had seven children: John, Edwin A., W. Lewis, Bayard, Basil M., Lawrence L., and Emily L.

The Colonel was interested in many local institutions. He was President of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Co. and a director in

the First National Bank of Hoboken, the Commercial Trust Company of Jersey City, and the Prudential Life Insurance Co. He was a Trustee of Stevens Institute of Technology, Treasurer of the Diocese of Newark, etc.

Colonel Stevens died on March 8th, 1918.

The Peter Family.

One of the most noted families in the County is the Wm. Peter family of Union Hill.

Wm. Peter, Sr., was born in Achern, Baden, Germany, March 16th, 1832. His parents were Franz Joseph and Antonia (Hof) Peter. His father was Mayor of Achern for a number of years and later served in the legislative bodies of Baden. He was a staunch democrat and took an active part in the revolution against Prussia, which brought him into quite some trouble and by which he lost his whole fortune.

In 1849 he brought his wife and five children, William and four girls, and a son-in-law, Max Frech, to America. They settled in New York City, where Joseph Peter opened a grocery store in Houston Street. Some time later he helped his son-in-law to establish a wax candle manufacturing establishment in Port Richmond, Staten Island, where the family then moved.

Mr. William Peter received a splendid education in his native country, where, after completing his High School course, he studied chemistry and then learned the trade of brewer. After the family had settled in New York, he secured a position in Wm. Richter's brewery in Hester Street and later went with an English brewery in New York in order to learn the English method of brewing beer.

For the next few years he abandoned his trade and went with his brother-in-law into the wax manufacturing business. He remained with him for a few years and then secured a position in a similar business in Harlem. His desire, how-



WM. PETER, SR.

ever, to return to his own trade, soon became so strong that he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he secured a position in a brewery and remained for three years. In 1857 he returned to New York, where he worked as a brew master in various breweries controlled by the Lion Brewery Co. in New York, Newark and Staten Island. Then he changed his position to "First Man" in the Walther Brewery Co. in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and in about 1859 he started his own little brewery in West New York at Seventeenth Street, near the Hudson Boulevard. The property consisted of a small wooden shanty, a stable, two lots, for which he paid the high rent of \$44 per year. The capacity of this brewery was three barrels per day. Later he removed the brewery to West Hoboken, where he soon after sold out. A short while after he worked for a short time as foreman in George Fausel's brewery in Union Hill, and in 1864 he started

his present brewery in the house in which Braunstein's Pavilion is now located on Hudson St., Union Hill. From then on the business expanded and grew by great leaps every year. In 1886 he built a brewery at its present site, adding new buildings as the business expanded.

It can readily be seen that Mr. Peter had no smooth road to travel in the beginning, but had many "ups and downs". He, however, was a man with an iron will and bound to succeed. When he started in business for himself, he had exactly \$50 and his output of beer consisted of three barrels per day. To-day his company is one of the largest in the east and has a daily output of 1500 barrels. The present area covered by the various buildings of the company embraces a ground space of 600 x 600 feet, one city block. The structures are built of brick, stone, and iron, and are models of the architectural art. They are located on Hudson Ave., Weehawken Street, and Palisade Avenue.

The latest and most up-to-date machinery is used for the manufacturing of the product. The bottling department, which was erected a few years ago, is one of the most complete in the State. The immense stables and garages are also located on the premises.

In 1904 the company erected a modern two-story office brick building on Hudson Ave., opposite the handsome residence of Mr. Wm. Peter, which was built by George Fausel.

May 18th, 1890, the business was incorporated under the name of Wm. Peter Brewing Co.

William Peter married three times. In 1858 he married Magdalene Jager, with whom he had six children, Magdalene Anna, Emma, William, Charles, Philip, and August.

In 1870 Mr. Peter married Caro-

lina (Aeppli) Ohlenschlager, who had one child by a former marriage, Sophia Ohlenschlager. She later married Wm. Braunstein, whose mother was a sister of William Peter. (See Braunstein, forward.) This second marriage of Mr. Peter, Sr., was blessed with two children, Amanda and Emil.

In 1902 Wm. Peter, Sr., married Sophia (Vogel) Bertram, whose daughter Antonia, by her first husband, married August Peter, the son of her present husband.

Anna, the oldest child of Wm. Peter Sr.'s first marriage, was born November 15, 1859. She married Karl Jenne, with whom she had three children. One of these died in infancy, Chas. Wm. Jenne died when 16 years old, and Marie C. Jenne died when one year of age.

William Peter, Jr., the oldest son, was born in West New York, December 11, 1860. He received his early education in the local public schools and completed his studies in Baden, Germany.

Returning to America, he at once began to study the brewing trade, and in order to learn the different methods, he traveled all over the country, working in the principal big breweries.

In 1883 he returned to Union Hill, having mastered every detail in the art of brewing beer. He was appointed General Superintendent and Brewing Master of the William Peter Brewing Co.

Mr. Peter, Jr., married Mary Veseput in 1890. There are no children.

In the many several organizations of which Mr. Peter is a member, he is a great favorite. His frank and democratic manners and his pleasing personality have gained him a host of friends.

Charles Peter was born in the Peter Mansion at Union Hill, December 20, 1862. After attending the public schools he spent several

years in travel and benefited greatly by his observations.

After his return he became very efficient in the office details and real estate department in his father's brewery.

Some years ago he suffered a sunstroke and went to Germany to undergo treatment.

August Peter was also born in the homestead in Union Hill. He came to this world June 25, 1868.

Like his older brother, he obtained his early education at the local public schools, later attended the Hoboken Academy, and took a commercial course at Packard's Business College. He has since been associated with the other members of the family in the Brewing Co., in which he occupies an important position.

He married (first) Alice Christensen, in 1892, with whom he has one child, William August.

He married (second) Antonia Bertram in 1905. One daughter, Elfrieda, blessed this union.

Although Mr. August Peter is not a member of any societies, he is very popular and his friendship is greatly esteemed.

Philip, the youngest child of the first marriage, died when only an infant.

Emil Peter, second child of the second marriage of William Peter, Sr., was born in the family residence in Union Hill, October 22, 1873. He was educated at the Hoboken Academy and went abroad to finish his education in the colleges of Karlsruhe and Munich, Germany. After spending four years and a half at college, he returned home and was made Secretary of the Wm. Peter Brewing Company.

As a man with considerable more than the average official ability, he was put in charge of the office department. Although this was probably one of the most difficult po-

sitions in the company, he discharged his duties in the most able manner and made a large circle of friends with the hundreds of people who had business dealings with the company which naturally went through the office.

He married Amy Conley, who died in 1915. In 1916 he married Rose C. Sutton. He had no children.

He was a very prominent member of the Masonic Order and several other societies. Mr. Emil Peter died December 5, 1917, to the great sorrow of his family and of the community in which he had achieved an eminent reputation.

William Braunstein, oldest son of Captain Franz and Marie Louise (Peter) Braunstein, was born in New York City, January 3, 1854. His mother was a sister of William Peter, Sr. His father, Captain F. Braunstein, served this country in the civil war and was soon promoted to Captain for his gallant services.

William Braunstein obtained his educational training in the public schools of New York City and in Union Hill. At the age of 19 he entered the employ of the William Peter Brewing Co. as a clerk. He soon became thoroughly efficient in every detail of the administration of the business and was then made Treasurer of the company.

Mr. Braunstein has taken an active interest in public affairs and in 1888 he was elected Treasurer of the Town of Union, which office he held for eight years. He is very prominently connected in fraternal circles and is a member of the Palisade Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons; Pilgrim Commandery No. 16, Knights Templars, of Hoboken; Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and a member of the Ancient and Accepted Order Scottish

Rite. He is a member of the Arion Society of New York and the Liedertafel, Union Hill. He was one of the organizers of the Old People's Home and Benevolent Association of North Hudson, of which he has been Treasurer for a number of years.

Mr. Braunstein married Sophie Ohlenschlager, with whom he had three children: Antoinette Caroline, Erna Amanda (who married Counsellor Charles Kappes, with whom she has one son, Charles William Kappes, and a daughter, S. Winifred), and William Peter, named after his grandfather.

Few men can count as large a circle of friends as Mr. William Braunstein enjoys. His democratic, open and frank manners, and his pleasing personality have made him immensely popular.

Mr. William Peter, Sr., made his success upon the foundation of business ability, honesty, and strict attention to his work. He was one of the most shrewd business men in the community. Possessed of a great foresight and unusual, sound judgment and imbued with an unimpeachable integrity, he achieved an enviable reputation in business as well as in social circles. He was one of the foremost factors in the upbuilding and developing of North Hudson. He can truly be called one of the makers of the Town of Union, having brought to it one of the principal industries, and establishing a business which gives employment to a large number of inhabitants.

The large real estate holdings of the William Peter Brewing Company pay a great sum annually in taxes to the town. Mr. Peter's giant enterprises stand as a monument to his immense business ability. As an employer he was greatly esteemed by his employees.

Mr. Peter was a public-spirited and loyal citizen, and in numerous

ways contributed large sums of money for the prosecution of the great war.

In local affairs he was also ever ready to lend a helping hand to any worthy movement of benefit to the community. He was a great philanthropist and never forgot that, although he had climbed the ladder to success, others had not been able to do so. To those he was always willing to give a helping hand.

His children are closely following their father's footsteps, and what has been said about the father can truly be said about every member of his family.

The Peter family rank among the foremost in business and social circles and is one of the families of which the Town of Union can be proud.

Mr. Peter's greatest hobby was art, and up to the very end of his life passed many hours in his art studio painting landscapes, for which he had shown a great talent from his early youth.

On Monday, June the 10th, 1918, at 9 P. M., Mr. William Peter suddenly died at his home, after he had spent a whole day up to six o'clock in his office going over some details with his son.

He reached the high age of eighty-six years. His death came as a sudden shock to his family and friends and to Hudson County, which lost one of its most valuable and most beloved citizens.

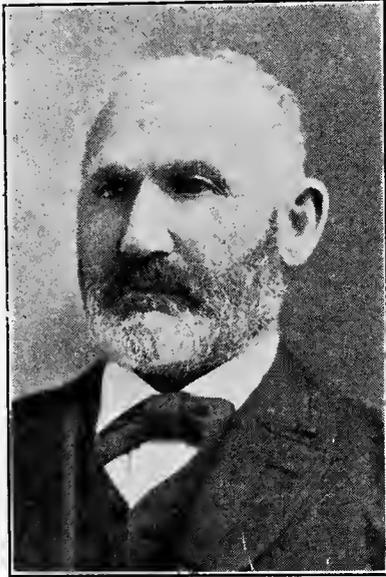
The Schneider Family.

One of the most highly esteemed and respected families in the northern part of the County is the Schneider family of Union Hill.

Fred Schneider, and his wife Sophia, both natives of Germany, immigrated to this country in 1853 and settled in New York City. Ten years later Fred Schneider opened

a small tinware and stoves store in Canal St., New York, and in 1867 he moved the business to Union Hill and opened a store at Palisade

years ago and his son William died about two years ago, leaving three children, Emil, Fred and Cora. The latter married Charles Fisher, who conducted a hardware business in West Hoboken for a number of years and later consolidated with the Schneider firm.



FRED SCHNEIDER.

Ave. and Jefferson St. The business met with success and in 1876 it was found necessary to move into larger quarters on Bergenline Ave. and Lewis St. In the meantime the business had grown into a hardware and house furnishing store, and in 1896 the business was moved to its present location at 80-86 Bergenline Avenue, and has for years been known as one of the largest establishments of its kind in Hudson County.

Mr. Schneider's two sons, William and Emil, had in the meantime been taken into the business and the firm became known as F. Schneider & Sons, or more commonly known as "Big Schneider". The firm built the present place, which is three stories high and has a floor space of 25,000 square feet. Thirty-five employees are continually kept busy there.

Fred Schneider died about five

Emil Schneider, the present head of the concern, married Julia Siegele in 1889. They have two children, Minnie and Albert E.

As mentioned before, the firm of F. Schneider & Son Co. is one of the largest concerns in the county dealing in hardware, auto supplies, paint, house furnishings, toys, etc. The firm is widely known for its fair dealings in every respect.



EMIL SCHNEIDER.

The Schneider Family has contributed much to the development and upbuilding of North Hudson especially. The family owns considerable property in this section as well as a summer home in Bergen

County, and another at Laurel Beach, Milford, Conn. This is one of the most beautiful estates on the water front. Always interested in every movement of welfare to the community and always ready to



ALBERT E. SCHNEIDER.

lend a helping hand to any deserving charity, the Schneider Family has gained the admiration of the local residents.

Emil Schneider is a man of the highest business qualifications and one of the most shrewd business men in the section. He has achieved an enviable reputation for his good judgment and unquestionable integrity.

Albert E., the only son, is closely following his father's footsteps. Although a young man, he is showing unusual abilities in his father's business. He was born in Union Hill, where he received his early school education and later attended a military academy. He then attended business school, and after completing his course, was offered a position by the well known firm of

Sargent and Company in New York. His father, however, needed him in his business, where he now is interested.

Albert Schneider is one of the most popular young men in North Hudson, where he has gained a host of friends by his straightforwardness and pleasing disposition. He is very fond of automobiling and is the owner of several cars. As an autoist he has achieved quite some fame. Outside of business he speaks and thinks of nothing else but autos and knows a machine in every detail.

William Dahm.

One of the most respected citizens in the northern part of the county is Wm. Dahm, of North Bergen.

He was born in Germany, October 6th, 1867. His parents immi-



grated into this country when he was only seven years old and the family settled in North Bergen. When William had finished his schooling in the North Bergen

schools, he secured a job in a grocery store and later worked in the oil business, in which he has since continued and made a great success. Mr. Dahm has for the last fourteen years been treasurer of the Belmont Gurnee Stone Company, Inc., in North Bergen, one of the largest concerns of its kind in this part of the country, and has four quarries, one located at Granton, N. J., one at Mount Ivy, New York, one at Suffern, N. Y., and one at West Nyack, N. Y.

The main quarry and office in North Bergen employs from sixty to seventy men and has its own railroad facilities for shipping.

Mr. Dahm is also interested in several other enterprises. He is President of the Belmont Stone Co., President of the Hillside Sand Co., and Treasurer of the Belmont Auto Trucking Co. He is considered one of the ablest and shrewdest business men and possessed of great foresight and unimpeachable integrity.

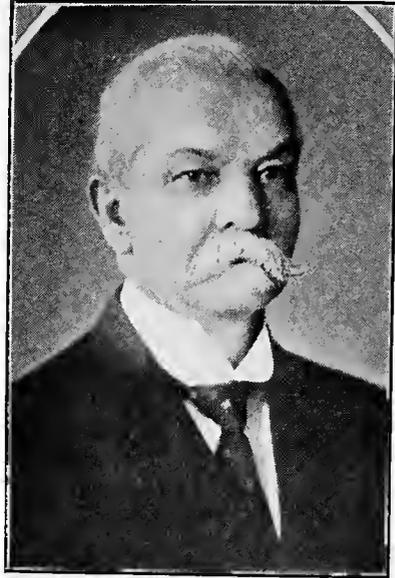
He was elected a member of the Board of Freeholders in 1903 and served one term, and although his renomination was offered him for a second term, he declined. He was one of the organizers of Pioneer Hose Co., the first fire company in North Bergen, and is now an Ex-empt Fireman.

Mr. Dahm married Eleanor Stockfish, of the well known North Bergen family, in 1896. They have five children: Arthur, William, Luetta, Herbert, and Walter. The family residence, one of the most beautiful residences on Hackensack Plankroad, was built about 110 years ago.

Mr. Dahm is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74, and the Foresters, of which he was one of the organizers of Court Friendship.

Richard Meyer.

In the city record of Eisenberg in Sachsen-Altenburg, Germany, the Meyer family can be traced back for over four hundred years. In these four last centuries the



family has been engaged in the tannery business, which has been handed down from father to son.

C. F. W. Meyer was the last member of the family to conduct the business in Germany. He immigrated to this country in August, 1846, and settled in Philadelphia, where he continued the business in this country.

Richard Meyer, the subject of this sketch, and the son of C. F. W. and Carolina Fredericka (Uhl) Meyer, was born at the family's homestead in Germany, November 22, 1842. He received his school education in Philadelphia and when of age entered the father's business.

The family moved the business to Union Hill in 1863 and when, four years later, a boiler exploded in the building where the plant was located, the tannery was moved to its

present location on Third St., North Bergen. This was November 14th, 1867. The plant covers four city lots and employs ten men. It specializes in pianoforte buckskin.

Mr. Meyer married Pauline Louisa Beyer in 1869. The union was blessed with six children, of which five are living. They are: Lena A., Christian Frederick William, Richard E. (who married Mary Schaaf; they have two children, Richard A. and Walter William), Carolina Fredericka, and Louis Albert (who married Marie Haust; they have one child, Mary Louisa). The three sons are assisting their father in the business.

Mr. Meyer has achieved an eminent standing in the community for his great ability and integrity. He is a true example of a hard working and honest man who has succeeded through his own efforts. He is a member of the Odd Fellows.

A beautiful life size oil painting of a minister, a member of the Meyer family, is decorating one of the walls in the Meyer residence in North Bergen. This is a copy of an original accidentally discovered in a church in Germany by Mr. Meyer when he was visiting his native country some years ago. The numerals 1686-1716 appear on this painting, but Mr. Meyer has been unable to find out just what these figures represent. The church would not give up the original painting, so Mr. Meyer had a copy made of it and brought it back to this country with him.

J. C. Francois.

Judson Camille Francois, the former recognized leader of the Democratic Party in West Hoboken, was born in Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 5, 1850. His parents, Joseph Francois and Pauline Maria, immigrated to this country and settled

in Jersey Heights in 1856. Mr. Francois was the seventh of fourteen children. He received his public school education at School No. 2 in Jersey City Heights and



later entered his father's hair dressing establishment. He has since, like eleven of his brothers and sisters, achieved professional prominence as a hair dresser in New York and New Jersey. In 1872 he opened his present hair dressing parlors at 419 Paterson Ave., West Hoboken, and for several years he conducted a similar establishment in New York City.

Mr. Francois has been very active and prominent in the Democratic Party since 1876, when he was elected Constable. This office, which he held for sixteen consecutive years, was the foundation for his future political career. In 1889 he was elected to the New Jersey Legislature to fill a vacancy. While in this office he introduced several bills, among which may be mentioned the one giving one policeman for every eight hundred of

population in West Hoboken, another providing that a defendant under arrest should have three days' notice before the date of his trial. He introduced and had passed many other bills too numerous to mention here.

In 1892 he was elected Councilman for West Hoboken, in which office he served two years. He held the office of the Justice of the Peace for a number of years and also that of Democratic County Committeeman. For four years he was Treasurer of the Board of Fire Trustees and was the founder and standard bearer of the J. C. Francois Association. He was a member of the Town Fire Department, Neptune Engine Co., for twenty-two years. He served in Company B, Fourth Regiment, N. G. N. J., for ten years. Mr. Francois is a Commissioner of Deeds, Committeeman, and Constable.

Mr. Francois was married to Martha Stilwell in 1872, with whom he had four children: Joseph Judson, Martha, Alexander, and Edward C. Francois, Acting Postmaster, West Hoboken Post Office.

Mrs. Francois later died, and in 1902 Mr. Francois married Sophia Naef, with whom he has two sons, Judson C. Francois and Edgar Judson, who at the writing of this is five years old, and one daughter, Camille Annie.

The most remarkable feature is Mr. Francois' robust health. Although 67 years of age, his strength is twice that of many a normal young man.

James W. Cranwell.

Few men have contributed more to the growth and prosperity of the Town of West Hoboken than James Cranwell, one of the foremost builders and contractors in the county.

Associated with his father under the firm name of George W. Cranwell & Son, he has erected buildings in West Hoboken which yield over a quarter of a million dollars in annual taxes to that town. The



activity of this concern has not been confined to West Hoboken alone, but has extended over the whole State of New Jersey as well as New York State. The Union Hill Town Hall, the Union Hill High School, St. Michael's Parochial High School, St. Michael's Parochial Grammar School, Public Schools Nos. 6 and 7, Free Public Library of West Hoboken, St. Joseph's R. C. Church of Bayonne, Public Service Commercial Building in Union Hill and hundreds of factories, loft buildings, large apartment houses and private residences have been erected by his firm.

Mr. Cranwell, Sr., erected the original part of the Monastery in West Hoboken, and numerous churches and structures of all kinds throughout the States of New York and New Jersey. He

has for some years retired from active life, and the business has since been conducted by his son James W. Cranwell.

Like his father, he has become one of the most conspicuous builders and contractors in the State. His work shows great skill and ability and stamps him as one of the ablest men of his vocation. He is thorough in every detail, conscientious and practical in carrying out his contracts. He has achieved an eminent reputation for his foresight, sound judgment and his capacity for business. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and is universally respected for those virtues which make up the loyal friend and honest man.

James W. Cranwell was born in Union Hill in 1866. His parents were George W. and Margaret (Fullerton) Cranwell. He was the oldest of five children and the only son. His father's parents were Edward and Elizabeth Cranwell, natives of Ireland, where George W. Cranwell was born on December 25, 1836. The family immigrated to this country and settled in Utica, N. Y., and in 1857 moved to West Hoboken. A short time after James W. was born the family returned to Utica, where James received his early school education. The family moved back to West Hoboken in 1886 and has resided in that town ever since.

After finishing his early education, James Cranwell started to learn the building and contracting business of his father, and was later taken in as a member of the firm.

While always interested in the welfare of his town, Mr. Cranwell has never sought nor accepted any political office, with the exception of that of Tax Collector, which office he held some years ago.

Mr. Cranwell married Katherine

McConan in 1894. They had ten children, of which eight are living, five boys and three girls. His wife died in 1913, and two years later Mr. Cranwell married her sister Minnie.

The Meeks Family.

Joseph Meeks was a prominent citizen in New York City prior to the American Revolution. His name appears on the poll list of the electors of the City of New York in 1761. He was a patriot, and his three sons, John, Joseph, and Edward, all fought in the patriotic cause during the Revolution.

Captain John Meeks, the eldest son, married in New York City Susanna Helena Maria de Molinars, of an old French Huguenot family. She was the daughter of Jean Joseph de Molinars, and a granddaughter of Jean Joseph Sieur Brumeau de Molinars, who was at one time assistant to the Rev. Louis Rou of L'Eglise de Saint d'Esprit of New York City. John Meeks held the commission as Captain during the Revolution, in the famous regiment known as the "Hearts of Oak". He owned a country place at Morristown, N. J., adjoining Washington's headquarters, and his wife acted as interpreter for Washington and Lafayette during the time of their stay there. As a reward for his service during the Revolution Captain John Meeks received a grant of land near Syracuse, N. Y., which his descendants have never claimed. He had several sons and a daughter.

Joseph Meeks, the second son, was a prominent citizen of New York City. At the age of twelve he assisted in tearing down the British flag from the top of a greased pole erected in Battery Park. Subsequently he was a sol-

dier in the war of 1912. He was one of the founders of the original Tammany Society, from which Tammany Hall has sprung. He married Sarah, daughter of Colonel Van Dyke, an officer of the Revolution and a descendant of



one of the best known old Dutch families of New York. They had several sons and two daughters.

John Meeks, the oldest son of the preceding, married Elizabeth Bush, granddaughter of Richard Bragaw of Revolutionary fame. He became a resident of Hudson County and in 1851 acquired about 150 acres of land, the present site of Woodcliff. It is upon this land that, through the enterprise of his son Hamilton V. Meeks, the present political section of Woodcliff has sprung up.

Hamilton V. Meeks was born in New York City, Dec. 19, 1850. His father was a member of the New York firm of J. and J. W. Meeks, cabinetmakers. This business was originally established on Broad Street and barely missed destruction in the great fire in New York

City in 1835, being just on the edge of the burnt district.

On November 4, 1874, Hamilton V. Meeks married Euretta Eleanor, daughter of Robert E. Gardner, of the prominent Gardner family in Union Hill, and the same fall engaged in business with his father-in-law, under the name of Gardner & Meeks, lumber dealers of Union Hill and Guttenberg. This business had been originally founded by the firm of J. & R. Gardner, which became successively Robert E. Gardner and Gardner & Meeks. Upon the death of Mr. Gardner in 1895, the Gardner & Meeks Company was incorporated.

Hamilton V. Meeks was a liberal donor of two-thirds of the right of way which enabled the construction of the Grand Boulevard on the crest of the west bank of the Hudson overlooking New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeks had three children, two sons and a daughter, Howard Victor Meeks, Clarence Gardner Meeks, and Euretta Eleanor Meeks.

Howard Victor Meeks was born in Union Hill in 1878. After finishing his public school education he studied engineering at the Stevens Institute in Hoboken, from which institution he graduated in 1901. He worked as an engineer for three years and then went into the firm of Gardner & Meeks, of which company he later became Treasurer.

In 1903 he married Ethel Colon, with whom he has two children, Eleanor and Katherine.

Mr. Meeks is a member and Treasurer of the Sigma-Nu, a college fraternity of Stevens Institute, Secretary of the Woodcliff Land Improvement Co., Secretary and Treasurer of the Union Automobile Co., and a member of the Arcola County Club.

Clarence Gardner Meeks was born in Union Hill in 1880, where

also he received his public school education. He then attended a private school in Hoboken, and later studied at the Columbia College in New York, from which institution he graduated in 1901. He



then went into the company of Gardner & Meeks, of which he later became the President.

Mr. Meeks is much interested in public affairs, and a few years ago was appointed as County Park Commissioner. In this office he has been very instrumental in beautifying the parks in the county.

Mr. Meeks married Lilly Bennett of Bayridge, Brooklyn, in 1901. They have three children, Hamilton, Elizabeth and Clarence, Jr.

Mr. Meeks as a member of the F. and A. M., Salaam Chapter of Mystic Shrine, Trustee New Jersey Lumber Protective Association, Treasurer of the Woodcliff Land and Improvement Co., member of the Carteret Downtown Club of Jersey City, the Columbia University Club, the Arcola County Club, the Spring Lake County Club, the

Building Material Exchange of New York, the Lumber Trade Club of New York, the Lumber Trade Association, and the Labor Committee of New York.

Like all their ancestors, Messrs. Hamilton and Clarence Meeks are highly esteemed and respected for their business abilities and unimpeachable business integrity. They are great philanthropists and always ready and willing to aid every worthy movement.

Louis C. Hauenstein.

Louis C. Hauenstein, Recorder of the Town of Union, is one of the most prominent men in North Hudson. He was born in Germany in 1842. He emigrated to this country in 1856 and settled in New York, but a few years later moved to North Hudson, where he secured a position as collector with the Bermes Brewery. In 1880 he



established a brewery in Guttenberg, which he twelve years later sold to the Rock Spring Brewery Co. He then went into the Real

Estate and Insurance business. In 1861-65 he served in the U. S. Army.

The Judge has been very prominent in public affairs and has been elected to various offices of responsibility and trust. He served six years as Mayor of Union Hill, was twice elected to the Board of Freeholders, and was elected a member of the Board of Council several times.

In 1887 he was elected Recorder of the Town of Union, which office he still holds.

The Judge has gained an enviable reputation for his ability, integrity and sound judgment. While on the bench he has always been highly regarded for his fair decisions and judgments. He is patriotic, public-spirited, and has always been a staunch member of the Democratic Party. Personally he is a strong man and is recognized as such in the community. While possessed of all the dignity that belongs to his office, he is also a man of genial nature, refined courtesy and urbanity. He makes friends without effort and always keeps them.

The Judge married Theresa Gmand in 1871. They have twelve children.

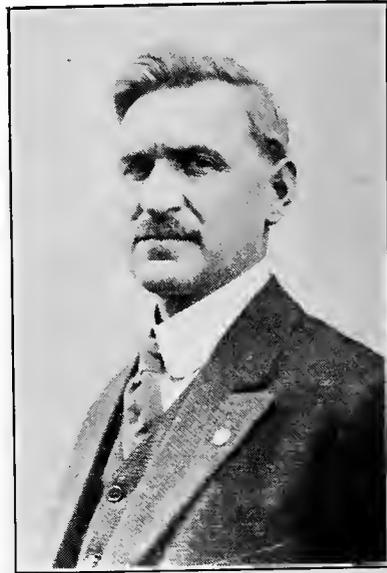
Oscar Broberg.

Oscar Broberg, a leading builder in Woodcliff, N. J., and a member of the firm of Adie and Broberg, was born in Sweden on May 18, 1875. There he received his early education and later served in the Army. He came to this country in 1897, and immediately upon his arrival started to learn the carpenter trade in New York City.

He came to Hudson County in 1910 and settled in the Woodcliff section, where he one year later started his own business as car-

penter and builder. The following year he went into partnership with G. Addie.

Mr. Broberg is a man of recognized ability, and as a builder has achieved eminent success. He is thorough in every detail, energetic



and practical in carrying out his contracts, and prompt in all his undertakings. His foresight, integrity and sound judgment and his capacity for business have brought him into local prominence. His pleasing personality is gaining him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Broberg was married to Siegrid Eckdel in 1896.

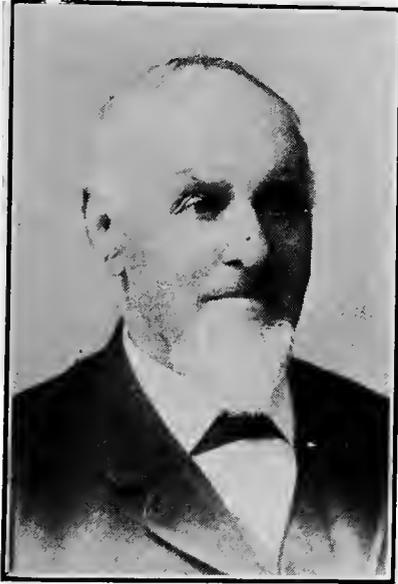
He has, in partnership with Mr. Addie, built over one hundred private residences in the section, and has gained a high reputation as an honest and conscientious builder.

As a citizen he is patriotic and public spirited and always interested in anything which may benefit the community.

Mr. Broberg resides in a beautiful home at 400 30th St., Woodcliff.

William Gulden.

William Gulden, of Union Hill, is one of the most widely known and highly respected men in North Hudson. His furniture establishment is known all over the county and state. The business was established by his father, William



Gulden, in 1868. He started a small furniture and repairing store in Union St., between Hudson and Park Avenue.

William Gulden, the subject of this sketch, was born in Union Hill, November 12, 1854. After completing his public school education he became a salesman in his father's furniture store. Later he established his own furniture store in New York City. But as he was eager to learn every detail and branch of the business, he soon gave up his store in New York and became a traveling salesman for a large wholesale furniture house. In this way he not alone learned all there was to learn about the different pieces of furniture, but he

also learned different business methods from the various furniture concerns he visited in different parts of the country.



In 1882 he returned to Union Hill. Full of new and modern ideas, he took charge of his father's store, which the following year was moved into larger quarters at 81-83 (now 149-151) Bergenline Ave. It did not take long before the business, under Mr. Gulden's management, started to prosper and people from all over the section started to patronize the store. Before that time, the store had only been known in the near vicinity. Mr. Gulden always found new methods of attracting the public's attention to his store and the number of pleased customers grew by leaps. It did not take long before it was found necessary to enlarge the quarters, and in 1892 a large four-story brick building was built at the same location. Business in this new building continued to grow and the Gulden furniture establishment was fast becoming one of the largest of its kind in the state. As

business was just at the highest, and only a few weeks before Christmas, in 1916, a fire broke out one evening and burned the building down to the ground. It was one of the largest fires in the history of North Hudson. People from all over North Hudson hastened to condole Mr. Gulden, who, everybody thought, would retire from business. However, a great surprise was in store for those who thought so. Although Mr. Gulden at that time was a man 62 years of age, his spirits were by no means broken, he was naturally deeply affected, but quick in his decision to start all over again.

A few days after the fire he had rented a vacant store, and to the great astonishment of the people in the section, he opened up with a new stock. In the meantime an architect was engaged to draw plans for a new building, the ruins from the fire were torn down, and at the writing of this article, the outside walls of the new building are already up. This building will be 5 stories high, of beautiful architecture, and will be another structure of which Union Hill can be proud. All through this crisis, in which many a man would have completely broken down, Mr. Gulden has shown a remarkably strong determination. This in fact has been the foundation for his success. Strong in his convictions, strong in character and possessed of a great business ability, no obstacles can possibly stop his efforts.

In many other ways, Mr. Gulden has been instrumental in the development of the community. He is President of the Phoenix Pad Manufacturing Co. of Baltimore, President of New York Excelsior Co., and one of the Directors of the Weehawken Trust Co. He is a great philanthropist and closely identified with charitable work. He

is connected with the North Hudson Hospital, of which institution he was the first and only financial secretary.

He is a member of the Eintracht Singing Society and many other associations and was formerly President of the North Hudson Board of Trade.

He has never sought or accepted any political offices, although it is well recognized that he would be the strongest candidate in the town for any office he may desire.

As a citizen he is thoroughly identified with the best interests in the town. His genial and pleasing manners and his sterling business character have gained him a host of friends.

James G. Morgan.

James G. Morgan is one of the prominent, enterprising, public-spirited and respected citizens of the Town of Union and has been honored by his fellow-citizens by elections and appointments to many offices of responsibility and trust. He has taken a live interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. He has faithfully discharged the many duties connected with the important positions he has held, and won the public confidence by his integrity, fairness and sound judgment.

Mr. Morgan was born in Weehawken at Duer Place, July 17, 1848. He is the son of John Morgan and Sarah Gardner, the latter's ancestors dating back to the eighteenth century in Union Hill.

Mr. Morgan's great-grandfather, E. F. Gardner, owned a large part of Union Hill or what at that time was called North Hoboken. His property extended from what is now called Union St. to Columbia St., including a large

part of Weehawken. Mr. Gardner's grandfather later sold this property to the North Hoboken Land Co., with the exception of ten acres, which he reserved for the children.

It may be mentioned here that Gardner St. received its name from E. F. Gardner and John St. from John Gardner. Morgan St. received its name from John Morgan.

John Morgan immigrated to this country from Scotland in 1824 and settled at Central Park, N. Y. He came to this section in 1825, when he took charge of Major Wallace's estate, which was later sold to Gen. Sheppitan and still later sold to James King, whom Mr. Morgan served as horticulturist and steward up to 1862, when he retired. He died in 1876.

Mr. J. Morgan took an active part in public affairs and was elected to the Board of Council, and also served in the Board of Freeholders and as Commissioner in the Board of Equalization of Taxes of Hudson County.

James G. Morgan, the subject of this sketch, attended Public School and later the German American School, where he studied under Prof. Seidhorf and this Professor's sister-in-law Augusta Friedrich for four years. Later he studied under Dr. Wm. Mabon and then attended the College Institute of New York. After his graduation from this institution he secured a position as clerk with the Grand Locomotive Works of Paterson, N. J., where he was employed until his marriage.

He returned to Union Hill to the house his father had built at Columbia St. and New York Ave., in 1863. Mr. Morgan entered the real estate business in 1869 and was very successful in this field up to 1911, when he retired.

In 1903 he became Vice-Presi-

dent of the Third National Bank in Jersey City.

As this was later merged with the Commercial Trust Co. of Jersey City, he became the Vice-President of this institution on January 17, 1915, and was assigned to the Grove St. Branch of this institution. Mr. Morgan is also Director of the Hoboken Bank of Savings, which office he has filled since 1885.

Mr. Morgan has always been ready to serve the community when called to fill some important office. He was appointed School Trustee in 1870 and served several terms as Recorder of Union Hill. He was also Justice of the Peace for several years. In 1878 he was elected to the Board of Freeholders, where he served two terms. He also held the office of Collector of Arrears of Union Hill. In 1892 he was elected Presidential Elector for Cleveland. Governor Murphy appointed Mr. Morgan to the Board of Morris Plains Insane Institution, which Board he served for six years. He was appointed to the County Board of Equalization of Taxes in 1881 and served on this Board for twenty-one years, becoming President of the Board. He has served as Clerk and President of numerous other important commissions.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the Masonic Order, Mystic Tie No. 123, and is a Royal Arch Mason, Pen Talpha, Chapter 11.

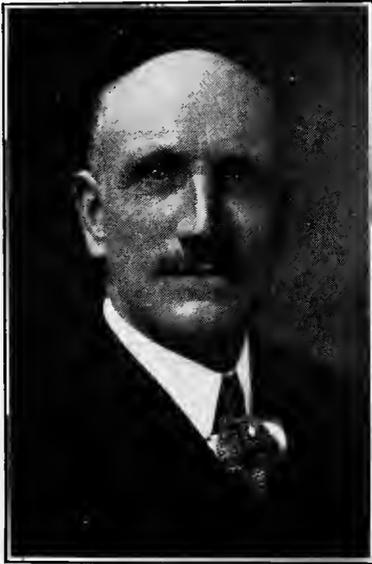
Mr. Morgan's daughter, Miss Sadie, married Robert Dixon, the prominent architect.

Mr. Morgan has travelled very extensively both by sea and by land. He has visited West Indies, Canada, and nearly every part of Europe, and has on his trips included every place of interest. He is a very keen observer of people and their customs and has closely studied conditions in the countries he has visited. He has seen nearly

every battle field of historic interest. Mr. Morgan's sterling business character, his perseverance, united with great business tact and skill, has brought him into prominence and his pleasing personality and geniality has gained him a large circle of friends.

R. C. Dixon.

Robert Campbell Dixon, one of the most eminent architects in the county, with offices at 548 Park Avenue, Weehawken, has contributed much to the growth of North Hudson.



He was born in New York City, his parents being Robert and Margaret (Campbell) Dixon. Some of his ancestors filled important positions of trust. One branch of his grandmother's family being Sir Wilfred Lawson, a representative in the English Parliament. The Dixon and Lawson families have contributed wholesome influence to their respective communities, and

achieved distinction as men of learning and ability. Robert C. Dixon, of this sketch, attended public school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and afterward pursued his studies in private schools. He completed his literary education at River View Military Academy, and finished with a business course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie. In 1876 he entered the office of D. & J. Jardine, architects, of New York City, as student. In 1883 Mr. Dixon engaged in business for himself as an architect, and has since achieved marked success and a notable reputation. He built the Town Hall of Union Hill, the Palma and Columbia Club Houses, Big Schneiders, William Gulden and George Denzer's business houses, the Weehawken High School, numerous church edifices, many important public schools, factories, and mercantile establishments in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

During the last ten years he has resided in Highwood Park, in which section many of the elegant residences erected by Mr. Dixon testify to his ability in his profession.

In political matters Mr. Dixon has been an active and influential leader, serving frequently as delegate to local and State Democratic Conventions. He served as President of the Board of Education at Union Hill.

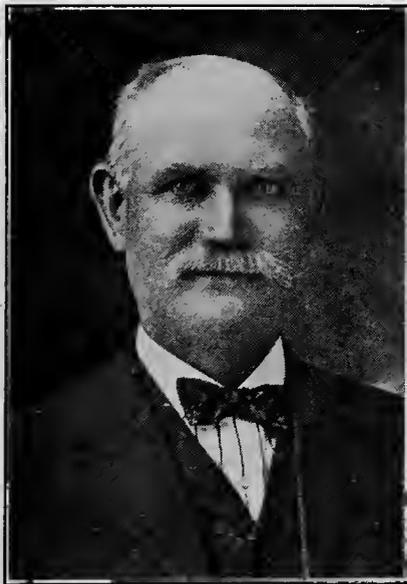
He is a member of Columbia Club of Hoboken, and the Palma Club of Jersey City. He was one of the organizers of the New Jersey Society of Architects, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and also the New Jersey Chapter of Architects. He is a Warden of Grace Episcopal Church of Union Hill, and a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 151, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Dixon was married Sept. 22,

1886, to Sadie Gardner Morgan, only daughter of James G. Morgan of Union Hill (see Morgan History). They have two children, Robert Kenneth, who is actively engaged in business in New York City, and Lola Smyth, who is married into the Geo. V Denzer family.

Gustav Dopsloff.

One of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens in North Hudson is Gustav Dopsloff, President of the Commonwealth Trust Co. in West Hoboken. He is what can be truly called a self-made man, having worked his way up from carpenter to his present position.



He was born in Germany, the 12th day of March, 1864, and received a common education in that county. He emigrated to America in 1879, and settled in West Hoboken, where he learned the trade

of carpenter and builder. In 1889 he engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder. He immediately became one of the most successful builders in the section, and in other sections as well, as he built in Jersey City, Union Hill, and many other parts. In 1899 he disposed of his business to Mr. E. Wesp, but for a number of years after, continued to devote his energies in building and selling dwelling houses.

He soon became a large property owner and has done much for the development of the community in which he always has exerted an important and wholesome influence.

In 1906 Mr. Dopsloff helped to organize the Commonwealth Trust Co., and in 1910 became the President of this institution. The remarkable growth of this bank is due to the conservative and careful management. The bank was started in small quarters at Stevens St. and Clinton Ave., later moving next door to the present location on Spring St. It soon prospered to such an extent that the Directors decided to erect the present building at the corner of Spring St. and Highpoint Avenue. The bank occupies the entire ground floor, while the upper floor is rented out for office purposes.

The Commonwealth Trust Co. is to-day ranked as one of the foremost banking institutions in the county, and its management is recognized as one of the most efficient.

Mr. Dopsloff has become immensely popular by his genial and democratic ways. He is a public-spirited citizen, possessed of the highest integrity and business ability and enjoys the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

He married Augusta Nadler in 1885. They had seven children, of whom, however, only two are living, Gustav, Jr., and George.

Henry Kohlmeier.

Henry Kohlmeier, Treasurer of the Commonwealth Trust Co. in



West Hoboken, was born in Union Hill, July 22, 1870. His father, Henry Kohlmeier, at one time served Union Hill as Councilman and Chairman of Police. He was a resident of that town since the early 60's.

Henry, the subject of this article, attended the local public school and then worked in various positions, until he secured a clerical position with the American Type Founders Co. in Jersey City. He worked for this concern for fifteen years, raising himself from a small position to that of Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Kohlmeier then took a trip to Mexico, and upon his return in 1908 became connected with the Commonwealth Trust Co., which had been established two years previous.

He started in the capacity of bookkeeper, was later promoted to Assistant Treasurer, and in 1911 to Treasurer.

With his sound judgment and great foresight Mr. Kohlmeier has been instrumental in making the Commonwealth Trust Co. one of the most conservative and most reliable banks in the northern part of the county. He has distinguished himself as a safe financier of marked ability and sagacity. He has mastered every detail of the banking business. His skill and ability have won for him a high rank in the banking world, while his untiring attention to duty, his constant application and his great care and practical devotion to the interest of the depositors has gained their appreciation and confidence.

Thomas McEwan.

Former Congressman Thomas McEwan, one of the leading bankers in the county, was born in Paterson, N. J., February 26th, 1854.



He is the son of Thomas and Hannah (Ledget) McEwan.

After he had received his pre-

paratory education in the public schools and the High School, he entered the Columbia Law School, from which institution he graduated and received the degree of L. L. B. in 1881. He was admitted to the Bar the same year and quickly rose to be one of the most able barristers in the county.

Mr. McEwan has been honored by election and appointment to many public offices of great responsibility and trust. He served as Tax Assessor of Jersey City from 1887 to 1888; Chief Supervisor of Elections, District of New Jersey, from 1892 to 1893; was elected to the Assembly in 1894 and became the leader of the Republican majority. This was the first time that a one-year member of the Assembly had held the office as leader. Mr. McEwan was elected and served as a member of the 54th and 55th U. S. Congresses from 1895 to 1899. He was the first Republican elected to Congress since 1878. He served as Comptroller of Jersey City in 1905. Mr. McEwan has, since its organization, held his present office of President of the Highland Trust Company in West Hoboken. No man is more prominent or more esteemed than is Mr. McEwan. He is enterprising, public-spirited, and one of the most respected citizens in the community. The confidence which his service in his many various capacities has inspired is evidenced by the fact of his appointment as executor, guardian, and trustee of many large estates. He is President of the Hoboken Heights Land Co., Treasurer of the Vienna Fancy Case Co. and Wecman Co.

He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, Hudson County Bar Association, U. S. Supreme Court; Advisory Committee Young Women's Christian Association; President of Hudson County

Branch of States Charity Aid Society and member of Executive Committee, Equal Franchise.

In fraternal circles Mr. McEwan is very prominently connected, being a Scottish Rite Mason (32nd degree) and a member of the Knights of Pythias and United Workmen. He is also a member of the Union League of Hudson County, the National Arts Society, N. Y. City, and the Hudson County Historical Society.

Frederick C. Hansen.

In the year of 1851, Peter Hansen emigrated from Schleswig-Holstein, and in the same year settled in Union Hill, being one of the pioneers of that town. After



two years of hard work, he had saved enough to send for his wife and children. One of his sons, Frederick C., the subject of this sketch, was then four years old. Having been born in Rendsburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Sept. 29, 1849.

Frederick attended private school in Union Hill until 1858, when the first public school was opened. He graduated from this school in 1863. He then helped his father, who had become a very successful contractor, and in 1876 Frederick established his own business as a real estate and insurance broker. In the same year he was elected Town Clerk of Union Hill and re-elected to this office for four successive terms, serving eight years in all. In 1885, he was elected to the Board of Council, and served four years in that Board, three years of which he served as President of the Board, or, what was later called Mayor.

In 1891, Mr. Hansen, with John A. Ross, established a real estate and insurance firm, under the name of Hansen and Ross. In 1911 Mr. Ross retired from the business and Mr. Hansen took his two sons, Paul A. and Ernest N., into the firm, which then became known as Hansen & Hansen.

Mr. Hansen has always exerted a wholesome and beneficial influence in the community, and enjoys the confidence of all who know him. He is highly respected and esteemed and has gained a high reputation for his business ability and integrity.

He is a member of the F & A. M., Director of Hoboken Trust Co., Secretary of the Town of Union Building and Loan Association, member of the Eintracht Society, and was for five years President of the Exempt Firemen's Association.

The Lange Family.

Frederick Lange was born in Germany in 1830. When he was nineteen years of age, he decided to emigrate to this country, and after spending thirty-five days in a vessel

he finally landed at Rector St., New York City, in 1849.

Soon after his arrival, he established a lamp business and sold oil for lighting purposes. In 1856 he moved to Hoboken and continued the business there. He established several routes, especially in West Hoboken, Union Hill and North Bergen. He was one of the first ones to buy lots in Union Hill, which were sold by Louis Becker, who had formed a company to sell lots laid out by the garden farm.



These lots ranged in price from \$50 to \$100 and were paid by installment of \$2.50 a month. After people had paid part of the money, a drawing took place, whereby each man drew his own lot. The people then started out to locate their respective lots, and Frederick Lange, to his great dismay, found his lot to be a great waterpool, where the Simon factory now stands in Union Hill. He had by this time paid in \$30, but stopped further payment and gave up his claim.

In 1857 he married Caroline

Baier, with whom he had ten children, of whom, however, only six are living. They are: Adaline, Herman, Fred, Maurice, Carrie and Frank.

A few years after their marriage the family moved to Union Hill, where Mr. Lange also moved his business. He was later elected School Trustee of that town, which office he held for three years. Mr. Lange is now living in retirement at his private residence in North Bergen.

Herman Lange, a son of Frederick Lange, was born in Hoboken, September 5, 1861. He received his public school education partly in Hoboken Academy and partly in the Union Hill public schools.

After leaving school, he received a position on August 3, 1876, with F. O. Etzold, who conducted a hardware store at Blum Street. Five months after securing this position, Mr. Etzold died, and the responsibility of conducting the business was put upon Herman, who took full charge, acting as salesman, buyer and collector.

In 1884 he established his own hardware business in a small store 12 by 20 feet on Bergenline Ave. The rent of this store was \$8. His sole capital was \$200. One year later he was able to move into larger quarters, and in 1891 he had succeeded to such an extent that he was able to buy the corner building at Columbia St. and Bergenline Ave. Two years later, however, when business depression set in and the country was practically in a panic, Mr. Lange had to give up his business interests. He was, however, not to be discouraged, and with remarkable energy and determination he started all over again and in 1907 he established his present hardware business with a capital of \$800.

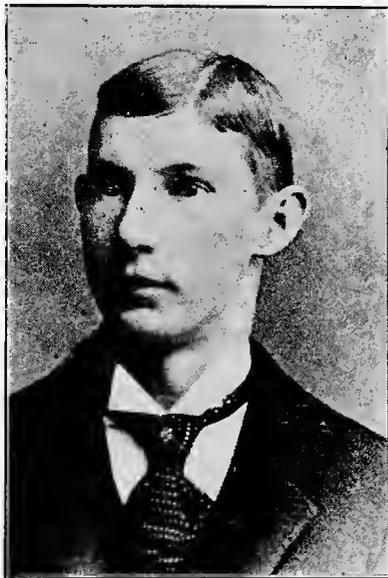
This business was located at 296

Bergenline Ave., has since become one of the most prospering hardware concerns in North Hudson.

In 1886 Mr. Lange married Anna Kumpa, with whom he had five children, of whom, however, only three are living. They are: Hermine, Charlotte and Ernst.

While Mr. Lange has never sought nor accepted any public office, he is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen. His pleasing manner and sterling business character has gained him a host of friends.

Maurice Lange is another son of Fred Lange. He was born in Union Hill, April 26, 1873. After finishing his education in the local public schools, he started to help



his brothers in the hardware business. His brother conducted a branch store on Spring St., West Hoboken, which the father took over, and Maurice helped the father in that store.

In the month of October, 1912, Maurice took over the store and

has conducted it ever since. It is located at 466 Spring St., West Hoboken, and is one of the largest hardware and housefurnishings stores in that town.

Mr. Lange is possessed of a pleasing personality which has, combined with using honest business methods, been a great factor for his success in business.

He has never taken any active interest in political affairs, but devoted his full time to his ever growing business. He is, however, always interested in any movements which may benefit his town, and always willing to lend assistance wherever he can.

In 1912 he married Margaret Schutte, with whom he has one child, Helen Dorothy.

Mr. Lange is a member of the Union Hill Turnverein. His great hobby is fishing and outdoor sports.

Joseph Tuerck.

The distinction of being the first architect in West New York belongs to Mr. Tuerck, one of the foremost architects in North Hudson.

He was born in Germany, Nov. 19, 1858, and obtained his early education in that country. He immigrated to this country in 1884 and five years later settled in Guttenberg. In 1900 he moved to West New York, where he has resided ever since. His life study has been architecture, in which he has made an immense success. Many of the finest buildings in the county are monuments to his ability.

An attempt to describe or even mention the numerous buildings he has erected and supervised, would fill a little book. Let it suffice to mention Cliffside School

No. 2, Guttenberg School, West New York School No. 3 and 4, Fairview School No. 3, Fort Lee School No. 2, Eclipse Hose Co., Guttenberg, Empire Hook and Ladder Co., and Empire Hose Co. No. 3 of West New York, and not to forget the Lincoln High School, one of the most beautiful buildings in the section. He has



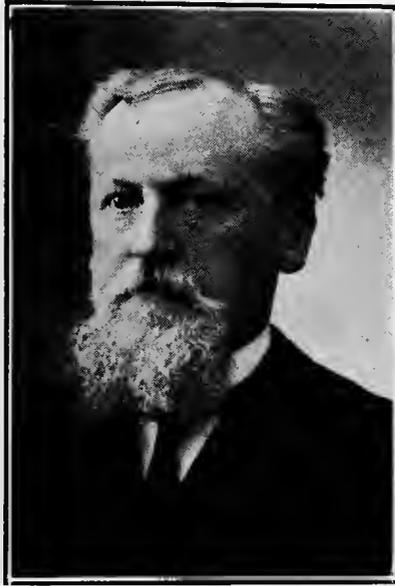
also erected several residences, factories, etc.

With his many years of experience as an architect, Mr. Tuerck has achieved a reputation second to none in Hudson County. His knowledge of his business is broad and comprehensive, giving him the position of recognized leader in his profession.

Mr. Tuerck is a public spirited citizen and takes a deep interest in every movement affecting the welfare of the community. He is greatly esteemed and respected, not only for his professional achievements, but also for those eminent qualifications and personal attributes which distinguish the successful man. His foresight, integrity and sound judgment and his capacity for business have brought him into more than local prominence.

Fred. W. Hille.

Few men have achieved a higher reputation than Fred W. Hille, one of the foremost bankers in North Hudson and President of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank in Union Hill.



He was born in Marburg, Germany, July 6, 1850. There he obtained his early education and later attended the "gymnasium" until he was seventeen years of age. He then studied drugs and chemicals in Frankfort am Main and at the University at Marburg. He next secured a position as drug clerk in Elberfeld, and after spending two years in that position, came to this country in 1872. He settled in New York, where he worked as a druggist for two years in one of the largest drug concerns in that city. In 1874 he came to Union Hill, where he worked as a clerk in Phil Gelhaar's (now Frank's) Drug Store on Main Street. This store, which had been established in 1867, was at that time located in

what is now Wacker's Bakery. At the time Mr. Hille became connected with this store, Gelhaar's widow was conducting the business with the help of a few clerks. After demonstrating his abilities to the satisfaction of Mrs. Gelhaar, she entrusted the management of the business to Mr. Hille, and soon after sold him the business. He then doubled his efforts and worked practically day and night to make a success of his enterprise. It did not take long before he became known as one of the most conscientious and reliable druggists in the section.

The business steadily increased, and the store became too small. By this time he had saved enough money to buy the adjoining lot and on this he erected a building, into which he moved his store in 1881; for the next twenty years Mr. Hille successfully conducted his drug business there, until poor health compelled him to sell out to Aug. Frank.

Mr. Hille was not a man, however, who could be idle for any great length of time, and he soon opened a small drug store in Ridgefield, N. J. This he gave up after a few years, and in 1890 he became connected, in a confidential capacity, with the Hudson Trust Company, of which he had been one of the founders.

He continued with this banking institution until August, 1917, when he resigned.

The Merchants' & Manufacturers' Trust Co. in Union Hill had just then been organized and the founder of this bank, after much persuasion, finally succeeded in securing the services of Mr. Hille to direct the affairs of this institution. He became President of this bank on August 15, 1917. No better man could possibly be found for that important position. Mr. Hille's influence in the community,

stamps him as one of the leading citizens, and his great knowledge in banking affairs and methods makes him especially qualified for his new office.

He is a rare gentleman, most gracious and hospitable, sincere and earnest and so honest and honorable in all the affairs of life, that the faintest breath was never raised to question his perfect integrity.

He is a public-spirited citizen, and has held many positions of trust and responsibility. He organized the Town of Union Building and Loan Association, of which he was Treasurer for four years. He was one of the organizers of the Free Library Association and the Weehawken Building and Loan Association. In politics he has always taken a keen interest and served as Tax Collector for the Town of Union for four terms.

In 1881 Mr. Hille married Christiana Frick, a member of one of the oldest families in Union Hill. They have three children, Katie, Emma, and William, who is one of the rising, young promising lawyers of North Hudson.

Mr. Hille is a member of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 123, F. & A. M., of which Lodge he has been the Treasurer for the last eighteen years.

Wm. G. Hille.

Among the foremost lawyers in North Hudson is William G. Hille, son of the noted banker of Union Hill.

He was born in that town April 10th, 1884, and received his preliminary education at the Hoboken Academy. He then took a four year's college course at the New York University College, from which institution he received his

college degree in 1905. Having received a thorough training, he took up the study of law at the New York University Law School, where he received his degree of L.L.B. in 1907. He continued his law studies in the offices of counsellor A. Leuly, where he served as clerk for two years. On March 9, 1909, he was admitted to the Bar as an Attorney at Law in the State of New Jersey and in 1912 he was admitted as Counsellor at Law and Master of Chancery.



Mr. Hille has been actively and successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession since his admission to the Bar, and in a large number of important cases with which he has been identified he has displayed high legal qualifications, a broad and accurate knowledge of the law, and great skill and ability. He has established a reputation especially as a real estate mortgage and chancery lawyer.

Counsellor Hille is a public-spirited man prominently connected in public, fraternal, professional and

social circles. He has served several terms as County Committeeman and is a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge, F. & A. M., and of several college fraternities, social and professional clubs.

Prof. A. Riesenberger.

One of the most esteemed and respected citizens in the county is Prof. Adam Riesenberger, of the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.



He was born in Ulster County, New York, February 9th, 1857, but his parents moved to Union Hill when he was only three years of age. Adam Riesenberger obtained his early school education at the Hoboken Academy, and at the early age of fifteen years he took up the study of mechanical engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology, from which college he graduated four years later. He continued his studies and in 1881 was appointed instructor in Mechanical Drawing at the same institu-

tion. Six years later he was appointed Assistant Professor, and Professor in 1889. Prof. Riesenberger is also the Treasurer of this institution, an office which he has held since 1884. He holds the office as Registrar since 1902, when the office was first established. He has for many years been an active and influential resident of Union Hill, in which town he still resides. He was a member of the Union Hill Board of Education for nearly seventeen years, five years of which he served as President of the Board. He resigned the latter part of 1916. He is Vice-President of the Hoboken Trust Company since this bank was incorporated 15 years ago, and a Director of the Hoboken Building and Loan Association for about 28 years. He is First Vice-President of the Boy Scouts, Trustee of the Old People's Home in North Bergen, member of the Citizens' Federation of Hudson County, of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

Prof. Riesenberger's career has been an eminently successful one and stamps him as a man of unusual ability, of great force of character, and possessed of that self-reliance and perseverance which characterize the man of affairs. His ability, integrity, and pleasing personality has gained him a large circle of friends. He is thoroughly identified with the best interests of the town, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost.

Prof. Riesenberger married, in 1878, Antoinette Schlemm, who, however, died two years later, leaving him one child. In 1881 he married Sophie Werner, with whom he has six children.

The Westervelt Family.

The Westervelt Family represent one of the oldest and most prominent families in Hudson and Bergen Counties. Their ancestors date back about 400 years in Holland, where the family was known as Van Westervelt.

Daniel P. Westervelt is a lineal descendant of Lubbert Lubeitsen (Westervelt), the founder of the American branch of the family, who came to America from Hepple, a province of Drenth, Holland, in 1662. He settled in Flatbush, Long Island. Upon his death his sons settled in Bergen County, New Jersey, where they became large land owners. Their descendants intermarried with families of note in Hudson and Bergen Counties, and the different branches of the family became tillers of the soil, noted lawyers, and eminent statesmen.

Daniel P. Westervelt was born at Tenafly, Bergen County, in 1827. He became one of the biggest commission merchants in New York City.

He married Cornelia Westervelt, who was also a descendant of the Van Westervelt Family, in 1847.

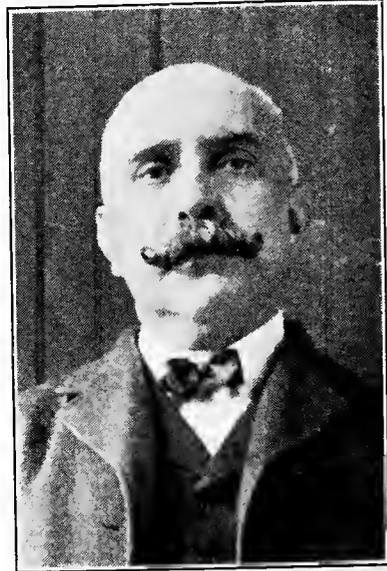
They had four children: John H., Lundy, Anna, and Rachael.

John H. Westervelt.

John H. Westervelt was born in New York City, August 17, 1853. In 1862 the family moved to Hoboken, and in 1867 to Union Hill, where John attended public school. After leaving school, he learned the butcher trade and worked at the Washington Market until 1897, when he became connected with the Armour Co. Mr. Westervelt is now Manager of this concern's branch in Jersey City.

Until recently, Mr. Westervelt resided at the old Westervelt homestead, the property located next to the Lincoln Theatre on Hackensack Plankroad, which property he still owns, but now resides in Woodcliff, N. J., where he built a beautiful home.

He is one of the prominent public spirited and respected citizens of North Hudson. While



never aspiring to any public office, Mr. Westervelt is always interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. In business he has exercised great executive ability, untiring energy, sound judgment and unusual foresight. His achievements are the result of his own efforts of the broad and progressive ideas of an able man. As a citizen he is greatly esteemed and has gained a large circle of friends by his pleasing personality.

In 1874, Mr. Westervelt married Eliza McCroskery, a daughter of Michael C. McCroskery, one of the oldest residents in Hudson County. They had seven children, of which

however, only five are living: Walter Daniel (who married Sophie Stalter; they have one child, Eliza Augusta, who married John Roff, with whom she has two children, Lester and Muriel), Anna May, James Calvin (who married Amelia Eva Foerch; they have three children, Dorothy May, Marjorie Ruth, and Evelyn Adell), Clara (deceased), Cornelia (who married H. Knowlton, they have two children, John Henry and Mildred Florence), Ray (deceased), and Julia (who married Henry J. Rau; they have one child, Marjorie).

Although only sixty-three years of age, Mr. Westervelt is a great-grandfather, a fact of which he is very proud.

W. D. Westervelt.

Walter Daniel Westervelt was born at the old Westervelt home-



stead on Hackensack Plankroad, Town of Union, August 6, 1875. After finishing his public school education, he worked in a whole-

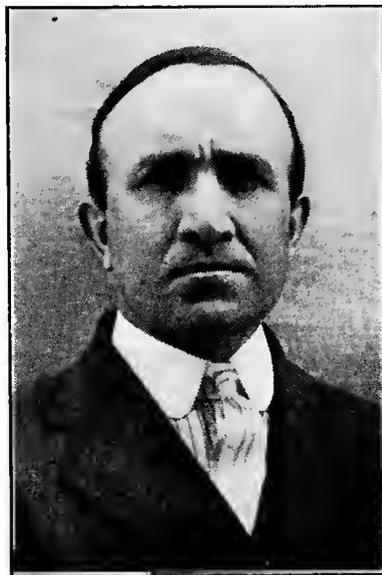
sale drygoods house for a number of years. In 1896 he started to learn railroading, in which business he is still engaged as an Engineer for the West Shore R. R.

In 1896 he married Sophie Stolte, a daughter of Carl Stolte, who had been a resident of North Hudson for over forty years. They have one daughter, Eliza Augusta, who in 1914 married John Roth. They have two children, Lester Westervelt Roth and Muriel.

Mr. Westervelt is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Brotherhood of Engineers.

James C. Westervelt.

James Calvin Westervelt was born in West Hoboken, May 2, 1881. He attended Union Hill



Public School, and after finishing his schooling worked for the Gorham Silver Co. as a silversmith. He then started to learn the plumbing business, and has worked at this trade ever since. In 1899 he

established his own business, and has since met with great success. His shop is located at the rear of his beautiful residence, which he built next to that of his father, at 409 32nd St., Woodcliff. He has also a branch shop at Hackensack Plankroad, Union Hill.

Mr. Westervelt has built up a very extensive business by his honesty and business ability. He is thorough in every detail, energetic and practical in carrying out his contracts, and prompt in all he undertakes. His foresight, integrity and sound judgment, and his capacity for business have brought him into more than local prominence. He is patriotic and possesses a pleasing personality.

Mr. Westervelt married Amelia Eva Foerch, September 14, 1907. They have three children, Dorothy May, Marjorie Ruth, and Evelyn Adelle.

Mr. Westervelt is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. As his rapidly increasing business demanded his continued attention, he has not had much time for political affairs, nevertheless he is always interested in civic affairs.

He is very fond of automobiling, and often makes long trips throughout the country.

Ephraim G. Hellstern, M. D.

Ephraim G. Hellstern, M. D., of Hudson Heights, was born in Union Hill, January 23, 1879.

His parents were John and Caroline (Meckel) Hellstern. They were old, honored and respected residents of Union Hill, having settled in that town in 1870.

Mr. Hellstern attended the Union Hill Public Schools and later the Eagan Business Schools, being one of the first pupils of the latter. He

then studied at the New York High School and the Stevens Institute of Hoboken, and in 1900 took up the study of medicine in the University of Maryland, from which institute he graduated in 1904, receiving the degree of M. D. Immediately after



he established his own practice in Union Hill, and a short time after moved to Hudson Heights, where he soon came into prominence as a physician and surgeon of unusual ability, and where he has since conducted a large and successful practice. Displaying broad and liberal qualifications, a thorough mastery of the science of medicine, and sound judgment, united with a genial good nature, he has gained a wide circle of friends and an enviable standing in the community. In professional circles he has achieved a high reputation. As a citizen he is public spirited, progressive, patriotic, and universally respected and esteemed.

He is assistant surgeon of the North Hudson Hospital and is a member of the Board of Health of Fairview and Cliffside, and is a

medical school inspector for both of those boroughs.

The doctor is prominently connected in fraternal circles. He is a member of the F. and A. M., a former Commander of the Shriners, a member of the Foresters, Jr. O. U. A. M., Woodmen, Redmen, Shepherds of Bethlehem, and numerous others.

The doctor married in 1905, but his wife died four years after. He re-married in 1913, and in this marriage is father of one child, Marie.

Jos. D. Lugosch.

Joseph D. Lugosch has achieved as an architect a measure of success which stamps him as one of the most prominent men in the county in his profession.



He was born August 21, 1872, in Germany, where he received his education in the public schools, and after completing his schooling he turned his attention to the study of architecture, for which he had a

decided taste. He studied at the Charlottenburg Polytechnic Institution, Hildburghausen, and other prominent institutions in Germany.

In 1901 he came to America, and soon after settled in Weehawken, later moving to Union Hill. Three years after his arrival in this country he established his own business and opened an office at 540 Palisade Ave. This office he later moved to 15 Bergenline Avenue, and then to his present location at 21 Bergenline Ave., where he occupies a suite of offices.

Mr. Lugosch has gained an extensive business through his ability and skill. He has designed and erected many of the finest structures in the northern part of the county, among which may be mentioned the Goelz Building, Harvard Building, Flat Iron Building, William Peter's Bottling Department, Consumers' Ice Plant, Rev. Father Grieff's Rectory, the Pleasant Avenue houses for Wm. Peter, the new Gulden Building on Bergenline Avenue, and not to forget the Union Hill High School, which is one of the finest structures in North Hudson. He has also erected several engine houses in Union Hill, many moving picture houses and embroidery factories and numerous private dwellings.

His work shows great originality, broad professional knowledge and marked artistic taste, as well as a thorough comprehension of structural problems. His success is the result of his own efforts.

Mr. Lugosch had the distinction of being appointed the first building inspector in Union Hill. Otherwise he has never sought or accepted any public office, as his continuously growing business demands his full attention. He is nevertheless a public-spirited citizen, active and influential in promoting business and public interest. He is a man promptly discharging every

obligation and imbued with the highest principles of integrity. His genial nature and winning manners have gained him a host of friends. In social circles Mr. Lugosch is a welcome guest, and he is prominently connected in fraternal and social societies.

He is a member of the F. and A. M. (Palisade Lodge No. 84), Odd Fellows, Elks of Hoboken No. 74, Liedertafel, Eintracht Singing Society, Peter Braeu Bowling Club, and several others. He is an ex-Captain of the Union Hill Schuetzen Corps.

Mr. Lugosch married in 1910 Anna Dorothy Riefer, a daughter of the well known piano manufacturer.

C. W. Van Zile.

The Van Zile family is one of the oldest families in Hudson County. Cornelius W Van Zile, of



the Van Zile Company, of 589 to 593 Summit Avenue, West Hobo-

ken, is the sixth child of eight children, his parents being Edward Van Zile and Cornelia N. Crossman.

Although the family has resided in Hudson County for over three generations, Cornelius W. was not born in this county, as his parents had moved to New York, where they resided for a few years, and where Cornelius was born in 1869.

The family moved back to Union Hill in 1870, and there Cornelius attended Rev. John Justin's school and later the Union Hill and Weehawken Public Schools. After graduating, Cornelius secured a position as clerk in A. Birnbaum's Shoe Store on Bergenline Avenue and worked in the retail shoe business for a number of years. He then worked in the office of the Erie Railroad for six years, and then changing to outdoor work, went on the road traveling for a New York City firm, selling teas and coffees to the retail store trade in New York and New Jersey.

In 1904 Mr. Van Zile originated his present business and in partnership with his brother Edward K., started his present business under the name of Van Zile Brothers Company, which after six months was changed to Van Zile Company. They started the manufacturing of Wash-Day-Wonder-Workers in the old Sanitarium at Palisade Avenue and Paterson Plank Road. The business was a success from the start, and one year later they built and moved to a larger factory at 924 Monastery Street, West Hoboken, where they stayed up to 1911, when the business had again outgrown the facilities, and Mr. Van Zile built the present factory at 589 to 593 Summit Ave., West Hoboken. This building is two story brick with a large cellar, covering a ground of 29x75 feet, and with a floor space of 6,500 square feet.

The Van Zile Company manufactures Van's Norub, which washes clothes clean without rubbing or injury, and Van's Addit, which makes common starch perfect. The firm has become known all over the country, and has agencies throughout the United States. Their products, which have become immensely popular, are being sold by all the leading wholesale and retail grocers.

Mr. Cornelius W. Van Zile has never affiliated himself with any political or fraternal organizations, but is nevertheless a public spirited and patriotic citizen. He is enterprising, enthusiastic, and popular, and has gained the respect and esteem of everybody with whom he has come in contact. His dignified, pleasing personality has gained him a host of friends.

August A. Schlegel.

August A. Schlegel, the successful hardware merchant in Union Hill, was born in Germany, April 3, 1871. His parents brought him to this country in 1880, when the family settled at 112 Gardner St. After finishing his education in the local schools, he learned the trade as mill worker, and for a number of years worked in the piano industry. In 1892 he secured a position with "Big Schneider", who at that time conducted a small hardware store on Lewis St. He worked for Schneider for four years and then opened his own business under the name of the "Hudson County Stove Repair Co." and located at 168 New York Ave. He conducted this business for six years and then moved to Columbia St. and Bergenline Ave., where he continued the business under the name of Schlegel & Meyer, until 1907.

Mr. Schlegel was then taken in as a member in the firm of "Big Schneider", one of the largest hardware concerns in North Hudson. He became the general manager, and for ten years successfully conducted this firm's business. A few



months ago he retired his membership in the firm, and has now opened his own hardware store on the corner of Bergenline Avenue and Fourth St., Union Hill. This store is modernly equipped and stocked with everything pertaining to the hardware line. The store is conducted under the name of the Schlegel Hardware Co., and Mr. Schlegel is the sole owner.

In 1893 Mr. Schlegel married Augusta S. Meyer, with whom he had three children, of whom, however, only one girl, Bertha is living. She married Nicholas Schutz, who is associated with Mr. Schlegel in his new enterprise.

In social circles Mr. Schlegel is well known, being a member of over a dozen different associations and societies.

He has gained an eminent reputation as a man of the highest integrity and great business ability. He is a prominent citizen, connected with the best interests of North Hudson,

Arnold Rippe.

Arnold Rippe, one of the largest insurance agents in the County, with offices at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, was born in New York City, December 29, 1876. He went to Public School No. 44 in that city and after graduating started to study the fire insurance business, working for different brokers in New York City in order to learn



the business thoroughly. In 1890 he moved to Union Hill and was a resident of that town until he moved to Weehawken some 15 years ago. On October 7, 1903, he established his own office, at the above address, and has since become one of the most successful men in the insurance business.

Mr. Rippe has never sought nor accepted political offices, but prefers to devote his whole time to his business. He is always ready, however, to bear a loyal citizen's part in public affairs, and takes a deep interest in all worthy movements affecting the community.

He is secretary of the Vestry of Grace Church, Union Hill, and third vice-president of the First National Bank in Union Hill. He is also vice-president of New Jersey State Fire Underwriters.

Mr. Rippe married Jenny V. Symes, of the old West New York family, on April 5th, 1899. They have one child, Gladys.

Mr. Rippe's father, Fred Rippe, was prominently identified with political affairs and once held the office of Director of the Board of Freeholders. He was also President of the Court House Committee, which built the present Court House, one of the finest structures in the State.

Wm. C. Kronmeyer.

Wm. C. Kronmeyer, of West Hoboken, is descended from an old family of Civil War fame. His father, Chas. J. Kronmeyer, was born in the State of New York in 1834. He married Caroline Louise Brauneck, with whom he had seven children. They are: Charles C. (deceased), Christian C.,; Frederick C.; Julius C.; William C.; Elizabeth and Caroline (deceased).

He was an inventor and manufacturer of pencil sharpeners until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he joined the 52nd Regiment of New York. He showed an immense ability and bravery as a soldier and was rapidly promoted. On November 1, 1861, he was mustered in as first Sergeant, Co. C; was promoted to second Lieutenant, Co. I, March 1, 1862; on February 1st, 1863, was promoted to first Lieutenant, Co. E; on October 23, 1863, Captain Co. C, and on June 17, 1865, was promoted to Major with rank from May 28th, 1865. On May 10th, 1864 (in the Battle of the Wilderness) he was wound-

ed and captured while in action, at Poe River, Virginia, and sent to Camp Sorghum, Columbia, S. C., as a prisoner of war. He was later transferred to Andersville prison, where he was kept a prisoner of war up to the latter part of March, 1865, when he escaped and returned to Camp California, at Arlington Heights, Virginia. While in the Army, Mr. Kronmeyer gained a



high reputation as a splendid officer, always exercising sound judgment and remarkable bravery. By his good humor and pleasing personality he gained a host of friends.

He returned with his regiment in July, 1865, and a few years later moved with his family to Hudson County, where he died in 1897. The first surgeon of the regiment, in speaking of Mr. Kronmeyer, referred to him as "one of our best fellows, one of our truest comrades, always cheerful, a good fellow, a fine singer, and a faithful comrade."

Wm. C. Kronmeyer, the subject of this sketch, was born in Jersey City Heights, March 10th, 1881.

He attended the old Public School No. 7, and after graduating from this school he attended the Jersey City Evening High School, from which he graduated February 18, 1898. He then took a course at the Y. M. C. A. in New York City, from there he went to the New York Preparatory School and then entered the New York University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York and is at present practising law in New York City. Mr. Kronmeyer is also a real estate, insurance and bonding broker, with offices in New York City.

He has been a resident of Hudson County practically all his life, and a resident of West Hoboken (with the exception of one year intervening) for the past seventeen years, and has been prominently connected in public affairs. He served the town as Councilman from 1910 to 1911. He was a candidate for Alternate Delegate for the National Republican Convention in 1908.

Mr. Kronmeyer married Katherine Kaelin in 1910. He is a member of the Lafayette Camp, Sons of Veterans, New York City, Ellsworth Camp, Sons of Veterans, Union Hill, Royal Order of Eagles, Royal Arcanum, the Pierian Debating Society, and the New York County Lawyers' Association.

He is also a member of the Go-as-You-Please Bowling Club of Union Hill and of the Halcyon Canoe Club.

Though a young man, Mr. Kronmeyer has achieved a very high reputation for ability and perseverance. He is a public spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and by example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confi-

dence he enjoys to the utmost. He is honest and enterprising and is a man of the highest integrity.

Mr. Kronmeyer's brother, Frederick C., who is also a lawyer, a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars, has his office at No. 2 Wall Street, which office was formerly occupied by General Grant, who was a member of the firm of Grant & Ward.

John Neff, Sr.

The well known real estate and insurance broker, with office at 185 Summit Avenue, West Hoboken, was born in Switzerland, April 23, 1845. There he attended public school and later Gymnasium (college). His parents wanted him to study for the priesthood, while he



himself wanted to study law. However, Mr. Neff finally chose to learn the telegraph business, and later passed the examination as telegraphist, when the government appointed him as such

in a French part of Switzerland, and, afterwards, as postmaster in Appenzell, Switzerland. After resigning from this position, he started his own printing shop and edited and published a newspaper, which he continued until 1878, when he sold out and went into the embroidery business.

Mr. Neff was also a military and State's officer in Switzerland.

In 1865, he passed a cantonal military course, then a federal officers' military school, when he was appointed as 2nd lieutenant, afterwards as 1st lieutenant, and then as ober-lieutenant. In 1874, when the first federal military organization became a law, he had to pass a quarter-masters' military school at Thun, Switzerland.

During the French-Prussian war in 1870-1871 he was with the Swiss army on the border—protecting the Swiss neutrality. He saw the French "Bourbaki" army, consisting of 84,000 men, that was repulsed by General Werder over Belfort, Montbeliard, Besancon, Pontarlier, to Verrieres Suisses, where, in order to avoid being taken prisoners, said Bourbaki army entered Switzerland, where the French soldiers were treated like brothers.

He was also elected as president of the Oberaufsichtskommission für Waldwirtschaft (Supreme Direction of Woodcraft) of his canton (State), which office he held until he emigrated to this country in 1882. He first settled in New Orleans, then in New York City. In 1891 he came to West Hoboken, where he and his wife were active in hand embroideries, until he went into the real estate and fire insurance business. He was quickly elected a Justice of the Peace, appointed a Notary Public and Commissioner of Deeds.

The Judge married Anna Maria Koch, in Switzerland, June 5, 1867. They had seven boys, of whom only

three are living. They are: John J., who married Anna Witzig (they have nine children); Anthony, who married Margaret Brunner, nee Silver (they have one child); Alfred R., who married Olga Marquard (they have three children).

Judge Neff is well known throughout Hudson County, etc., is a member of two large Swiss societies and is highly respected by all, who know his honesty, integrity, and human feeling.

William Schlemm. .

The Schlemm family is one of the oldest and most prominent families in North Hudson. Robert Schlemm was born in Union Hill in 1845 and resided in that town and in West Hoboken until his death in 1911. He, at one time, served as Mayor of Union Hill. He married Charlotta Bischoff, with whom he had five children. One of these children, William, the subject of this sketch, was born in Union Hill, May 4, 1885. He attended the local public schools and then started to help his father, who had established the undertaking establishment of Robert Schlemm & Son in Union Hill in 1890. Three years later the business was moved to West Hoboken, and on the death of his father, William took full charge.

Mr. Schlemm, although a young man, has become one of the most prominent and best known men in the northern part of the county. As an undertaker he has become known from one end of the county to the other. His business ability, integrity and pleasing personality have gained him a host of friends throughout the county.

He is prominently identified with the Democratic Party and at one

time served as Coroner of Hudson County. While in this office, he held the inquest in the murder case of Anna Aumuelier, for which



Hans Schmidt was later convicted. Mr. Schlemm was highly complimented by high New York police officials for the thorough manner in which he had conducted the inquest. He has always been a fearless advocate of honest government and sound Democratic principles. As a citizen he is public-spirited, enterprising, and patriotic, and is well known for his many charitable deeds.

John Merritt.

John Merritt, one of the most respected citizens in the Town of Union, was born in that town in 1849. His parents were John Merritt, who immigrated to this country from England, and Catherine Van Gieson, who was born in Secaucus, 1820, of Dutch parents.

Mr. Merritt, the subject of this

sketch, was born at Jefferson Pl., and the Boulevard, about 25 feet from his present residence.

After finishing his public school education in Union Hill, he learned



the lithographing trade and later received a position with the lithographing firm of Knapp & Co. of New York City. He was with this firm for thirty-eight years and became a recognized artist in the trade. Some of his beautiful work can be seen at his home on Jefferson Place.

In the growth and prosperity of the Town of Union Mr. Merritt soon gained influence, and through his energy and public spirit has been active in promoting the general welfare. He took an early active part in the councils of the Republican Party and served as a member in the Town's Board of Council for four successive terms and was a member of the Board of Education for three years. In 1911 Mr. Merritt was appointed Postmaster and held this office till 1915, under President Taft.

In 1873 Mr. Merritt married

Kate Seeley, daughter of John Seeley, of New Durham. The Seeley family were among the earlier settlers of North Bergen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt have two children: Henry, who married Miss M. Brown (they have two children, John and Jessie), and Frank, who married Miss E. Haldenwang (they have also two children, Howard and Frank).

Mr. Merritt has distinguished himself for ability, sound judgment and patriotism. He is known as an honest and enterprising citizen of the highest integrity and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.

August Wetterer.

One of the most esteemed and respected residents of the northern part of the county is August Wetterer, of the Town of Union.

He was born in New York City, December 27, 1859. His father, Charles Wetterer, immigrated from Baden, Germany, to this country, in 1848, and later became one of the most prominent contractors in New York as well as in this county.

The family moved to Union Hill in 1861. There August received his public school education and later learned the real estate and insurance business. In 1877 he opened a real estate and insurance office with J. G. Morgan under the name of Morgan & Wetterer (see sketch of Morgan & Wetterer). This office still stands at the corner of Union Street and New York Avenue, but is now conducted by Mr. Wetterer himself, as Mr. Morgan resigned from this business five years ago. The firm is now Wetterer & Betz.

Mr. Wetterer has, all his life, displayed great business ability, sound judgment and unerring

foresight, united with manly courage, indomitable industry and honest effort. He served his town in the capacities of Collector of Arrears and Taxes in 1890-'91-'92.

In 1885 he married Harriet Guth of the old prominent family residing in Union Hill since 1850.

Mr. Wetterer is a member of the Palisade Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., of which Lodge he has been a member for the last thirty years; Cyrus Chapter, Pilgrim Commandery, Garfield Council and several other societies.

He is a large property owner and has done much for the development of the community, and has always taken an active interest in everything connected with the welfare or improvement of Union Hill.

Mr. Wetterer's father died in 1910, at the age of eighty-four years.

Frank Selbach.

Few men are more popular than Frank Selbach, the prominent iron work manufacturer in North Hudson.

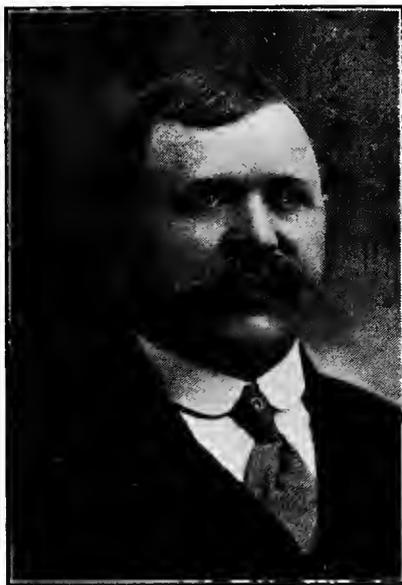
Hes was born in Germany, Dec. 26, 1867, and received his early education in that country, and later learned the iron trade.

In 1887 he came to this country and for a number of years worked at his trade, later establishing his own business in Hoboken, which he conducted for 6 years.

Ten years ago he established the business of Selbach-Meyer Co. in West New York, which concern today ranks among the foremost in structural and ornamental iron work. The plant is located at 21st to 22nd Street, West New York, and covers a ground of 75x217 feet and employs about 30 men.

This firm has had the contracts

for some of the largest structures in this section, including as follows: The Union Hill High School, of which the contract was \$35,000; West New York Town Hall, \$10,000; School No. 6, West New York; Belvidere Court, Jersey City; Goelz Building, Union Hill; North Hudson Hospital, Cliffside School; Leonia School; and a large number of other contracts too numerous to mention.



While being a public spirited and enterprising man, Mr. Selbach has never sought public offices, but has devoted his full time to his business. He is known throughout the northern part of the county as a man of the highest ability and integrity, and is possessed of sound judgment and a sterling business character. His pleasing personality has gained him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Selbach married Marie Bachmann in 1888. They have four children, Mary, Augusta, Margaret, and Charles.

M. & L. Mineral Water Company.

Probably one of the best known concerns in Hudson County is the M. & L. Mineral Water Company, manufacturers of high grade aerated beverages and mineral waters.

The plant, which is located at 395 and 397 Haliday Street, Jersey City, covers a ground of 50x100 feet, and employs 16 men steady.

The concern was established in 1911 by Mr. William J. Menown, who started in a small place with four men, and two wagons for de-



liveries. Today three double and two single wagons and a two-ton motor truck are kept busy making deliveries all over the county and in New York City, besides large shipments delivered by rail to different places in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The firm supplies most of the large and prominent clubs and hotels in these three states. Orders have been re-

ceived so fast of late, that it has been found impossible to fill them with the present facilities.

Mr. Menown received on January 1, 1916, the first certificate issued by the Board of Health for cleanliness in his factory. At the exhibition and parade conducted by the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce a few years ago, Mr. Menown received the blue ribbon for display of wares.

All the latest and most up-to-date machinery can be found in his factory. All bottles are first sterilized, then go through a brushing process, and finally through the rinsing machines.

All ingredients used in the manufacture of the beverages are made at this plant, and only the purest materials used. The different containers for water, syrup, etc., are made of slate and porcelain, and are screened to keep out dirt and flies.

Mr. Wm. J. Menown has been in the business for over fifty years, starting to learn it when only a boy, in Ireland, where he was born January 19, 1856. He immigrated to this country in 1882, and settled in the section of Jersey City where the factory is now located. He at once started to work at his trade, and his abilities were soon recognized, procuring him a responsible position with the old Standard Bottling Works in Jersey City. He ran this firm's first machinery at the exhibition in New York, 1883.

In 1911 he established his present business and by consistent hard work and push, and by sticking to his principle of "Honest Methods", giving the public the purest and best products, Mr. Menown soon succeeded in making his business known country wide. His aim from the beginning has always been "Quality", and he has stuck to it ever since.

S. T. Fairbanks.

Samuel T. Fairbanks, one of the best known auctioneers in Hudson County, with offices at 89 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, was born in that city, January 11, 1875.



There he received his early education at the Public Schools, and later worked in the furniture business. He, however, soon became interested in real estate, and worked for several large firms in and about New York. After a few years he established his own business and opened an office on Washington St. in Jersey City, N. J., where the present Post Office now stands. He then became interested in auctioneering, in which business he has made a huge success, with hundreds of important sales to his credit, some of the largest deals having been handled by Mr. Fairbanks, who is known from one end of the state to the other.

Mr. Fairbanks is honest and enterprising, and a man of the highest integrity, enjoying the confidence

and respect of all who know him. In 1900 he married Louise Sieben, of Jersey City, by whom he has had four children, Warren, Gordon and Mildred, now living; and Edgar (deceased).

He is a member of the F. and A. M. and the Jr. O. U. M.

He is doing business under the firm name of Jersey City Realty Exchange, and is a real estate broker, auctioneer, and appraiser.

F. E. Ciavatti.

Fernando E. Ciavatti is fast becoming one of North Hudson's most noted portrait painters. He was born in Rimini, Italy, in 1892 and early in life showed a great talent for portrait painting. He



(Photo from Painting.)

studied under the widely known portrait painter and sculptor E. Panzini in Italy.

Mr. Ciavatti came to West Hoboken in 1906 and has since made quite a name for himself both in New York and New Jersey. He is

an artist with a splendid talent and ability, a fact which has been recognized by many prominent people who have posed for him, among which can be found a number of men and women of New York's best society.

Mr. Ciavatti is also well known socially. He is at all times genial, has a pleasant word and hearty welcome to everybody, and his pleasing ways make everybody take a liking to him.

He was married in 1913 and resides at 406 Mountain Road.

John Haag.

John Haag, well known in North Hudson, was born in Union Hill, the 27th of August, 1867. His parents were John Haag and Christiana Miller. They settled in



that town in 1846, and were some of the earliest settlers of that section.

After John had received his public school education, he learned

the plumbing trade and was in this business for a number of years. In 1904 he went with the Peerless Granite Company and has been with this concern ever since. He is now Secretary of this firm.

Mr. Haag has taken a great interest in public affairs, and in 1909 was elected to the Board of Council and re-elected to this Board again in 1911. After finishing his second term, Mr. Haag withdrew to give another man a chance. While in office, Mr. Haag was chairman of the Fire Committee for four years and chairman of the Finance Committee for two years. He has always been a staunch Democrat and a great believer that every man in the party should have an equal chance.

Mr. Haag married Christina Siebel in 1894. They have one son, John C., Jr., who married Florence Schmidt.

Mr. Haag has exerted an important influence in various directions, and by courage and perseverance has achieved a high reputation in all relations of life.

He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and has always taken a great interest in the development of the community.

James H. Hughes.

Descended from one of the oldest and most prominent families and one of the first undertakers in Jersey City, is James H. Hughes, with undertaking parlors at 183 Montgomery Street.

Mr. Hughes established the business in 87-89 Montgomery St. in 1846. It was at that time a furniture and casket business. He was the second undertaker starting in business in Jersey City.

On May 2, 1899, Wm. Hughes

died, and his son Thomas took over the business, later moving it to 101 Montgomery St., and still later to 260 Warren St. He married Harriet McGillily, with whom he had one daughter, Ida. Thomas Hughes died on February 15, 1915, and the business was then taken over by James H. Hughes, who was a cousin to the deceased. He moved the business to the present address.

James H. Hughes was born in Jersey City on January 26, 1876. After finishing his school education in the local schools, he worked for a time in a large drug concern and later started to learn the undertaking business.

He married Minnie Schade in 1907. They have one son, Edwin. mond.

The Hughes family are probably the only undertakers who kept a record of their funerals previous to 1875. Before that time no records were kept by anybody of where people were buried.

James Hughes is naturally deeply interested in Jersey City and especially in the lower section, where he was born and raised and where his family lived in the early days. He has a splendid memory of the olden days, and has followed the growth of the section with an appreciating interest.

He is, of course, well known in the community, whose respect and esteem he enjoys to the utmost.

Although he is a public-spirited man, he has never taken any active interest in politics and devoted his full time to his business. He is a very careful and conscientious man, able and dignified in his profession, and has achieved a high reputation for his sterling business character.

He is well known in fraternal circles, and is a member of the F. and A. M. and the Elks.

Anton Dite.

Anton Dite, well known in political and social circles, was born in Bohemia in 1863 and came to America in 1879. He worked in several grocery stores in New



York and later at the manufacturing of cigars. He came to West Hoboken about thirty years ago, where he worked as a painter and later opened a cafe, which he conducted for 13 years. He then retired from this business and started in the real estate business, with office at his residence, 246 Palisade Ave., West Hoboken.

Mr. Dite was elected Freeholder in 1902 and served in this capacity until 1908.

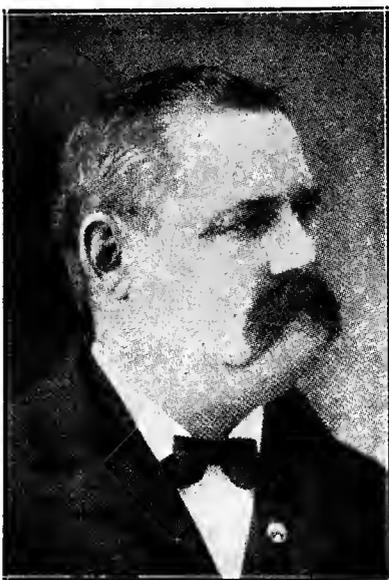
He was married in 1886 and there are six children. Mr. Dite is prominently connected with several Bohemian organizations and is a member of the Foresters of America, the Exempt Firemen's Association and Columbia Mutual Aid Society.

He is a public spirited and en-

terprising citizen and has always been actively interested in the welfare of the community and in various capacities has served his fellow citizens efficiently and honorably. He is one of the organizers of the Commonwealth Trust Co. of West Hoboken and is a Director of this bank.

Charles W. Wyckoff.

One of the most prominent and best known builders in West Hoboken is Charles W. Wyckoff. He was born in Huntington County in



1848 and after finishing his schooling, he started to learn the carpenter business. He went to Texas, where he stayed for four years, then went to Princeton, and ten years later moved to Asbury Park, where he remained for six years. He then came to West Hoboken in 1888, and since then Mr. Wyckoff has erected over 600 buildings in North Hudson, and is still very active in the business, in

which he has the help of his four sons. Mr. Wyckoff served on the Board of Education for five years. He is a member of the Free Masons and Royal Arcanum. He was married in 1870, and there are eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Mr. Wyckoff's great hobby is automobiling, and he very often goes out on large and extensive trips in his car, and has in this way seen a large part of the United States.

He has a host of friends throughout the country, and is known as a sterling business man, whose word is recognized wherever he is known.

Fred'k J. Bergmann, Jr.

Frederick J. Bergmann, Jr., one of the best known men in the northern part of the county and one of the most successful painting contractors in that section, was born in Weehawken, May 5, 1870. He is the son of Frederick J. and Gertrude (Ziegler) Bergmann, natives of Germany, who emigrated to this country in 1848.

Frederick obtained his public school education in Weehawken and Hoboken and later took a course in decorative design at the Cooper Union Institute in New York City. In 1898 he established his own business as painter and decorator. He has since become one of the most brilliant men in his line of business and his decorations in some of the most noted buildings have been praised as masterpieces.

Mr. Bergmann is a public spirited citizen and has held many public offices of responsibility and trust. He served the Weehawken Board of Education in 1901-1902-1903. He was elected Township Committeeman from the

Second District, in which office he served from 1904 to 1905. He was then elected, by the unanimous vote of the Weehawken Council, to fill the unexpired term of Township Treasurer. He has faithfully discharged his duties connected with his different offices



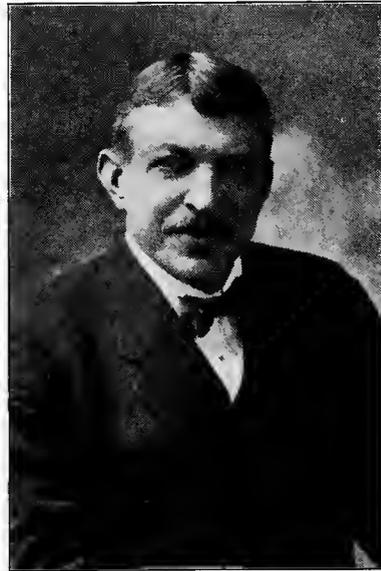
and won the public confidence by his fairness and sound judgement. excellent reputation for business ability, integrity and enterprise. His work stands as monuments to his industry. He has also won recognition as a landscape and portrait painter and many beautiful paintings executed by his own hands can be seen at his home and at the homes of his many friends. He is thorough in every detail, energetic and practical, and prompt in all his undertakings.

In 1896 he married Augusta Kleinke, daughter of the well known contractor and builder Fred Kleinke of Weehawken Heights.

He is a member of many political, business, fraternal and social associations and clubs.

G. H. Decker.

Gottlieb H. Decker, one of the foremost builders in North Hudson, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, January 1, 1869. There he received his early education and later learned the mason and building business from his father. In 1891 Gottlieb came to this country and settled in North Hudson, where he, three years later, established his own business. He became one of the most successful builders in the county, and one whose reliability and ability became widely known. He has been very successful in securing large and prominent contracts, and was once one of the busiest contractors in the section. His pay roll, at one period, amount-



ed to \$2,200 a week. Mr. Decker secured the contract for the Tuberculosis Hospital at Laurel Hill, and has erected numerous noted buildings, the latest of which is a monument to his ability. This is the National Bank of North Hudson, located at the Transfer Station, West Hoboken.

He also built the Merchants' National Bank in Jersey City, the extension to the Hudson Trust Co. Building, and numerous churches, factories, and private houses.

Of late Mr. Decker has, however, devoted most of his time to the automobile business, and is part owner of the Decker-Keynton Garage and repair shop located at 3828 Hudson Boulevard. This two-story building covers a ground of 65x100 feet, and stores about sixty autos.

In 1893, Mr. Decker married Katherine Wolf, with whom he has one child, Frieda.

He is a member of the F. & A. M., Elks Hoboken No. 74, Zen Zems, and Odd Fellows, of which latter he has been a member for the last twenty-one years.

Henry Schopmann.

What can truly be said to be one of the best known builders in the northern part of the county, is Henry Schopmann, at 3609 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City.

Mr. Schopmann comes from an old, prominent family. His father, Henry Schopmann, immigrated from Germany to this country and settled in this section over fifty years ago. He was one of the pioneer carpenters and builders in that section and became known county-wide for his ability and reliability.

Henry, Jr., was born in Jersey City, February 22, 1872. As soon as he had finished his Public School education, he started to learn the carpenter trade from his father. Later he worked for different builders, as he was eager to learn all there was to learn and the different methods in the building trade. In 1904 he engaged in business for himself, the first three years with

W. S. Anderson, for whom he had worked for over ten years.

Mr. Schopmann has been very successful in securing some of the larger and more prominent contracts, one of the latest of which was the carpenter work in the National Bank of North Hudson, located at the Transfer Station at West Hoboken. He also executed



the carpenter contracts in the Keystone and Courtland Theatres in West Hoboken, the Jackson Theatre, and the Seamen's Home in Hoboken, and numerous private residences, several churches, and some sixteen twenty-family houses, factories, etc.

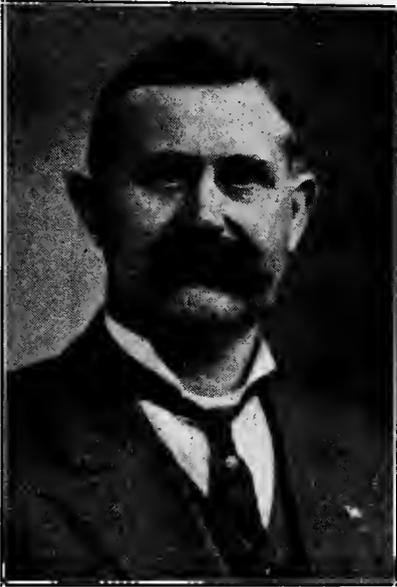
While Mr. Schopmann has never mixed in politics, he is nevertheless a public spirited and patriotic citizen. He is prominently connected in fraternal circles, being a member of the F. & A. M., Odd Fellows, and Foresters.

He married Katherine Heflich, of the well known West Hoboken family, in 1897. They have one son, Valentine, who is helping the father in business.

Henry Koch.

Henry Koch, Mayor of Secaucus, is undoubtedly one of the best known men in the country.

He was born in Germany, Sept. 9, 1870, and after finishing his public school and High School education in that country, he learned the trade of coppersmith, but as he was



anxious for an adventurous life, he secured a job on a ship and became a seafaring man. He traveled nearly all over the world in different capacities, but in 1890 he gave up this life and settled in this country, working at different jobs in New York City. By hard, consistent work and by saving every penny he possibly could, Mr. Koch was soon able to buy a business of his own. He bought a cafe at 205 Third St., Hoboken, which he conducted for a number of years, then sold out and went into the ice business, and later into the hotel business, which he conducted together with an agency selling ocean steamship tickets for all principal steam-

ship companies, and in conjunction therewith a foreign banking business and money exchange.

In 1907 he went into the real estate and insurance business, which business he still conducts at 95 Washington St., Hoboken, also having a branch office in Secaucus, N. J.

Mr. Koch has always been very active in political affairs. He has been a Justice of the Peace for the last fifteen years. He has been a resident of Secaucus for the last twelve years, and has served that town as Recorder for years. In 1913 the residents elected him Mayor of Secaucus by a very large majority. He took office on January 1, 1914. His splendid management of the town's affairs and his principle of running his office on a business basis soon gained him many admirers and enthused the people so much that they re-elected Mayor Koch by a big majority in 1915 to serve another term as Mayor of Secaucus. In 1917 he was again re-elected to the highest office in town and began his third term on January 1, 1918.

During his four years of administration he has won the absolute trust and confidence of the people. To mention the Mayor's numerous achievements would fill up a small book. He has been and still is a hard fighter for the development of Secaucus. His honesty, ability and his sterling business character, combined with a pleasing personality, has made him one of the most popular men in the county.

He is prominently connected in fraternal circles, being a member of the F. and A. M., Hudson Lodge No. 71, Eagles, Foresters, and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Secaucus Fire Department and many societies and organizations too numerous to mention.

Mayor Koch married Lizzie

Jurich in 1900. She, however, died in 1911, leaving him one son, Henry, who is now seventeen years of age.

James Nolan.

James Nolan, Mayor of North Bergen, was born in Annandale, N. J., June 25th, 1874. His parents moved to North Bergen in 1881, where James finished his public school education in North Bergen Schools No. 4 and 6. In 1888 he secured a position as messenger boy, and while employed as such learned the Morse system of telegraphy. He then became a telegraph operator for the West Shore



Railroad, and later became connected with the Manhattan Railroad in New York City, and for twelve years held the position as operator in this railroad's switch tower at Chatham Square. This was, at that time, the busiest switch tower in the world. Mr. Nolan then became a cigar salesman for Aug. Kleffmann Cigar Co., and

two years later became connected with the Peerless Rubber Mfg. Co. in an official capacity. He then started in the real estate and insurance field, in which business he is still engaged.

Mr. Nolan takes a deep interest in the welfare of the community, and in various capacities has contributed much to its growth and advancement. He is a Democrat in politics, a sagacious business man, and enjoys a wide popularity. He was elected a member of the Township Committee in 1903, and was re-elected in 1905-07-09. In 1910 he resigned from the Township Committee and was appointed to the Board of Freeholders to fill a vacancy. He was elected Tax Assessor in 1911 and served an unexpired term till 1913, when he was re-elected to a full term of three years, and in 1916 was again re-elected to a third term. While a member of the Township Committee, he served as Chief of Police. In 1917 Mr. Nolan was elected Mayor of North Bergen. It was through Mr. Nolan's efforts that the town secured its own post office. The police department was also inaugurated and the Town Hall built during his terms as Committeeman.

The Mayor was married in 1910 to Cristine B. Smith, nee Bergman, of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74, and of the Knights of Columbus, Palisade Council No. 387. He is also a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, being a member of the department for over nine years.

Mr. Nolan's parents were Philip Nolan and Mary Lyon, both natives of Ireland. They immigrated to this country in 1854 and settled in Hunterdon County, N. J. They had ten children, four girls and six boys. As the children grew up,

the family was known as the heaviest family in the world, each of the boys weighing over 250 pounds and each of the girls weighing over 200 pounds. They are nearly all over six feet in height.

Daniel Herrmann.

One of the most highly esteemed men in North Hudson is Daniel Herrmann, Mayor of Guttenberg. He was born in that town in 1877. His parents were Frederick W. and



Fredericka (Hess) Herrmann. His grandfather was Frederick W. Herrmann, a native of Germany, who immigrated to this country in 1834. The Mayor's father was one of the pioneers in Guttenberg, where he settled in 1854, and with his stepfather established a grocery and hardware store at the northwest corner of Franklin Ave. and First Street. In 1861 the stepfather died, and F. W. Herrmann became the sole proprietor. In 1872 he married Fredericka Hess,

with whom he had four children, Frederick W., George, Alfred and Daniel.

Daniel Herrmann, the subject of this sketch, attended the local public schools, and later with his brothers helped in the father's business. This business soon developed to such an extent that the elder Mr. Herrmann found it necessary to erect a two-story brick structure on the southeast corner of Franklin Ave. and Bulls ferry Road. In this building he opened a double store for the hardware business, which was managed by the sons. When the father died in 1913, his sons continued the business under the firm name of F. W. Herrmann Co. This firm has since become one of the largest in North Hudson, dealing in hardware and building supplies.

Like his father, Mayor Herrmann has always taken an active interest in political affairs. The older Mr. Herrmann was elected for five successive terms to the Board of Freeholders, and for two years served as Assessor of Guttenberg besides holding many other minor offices.

Daniel Herrmann was elected Mayor of Guttenberg in 1913 and in 1915 re-elected to the same office. He was again re-elected Mayor in 1917 and is now serving his third term in this office. The town has benefited by numerous improvements under Mayor Herrmann's administration. The Fire Department has been supplied with automobile apparatus, and several streets have been asphalted, and numerous other improvements are under way.

The Mayor is undoubtedly one of the most popular executives any city or town has ever had. Nearly every man, woman and child in the town has a good word for their Mayor, but as an executive he is bound to have some enemies; these,

however, are so few and insignificant that they are not worth mentioning.

As a business man as well as a public official Mayor Herrmann has been successful in every enterprise he has undertaken. His ability, enterprise, sound judgment and integrity have never been questioned. His pleasing, democratic manners have gained him a host of friends, and his sterling character has gained him the confidence he enjoys in the community.

Emile Grauert.

One of the most prominent and respected citizens in North Hudson is Emile W. Grauert, Mayor of Weehawken. He is the son of W. Grauert and Elizabeth Kauth. He



was born in New York City, October 5, 1856, and after attending the Hoboken Academy and the German American Institute in New York, he started to learn architecture in the office of several

noted architects. He has since then become one of the foremost men in his profession in New York, as well as in New Jersey. He has gained the respect and confidence of builders, contractors and financiers with whom he has become in contact. They recognize in him the business man in whom confidence can be placed. Mr. Grauert has erected and superintended the erection of many buildings both in New York and New Jersey. In politics, Mr. Grauert has always been an ardent Republican, fearless in espousing the best principles and earnest in his convictions as well as enthusiastic in his efforts. In 1907 he was elected Township Committeeman, and in 1908 he was appointed Mayor of Weehawken. He has since then been elected four terms as Mayor, missing one term, when he was defeated by only seventy-seven votes. He is now serving his fifth term as Mayor of Weehawken.

Throughout his administration, Mayor Grauert has exhibited a remarkable progressive and enterprising spirit, and through his efforts has effected numerous important improvements for the township. He successfully fought the Public Service Co. and compelled the company to replace something like one hundred telephone poles which had become defective.

In the matter of street improvements the Mayor has been very successful, and Weehawken can pride itself upon the best paved and kept streets within the whole of North Hudson.

Mayor Grauert is undoubtedly one of the most able and serious-minded officials the Township has ever had. He makes his daily inspection of the Township every morning before he starts his day's work, and it is a known fact that

nothing can prevent the Mayor from making his inspection.

All other matters pertaining to his duties in his responsible office receive this same careful attention. Mayor Grauert is greatly esteemed and respected by the community, and has won the public confidence by his integrity, fairness and splendid judgment.

He is prominently connected in fraternal circles, being a member of Doric Lodge, F. & A. M., and Royal Arcanum. He is a member and one of the organizers of the Highwood Fire Company and was also one of the organizers of the Civic Betterment Association.

1881, the Mayor married Clara Funger, with whom he has one son, E. Robert Grauert, who is treasurer of the firm of Schulz and Grauert, a prominent real estate and insurance concern of which the Mayor is Vice-President.

Mayor Wm. Brady, M.D.

Dr. Wm. Brady, Mayor of Union Hill, who is one of the most prominent physicians in North Hudson, was born in Paterson, N. J., September 15th, 1876. After graduating from Public School, he attended the Paterson High School from which he graduated in 1892. After spending a year at the World's Fair at Chicago, he took a course in military training for 4 years, at the Vermont Academy. From there he entered the University of Vermont and graduated from this institution in 1901 with the degree of M. D. In the same year he started to practice in New York, and was on the staff of the Oppenheimer Institute in that city, and later transferred to their branch in Philadelphia.

In 1905 he came to Union Hill. The Mayor has always been much interested in military training; he enlisted in the Spanish-American War, and in 1911 he joined the Fourth Regiment, N. G., N. J., and was promoted to second lieutenant the following year. He was acting commander of Company M, and in 1913 he was promoted to captain.



Although his military abilities had been fully recognized and his future possibilities were inviting he, however, found it necessary to resign, as his medical practice had grown to such an extent that it required the most of this time. The Mayor is still much interested in military training and hopes, in the near future, to have it introduced into the public schools.

Shortly after this country entered the War, the Mayor answered the call and is now serving as captain in the Medical Corps, U. S. A.

Frank H. Eckert.

Frank H. Eckert, ex-Mayor of West Hoboken, is the second oldest child of Gottlieb and Frances (Huber) Eckert.

He was born October 19, 1870, in Jersey City, where he received his early education and graduated from Public School No. 8. He then entered the Jersey City High



School, from which institution he graduated in 1886. His great desire was to study chemicals and drugs, and for two years he worked in Dr. Wolfstein's drug store at 291 Central Ave., and then entered the New York College of Pharmacy and graduated from this college in 1889 at the age of 18½ years, being one of the youngest graduates. Starting out with his degree of Ph. G., he worked in several drug concerns in New York and Brooklyn, then went to St. Louis and in 1897 came back to West Hoboken, where he secured a position as manager, and after one year bought his present store.

Mr. Eckert is an enterprising and

public-spirited citizen, and it did not take long before he became active in the town's affairs. In 1901 he was appointed a member of the Board of Health, and in 1903 he was elected a member of the Board of Education by one of the greatest majorities on record. He was re-elected to this office in 1906 and again in 1909, but did not serve his full term, as the law in 1911 was changed from electing to appointing the members of the Board.

In 1915 he was elected Mayor of West Hoboken by a big majority, defeating Mr. Mohn, who had held that office for three terms previous. Mr. Eckert took office January 1, 1916, and has since accomplished much for the welfare of the town. He has increased the Police Department personnel, and created a Detective Bureau, the Fire Department has been improved considerably, the Hillside steps were built, and the Emerson High School finished under Mayor Eckert's administration. He has been a strong advocate of the relief joint outlet sewer which is now being built.

The former Mayor is thoroughly known as a man of unimpeachable integrity, great ability and sound judgment. He is patriotic and intensely interested in the affairs of the community. His term of office expired on January 1st, 1918.

On October 1, 1896, the Mayor married Anna Staedler, with whom he has one child, Charles.

He is a member of the F. and A. M., Mystic Tie, Odd Fellows, Elks Hoboken No. 74, Foresters, Ind. Foresters, Royal Arcanum, and Jr. O. U. A. M.

Joseph Stilz.

Few men have achieved the distinction in both business and public life which Joseph Stilz, the Mayor of West New York, enjoys. He has long been active and in-



fluential in business and public affairs, and in the various positions he has filled he has displayed great executive ability, sound judgement and commendable foresight. He has probably done more for the development of West New York than any other man.

Mr. Stilz was born in Paterson, N. J., February 8th, 1878. His parents moved to Union Hill when he was only seventeen months old. The family shortly after moved to West New York, where Mr. Stilz has ever since resided. He attended the local public schools and later graduated from the Union Hill High School. After studying at different other institutions and receiving a thorough training for an active business life, he established his own real estate brokerage in

West New York. He has since become one of the largest real estate brokers in the northern part of the county. He has erected numerous buildings in West New York, and is the owner of some of the largest properties in the town. In fact, he is one of the largest tax payers in the section.

The people of West New York soon recognized in Mr. Stilz a man of great ability and enterprise. He took an ardent interest in the welfare of the town and especially in the children and their education, and in 1910 he was elected to the Board of Education, to which office he was re-elected in 1914 and later became the President of the Board. Much credit is due him for the town's splendid school system, which is second to none in the State. Mr. Stilz also held the responsible position as Town Treasurer from June, 1908, to March, 1914. He faithfully discharged the duties connected with these positions and is a man prompt in the discharge of every obligation imbued with the highest principles of integrity and active and influential in the community, whose confidence he enjoys to the utmost.

Mr. Stilz was one of the organizers of the Weehawken Trust Co. and is a director of this institution.

Being one of the most respected and esteemed men in the town, it was only natural that the people should want Mr. Stilz for their chief executive. After hesitating for a long while, as it meant a great sacrifice to his great and extensive business interests, Mr. Stilz finally yielded after much persuasion and signified his willingness to become a candidate for the office. Although he had strong opposition, he was elected Mayor of West New York at the Fall election of 1917, by a very large majority. He took office January 1, 1918.

O. L. Auf der Heide.

Freeholder Oscar L. Auf der Heide, ex-Mayor of West New York, is one of the most popular public officials in the county. He was elected Mayor in 1913 and re-elected to the same office in 1915. During his tenure in office West New York developed and progressed more than any town in the county. Splendidly paved streets, a fine lighting system, a school system and school



buildings second to none in the county, an up-to-date Police and Fire Department, with modern motor apparatus, an effective fire alarm system, plenty of recreations and entertainments for the people of the town, these are only a few of the many plans and improvements inaugurated during his administration.

The Mayor did, of course, not procure all these improvements alone, but had the assistance of some of the most able men in the

town, many of whom he appointed on important committees to work for the welfare of the community.

Mayor Auf der Heide has held many public offices of responsibility and trust. He is now serving his second term in the Board of Chosen Freeholders, to which office the people re-elected him by a large majority vote. He has always faithfully discharged the duties connected with the different public offices he has held and has become widely known throughout the county as a man of great business sagacity, enterprise and integrity. While in the Board of Freeholders, he has always fought hard for needed improvements in North Hudson.

The Mayor's pleasing personality and his democratic ways and manners have gained him a large host of friends who greatly respect and esteem him and whose confidence he enjoys to the utmost.

He is a member of numerous fraternal, political and social organizations and clubs and is a recognized leader in the Democratic party.

Arthur F. Norton.

Arthur F. Norton was born in Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 26, 1881. His parents moved to West Hoboken nine years later and Arthur received his education in that town. He later started in the insurance business and for the last 13 years has been employed by one of the largest insurance companies in the world. He is also agent for several large fire insurance companies, with his office at 412 Oak Street, West Hoboken.

Mr. Norton is one of the best known men in the town, where he has achieved a high reputation for his ability, enterprise and sterling

business character. He has always been deeply interested in public and civic affairs and alert to anything that may be of benefit to the community.

He is a strong advocate of honest government and is quick in denouncing unfair and dishonest methods. He is fearless in his attacks on questionable undertakings



and equally quick in exposing them.

Mr. Norton is prominently connected in fraternal circles. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 86, F. and A. M., and General Hancock Council No. 301, Jr. O. U. A. M.

He is a member of the West Hoboken Playground Commission and of the Lincoln Republican Association. The character of Mr. Norton is summed up in a few lines "The man who is not easily turned down, or shaken off; who has bulldog grit—tenacity of purpose; who smiles at rebuffs, who thrives upon them."

Louis Nagel.

Louis John Nagel, Councilman of Union Hill, has been a resident of this town since 1884. He was



born in New York in 1874 and when of the age of ten years, came to Union Hill. His father started an express business on Hudson Avenue, next to William Peter's Brewery. When Louis was thirteen years old, he left school and went to work for his father, and later started his own express business in Jersey City. He, however, came back to Union Hill after two years, and when his father died in 1896, he took over the entire business. In 1902 the business had grown to such an extent that he had to move to larger quarters. He then built his present warehouse, express office and stables at 120 New York Avenue.

Mr. Nagel has always been very prominent and popular, and last year his numerous friends induced him to run for Councilman, which he finally consented to do, with the result that he was very easily elected.

The Councilman married Bertha Roth of the well known Union Hill family in 1896. They had three children, of which, however, only one is living.

Mr. Nagel's greatest hobby is walking, and in this sport he is quite an expert.

William Perlis.

Counsellor William Perlis, with law offices in the Hudson Trust Building, West Hoboken, has been very successful in winning a large percentage of his cases, and al-



though a young man, he is a very able practitioner and conscientious worker.

His ability as an orator is well-known throughout the county, and it has helped him materially in his arguments before judges and juries. His humor and wit and his genial disposition have won him many friends and clients. He was

born in Union Hill, January 2nd, 1891, and attended the West Hoboken public schools from a, b, c, through the High School, from which he graduated in 1908. He then entered the New York Law School, from which he graduated in 1911 with signal honors, receiving the degrees of LL.B. and LL.M. He immediately thereafter entered the law office of Assemblyman Peter H. James in Jersey City, and was associated with the Assemblyman until 1913, when he passed the Bar Examination, and in the same year started as a practising attorney, being the youngest in the State.

In 1916, he was admitted as a Counsellor-at-Law and Master in Chancery. He is representing several large corporations, and has been connected with many cases of public interest. He is the legal advisor of the West Hoboken Liquor Dealers' Association. He has a large practice, which has taken him through the highest courts in the State.

Counsellor Perlis was much talked about for the Recordership and Town Attorney of West Hoboken and has on numerous occasions been requested to run for political offices, but has always refused, as he wants to devote his full time and efforts to his ever increasing practice.

He is, what can be truly said, a self-made man. He was born in meager circumstances and his mother died when he was only 15 months old. His father, the well-known Justice of the Peace J. Perlis, had the responsibility of bringing up William and his only sister.

The Counsellor has, however, successfully overcome all obstacles and has a splendid career before him.

Frederic Fichtel.

Frederic Fichtel, one of the most able musicians in the country, came to Union Hill with his parents, 27 years ago. He attended Public School No. 1 in that town, at the



same time studying piano under Professor Charles Becker of New York, and soon became one of his most promising pupils.

In 1900, Mr. Fichtel went to Germany, and later graduated, in piano, at the Royal Academy of Music at Munich, where he also studied counterpoint under Rheinberger. He then went to France, and studied piano for one year with Philipp at Paris.

Upon his return to America he was appointed Professor of Piano, Harmony and Ensemble at Hardin College. Later he studied piano for one year under the famous Godowsky of Berlin.

He then accepted a position as Director of Music at Centenary College at Tennessee.

His last position was as head of the Piano Department of Northwestern Conservatory at Minneapolis, one of the largest music schools in the U. S.

He has played a great many times in public as soloist, with orchestras and in ensemble with violinists, trios, etc. He appeared prominently twice before local audiences. A few years ago with Schumann-Heink and the Union Hill Liedertafel Concert, where he played Liszt's E-flat Concerto, and once again in December, 1916, he played with the Union Hill Liedertafel and Frieda Hempel when he appeared as soloist at their Golden Jubilee Concert.

He is a pianist of rare ability and a good teacher. He has many prominent pupils, who now hold responsible positions as teachers of piano in conservatories and colleges, in the various schools where he taught. He has had pupils from nearly every State in the Union.

Mr. Fichtel has a residence studio at 76 Liberty Place, Weehawken and has a studio at 220 Madison Ave., New York, where he is meeting with great success.

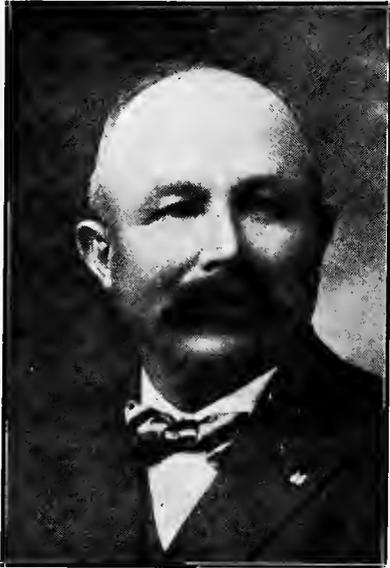
John Sutter & Son.

One of the largest marble and granite works in the county is that of John Sutter & Son, located at the entrance of the Hoboken Cemetery in North Bergen. Some of the finest work has been turned out in this plant, among which may be mentioned the monument of the Hoboken Elks, made in one piece and weighing 16 tons. This monument is placed in the Hoboken Cemetery. The monument in front of the Union Hill High School was also made by this concern.

The plant of John Sutter & Son

covers a ground of 50x100 feet and about eight men are continuously kept busy there.

It is one of the most modern and most completely equipped plants in the country. Electric pol-



ishers, pneumatic tools, in fact, all modern machinery, are used by this firm.

The concern is doing work in nearly all the cemeteries in the State of New York and New Jersey and before the war executed many orders for Europe.

John Sutter, Sr., was born in Germany in 1864 and immigrated to this country in 1880. He secured a position with his uncle, who has a marble and granite yard in Middle Village, Long Island. After working there for twelve years he came to Hudson County in 1892. He worked for Batterson & Eisele and other big concerns and in 1901 he established his own business. Two years later he was

appointed superintendent of the Hoboken Cemetery, an office which he still holds.

Mr. Sutter married Anna Lehmann in 1891. They have one son, John P. F. Sutter.

Mr. Sutter, Sr., is a member of the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks (Hoboken No. 74), and the Zem Zems.

Mr. Sutter, Jr., received his early education at the local public schools and later began to learn the trade of his father. He showed a remarkable ability and became very enthusiastic in his work. Many new, modern ideas were introduced by him, and in numerous ways he improved the business to such an extent that the father took him into the business, which then became known as Sutter & Son.



Both father and son have acquired a great knowledge of their trade and are widely known for their ability and integrity.

Mr. Sutter, Jr., is a member of the Masonic Order, Zem Zems, and Jr. O. U. A. M.

Fred Hensel.

Few men are better known in North Hudson than architect Fred Hensel of West Hoboken.

In his professional career he has gained the respect and confidence of builders and contractors with whom he has come in contact. They recognize in him the business man in whom confidence can be placed.

Outside of his profession Mr. Hensel is the type of manhood of



which any community might feel proud. Careful, conscientious and genial, Mr. Hensel is a man with whom it is both a pleasure and a privilege to hold a friendship.

He was born in Hoboken in 1866, and after finishing his schooling there, he started to learn the trade as designer and carver in wood and stone. When he was 18 years old, he took up the study of architecture at Cooper Union where he later received his diploma. He started in business for himself when he was only 25 years

old. He has erected over a thousand buildings, among which may be mentioned Schools Nos. 5, 6, and 7, in West Hoboken., the Tuberculosis Hospital at Laurel Hill, and, associated with Architect Weir, erected St. Joseph's Auditorium and School, St. Michael's School, North Bergen, and the Union Building in Union Hill, and numerous others.

Mr. Hensel has always been prominent in politics. He served West Hoboken as Recorder from 1900 to 1911. For a number of years he was a County Committeeman, and in 1916 was appointed a member of the Board of Education for a term of five years. Mr. Hensel is a member of the Masonic Order.

Wm. Bimer.

Wm. Bimer, Councilman of West Hoboken, was born in that



town in 1876. After attending the West Hoboken public school he learned the trade of lithographer.

He did not, however, follow up his trade, but went to work for the North Hudson Railroad as car repairer, working his way through the different grades until he was finally made a brake inspector. After fourteen years of faithful service, he resigned and opened a cafe at 555 Spring Street. He soon prospered, and in 1904 built the four story brick corner house at Clinton Avenue and Elm Street, in which his cafe with meeting room and bowling alleys is located.

Mr. Bimer has always taken a great interest in the town's affairs. He was Treasurer of the Town Committee, and has held the office of Police Pension Commissioner since 1913. In 1917 he was elected Councilman and has, at this writing, effected several important improvements in the town.

Although in the cafe business himself, he has already closed several saloons of questionable reputation. He runs a first-class place himself, and believes that every man in the business should do the same. He also believes that every man holding a city position, high or low, should do his full duty to the job the people are paying him for.

Mr. Bimer was married in 1900 to Anna Schurr of the well known West Hoboken family, and they have one daughter.

The Councilman is a member of the Eagles, Royal Moose, and the Lincoln Republican Club. He is also Committeeman of Hudson County.

Fred M. Vincent.

Fred M. Vincent, one of the most prominent roofing contractors of North Hudson, has been a resident of Weehawken since 1896.

He was born in New York City in 1872, where he, after leaving Public School, learned the roofing trade of his father, who was a well known contractor in New York.



Twenty-one years ago, Fred moved to Weehawken, where he continued to work at his trade, and in 1906 established his own business.

As a contractor, Mr. Vincent has achieved a measure of success, which stamps him as one of the most prominent men in his line of business in North Hudson.

He has always taken an active interest in politics ever since he started to vote, and in 1912 his ability and honesty were recognized, and he was elected a member of the Township Committee. He, however, made an unsuccessful run for re-election in 1914, but was again elected Councilman in 1916, carrying every district in his ward. He was the only Democrat elected to the Board at this election.

His opponent was one of the strongest Republicans in the ward,

but nevertheless Mr. Vincent came out a victor. He is, what can truly be said, a man of the people and for the people, and is always doing his utmost to take care of the people's interests. He has never taken dictation from any political boss, neither has he received contributions for campaign purposes from any bosses or leaders.

His last election was simply a recognition of his splendid work while in office two years previous, when he inaugurated a street cleaning system and improved several streets and sidewalks. In 1913 he had the Public Service Corporation indicted for keeping the Hackensack Plank Road as a nuisance. Mr. Vincent has always been interested in the Fire Department, and his one great aim is to see a paid department installed in the town. He is also hopeful of establishing some kind of a recreation, such as a playground for the children. Through his efforts the Public Service was forced to replace over 300 telephones in the town.

Mr. Vincent married Miss M. Strickland in 1896. They have two children, Miss Sybil, who is a noted pianist, having played at many local concerts, and Fred, Jr., who is attending public school.

Mr. Vincent is a member of the Masons, Loyal Association, and Jr. O. U. A. M. He is also a member of the Second Ward Democratic Club, the F. Bergmann Association and the Owls' Bowling Club.

William Weir.

Architect William Weir is the son of Alexander Weir, one of the oldest living general contractors in Hudson County, and under whose

training Mr. Weir received a thorough and complete knowledge in all lines of constructional work in buildings. This training has been



one of his most valuable assets in his present profession.

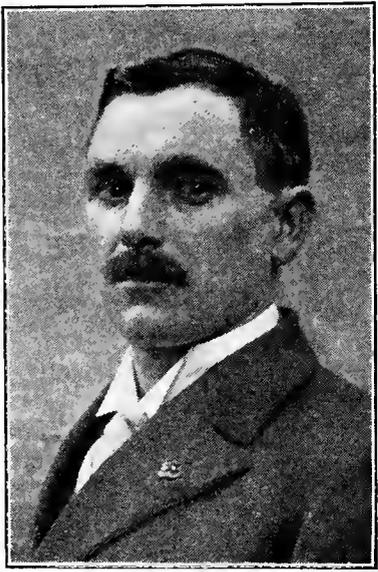
William Weir was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1880. He has resided in West Hoboken since 1888, and received his education in that town. Later he studied architecture at Cooper Institute, New York, and is now a promising architect with a splendid career before him.

He has erected several large buildings and has been associated with Mr. Hensel in the erection of No. 5 School, North Bergen, St. Joseph's Auditorium and School Building, St. Michael's School Buildings in West Hoboken, and the Union Building in Union Hill.

Mr. Weir has always taken a keen interest in public affairs and is well known throughout the county.

Charles Frei.

The distinction of having installed over 3,000 electric motors in North Hudson, belongs to the well known electrical contractor Charles Frei, at Central Ave. and Sip Street, West Hoboken. Always busy, with no time for political or social affairs, Mr. Frei has become recognized as an electrical expert, whose work and honesty can be fully relied on.



He has installed numerous electric plants, one of which may be mentioned, in Wm. Peter's Brewery Bottling Department, and in many embroidery factories too numerous to mention.

His large shop, located at above mentioned address, covers a ground of 45 by 25 feet and employs about 16 men.

Mr. Frei was born in Switzerland in 1878 and came to this country in 1899. A few years later he started in the electrical business.

He was married in 1901 and is the father of three children.

Wm. Roth.

Descended from one of the oldest families in Union Hill is Wm. Roth, the well known musi-



cian at 408 Blum Street. His father was a prosperous retail shoe merchant, having settled in that town in 1865.

William was born in Union Hill in 1877 and at an early age showed great talent for music. He studied piano and violin under Wm. Winkelmann and later at the Laufenberg Music School, under William and Adam Laufenberg.

Mr. Roth started to teach music 20 years ago and has since become a noted musician, having conducted several large and successful concerts. He is an instructor in violin, piano, mandolin, and harmony. For the last 15 years he has been recognized as an expert in piano tuning.

In 1903 Mr. Roth married Leah C. Dobbs, daughter of the well known Tom Dobbs, one of the oldest and most prominent families in North Hudson.

Geo. B. Meneely.

George B. Meneely, the prominent, well known baker of West Hoboken, has been Poormaster of that town for the last seven years.

He was born in New York City, Sept. 19, 1863. There he received his early education and later took up the study of medicine and chemistry. He held a responsible position in the chemical department of the National Biscuit Company for a time. He then became interested in the baking of bread and for



a number of years managed one of the largest bakeries in Pennsylvania. The New York Bread Co. then secured the services of Mr. Meneely, and he served this concern as superintendent until the time when he went in business for himself.

In 1899 he established his own bakery, and the following year built his own store at 253-255 Clinton Avenue, West Hoboken.

Mr. Meneely's great knowledge of the business, his ability and hon-

esty, soon gained him a large circle of customers until today his business is one of the largest of its kind in North Hudson. From time to time he has improved and enlarged the bakery, which now covers a ground of three city lots, employs thirty people, and keeps fourteen wagons busy making deliveries.

"Meneely's Bakery", as it is widely known throughout the county, is one of the cleanest and most sanitary bakeries in the section. It is equipped with the most modern machinery and is up-to-date in every way.

Mr. Meneely has been a resident of West Hoboken for the last 27 years, of which he has, in a very praiseworthy manner, served the town as Poormaster for the last seven years.

In 1896 he married Effie Richards, of the old North Bergen family. They have two children, Howard R. and Marion B.

Mr. Meneely is a member of the F. and A. M., Jr. O. U. A. M., and Woodmen.

Max Rosenkranz.

Max Rosenkranz, the newly appointed member of the Board of Education of West Hoboken, N. J., has been a resident of that town for the past twenty-two years.

He is well regarded throughout the community and is looked upon as a conscientious and serious-minded citizen, whose counsel is welcome at all times, not alone in political circles, but also in business circles. His earnest integrity and excellent character can be vouched for by all.

Mr. Rosenkranz is one of the most reliable painting contractors in this town, and a producer of excellent work as such, as evidenced by the fact that he has had the contracts for most of the public insti-

tutions in the county, among them the Tuberculosis Hospital and Alms House at Laurel Hill, and most of the county bridges. He has also held the contracts for various school work in North Hudson, particularly in West Hoboken.

Mr. Rosenkranz is a member of the John Hancock Lodge No. 70, F. & A. M., West Hoboken Council, Royal Arcanum, Cosmopolitan Lodge, I. O. O. F., 251, and several prominent Hebrew lodges.



During the year 1904, he was married to Miss Beatrice Zatu- love of Bayonne, and is the father of two children, Milton, who at- tends the Emerson High School, and Arnold, a pupil of the Public Schools of the same town.

F. Adriance.

Franklin Adriance, contractor, of West Hoboken, was born in Jersey City, March 22nd, 1858. His parents moved to West Ho- boken when he was two months old.

He started to learn the carpenter trade at an early age, and after working for a number of years at this trade, he established his own



business as carpenter and builder. Since then he has erected numer- ous buildings throughout the county.

Mr. Adriance has always shown an active interest in politics. He was elected a Fire Trustee for the Volunteer Fire Department several years ago, and in 1914 he was elected Councilman and re-elected in 1916 with the largest majority on record.

He is very prominently con- nected in fraternity circles, being a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge, F. & A. M., and has been a mem- ber of the Odd Fellows for the last 35 years.

Mr. Adriance was married in 1882. There were five children, of which, however, only one is living. The Councilman is well known for his sterling character. His motto in business as well as in politics is: "Give people a square deal."

Charles Kutler.

Recorder Charles Kutler of West Hoboken was born in Hoboken in 1883. He attended public school in that city and some years later moved to West Hoboken and went into the theatrical business, becoming manager of the New Amsterdam Theatre.

He has always been active in politics and is known as a fighter. He has, in fact, always fought his own battles, and always came out



a victor. In 1915 he was appointed Recorder of the town, and in January 1917 re-appointed after a very bitter fought battle.

The Judge is, and always has been, a Democrat, and when in January of this year the Board of Council became Republican by majority, the Republicans naturally fought against his re-appointment, as they wanted a man of their own party in his place.

However, Judge Kutler's numerous friends, forgetting their politi-

cal faith, rallied to his support and pointed out his splendid record, and after a very hard fought battle they finally won out, and Judge Kutler was appointed for another two year term.

He is a great philanthropist, and one of the most kind-hearted men on the bench. It is not uncommon to see the Judge pay the fine out of his own pocket for some poor man or woman unable to pay the fine themselves which he had to impose upon them.

For the last two years the Judge has conducted the Christmas Basket Fund for the poor of the town, and last year over 200 families were supplied with baskets through his efforts.

He has always been fair and honest in his decisions, and the legal profession holds him in great esteem.

Judge Kutler conducts a detective agency at 139 Paterson Plank Road.

Daniel Bryan.

Daniel Bryan, the well known musician, at 419 Washington St., Hoboken, has built up one of the largest musical schools in the county. Four competent teachers are giving instructions in every kind of instrument.

Mr. Bryan was born in Brooklyn, August 4th, 1890. After finishing his early school education, he gave himself up completely to the studies of music. He studied the clarinet under the eminent Professor W. S. Mygrants. He also studied at the New York College of Music and has for a number of years studied at the New York College of Art.

Mr. Bryan is a student of piano and harmony. At an early age he started to play for a living. In 1911

he settled in Hoboken, where he opened a studio at his home. He met with great success at the start, and soon found it necessary to move into larger quarters. On



January 1, 1917, he moved the studio to 419 Washington Street. Here Mr. Bryan as well as his four teachers are kept busy giving lessons in private as well as in classes. Mr. Bryan is also a band and orchestra leader and has become well known as one of the best musicians in the county. He was the organizer of the Hudson Glee Club's Band, and of the Lackawanna and Hoboken Redmen's Corps. For a long time Mr. Bryan furnished free music to the social centre of Hoboken. He has always been ready to do his share for anything which may be of benefit to the community.

In 1913, Mr. Bryan married Elsie Veronica Brode, of the old, well known Hoboken family. He is an honorary member of the Hudson Glee Club, and a member of several other associations.

A. L. Scarmolin.

A. Louis Scarmolin, one of North Hudson's young promising music composers, residing in West Hoboken, was born in Italy, July 30th, 1890, and came, with his parents, to this country ten years later. After receiving his education in the public school, he studied piano and composition at the New York German Conservatory under Bertha Cahn and Carl Hein. He appeared in the limelight at the early age of 14, when his first composition was published, and has since composed numerous



pieces for voice, piano and orchestra.

Mr. Scarmolin is young and ambitious and has a splendid career before him. He is recognized as a composer of ability, and his pleasing personality has gained him many friends.

He is a resident of West Hoboken since 1901, and is a member of the Foresters of America.

Heraco Exchange.

H. R. Raven and C. L. Henrichs of the Heraco Exchange at 615 Spring Street, West Hoboken, with a branch store at 610 Bergenline Ave., West New York, are cousins and come from one of the oldest and most prominent families in West Hoboken, their grandfather being Herman Breusing, who was the first Tax Assessor in that town.

They are both what can truly be called "live wires", dealing in high class phonographs, cameras and photo supplies, at both their stores. Their splendid business abilities in selecting and offering to the public only the very best, combined with



H. R. RAVEN.

their pleasing personalities, have gained them a host of friends and satisfied customers.

H. R. Raven, who is the President of the Heraco Exchange, was born in West Hoboken in 1885. After finishing his schooling in

that town, he went to work for a broker in New York City and later worked as an accountant in the railroad business. He has always been very fond of music, and when only 14 years old played in an orchestra and later became leader of his own band.



C. L. HENRICHS.

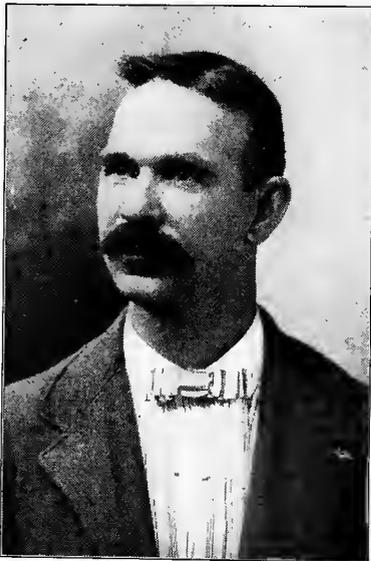
C. Leo Henrichs, Treasurer and Secretary of the firm, was also born in West Hoboken, in 1893. He also went to school in that town, and after graduating became interested in artistic work. He has the distinction of taking the picture for the first colored postal views of North Hudson.

Both cousins in company started a small photo supply store at 608 Spring Street in 1910, and later moved to 505 DuBois Street, where after three and a half years the business had grown to such an extent that they had to look for larger quarters. They then moved to their present location, which they have just enlarged on account of the continued increase

of business. They are now agents of the Aeolian-Vocalion and Columbia Phonographs and carry a large and varied stock of records, also of cameras and photo supplies. They came of a musical family, being related to T. F. Droops of the well known firm E. F. Droops & Sons of Washington, D. C., the largest musical firm south of New York.

A. M. Miles.

Alfred M. Miles, Recorder of North Bergen, was born in the State of Maryland, the 24th of May, 1862. His father, Alfred M. Miles, was Comptroller of that



State from 1856 to 1860. The family was well known in Maryland, being among the earliest settlers of that State. After receiving his early education in his homestead, Judge Miles came to North Hudson in 1894. He was first associated with David S. Brown & Co., a soap concern. He then entered the employ of the Manhattan Soap Co.

New York City, with which concern he has been associated for the last fifteen years. His ability and faithfulness were soon recognized and he is at present one of the important adjuncts to that enterprising concern.

Judge Miles has always taken an active interest in public and political affairs and in all questions which affect the welfare of the community. In 1900 he was elected a member of the Board of Education in North Bergen, and was re-elected for a second term as President of the Board. He has also held the offices of Supervisor of Lights on the Boulevard and Supervisor of Census. On Jan. 1 1917, he was appointed Recorder of the Township.

The Judge is very prominently connected in the Masonic Fraternity, being a member of Doric Lodge, No. 86, of West Hoboken, Cyrus Chapter, No. 32, Union Hill, Pilgrim Commandery, No. 16, of Hoboken, and Mecca Temple, of New York City. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Judge Miles resides at Woodcliff, N. J., where he was the principal organizer and first President of the local Fire Department.

In 1885, Judge Miles married Laura Dillinger, with whom he has two children, Edith L. and Alfred M., Jr.

The Judge has achieved a high reputation for ability, sound judgment, and his sterling business character. While on the bench only a short time, he has won the esteem of the legal profession for his fair and honest decisions.

His excellent judgment, foresight, integrity and energy in connection with his pleasing personality, have gained him a large circle of friends not alone in North Bergen, but in the whole of North Hudson.

Frank Tibbitt.

Frank Tibbitt, member of the township Committee of Weehawken, was born in the State of Delaware, January 17th, 1876. There



he received his public school education and later learned the trade of machinist.

He came to Weehawken in 1897 and the following year joined the colors in the Spanish-American War. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned and soon became prominent in public affairs. He has always been actively interested in the Republican Party, and in 1915 was elected a member of the Township Committee to take office on January 1st, 1916. He was re-elected to a second term, which he is now serving. He has at several times, served as County Committeeman.

Mr. Tibbitt has been employed by the West Shore Railroad as a marine engineer for the last 20 years.

Social and popular and a general

favorite among his friends, Mr. Tibbitt's reputation and honorable standing are the result of his own energetic efforts. He takes an active interest in everything affecting the welfare of the community. He is a man of strength of character and of unimpeachable integrity and is highly respected.

Mr. Tibbitt married Daisy S. Rowe in 1900. They have three children, Mildred, Francis, and Marion.

He is prominently connected in fraternal circles, being a member of the Masonic Order and Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the town's Volunteer Department, in which he takes a very deep interest.

Thos. L. Anderson.

Thos. L. Anderson, former member of the Weehawken Township



Committee, was born in that town, February 24th, 1881. He is the son of Charles Anderson and Mary

Fox, who were among the first settlers of Weehawken.

There Thomas attended public school and after leaving school he worked in a real estate office for about seven years. He then went into the saloon business and has since 1907 conducted his present cafe at 1833 Willow Ave., Weehawken.

Mr. Anderson has been very prominent in politics and has for the last fifteen years been leader of the Democratic Party. He has served four successive terms as Town Committeeman from the First Ward. During his tenure of office, many improvements have been effected in the township, such as the building of the Clifton Fire House, the purchasing of automobile fire apparatus, and many other improvements too numerous to mention.

In 1913 Mr. Anderson married Rose Gilmore.

He was formerly actively interested in Athletic Clubs, but in later years has become more interested in automobiling.

The First Ward, which Mr. Anderson represented, is one of the old landmarks, having been built about 1877.

By his courtesy and pleasing personality, Mr. Anderson has made a host of friends.

Joseph Weber.

Joseph Weber, the well known architect of 132 26th St., Guttenberg, was born in Germany, March 7, 1876. When only thirteen years of age, he started to learn the cabinet making and building trade. In 1900 he came to this country and settled in West Hoboken, and a few

years later moved to Guttenberg. After working at his trade for a number of years, he established his own business as a contractor and builder in 1906. He later took up the studies of architecture, attending the Cooper Union Institute of New York City, and International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa., and in 1913 he started practising as an architect.



Mr. Weber is the only architect in Guttenberg and has erected and supervised the erection, of several large buildings, factories, tenement houses, and private residences. He has gained a high reputation as a conscientious worker, and is known as a man who knows his business form A to Z. In 1914 Mr. Weber was appointed Tax Collector of Guttenberg, which office he still holds.

He married Sophie Ruch in 1902. There are two children, John and Margaret.

Mr. Weber is a member of the Free Masons, F. and A. M., Palisade Lodge No. 84, and Washington Kranken- and Sterbe-Kasse of West Hoboken.

W. G. Turner.

Wilfred G. Turner, Councilman of the Town of Union, was born in New York City, November 8th, 1887. There he attended Public School and later the Peter Cooper High School. The family moved to Union Hill in 1901, and Wilfred



finished his schooling in the Union Hill High School. He then secured a position with a New York Shoe Manufacturing concern and is still connected with this firm.

Although a young man, he is very actively interested in public affairs. He was elected to the Board of Council in 1916 and re-elected in 1918. He is now serving Union Hill as Acting Mayor while Mayor Brady is serving his country in the Army. Mr. Turner is an ardent Democrat, and is one of the organizers of the Phil Schumacher Association.

The Councilman is possessed of excellent judgment, foresight, integrity and energy.

He is popular and respected in both social and political circles and has achieved a high reputation for ability and perseverance. Mr. Turner is a member of the School Estimate Board and for the past four years has been a member of the Union Hill Fire Department Engine Co. No. 2.

His great hobbies are athletics, baseball, and bowling.

The Councilman is unmarried, and resides with his parents at 223 First Street.

Edward Meyer.

Edward Meyer, member of the Board of Council from the Second Ward, Town of Union, was born in New York City, April 1st, 1880, where he attended public school. When he was nine years of age, his parents moved to Union Hill, where he finished his studies and upon graduation from the Public Schools learned the electrical trade and was for some six years em-



ployed by the Public Service Corporation, resigning to become Manager of the Charles Meyer Co. Manufacturer of Chenilles and Novelties, of which his father was proprietor. He later became interested in the Painting and Decorating line, and in 1914 embarked in the aforementioned business on his own account, and from a small beginning, by hard work and close application, has succeeded in establishing one of the largest paint-

ing and decorating businesses in town.

Mr. Meyer has always taken an active interest in the town's public and civic affairs. In 1915 he was elected a member of the Board of Council and re-elected for the term of 1918-1920. At present he is serving as chairman of the Police Committee as well as other committees.

Under his regime many important improvements have been made in town, among which is the new underground Police Signal System, which is one of the finest in existence and enables those at Police Headquarters to keep in constant touch with the officers patrolling the town.

Mr. Meyer has also co-operated with his colleagues in effecting numerous improvements, such as automobile fire apparatus, new fire alarm system, street improvements etc. He has been a member of Union Hill Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 for over ten years, and is an enthusiastic fireman. He is also a member of the Second Ward Democratic Club, Charles Lindke Association, Humboldt Association and others.

Wm. H. Gardner.

Wm. H. Gardner, Councilman of the Second Ward of Union Hill, was born in that town in 1880. There he received his early education and after leaving public school he learned the trade of photo engraver, and has worked at this trade ever since.

Mr. Gardner has always been actively interested in the Republican Party, and in 1916 he was elected a member of the Board of Council of the Town of Union and went into this office January 1st, 1917.

He is a prominent and enterprising citizen, active in promoting every worthy object, prompt in the discharge of duty and thoroughly identified with the best interests of the town. He is chairman of the Finance, Taxes and Assessments Committee and chairman of the



Legislation Committee. Mr. Gardner descends from one of the oldest families in the town. His grandfather, Wm. Babcock, used to cut trees in Union Hill in olden days when that place was mostly Woods. His parents were Jacob Gardner and Emma Ward.

In 1903 Mr. Gardner married Ella Blauvelt, descending from the prominent family of that name and on the mother's side descending from the old Baxter family.

The Councilman has two children, William H. Jr. and James W. He is a member of the Garfield Co., Jr. O. U. A. M., America Flag Council, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, and Mystic Star Shepherds of Bethlehem, and several social and political associations.

Wm. A. McIndoe.

William A. McIndoe, Councilman of the Town of Union, is the son of Alexander W. McIndoe and Marie Halstead, both born in New York City.

William was born in that city on August 18th, 1871. There he receiving his early education, and after leaving Public School started to learn the printing trade. The family moved to Union Hill in 1898 and William was married in the same year to Julia Langenbacher, with whom he has three children, Wm. Jr., Walter J., and Alexander W.



Mr. McIndoe has always been a public-spirited and enterprising citizen. In 1911 he was elected Councilman of Union Hill and thrice re-elected to this office, now serving his fourth term. While in office, the Councilman has helped inaugurate many important improvements, such as the purchasing of automobile apparatus, the erection of Engine Co. No. 2 House,

the installation of the Fire Alarm and Police Signal systems, and has effected several street improvements.

Mr. McIndoe is very prominent in fraternal, political and social societies. He is a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 123, F. & A. M., and the Zem Zem Grotto. He is a standard bearer of the association bearing his name, and is a member of the John J. Eagan Association, of which he was a Secretary for ten years. For the last ten years he has been a secretary of the Emil Groth Association. He is a member of the Charles Schaaf Association and the John Haas Association, also of the J. J. Vervoort Association and John Meiller Association.

The Councilman is very fond of bowling, fishing, and gunning, and is a member of the Regatta Rod and Gun Club.

Edw. F. Russell.

Edward F. Russell, ex-Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Union, was born in Hoboken, November 1, 1881. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and after finishing his schooling, he secured a position with a large concern in New York City, and is still employed with this firm.

Mr. Russell was one of the organizers of Engine Co. No. 2, of the Town's Volunteer Fire Department, in 1907. He has been honored with every office in the Company in the department. In 1915 he was elected Assistant Chief and in 1916 was elected Chief of the Department. As a fire fighter, the Chief has discharged his duties with distinction. He has always displayed great ability, enterprise and probity of character and has

gained the confidence and respect of all who know him. He is a man with great energy and thoroughly identified with the affairs of the



town. At the recent 'Gulden fire in 1916 and at the Franklin Street fire in 1917, the Chief exerted great ability in handling these as well as other big fires.

L. F. Marcy.

Leonard F. Marcy, Chief of the Police of North Bergen, and one of the best known citizens of the northern part of the county, was born in New York City in 1881. His parents, Leonard Marcy and Mary Ward, moved from that city to North Bergen when Leonard was only two years old.

There he spent his boyhood and youth attending the public schools. After leaving school he learned the steam-fitting business and later became an engineer. He then became connected with the brewing industry and finally became proprie-

tor of the Casino, a famous pleasure resort.

On May 1st, 1907, he was appointed Captain on the local police force, which at that time consisted of seventeen men. In 1913, the sixth of March, he was appointed Chief of the North Bergen Police Department. To-day this department consists of 33 men, including the Chief, three Lieutenants, three Sergeants, and one Detective.



Chief Marcy has discharged his duties with marked ability and sound common sense, which has won the approval and confidence of the entire community.

Although a strict policeman and disciplinarian, he has gained a tremendously large circle of friends, among the public as well as among the men of the police force.

He has inaugurated many needed improvements in the department such as the finger-print system, a photo gallery and index system.

North Bergen has now, thanks to the Chief, a fully up-to-date and modern police department.

J. H. Rottmann.

John H. Rottmann, the prominent painter contractor of West Hoboken, was born in Gillana, Illinois, the 26th of April, 1874. His parents were Christian C. Rottmann and Veronica Volkmann. The family came to Union Hill the



same year John was born, and settled on a farm at Blum Street and Hudson Boulevard. After finishing his public schooling, John learned the painting trade, and in 1896 established his own business. In 1900 he built his present shop, office and residence at 306 Elm St., West Hoboken. His father had built the house on the corner of Elm St. and Palisade Ave., this being the first house in that section.

The father was well known in political circles, having served the town as a member of the Board of Council. He died in 1910.

John Rottmann married Clara Wicke of Paterson in 1902, with whom he has two children, John Jr. and Albert.

Mr. Rottmann is a prominent citizen, well known throughout the county. His foresight, integrity and sound judgment and his capacity for business have brought him into more than local prominence. While never aspiring to any political office, he is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, always ready and willing to do more than his share for anything effecting the betterment of the community.

Mr. Rottmann is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74, and the John J. Eagan Association. He is very fond of automobiling and other outdoor sports.

R. Blechschmidt.

R. Blechschmidt, the noted chiropractor, with offices at 920 Savoye St., North Bergen, is universally



regarded as one of the most enthusiastic men in his profession.

He first became interested in the art of drugless healing when he fell and broke his leg and was sent

to a hospital for treatment. After a few days stay in the hospital, he became dissatisfied with the method used and claiming that no progress was being made in the healing of his leg, he demanded to be sent home. As soon as he reached his home, he called a doctor prominent in drugless healing, and explaining matters to him, requested him to treat his leg.

Dr. Blechschmidt claims that from then on it only took a very short time to cure his leg, which became as perfect as before the accident. He became so interested in chiropractic that he decided to take up the study, and in 1912 he entered the New Jersey College of Chiropractors and three years later passed the examination at that institution. In 1914 he received his diploma from the New England College of Chiropractors and in 1916 he passed the examination at the Anatom Chi Society in Flower Hospital. In the beginning of 1917 he passed the examinations of Naturopathy. He had already passed the examination for the Red Cross Society in 1910.

Dr. Blechschmidt has performed many marvelous cures, for which he has become widely known. He has cured numerous cases of infantile paralysis, some of which have been miraculous.

The Doctor is a member of the Naturopath Ass'n, the Chiropractors' Research Ass'n, and the Hudson County Chiropractors' Ass'n.

In 1883 he married Wilhelmina Hill, with whom he has six children, Augusta, John, who is also a Chiropractor, Richard, Frederic, Emma, and Wilhelmina.

The Doctor, his wife and the children are known as the acrobat family. Each is the picture of physical perfection.

Theodore A. Kleffmann.

Theodore A. Kleffmann, Secretary of the Board of Education of North Bergen, was born in New York City, October 29, 1880. After graduating from public school in that city, he took a commercial course for two years and then went to work for his father, Aug. Kleffmann, the manufacturer of the famous "King's Taste" cigars.



In January, 1915, Mr. Theo. Kleffmann, in partnership with his two brothers, succeeded the father in the business, which is over thirty-seven years old.

Mr. Kleffmann has been a resident of North Bergen for the last seventeen years and resides on the Hudson Boulevard. He has been a Democratic County Committeeman for the last seven years, of the first district of the Third Ward, and a member of the North Bergen Fire Department, Pioneer Engine Co. No. 1, for the last six years. He was appointed Secretary of the Board of Education on February 1,

1916, and re-appointed to this office on February 1, 1917.

Mr. Kleffmann was married in 1907 to Thekla Hofstetter, of the old North Bergen family. They have two children, Thekla and May.

Mr. Kleffmann is a member of the B. P. O. E. No. 74, Hoboken Lodge, and is Secretary of the Citizen's Association of the First District, Third Ward, and Treasurer of the North Bergen Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Kleffmann is one of the leading citizens in the community, and enjoys a high reputation for his ability, integrity and sterling business character. His pleasing personality and frank and open manners have gained him a host of friends.

Michael Modarelli.

Michael Modarelli, the recognized leader of the Italian-Americans in North Hudson, is one of the most prominent men in that section.

He was born in Italy in 1876 and came to America in 1890, when he settled in the Town of Union. He worked as a barber for two years, saving every penny he possibly could, and in 1903 he opened his own barber shop. By hard, consistent work and strict attention to business, he soon prospered, and in 1905 he sold out and entered the real estate and insurance business, in which he since has made a great success.

Mr. Modarelli is a Justice of the Peace and has held this office for three successive terms since 1906. He has always been actively interested in politics and is President of the Italian-American Political Club of Union Hill.

As one of the foremost Italians in the county, the Italian Consul

appointed Mr. Modarelli chairman of the Italian Red Cross Society in North Hudson. He has done much work for this society, as well as for War Relief work, and is interested in many other important movements.

He was the founder of Volere é Potere No. 398, Sons of Italy, and



is a Trustee and founder of Saint Rocco's Church.

Mr. Modarelli married Rosa Ricciulli in 1897. They had nine children, of whom, however, only seven are living. They are: Alfred E., who is studying at the Columbia University, Amile, Julia, Helen, Arthur, Robert and Walter.

Mr. Modarelli's office is located at 242 Bergenline Ave., and his residence at 214 2nd St.

He is a large property owner in North Hudson and is a man whose life has been one of constant activity, and in every way successful. He has won and gained the confidence of all with whom he came in contact. He was recently appointed Assessor of Taxes.

Tischler Bros.

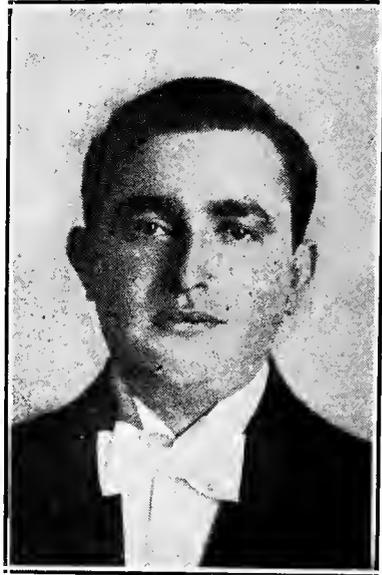
One of the largest tinsmith and roofing concerns is that of Tischler Bros. at 115 Blum Street, Town of Union. The business was established in 1907 by David and Samuel Tischler. Since then it has grown very rapidly and to-day the premises of the concern, including shop, yard and office, covers a ground of 50 x 100 feet, employing about fifteen men steady. A motor truck is continually bringing out orders for the different jobs. The firm has gained a high reputation and standing in the building



trade for its reliability and thoroughness. The policy of effecting the best class of work combined with the best service, honesty and fairness, is always being strictly lived up to by this concern.

David Tischler was born in Austria, May 15th, 1882, where he received his public school education and later learned the trade as tinsmith. He immigrated to this

country in 1903 and worked at the trade until he established his own business. In 1907 he married J. Blecher, with whom he has three



children, Ida, Carrie and Leonard

Samuel Tischler was born in Austria in 1886 and came to this country one year after his brother. He had also learned the tinsmith trade in the old country and worked as such over here, until he went into partnership with his brother.

He was married in 1913 to S. Weiner. They have two children, Ruth and Leo.

Both brothers are well known in North Hudson. They are members of the North Hudson Hospital Association and are prominently connected with several Hebrew associations.

They are both possessed of excellent judgment, foresight and energy, and are public-spirited and enterprising, and enjoy the respect of all who know them.

Emil Wendland.

One of the most respected business men in West Hoboken is Emil



Wendland, the prominent plumber of that town.

He was born in Austria, July 1, 1866, and after finishing his public school education he started to learn the coppersmith and plumbing trade in his native country.

Anxious to see the world, he took to traveling at an early age, and has seen not alone every part of Austria, but also many foreign countries. He has worked at his trade in Constantinople, Cairo, Alexandria, and many other southern cities.

In 1892, he came to America and settled in West Hoboken, where he continued to work as a plumber.

A few years later he established his own business, which he has successfully worked up to one of the largest of its kind in North Hudson. He has executed many large plumbing contracts in public build-

ings, as well as in factories and private houses.

Mr. Wendland has always been recognized as one of West Hoboken's leading citizens and is held in great respect and esteem by every one who knows him. He is very conspicuous in fraternal circles, being a member of the F. and A. M., the Scottish Rite, the Shriners, and the Zem Zems.

In public affairs he has always taken a deep interest. He is an ardent Republican and a member of the Lincoln Republican Association, Charles Bollinger Association and many others.

C. Keim.

Conrad Keim, the prominent baker of 341 Spring Street, West Hoboken, is probably one of the



best known men in that town or in the whole of North Hudson.

He was born in West Hoboken, and after finishing his schooling in that town, he started to learn the baker business of his father, who

had established the present business in 1873. The business is one of the oldest bakeries in North Hudson. When his father died in 1911 Conrad, together with his brother Frank, took over the business.

Mr. Keim has always been a public spirited and enterprising citizen. He served the town as Councilman in 1915 and was Poormaster for a number of years, an office he took over from his father, who was Poormaster of West Hoboken for over 26 years.

Mr. Keim is one of the most popular men in the town. His pleasing personality, integrity and sterling business character has gained him a large circle of friends.

As a business man he has gained an enviable reputation, and the business is constantly growing. Both Mr. Keim and his brother Frank believe in fair and honest dealings and in giving customers a hundred cents value for every dollar. They are both very courteous, as are also the sales people in their store, which is known as one where people get the best and most pleasing service.

The bakery is sanitary in every respect, light and well ventilated and located above the ground. Fifteen people are employed here and four delivery wagons and one auto are kept busy making deliveries.

A. Benoist.

Alexis Benoist, Secretary of the West Hoboken Board of Education, was born in Paris, France, in 1866.

His parents brought him to this country in 1873, and settled in New York City, where he attended public school. At the early age of

thirteen years he left school and started to work as a wagon boy.

He indeed "roughed it" for a few years, then took up lithography, in which profession he



later became prominent. In the meantime he took up a course in drawing at the Cooper Union Institute and later at the Academy of Design under the noted Professor Edgar M. Ward.

Mr. Benoist's abilities were soon recognized, and as a young man he was given charge of the artist room of a large concern in New York.

He has executed a considerable amount of artistic work in the industrial and commercial art, also in water color studies.

He is widely known as a labor man and has several times satisfactorily settled labor difficulties. He has always been interested and active in political and civic affairs as well as in fraternal and social circles.

He was appointed Councilman to fill the unexpired term of Charles

A. Mohn in 1910 when the latter was elected Mayor.

Six years ago he was appointed Secretary to the Board of Education and is now serving his sixth term in that office.

Mr. Benoist was married in 1895 to Lena Hirschi. They have three children, Alice, Emile and Louise. Miss Alice is at present taking a teachers' course at the Montclair State Normal School. She is a noted musician, having played at many of the town's prominent affairs. Emile and Louise are attending the Emerson High School.

Mr. Benoist is a Past Regent of the West Hoboken Council No. 1185, Royal Arcanum.

He is much interested in charity and uplifting work, and is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of West Hoboken.

John H. Schuster.

John H. Schuster, the well known Committeeman of the Township of Weehawken, is the son of Jacob Schuster and Elizabeth Steinberg, both natives of Germany.

John was born in New York City on May 22nd, 1880. He is one out of twelve children. After he had finished his public school education in New York City, the family moved to Duer Place, Weehawken, where the father had built a home for the family. John then started to learn the real estate and insurance business and in 1912 opened his own office, making a specialty of Weehawken real estate and handling all kinds of insurance, representing some of the largest and most responsible insurance firms. Mr. Schuster has been very successful in this business and has become one of the ranking real

estate and insurance brokers in North Hudson.

Mr. Schuster has always been a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, and in 1915 was elected Committeeman of the Third Ward. Although this Ward had voted Republican for four years, Mr. Schuster, who is a staunch Democrat, easily won out by a large majority. Since January 1, 1917, he has been chairman of the Police



Committee, one of the most important committees in the Board. He has already effected several important improvements in the Police Department, the most important of which is the three shift system. He has charge of the traffic regulation at the West Shore Terminal, one of the busiest traffic points in North Hudson. He is also Clerk of the Board of Health

In 1917 his many friends induced him to run for Mayor of the Township, and Mr. Schuster claims, if it had not been for a split in the Democratic Party and treachery in the party, he would easily have won. At the campaign

he created quite an excitement in the town by accusing certain officials of neglect, especially in the Tax Department, which books he claimed had not been kept on a business basis, and which showed that taxes had not been collected for several years past. The matter was thoroughly sifted, and as a result, Mr. Schuster claims, that up to the present time, March, 1917, three months after his accusations, \$75,000 have been collected for arrears in taxes.

Dr. L. Winkelmann, D.C.

Dr. L. Winkelmann, D. C., the Chiropractor, of 248 Cambridge Avenue, Jersey City Heights, has one of the best equipped offices in the state. He gives X-ray treat-



ment, which he has studied for a long time and in which he is a specialist, and is also an expert at photography, which is a very big factor in the practice of Chiropractor,

The doctor was born in Jersey City Heights, June 30th, 1882. His father was an old and well known resident of that section. The doctor attended Public School No. 7 and the German American School. He then took up the study of music and attended the Conservatory of Music at Philadelphia, where he studied the piano. He afterward became quite a pianist, but later became interested in drugless healing, and took up the study of osteopathy with Dr. Charles S. Murray from Illinois, where he, after the completion of his course, received a diploma, and finally took a course at the Anatom. Chi. Society of Dissection at the Flower Hospital.

Dr. Winkelmann is a member of the American Naturopath Association, Chiropractors Ass'n of New Jersey, and Hudson County Chiropractors Association.

The doctor is very popular in the Heights section, where he has resided his whole life, and where he has gained a splendid reputation in professional and social circles.

The doctor started to practice about three years ago and has since gained a large circle of patients, who are loud in their praise of his wonderful achievements.

Alexander Arvay.

Alexander Arvay was brought over to this country by his parents when only three years of age. The family first settled in New York City, and later moved to West Hoboken, where Alexander attended Public School. The family then moved to Guttenberg, where he finished his schooling. Alexander then attended the DeWitt Clinton High School, where he took a course in architectural drawing, drafting, and mathematics. He then established himself as a contractor and builder, and continued

in this business in Guttenberg up to 1912, when he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he erected several buildings. He then went to Omaha, Nebraska, when with the



Drake Construction Company he built up whole sections, and then went to Kansas, where he helped build up a whole little town named Hunter in three months. While out West, Mr. Arvay also dealt extensively in real estate.

He returned to Guttenberg the latter part of 1916, and is now established as a carpenter and builder in that town. He specializes in interior work, and is at present very busy with screen work. Mr. Arvay has a wide acquaintance in North Hudson and his many friends are predicting a great success for him. He is an enterprising citizen, a thorough mechanic, and his honesty has never been questioned. Mr. Arvay's residence and office is located at 237 25th St., Guttenberg.

Charles Puff.

Probably one of the best known painters in the county is Charles Puff, at Lincoln Place, West New York. He was born in Germany, August 31, 1870, where he received his public school education and later learned the painting trade. In 1901 he came to America and settled in Hudson County, where he worked for different painting contractors up to 1907, when he established his own business. He has since become one of the most recognized painter and decorator contractors in the county, and has executed a number of very large



contracts, among which may be mentioned City Hall, Hoboken, Public School No. 1, Hoboken; Public School No. 24, Jersey City; Lincoln School, Fairview; St. Joseph's School, and Public School No. 6, West New York; Tuberculosis Hospital at Laurel Hill, and numerous others. He also has the contracts for painting work on the following new buildings: Dispatch

Building, Union Hill, N. J.; Lincoln High School, Jersey City; Public School No. 16, Jersey City; Public School No. 4, Jersey City; Administration Building, Jersey City; Jersey City Hospital; Nurses Home, Jersey City; English Neighborhood School, Fairview, N. J.

Mr. Puff married Anna Scharioth in 1899. They have two children, Alfred and Johanna. Mr. Puff has resided in West New York for the last four years, previous to which he resided in West Hoboken. He is a very high degree Free Mason, and President of the Deutscher Kriegerbund of New Jersey. Mr. Puff has achieved his success as a painter through his own energy, ability and sound judgment. He is a progressive, patriotic citizen, and a man of the highest integrity. He has gained a host of friends by his pleasing ways and manners.

Dr. F. P. Nief.

One of the most prominent dentists in North Hudson is Dr. Frederick P. Nief, with offices in the Commonwealth Trust Co. Building, West Hoboken. The doctor was born in Jersey City, July 5th, 1888. His parents were John Nicolaus Nief and Minnie (Roerber). He received his public school education in West Hoboken, and later attended the High School in that town. He then took a course in the New York College of Dentistry, from which institution he graduated in 1910. He established his own practice the same year at the above mentioned address, and has since succeeded in building up a practice second to none in North Hudson. Several assistants and a trained nurse are continuously employed at his offices.

The name of Dr. Nief is widely known in the professional circles,

as well as among the public. He has gained an excellent reputation for ability, integrity and enterprise, and has made a host of



friends by his pleasing personality. He is identified with the best interests in the town, and is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen.

The doctor married Margaret Hibbard in 1916. He is a member of the Elks No. 74, and of several Dental Societies.

George Weissgerber.

George Weissgerber, the proprietor of the "Old Corner" on Hackensack Plankroad and Spring St., West Hoboken, is one of the most popular men in North Hudson. He was born in Germany, September 22, 1868, and after finishing his public school education in that country, he worked at odd jobs, and in 1889 emigrated to America. He settled in New York City, where he worked in the brewing business. In 1900 he came to West Hoboken, where he, in partnership with his

brother-in-law, bought the "Old Corner". Five years ago his brother-in-law retired, and Mr. Weissgerber took full charge of the place, which consisted of the cafe



and restaurant. He, however, soon leased the restaurant, and devoted his energies to the cafe.

The "Old Corner" is one of the old land marks of West Hoboken. It was formerly known as "Carl's Old Corner" when Carl Rodenhausen conducted the place, which in early days was a meeting place for many of the prominent politicians. Many a successful politician received his first boost from this corner.

Mr. Weissgerber married Marie Rodenhausen, a sister of the former owner, in 1890. They have one child, Charles.

Mr. Weissgerber is one of the best known men in the northern part of the county. He is a man of the highest integrity and has gained a large circle of friends by his pleasing personality and courteous manners. He is well known in fraternal and social circles, and is a member of the Palisade Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., Odd Fellows, Eintracht Singing Society, Odd Fellow Maennerchor, Union Hill and West New York Schuetzen Corps.

Otto O. Hoffmann.

Otto O. Hoffmann, the well known metal ceiling contractor at 3631 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, was born in Boston, Mass., in 1880. His parents moved to this country when Otto was but an infant, and he attended public school in Jersey City and West Hoboken. Later he learned the tinsmith and metal ceiling trade, and in 1907 established his own business in North Hudson. Since then Mr. Hoffmann has become widely known as one of the most reliable men in the trade, and one of the largest metal ceiling contractors in North Hudson. His shop, which is located at 124 Leonard Street, West Hoboken, is continuously keeping 15 men busy.



Mr. Hoffmann is prominently connected in fraternal circles, and is a member of F. and A. M., No. 84, Jr. O. U. A. M., Hudson County No. 175, Zem Zem Grotto No. 16, and the Odd Fellows. He is also a member of a Maennerchor,

and is very fond of singing, fishing and hunting.

While Mr. Hoffmann has never had time to devote to political affairs, he is, nevertheless, a public- and civic-spirited man, who has the welfare of the community at heart. His business, which is continuously growing, demands his full attention, and he has achieved his success just because he has personally supervised every detail of the business. For those qualities which distinguish the successful man, he is greatly esteemed and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Hoffmann married Minnie Mairer. They have two children, Helen and Edna.

Albert Ensminger.

Albert Ensminger is a descendant of the old Ensminger family. He was born in New York City, Dec. 17, 1883, and was only two years old when the family moved to North Bergen. There he received his public School education and later went to work in the railroad shops, where he worked for three years. He then started to learn the mason trade, and has worked at this ever since. In 1908 he went into partnership with his brother William and established the mason and plasterer firm under the name of Ensminger Bros.

Mr. Ensminger married Anna Wildemann of Union Hill in 1911. They have one daughter, Anna May, named after Mr. Ensminger's sister, who married J. F. Wurdemann, the Councilman of North Bergen. See sketch of J. F. Wurdemann.)

Mr. Ensminger has always been a public-spirited, patriotic and enterprising citizen. While never seeking political office, he is nevertheless thoroughly identified with

the interests of the community and active in promoting every worthy object. He is thorough in every detail, energetic and practicable in carrying out his work, and prompt in all he undertakes. His foresight, integrity and sound judgment, combined with a sterling business character, have brought him into local prominence.

Mr. Ensminger is a member of the Mystic Tie, F. & A. M., and Jr.



O. U. A. M. He has been a member of the North Bergen Fire Department for the last seven years. His one great hobby is automobiling.

Wm. Ensminger, a brother and the partner of Albert, was born in New York City, December 14, 1874. After finishing his public school education, he learned the mason trade. He established the business twenty years ago and has for the last seven years resided in West New York.

He was married in 1902 to Mary Haerter, with whom he has one daughter, Edna.

Mr. Ensminger is a member of the Mystic Tie, F. & A. M., Jr. O. U. A. M., Knights of Pythias, and Exempt Firemen's Ass'n.

August Kleinke.

August Kleinke, a member of the Board of Council of West Hoboken, and one of the best known mason contractors and builders in North Hudson, was born in Germany, December 28, 1876., but came to America with his parents when he was only a year and a half old. The family settled in West Hobo-



ken, and there August received his public school education. At the early age of fourteen he commenced to learn the masons and builders trade, and by hard, conscientious work he was soon able to establish his own business. He has since become one of the most successful contractors and builders in the northern part of the county. He is thorough in every detail, energetic and practical in carrying out his contracts, and prompt in all he

undertakes. His great foresight, integrity, and sound judgment, and his capacity for business, has brought him into more than local prominence.

In politics he is an ardent Republican. In 1916 he was elected a member of the Board of Council and took office January 1, 1917. Shortly after, he was appointed chairman of the Police Committee.

Mr. Kleinke's success has been the result of his own efforts, as he is what can truly be called a self-made man.

Many important buildings in North Hudson attest his skill and ability, while the esteem and confidence in which he is held by his fellow-citizens, represents in a measure his popularity throughout this section.

Mr. Kleinke was married to Anna Tirch on June 24, 1904.

He is a member of many fraternal, political and social organizations.

John G. Meister.

John G. Meister is descended from one of the pioneer families in the Highwood Park section. His father built one of the first houses in that section.

John Meister was born in New York City, in 1889, but his parents brought him to Highwood Park when he was only six years old. He attended all the schools in Weehawken and later the Union Hill High School. After graduating from this institution, he learned the real estate and insurance business and soon opened his own office. Although a young man, Mr. Meister has become one of the leading real estate brokers in that section. He has gained an enviable reputation as an able and trustworthy man and has gained the confidence of all who have come in contact with him.

In 1912 he was elected Tax Assessor of Weehawken, to take office on January 1st, 1913. He was re-elected to this office in 1916, and also holds the office as Vital



Statistician. He has discharged his official duties to the full satisfaction of the people of Weehawken, who predict a great political career for Mr. Meister.

He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, who is deeply concerned in the welfare of the community and always willing to do his share towards anything which may benefit his town.

He is a member of the Board of Health of Weehawken, Highwood Fire Company, the Union Hill High School Alumni and several political and social associations.

Through his greatly pleasing personality he has gained a large circle of friends, not alone in Weehawken, but in North Hudson.

F. W. Ziebell, D. D. S.

F. W. Ziebell, one of the foremost dentists in North Hudson, with offices in the First National Bank Building, Guttenberg, and also at 277 Bergenline Ave., Union Hill, was born in Union Hill, July 16, 1891. His parents were the late Ferdinand A. and Dora (Bachle) Ziebell. Mr. Ziebell, the elder, one of the most esteemed citizens of North Hudson, died in December of 1916. The mother died in the spring of 1917.

Doctor Ziebell, the subject of this sketch, graduated from the



Public School and High School of this town, and then attended the New York College of Dentistry, from which institution he graduated in 1914, receiving the degree of D. D. S. While at college, he worked for the eminent Professor H. S. Dunning of New York.

Dr. Ziebell's Dental Office is one of the most modern equipped in North Hudson. A trained nurse is continuously in attendance. Dr.

Ziebell is Attending Dentist for the Hudson County Tuberculosis Clinics and Sanatorium at Laurel Hill.

Like his father, he is very prominent in the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the Palisade Lodge, No. 84, a fourteenth degree Mason of the Jersey Lodge of Perfection, an eighteenth degree member of the Jersey City Chapter of Rose Croix, a thirty-second degree member of N. J. Consistory, S. P. R. S., member of Jersey City Council Princes of Jerusalem, and a member of Salaam Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

Daniel Bermes.

Daniel Bermes is descended from one of the oldest and most prominent families in the northern part



of the county. His grandfather was the founder of the Bermes Brewery in Union Hill. The family settled in that town in 1853.

Daniel Bermes, the subject of this sketch, was born in Union

Hill, June 5th, 1880. He received his preliminary education in the local public schools and later at the Hoboken Academy. He then took a course at the Packard Business School in New York. After graduating from this institution, he started to learn the real estate business, and for a number of years was connected with the Limouze-Singer Co. In 1912 he established his own real estate and insurance business, with offices at 138 Fourth St., Union Hill, where he still is located.

Mr. Bermes has built up a very successful business and is widely known as a man of a strong character, possessed of sound judgment and great business ability. He is a genial, companionable, public-spirited man, deeply interested in the general welfare of the community, and is always ready to respond to the demands of good citizenship. Progressive in all that the word implies, he has been active and influential in the advancement of his town, a liberal contributor to its growth and moral improvement, and ever alert in increasing its useful institutions. He is a member of the Board of Education of North Bergen, in which town he resides.

Mr. Bermes married Hortense Alt in 1912. He is a member of the F. and A. M., and one of the directors of the First National Bank of the Town of Union.

Charles Waechter.

Chas. Waechter, the prominent painter, descends from one of the pioneer families in Union Hill. He was born in that town August 17, 1867. His parents were Martin and Phoebe (Elinter) Waechter. His great-grandfather at one time owned half of Main St.

Charles Waechter attended public school in Union Hill and after

finishing his schooling, he worked at the baker business for a time, and then learned the painting and decorating trade.

In 1891 he established his own business, and has for the last eleven years been located at 414 Blum



St. Some years ago, the son, Charles, Jr., was taken into the father's business, which then became known under the firm name of Charles Waechter & Son. The firm has become widely known throughout the northern part of the county and has gained a high reputation for its high class work.

Mr. Charles Waechter, Sr., has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his town. He was elected and served as a member of the Board of Council, from 1910 to 1911. In that year the Board greatly improved Bergenline Ave. In 1888 Mr. Waechter married Carrie Kaiser of Union Hill. They have six children: Charles, Jr., Anna, Martin, William, Carrie, and Phoebe.

Mr. Waechter is a member of the Foresters of America, and Fi-

nancial Secretary of the Firemen's Relief Association.

Chas. Waechter, Jr., started to learn the painting business of his father after finishing his early education in Union Hill. He was, as above stated, later taken into the business with his father. He married Edith Merz, with whom he has two children: Albert, and Dorothy.

The Merz family, another old family in Union Hill, is related to the Ellenhausen family, which built the house on Gardner St. and New York Ave., about fifty years ago.

John J. Schneider & Son

One of the foremost real estate firms in the northern part of the county is that of John J. Schneider



& Son, with offices at 553 Bergenline Ave., West New York.

This firm has been very instrumental in the upbuilding of West New York and has erected numerous large apartment houses, all

modernly equipped, and several factory and loft buildings.

Mr. John J. Schneider, Sr., was born in Germany, in 1868. He immigrated to this country in 1881 and for the last ten years has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He is one of



the best known men in the northern part of the county and has gained a high reputation for his splendid business ability and honest character.

Mr. Schneider has never aspired to any public office, but devotes his full time to his many large enterprises.

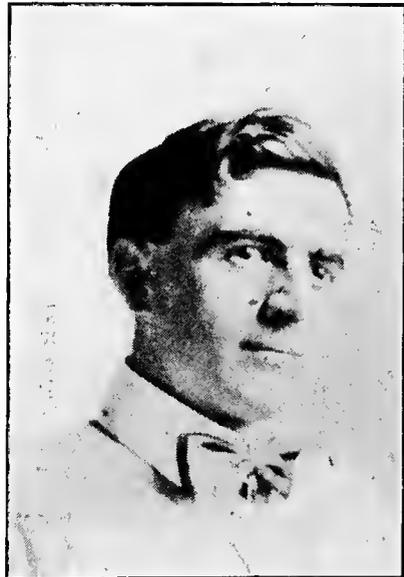
John J. Schneider, Jr., was born in New York City, on April 28th, 1896. He attended school in that city, and later learned the machinist and automobile trade.

Although a young man, Mr. Schneider has practically seen nearly every part of the country. He took to traveling at a very early age, and his great hobby was to "rough it". He has gone through some of the most hair-breaking ex-

periences, and only a short time ago settled down to "normal" life with his father in West New York. He is now associated with his father in the real estate business, and besides conducts a cafe at 22nd St. and Park Ave., West New York.

John V. Zoppel.

The distinction of being the youngest post office superintendent belongs to John V. Zoppel of North Bergen's Post Office. He was born in Athenia, New Jersey, July 9, 1887, and has been a resident of North Hudson since 1898. He received his public school education in Union Hill, where his parents had moved when he was very young. After finishing his school education he worked a few years for the West Shore Railroad, and in 1908 secured a position as clerk in the



Weehawken Post Office, in which position he continued until 1914, when he was appointed Superintendent of the North Bergen Post

Office This post office had then just been built, after a long, hard fight by the people of North Bergen.

Though a young man, Mr. Zoppel has achieved a high reputation for his ability and perseverance. He is a public spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and enjoys the confidence and respect of every one who knows him. He is one of the most popular and best known men, not alone in his town, but in North Hudson generally. He is discharging his duties to the full satisfaction of the people in the community.

Mr. Zoppel is a member of Jr. O. U. A. M., and the Shepherds of Bethlehem.

Dr. L. A. Peragallo.

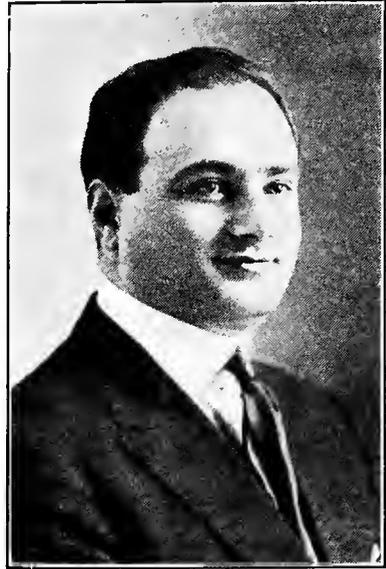
No man in the county is more worthy of extended mention than Dr. Louis Anthony Peragallo of Hoboken, who has risen in prominence in the musical world solely through his efforts and ability.

Although a young man, he has made a record for himself of which many an old man could well feel proud.

Dr. Peragallo was born in New York City, in the year 1888. His parents were Ferdinand Peragallo and Mary Vezetti, the latter a member of one of the most prominent families in Hoboken, and both natives of Italy.

The family moved to Hoboken when Louis was very young, and there he received his early education, graduating from Public School No. 8. He then entered High School, but as he had a splendid talent for music, his parents took him to Italy, when he was fifteen years old, and there he studied the violin under the widely known Professor Sarti.

For eleven years he studied music in Italy and in 1914 he graduated from the Royal Conservatory in Bologna, in that country, with high honors, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Music. He was also elected honorary member of the Royal Philharmonic Academy of Bologna. The following year he returned to this country and opened a studio at 1035 Garden St., Hoboken.



The doctor since has conducted several large and very successful concerts, and his quintet, composed of some of his advanced pupils, have taken many honors at the different places they have played.

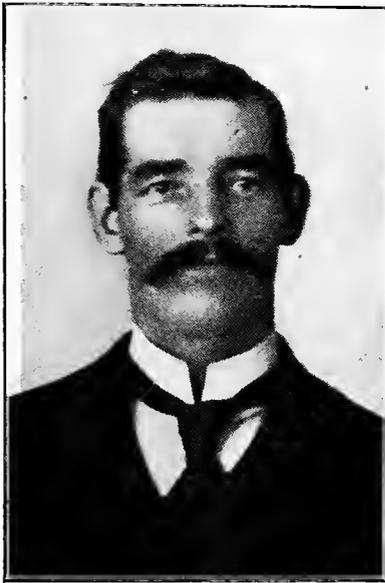
Dr. Peragallo is not only well known in musical circles, but also in social affairs has become quite a figure.

His pleasing personality has gained him a host of friends and admirers, and between his professional and social duties he is kept very busy. When at leisure the doctor indulges in walking and has become quite an expert in cross-country walking.

A. Hokanson.

Andrew Hokanson was the first and is today one of the largest builders in Woodcliff.

He was born in Sweden, June 13, 1868, and after finishing his public school education there he



learned the carpenter and building trade. He became quite an expert as a ship carpenter and for eight years he sailed the seas and has been in every civilized country in the world. In 1903 he came to this country, and settled in New York City, but two years later moved to Woodcliff. He worked as a carpenter until 1909, when he engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder. The distinction of being the first builder in that section of the county belongs to Mr. Hokanson. During the time he has been in business he has built a house at the average of every thirty days. He specialized in private residences and has erected some of the most beautiful dwellings in the Woodcliff as well as in

the Grantwood sections. He is at present very busy erecting several houses for many prominent people, who are anxious to secure his services.

Mr. Hokanson employs as many as sixty men, and personally supervises every detail in his building enterprises.

He was married in 1900 to Hanna Henrikson, with whom he has one daughter.

Oscar Hogrelius.

Among the foremost builders in the Woodcliff section is Oscar Hogrelius. Although in business



only a few years, he has erected numerous buildings, and has practically built up the whole length of 29th Street, Woodcliff. He specialized in cozy residential dwellings, for which that section is so well known. He has, however, of late erected two large, beautiful apartment houses on 28th Street. Mr. Hogrelius built the Church of Intercession in New York. He is one

of the most successful contractors and builders in the northern part of the county. He is thorough in every detail, energetic, and practical in carrying out his contracts, and prompt in all he undertakes. His splendid foresight, integrity, and sound judgment, and his capacity for business has brought him into more than local prominence. As his business has always occupied his full time, he has never affiliated himself with any political or fraternal organization. He takes a great interest in church work, and is, naturally, much interested in civic work.

Mr. Hogrelius was born in Sweden, January 25th, 1865. There he received his early education and later learned his trade. In 1899 he immigrated to this country, and settled in New York, later moving to Woodcliff, where he soon after engaged in business for himself.

In 1906 he married Edith Olson, with whom he has one son, Olaf.

Fred. E. Conover, D. C.

Fred E. Conover, D. C., one of the best known Chiropractors in North Hudson, was born Nov. 30, 1880. He received his early education in the public schools of West Hoboken, and after graduating took a course in a business college. He then started to study drugless healing and attended the New Jersey College of Chiropractors, from which institution he graduated and received the degree of D. C. and Ph. C. He took a post graduate course at Electric Osteopathic Institute, and also studied at the American School of Naturopathy.

The Doctor is a member of several professional societies, among which may be mentioned the New Jersey Chiropractors' Association, Hudson County Chiropractors' As-

sociation, of which he is Treasurer, New Jersey Naturopaths' Association, American Naturopaths' Association, and the American Academy of Chiropractors' Research.

Although practising only about two years, Dr. Conover has become one of the foremost Chiropractors in North Hudson. He es-



pecially gained wide publicity some time ago, when he treated and cured the little son of the noted sculptor F. E. Elwell, who was suffering from a chronic disease and had been treated by several physicians without success. Several other well known people in North Hudson are praising the Doctor for his skill and thorough knowledge of his profession. Numerous hopeless cases have been cured by the Doctor, and his practice today is probably one of the largest in North Hudson.

His pleasing personality and his genial manners have made him very popular and gained him a large circle of friends.

August G. Apel.

August G. Apel, of North Bergen, is one of the best known men in Hoboken and North Hudson. He was born in Germany, in 1871. He came to this country when only sixteen years of age, and settled in New York City. In 1890 he moved to Hoboken, where he learned the butcher business, and soon after



opened a butcher store of his own. After a few years' hard work, he was able to open a larger butcher store, which he conducted under the name of the Hudson County Beef Company. This soon became one of the largest butcher stores in Hoboken. Mr. Apel has always been a great believer in new ideas, and modern systems; he would, for instance, when he sold a pound of corned beef, give a head of cabbage free with it, or when he sold soup meat, give free soup greens. He was one of the first business men to install a cash register. The business soon became too big for him, and rather than conduct a store in

which he had to employ several men, he sold out this business and built a home at the Six Corners, North Bergen, in which he opened a small butcher shop. This he sold out about fifteen years ago, when he built another house on the next lot, where he started a moving and trucking business. In this he has also succeeded, and by hard consistent work, has made this business one of the largest of its kind in North Hudson. He has two large auto moving vans and about twenty wagons and horses.

Mr. Apel was one of the organizers of the Protection Company of the North Bergen Fire Department.

In 1891, Mr. Apel married Mary Muhring, with whom he has three children, of which August, Jr., although only twenty-one years of age, is practically running the business. He is as much devoted to the father as the father is devoted to him, and together they make an inseparable pair. He is always finding ways and means of improving the business, and is a very hard-working youth, in fact, he is always working. Although he has never had any mechanical tuition, he is quite a mechanical genius, and has just built and perfected a splendid motor boat. Like his father, he has never affiliated himself with any political or fraternal associations, as the continuously growing business demands steady attention.

Preben J. Peaters.

One of the greatest scenic artists in the county is Preben J. Peaters, with studio in North Bergen.

He was born in Denmark, March 21, 1866, and at the age of six years he started to study art in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. When nineteen years of age, he came to this country, where he

worked as a scenic artist in New York City, and later traveled to every principal city in the United States. He spent five years in San



Francisco and a short time in Texas and then returned to this county.

In 1903 he opened his own studio at Monroe St., North Bergen, where he since has painted the scenery for some of the largest productions. His studio and residence covers a ground of 75x100 feet.

It is not alone as a scenic artist Mr. Peaters has become noted throughout the county, but he has also achieved quite a reputation as a landscape and portrait painter. Some of the most beautiful works painted by his own hand can be seen at his studio and residence, and numerous others have been sold.

Mr. Peaters' great hobby is farming, and he owns a large farm of 220 acres in New York State. There his family spent the summers and Mr. Peaters his week-ends.

In 1902 he married Dore Drives, who soon after died in Texas. In 1911 he married Jennje E. Stevenson. Mr. Peaters is the father of three children, Carl Preben Jr.,

Ralph Emerson Peaters, and Gertrude Stevenson Peaters.

He is a member of the F. and A. M., Mystic Tie, and was the first President of the Pastmasters Association of that Order in this section.

Otto G. Sternkopf.

Otto G. Sternkopf, one of the youngest real estate and insurance brokers in West Hoboken, was born in New York City, Feb. 18, 1891. He attended Public School in North Bergen, where his parents had moved when Otto was very young. Later he attended the West Hoboken High School and then took up the study of law at the New York University. He, however, soon had to give up his studies on account of trouble with his eyes.



Determined to obtain as much knowledge of law as possible, he secured a position in a law office, where he worked for nine years. Six months ago he opened his own

real estate and insurance office at 294 Summit Avenue, West Hoboken, where he, in these few months, has made a great success.

Mr. Sternkopf is a public spirited and enterprising young man. He is actively interested in all civic work which may be of benefit to the community. Although a very young man, he has erected several buildings in the Grantwood section, and intends to go into the building line extensively.

He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Summit Investment Co. and is a member of several organizations and societies.

In 1916 Mr. Sternkopf married Marion Paulsen, of the well known old West Hoboken family.

Mr. Sternkopf's father, Albert Sternkopf, was born in Germany, in 1849, and immigrated into this country fifty years ago. He worked for a number of years in the insurance business, in which he became very successful. One of his other sons, Frederick, is Town Treasurer of North Bergen.

James J. McClelland.

One of the most enterprising and ambitious young men in North Hudson is Mr. James J. McClelland, Cashier and one of the Directors of the First National Bank of the Town of Union. He is the son of Thomas McClelland, the present Tax Collector of Union Hill and was born in that town on May 30, 1884. After finishing his early school education in the local schools, he worked in minor clerical positions and in 1909 entered the service of the above mentioned bank as messenger. The bank had just been organized and Mr. McClelland was one of its first employees. He at once put his whole heart and soul into his work, and his ability and efficiency was quickly recognized. He was promoted the

following year to bookkeeper, the year after to Paying Teller, and in 1913 to Cashier. He is now also one of the bank's Directors. Mr. McClelland has discharged his duties in a thorough, businesslike manner with great fidelity and honor. He has proven himself more than equal to his task and has achieved a high reputation for ability and perseverance.



That the First National Bank of the Town of Union has greatly benefited by Mr. McClelland's valuable services, can readily be seen when reading the history of this bank published elsewhere in this book.

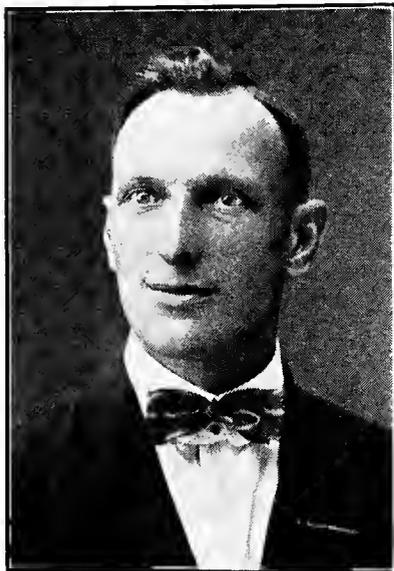
Mr. McClelland is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, and while he has never aspired to any public office, he is nevertheless much interested in anything which may benefit the community.

He is not an organization man or connected with any fraternities, but devotes his entire time to his duties in the bank.

His great hobby is "Work", in which he takes a deep and conscientious interest.

Frank Effert.

Frank Effert, of the blue and lime stone firm of Effert & Gerish, was born in West New York, October 9th, 1885. After finishing his early public school education, he learned the stone cutting business with Wm. Luckhardt, and later worked in several large stone yards. Eight years ago he estab-



lished his present business, which is the largest of its kind in North Hudson. The shop and yard located at 670 Polk St. cover a ground of 75x200 feet. It is equipped with the most modern machinery and tools.

Mr. Effert has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and has held the office of Assessment Commissioner for the last three years. As a resident of West New York he came early into prominence, displaying a broad public spirit and winning a deserved popularity. He is greatly respected and esteemed in the community, whose confidence he enjoys to the

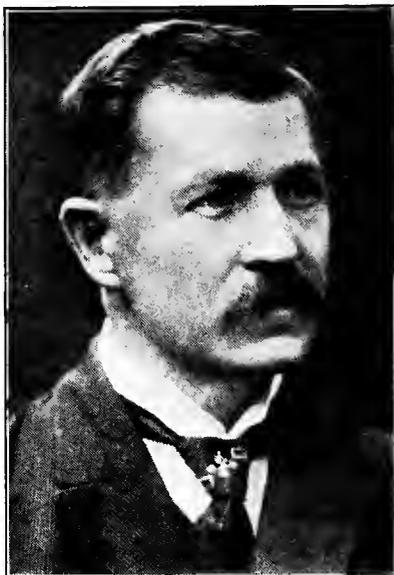
utmost. He has exerted an important influence in various directions, and by courage and perseverance has achieved a high reputation in all the relations of life. His unimpeachable integrity has never been questioned.

In politics, Mr. Effert has always been an ardent Democrat.

His motto has always been: "Treat the people the same way you would like them to treat you." In the present campaign Mr. Effert is not doing much shouting, but believes that actions speak stronger than words.

Frederick Koch.

Frederick Koch, manufacturer of artistic medals and badges, was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 15, 1862. He received his early education in the old country, and later



studied as an artist. Not satisfied with studying in Germany alone, he started to travel and studied in Vienna, London, Rome, and Brussels, in which latter city he received

two prizes for modeling, from the Academy.

He came to this country in 1884, when he settled in New York City, where he worked as an artist. In 1889 he established his own business in New York as an engraver. Twenty-five years ago he came to West Hoboken, where he established his present business as manufacturer of badges and medals four years ago.

The plant, which is located at 72-82 Palisade Ave., West Hoboken, and which is one of the largest in the country, has a space of about 7,000 square feet, and employs from 25 to 50 people.

Although Mr. Koch does not employ any salesman, he has been very successful in finding a market for his products, and can now boast of having customers all over the United States, South America, and Canada. This has been made possible by extensive advertising, of which Mr. Koch is a great believer.

As a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, none is better known than Mr. Koch. He has for many years been prominently connected with the Republican Party. He is genial and frank, and is possessed of a sterling business character.

He married Elizabeth Ringler, of the well known West Hoboken family, in 1893. They have four children, — Frederick August, Charles William, Louis Otto, and Lillian.

George E. Barrett.

George E. Barrett, County Committeeman, residing at No. 411 Humboldt St., Union Hill, was born in New York City on the 11th of July, 1877. He received his early education in that city, and at an early age secured a position as messenger boy in a Wall Street

office. He has worked in Wall St. all his life and now holds a responsible position as manager in a large Wall St. banking house. Mr. Barrett has gained a high reputation as a certified public accountant.

Before moving to Union Hill, in which town he has lived for a number of years, Mr. Barrett was prom-



inent in politics in New York City and actively interested in Tammany Hall, and was a General Committeeman in that organization.

In 1915 he was elected County Committeeman and Secretary of the County Committee in this county, although his opponent was one of the strongest candidates in the Ward. In 1916 he was re-elected to this office by a substantial majority.

Mr. Barrett is probably one of the most prominent men in fraternal, political and social circles. He is the Esteemed Leading Knight of the B. P. O. E., Hoboken Lodge No. 74, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the Phil Schumacher Association, and an honorary president of the

Jefferson Democratic Club in the Bronx, N. Y., and a member of the Wall Street Clerks Association. He is Vice-President of Engine Co. No. 2, Union Hill, Fire Department, and is a member of this department since 1914. He is one of the best known orators in the county, and one of the most accomplished after-dinner story tellers.

Mr. Barrett married Marcella McLean in 1899. They have three children, Agnes, Eugene, and George, Jr.

In July, 1917, he was appointed chairman of the Local Draft Board No. 3 for the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, by President Wilson.

William G. Weller.

William G. Weller, Town Treasurer of West Hoboken, is one of the best known men in North Hudson.



Though a young man, Mr. Weller has achieved a high reputation for ability and perseverance. He is a public-spirited citizen, imbued with

an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost.

He was born in Brooklyn, Nov. 5, 1885, where he received his public school education. His parents moved to West Hoboken in 1897, and William secured a clerical position, later becoming a book-keeper, and worked in this capacity with one firm seven years. In the meantime he studied accounting, and later opened his own office as an expert accountant, with offices at 110 Hutton Street, Jersey City. He is publicly recognized as one of the ablest accountants in the county, and does a very extensive business with numerous large firms. He lately completed an audit of the books of the Township of Weehawken. He is also Secretary of the Central Building and Loan Association of Jersey City.

Mr. Weller has always taken an active interest in the Republican Party and served the Town of West Hoboken as Councilman from 1913 to 1915. On January 1st, 1917, he was appointed Treasurer of that town.

He is a member of the Lincoln Republican Club of West Hoboken and several other societies. He is very fond of baseball, and was formerly known as one of the best bowlers of North Hudson. Mr. Weller is unmarried.

Adolph Machtetto.

Adolph Machtetto, a member of the North Bergen Board of Education, and one of the young prominent men of North Hudson, was born at Stirling, Morris County, N. J., on November 1, 1890. Six years later his parents moved to North Bergen, and Adolph received

ed his education in the Union Hill public schools and in the North Bergen Public School No. 3. At the age of fourteen he secured a position as office boy for a business firm in New York City, and he



has remained with this firm during the twelve years since, and by his energy and strict attention to business has worked his way up to his present position as City and Export Sales Manager.

Though a young man, Mr. Machetto has achieved a high reputation for his ability and perseverance. He is a public-spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost. He is one of the most popular and best known men, not only in his town, but in North Hudson generally.

He has always taken an active interest in public affairs. On February 1, 1916, he was appointed member of the Board of Education; he is also a member of the

Board of School Estimate and of the Volunteer Fire Department, Peerless Hose Co. No. 3.

Mr. Machetto is also interested in several business enterprises and is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., (Garfield Council No. 56), and the Second Ward Democratic Club of North Bergen. He is unmarried.

Theodore Schaefer.

One of the most popular officials in West New York is Councilman Theodore Schaefer.

He was born in Germany, on July 13th, 1882, and came to this country in 1896. Twelve years ago he settled in West New York, where he bought his present business, that of wagon manufacturer and wagon painter. He conducted the business in partnership with Herman W. Schaefer of Jersey City, under the firm name of Schaefer &



Schaefer, for ten years. Herman W. Schaefer died, and Mr. Theodore Schaefer became the sole owner.

The business was originally established over fifty years ago and under the able management of Mr. Schaefer it has become one of the largest concerns of its kind in North Hudson. Twelve men are continuously employed in the shop, building, repairing and painting wagons. Everything is done on the premises from start to finish; and some of the finest work is turned out.

Among the customers of this concern are some of the oldest and most prominent business men, who pride themselves in having exceptionally fine delivery wagons.

In public life Councilman Schaefer has always taken a prominent part. At one time he served his town as Tax Assessor. His great ability and integrity were soon recognized, and in 1914 the residents of the town elected him a member of the Board of Council. After his term had expired, the people insisted on keeping him in the Board and re-elected him for another term in 1916. His second term expires at the end of this year but although the people were eager to elect him for a third term, he declined on the plea that his business needs his full attention. While in office he has done much for the welfare and the development of the town and has been instrumental in bringing about many needed improvements.

The Councilman is possessed of great business ability and a sterling business character. His pleasing, dignified, quiet manners have gained him a host of friends, who greatly admire and esteem him.

He is a member of the Free Masons, Foresters of America, Ind. Foresters of America, and has been chairman of the Building and Loan Association for the last four years. He was one of the organizers of the W. N. Y. Maennerchor and was chairman of the Building

and Ground Committee when the new Town Hall was built.

In 1905 he married Hanna Bock, with whom he has one son, Theodore, Jr.

John B. Freudenberger, Jr.

One of the best known and most respected men in West New York is John B. Freudenberger, Jr., a member of the Board of Council of that town.

He was born in New York City, July 3rd, 1882, and received his school education in New York and



abroad. After finishing his schooling, he secured a position as clerk and in 1900 became connected with Armour & Co. in New York City, and later with the New York Stock Exchange as reporter and telegrapher, where he has since been employed.

He came to West New York in 1907 and soon after became deeply

interested in the upbuilding of that town.

His ability, sound judgment and enterprise combined with a sterling business character, soon made him one of the most popular men in the town, and the residents urged him to become a candidate to the Board of Councilmen. He was elected a member of the Board in 1913, and during his term in office procured so many improvements in the section and discharged his duties in such an efficient manner that the people re-elected him to the same office in 1915.

Councilman Freudenberger has been instrumental in the laying out of many streets, especially in the lower section on the easterly side, and has worked enthusiastically with the other members of the Board for the improvements of the Fire Department, which has almost been motorized completely. A new modern fire alarm system has also been installed in the town during the tenure of the Councilman's office.

Though a young man, Councilman Freudenberger has achieved a high reputation for ability and perseverance. He is a public-spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost. His one great hobby is to develop the town of West New York to one of the most modern towns in the State.

The Councilman married Miss Mary V. Wolf in 1904. They have two children. Their names are John and Joseph.

Richard J. Miller.

One of the most respected and esteemed men in North Hudson is Richard J. Miller of West New York, former Mayor of that town.

During his two terms as Mayor, from 1910 to 1914, he rendered most efficient service to the town,



bringing to his duties the energies, abilities and thoroughness which characterizes successful men. Due to his great ability, superior judgment and enterprise West New York has become one of the foremost municipalities in the county. To attempt to publish the many improvements he inaugurated during his administration, would fill a moderate sized book.

Mr. Miller is a man of broad, scholarly attainments, of noble and generous impulses, and universally esteemed and respected not only

for his ability and integrity, but also for those affectionate and sympathetic qualities which make him so popular among all people. He has always interested himself in the affairs of the community and is an ardent advocate of every movement and project which has the welfare of the people for its object.

He has always been an ardent democrat, a friend of education, and a benevolent, patriotic, public-spirited citizen.

Previous to his term of Mayor, he served one year in the Board of Council. In 1913 he named the first appointive Board of Education under the laws of 1912. The Board of Playground Commissioners was created by Mr. Miller in 1912, and the people of West New York can thank the former Mayor for the playground, which has been of immense benefit to the people of the Town. As chairman of the Board of Recreation Commissioners, he has inaugurated many plans of benefit to the people.

John L. Voellmicke.

John L. Voellmicke is one of the well known cafe owners in the northern part of the county.

He was born in Germany, June 20, 1884, and received his public school education in that country. He then secured a position in a wholesale dry goods concern, and on November 21, 1905, he came to this country. He then settled in New York, but after a few months moved to Newark, where he worked in the cafe business. One year after he came to North Hudson, where he has resided ever since.

In 1908, only a little over two years after his arrival in this country, he went into the cafe business for himself in West Hoboken.

Four years ago he bought his present place on Hackensack

Plank Road, on the corner of Gardner St., Union Hill. This place is one of the oldest in North Hudson and was the first Turn Hall in that section. The place, including cafe, restaurant, summer garden and wagon sheds, covers a ground of five full city lots. It



especially caters to funeral parties and is located right opposite the Palisade and Weehawken Cemeteries.

Mr. Voellmicke has never sought nor accepted any public office, nor does he belong to any secret fraternities or lodges. He devotes his full time to his business enterprise, and is known as a man particularly able in his business. He is public spirited and enterprising and a man of pleasing ways and manners, which has gained him a large host of friends. His honesty and integrity have never been questioned.

Mr. Voellmicke married Mary Bartl in 1910. They have three children, Viola, John, and William.

M. C. Wolpert.

Michael C. Wolpert, one of the leading contractors in Union Hill and the present Building Inspector of that town, was born in Baden, Germany, December 23, 1866. After barely finishing his public school education in that country, he came



to America in 1884. He started to learn the tinsmith and roofing trade with several well known contractors in Union Hill, and in 1890 went into business for himself and opened a small shop at 183 Bergenline Avenue, and as business increased, he found it necessary to look for still larger quarters, and in 1911 he built his present shop, office and stable at 514 Third St.

This property covers a ground of 50x100 feet and the shop is equipped with all the most modern machinery.

Mr. Wolpert has built up a large business in sheet metal work, roofing, hot air heating and ventilating. By close, careful study he has succeeded in building up a large business and a reputation second to none in North Hudson. He has demonstrated that the man with absolutely no financial backing can succeed, provided he uses his hands and head.

Mr. Wolpert executed the contract on all metal work and copper

corners at the Necker Building, Union Hill, and has for the last fifteen years done all the metal work for the Hackensack Water Works on all this company's plants scattered all over the county.

One year ago, Mr. Wolpert incorporated his business, which is now known as Michael C. Wolpert Inc.

On January 1, 1917, he was appointed building inspector of the Town of Union.

Mr. Wolpert married Ida Riemenschneider, of the well known Union Hill family, in 1889. There are no children.

Peter Planert.

The distinction of being one of the most remarkable men in Hudson County belongs to Peter



Planert, the proprietor of the Fischer Hotel on First St., Hoboken.

He is French by birth, speaks the German language fluently, as

well as English, and some Polish. He conducts a hotel under a German name, which is largely patronized by German, English, French, Scandinavian, and American people.

The hostelry, which is one of the oldest in Hoboken, having been built about 30 years ago, is widely known all over the United States, as well as in Europe. It is the favorite stopping place for travelers coming from all parts of the country going to or coming from Europe. The hotel consists of a cafe, restaurant and forty rooms. It is one of the coziest and most homelike hotels imaginable.

Mr. Planert was born in Lorraine of French parents, April 27, 1876, and came to this country in 1892. He started to work in New York City in a grocery store for \$5 a month, and later traveled West, where he worked in the hotel business. After his return to New York he worked in the Holland House and in the Waldorf. In 1907 he bought the Fischer Hotel, which he has since succeeded in making one of the most popular hotels in Hoboken. He personally supervises every detail of the business and carefully looks after the comfort of each guest.

His great knowledge of the business, his ability, enterprise, integrity, and pleasing personality have been the great factors of his success.

Mr. Planert is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74, Scottish Rite, Euclid Lodge No. 136, F. & A. M., and Zem Zem Grotto.

John Faller & Son.

One of the most conspicuous manufacturing concerns in Hudson County is that of John Faller Monumental Co.

The firm conducts two plants,

one at Hackensack Plank Road at the entrance of the Weehawken and Palisade Cemetery, which is the main office and yard and under the supervision of Mr. Faller Sr.,



while the other plant is located at Fairview, under the supervision of John Faller, Jr. Both places are equipped with the most modern machinery and tools and because of the beautiful work turned out at these places, they have become very widely known.

John Faller, Sr., was born in Baden, Germany, in 1860. After obtaining his early school education he started to learn the monumental business and in 1877 he emigrated to America. In 1881 he started in business at Lutheran Cemetery, Queens County, Long Island, from which place he moved in 1886 to the State of New Jersey to form a partnership with Wm. Luckhardt, at the entrance of Hoboken and Flower Hill Cemeteries. Six years later he sold out his share in the partnership and went out west, where he remained about

six years. In 1901 he returned to North Hudson and purchased the Monumental business of the late Adam Duerkes, and also that of the late George Wernsing at the Weehawken and Palisade Cemeteries.

About eleven years ago Mr. Faller took John, Jr., and George into partnership, and the firm became known as the John Faller Monumental Co. The branch yard in Fairview was then established. About nine years ago the son George sold his share of the business to his father and brother.

John Faller, Sr., and John Faller, Jr., are well known throughout the county. Their great abil-



ity and knowledge of the business have brought them into more than local prominence. They are both prominent in fraternal and social circles and have achieved an eminent reputation for their sterling business character.

Mr. Faller, Sr., is a member of the F. & A. M. and the Odd Fellows.

Charles J. Morris.

Few men in the county are better known than Charles J. Morris, Township Committeeman of North Bergen.

He was born in New York City, November 11th, 1872, his parents being Michael Morris and Sarah



(O'Neil). Charles received his early education in New York, and came to Hudson County with the family 26 years ago, of which time they have spent 21 years in North Bergen.

Mr. Charles Morris has been with one firm the last twenty-five years, beginning as a clerk, then promoted to bookkeeper, and now holds the position as cashier. He has been active in politics for the last 18 years, and served as President of the School Board from 1899 to 1900. He was Chief of the Fire Department from 1905 to 1907, then served as clerk for the Board of Health for three years, and was then elected to the Board

of Freeholders, in which Board he served from 1911 to 1912.

In 1914 Mr. Morris was elected to the Township Committee and re-elected in 1916. While serving as Township Committeeman he also holds the office of chairman of the Police Committee.

Mr. Morris married Elisabeth Weiss of the old Guttenberg family in 1894. They have three children, Charles, Jr., Louis J., and G. A. Julius.

He is very prominently connected in fraternal, political and social circles, being a member of the F. & A. M., the Shriners, Scottish Rite Masons, the Elks (Hoboken No. 74), and Royal Arcanum.

He is the standard bearer of the Charles Morris Association, President of North Bergen Exempt Firemen's Association, Treasurer of the North Bergen Firemen's Relief Association, Treasurer of the American Engine Co., Treasurer of Charles Morris Xmas Society, member of Keystone Fire Chiefs Association, and Secretary of North Bergen Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Morris is possessed of an exceptional ability, sound judgment, and splendid foresight. He is considered a leader among men, and his pleasing personality has gained him a very large host of friends.

Paul Seglie.

One of the most popular men in the County is Boulevard Commissioner Paul Seglie of West Hoboken.

He has been a resident of that town for many years and has built up a very successful liquor business in North Hudson.

Mr. Seglie is a fine example of the Italian-American citizen, one of that large class whose industry,

economy and sturdy intelligence have done so much toward the development of our country, and whose solid qualities and valuable service in all departments of private and public life have been recognized in every portion of the republic.

By tireless activity and prompt, thorough attention to business he has built up one of the largest



businesses of its kind in the northern part of the county.

Mr. Seglie is a man of kind and generous impulses, as is evidenced by the fact that he is known as a friend of the poorer classes, who often receive his assistance and help.

So bright and energetic a man could scarcely fail to become a leader in politics. He is an ardent Republican and has always been true to the Republican standards, and hence enjoys the fullest confidence of his party.

He has twice been elected to the Boulevard Commission and the last time, in 1916, after one of the most bitter political contests Hud-

son County has ever witnessed. While in office, Mr. Seglie has faithfully discharged his public duties, and has become very popular for his strong opposition to closed specification. He is a man whose ability and integrity has never been questioned, and who will not stand for any one imposing on the public by dishonest methods.

Mr. Seglie has also held the office as County Committeeman, to which office he seeks to be re-elected at the coming election.

His many friends predict that he will have no trouble, but will be re-elected by a large majority.

Arthur O. Smith.

One of the most respected men in educational circles in the State of New Jersey is Arthur O. Smith, Superintendent of the Public Schools in West Hoboken.



He was born at Smith's Hill, Sussex County, N. J., March 6th, 1875. His parents were Albert

O. and S. Elizabeth (Anderson) Smith, who were among the earlier settlers of that section.

Mr. Smith attended the district school in the village of Washingtonville, now called Halsey. He later entered the High School at Newton, from which institution he graduated in 1895.

Mr. Smith then began teaching in a "little red school house in the woods" at Blooming Grove, Wantage Township, in his native county. The following year he was appointed principal of the school at Branchville, N. J., where he remained for two years. In 1898 he entered the State Normal School at Trenton, graduating in 1900. In this institution he also took a Post Graduate Course. His studies were, however, interrupted by a severe illness, but after regaining his health he took up his studies again and completed his final course there in 1902. The same year he was appointed Superintendent in the Borough of Sussex and held that office for two years.

In September, 1904, Mr. Smith came to North Bergen as Principal of School No. 3, a year later School No. 8, then newly opened, was also placed in his charge.

In the meantime Mr. Smith studied at the New York University, where he received the degrees of B. S. in 1911 and M. A. in 1914.

On November 4th, 1916, he was appointed County Superintendent for Hudson County.

After the death of Superintendent Kinsley of West Hoboken, the Board of Education of that town offered the vacant position to Mr. Smith. He would accept the position only on the conditions that the Board would unanimously appoint him and that he be given a free hand of the management of the schools in West Hoboken. Mr. Smith did not want to become Superintendent of Schools in name

only, but wanted full authority in all matters pertaining to the educational phase of the public school affairs in the town.

On June 25th, 1917, the Board of Education of West Hoboken, by a unanimous vote appointed Mr. Smith Superintendent of Schools for a period of five years with power and authority as he desires.

Mr. Smith is a highly trained and educated man and possesses all of those virtues which stamp him as a successful man. As an educator and disciplinarian he has achieved an eminent reputation. His pleasing personality has gained him many friends throughout the county.

Mr. Smith married Melissa Greenleaf in 1908.

He is a member of I. O. O. F., a member of the Consistory of the Grove Reformed Church in North Bergen, is President of the Building and Loan Association in North Bergen and Director of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Trust Co. in Union Hill.

Otto Venino, Jr.

Among the able younger lawyers of North Hudson is Otto Venino, Jr., who has office with the real estate and insurance firm of Venino & Son, located at 414 Lewis St., Town of Union.

Councillor Venino has, since his admission to the Bar, been a credit to North Hudson and to the profession he represents. He has a select list of clients, which is constantly growing, because in him those who are careful in legal matters, recognize a man who will look after their interests as closely as he would his own.

Mr. Venino, Jr., was born in the Town of Union in 1891 and received his early education in the

Public schools and High School of that town. After graduating from High School in 1908, he entered the New York University Law School. He graduated from this institution in 1911 with the degree of L. L. B. The following year he received the degree of L. L. M.

He was admitted to the Bar of New Jersey as an Attorney-at-



Law in 1913, and in 1916 admitted as a Counsellor-at-Law and Master in Chancery.

Although his practice is general and cases of every nature are handled by him, there is probably no lawyer in the county who is more conscientious about the merits of the case he undertakes as is Mr. Venino. He is dignified, self-confident, and is possessed of a nature which draws men to him.

Mr. Venino is the son of the noted real estate broker Otto Venino, and both are members of the well known real estate firm Venino & Son.

Charles Kappes.

Charles Wm. Kappes, one of the prominent members of the Bar of New Jersey and New York, was born at 33 Union Place, Union Hill, May 5, 1880. His parents were



Charles A. and Sophia (Koeberlein) Kappes, both descendants of the early settlers of that section.

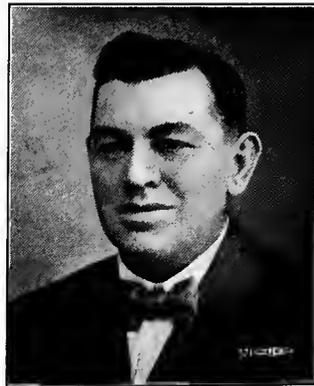
Charles attended the Union Hill Public Schools, and in 1896 graduated from the Union Hill High School. He then entered the New York University Law School, where he received the degree of L. L. B. in 1898. The same year he was admitted to the New York Bar. After practising in the New York Courts for several years, during which time he was associated with counsel in a number of important cases, he took the examination in this State and was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law in 1906 and subsequently as a Counsellor-at-Law and Master in Chancery. He established his own law practice, with offices on Bergenline

Ave., Union Hill, in 1906. Mr. Kappes was later admitted as a Counsellor-at-Law of the United States Court. He has displayed high legal qualifications in a large number of important cases, with which he has been identified. As a lawyer he has established a high reputation for his broad and accurate knowledge of the law, and his great skill and ability have often been proven.

Mr. Kappes is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, thoroughly identified with the best interests of his town. He is prominently connected in fraternal circles and is a member of the F. and A. M., Shriners Temple, and Jr. O. U. A. M. In 1911 he married Erna A. Braunstein and has two children, Charles W., Jr., and S. Winifred.

Philip Geist.

Philip Geist, Councilman from the Third Ward, West Hoboken, is one of the most popular men of that town. His ability, sound judgment and integrity have made him



greatly respected and esteemed in the community whose confidence he enjoys to the utmost. He is possessed of those qualities which especially fits him to represent the people.

He has been a resident of West Hoboken for over thirty years and is a successful business man of that town.

He is not what may be called a politician, but a man of the people who thoroughly knows what the people want and what the town needs. He is enterprising and fearless and is not bossed by any man or set of men, but acts and governs according to the wishes of the people.

Mr. Geist was born in Germany on July 8th, 1880, and came to this country when only six years of age. After finishing his early school education he learned the plumbing trade and for a number of years he was connected with Menegaux's plumbing concern in Union Hill. Twelve years ago he established his own business as plumber and steam fitter.

His friends, knowing his sterling qualities and honesty, urged him to become a candidate for Councilman in 1917. He was elected at the November election and took office on January 1st, 1918.

Mr. Geist is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Democratic Town Committee.

Wm. Meister.

Ranked as third highest in the taxidermist profession, by such authorities as Carl Ackley and James L. Clark, is Wm. Meister, with studio at 1195 Summit Ave., Jersey City.

He was born in New York City, October 3rd, 1883. His parents were Wm. and Anna (Kellee) Meister. Wm. was the third oldest of nine children. The family moved to Jersey City in 1891, where William finished his school education. He then attended the New Jersey Law School for two years, but preferring the studies as a naturalist to

that of law, gave up the latter and devoted his full time to the work he had been interested in since he was 15 years of age. On October 1, 1915, he established himself in business as a taxidermist and immediately met with great success, which has followed him ever since.

Mr. Meister does all the taxidermy work of the Bronx Zoological Garden and for many large New



York concerns and numerous prominent hunters. Some of the most beautiful work can be seen at his studio.

As a citizen he is esteemed for those qualities which distinguish the successful man and enjoys the confidence of all who know him. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and in a quiet way has rendered valuable service to his party and community. He was Treasurer of the 12th Ward Wittpenn Club and of the Hudson City Democratic Club, both of Jersey City.

Mr. Meister has achieved a high reputation for ability and perseverance. He is a public-spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense

of patriotism and progressiveness, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost. He is one of the best known and popular men not alone in Jersey City, but in Hudson County.

He married Dorothy C. Kreutzburg of Jersey City in 1905. They have two children, Alma F. and Lavinia D.

Mr. Meister is a member of the F. & A. M., and the Masonic Club. His great hobby is hunting and in fact all outdoor sports.

He is also quite an artist in painting and modelling.

Prof. Gustav Meyer.

Prof. Gustav Meyer, the noted Astrologer, with studio and office at 1125 Washington St., Hoboken, was born in Madison, Indiana, February 16th, 1876. He later moved with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1885 moved to



Brooklyn, N. Y. Five years later the family moved to Hoboken where the father became a prosperous merchant, but died in 1905. In 1909 Prof. Meyer started to study astrology under the world-wide known Prof. J. O. Astor of Boston, Mass., who had a study in St. Paul's Building, New York. He at once gave his whole body and soul to his studies; he read, thought, and wrote about astrology and had very soon mastered it.

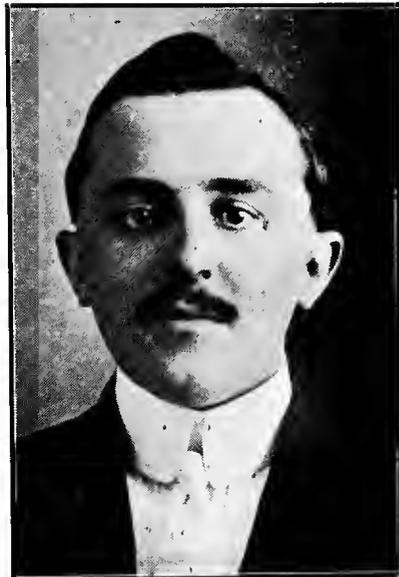
Then he decided to open his own studio, and has since become one of the foremost Astrologers of the world.

The Professor has made numerous predictions of actual happenings, the mention of which would fill a whole book. In the N. Y. Sun, December 28th, 1913, he foretold the great European War, and was the only Astrologer who foretold this great war.

He predicted the assassination of President McKinley, the Hoboken fires, Lord Kitchener's death and numerous other facts, which actually happened as he predicted.

J. Parentini, Ph. G.

Joseph J. Parentini, President of the Board of Education of West Hoboken, was appointed to this Board four years ago.



He was born in New York City in 1882, where he attended school until his parents moved to West Hoboken, where he finished his

schooling, and graduated from School No. 1. For two years he worked for a drug firm in New York and then entered the New York University, where he graduated in 1902. He later passed the New York State Board and later the New Jersey State Board. He then opened a drug store at Savoy and Spring Streets and in 1912 moved into his present store, located at 259 Spring Street. This is one of the most up-to-date and modern drug stores in that section.

Mr. Parentini was a trustee of the University of Pharmacy, Jersey City, for one year; he is a Director of the Palisade Building and Loan Association, charter member and ex-Director of the National Bank of North Hudson, and a member of the Free Masons, Foresters of America, and Woodmen of America, and is also a Deputy Registrar of West Hoboken.

Mr. Parentini has made a large circle of friends by the pleasing and courteous treatment he offers everyone who comes in contact with him.

Michael Censullo.

Among the most widely known and successful builders of North Hudson is Michael Censullo of 622 Monastery Street, West Hoboken. To mention the numerous buildings he has put up, would take too much space, be it sufficient to mention the one block of high-class apartment houses at Filmore Pl., the large loft building at Filmore Pl. and Seventeenth Street, both in West New York; the post office, fire house, a twenty-two family house in Edgewater, N. J., and the school in Bergenfield, N. J., and many others.

Mr. Censullo was born in Italy in 1880 and came to this country

in 1891. He landed in Boston, where he finished his schooling and learned the carpenter trade.

He later moved to Brooklyn, and in 1900 came to North Hudson



and there established his own business 12 years ago.

Mr. Censullo is prominently connected with fraternal and social circles. He is a member of the Zem, Zem, Mason, and Foresters of America.

Louis Kohler.

One of the most popular musicians and bandmasters in North Hudson is Louis Kohler, at 205 Spring St., West Hoboken.

He was born in Jersey City, and after finishing his schooling in that city, he studied music and learned to master violin, cornet, and drum. He was in the theatrical business for a number of years and traveled with different companies as music director.

He later moved to West Hobo-

ken and has since built up an enviable reputation as an instructor of music and band leader. He has played at many high-class affairs, and Mr. Kohler and his orchestra can be found at most of the promi-



nent affairs held in this section. He is very popular and has a host of friends, and is a prominent figure in fraternal and social life. He is a member of Jr. O. U. A. M.; Sons and Daughters of Liberty; Foresters of America; Independent Order of Foresters; Loyal Order of Moose; Federal Order of Eagles; Imp. Order of Redmen; Shepherds of Bethlehem; Grove Mutual Ben. Ass'n; Anchor Athletic Club; Clover Social Club, and Charles Bollinger Ass'n. He is also a member of the Musicians' Local No. 526, Jersey City, and Local No. 310, A. F. of M.

Mr. Kohler's telephone number is 1385 Union.

Joseph Peschkar, D. O., N. D., D. C.

J. Peschkar, the well known Chiropractor and Naturopath, residing at 313 Main St., Union Hill, N. J., was born in Austria, February 18th, 1881. He came to this country in March, 1908, and at once started to study in West Hoboken and the New York evening schools.



The doctor has studied at and graduated from the International College of Osteopathy, Ill., American School of Naturopathy and N. J. College of Chiropractic, the Votus Academia (O. P. M. College), and Electric Osteopathic Institute of New York. Dr. Peschkar is one of the few in his profession who have taken a full course in Human Dissection at the Flower Hospital, New York City.

The doctor has built up a very large practice and has become well known throughout North Hudson. He is a member of several professional organizations and has gained

a large host of friends in the profession as well as among the public.

The doctor is devoting his full time to his practice in Union Hill, N. J., and Long Island City, N. Y., and has no time to devote to fraternal or social societies.

Henry F. A. Matthies, D. O., N. D., D. C. Ph. C.

Henry F. A. Matthies, D. O., N. D., D. C., Ph. C., one of the foremost Osteopaths in North Hudson, was born in New York City, on March 5, 1881, and when six years old, his parents moved to West Hoboken, where he has resided ever since. Dr. Matthies' early education was received in the West Hoboken Public Schools and Eagan's School of Business. After a successful business career in the diamond trade, he took up the study of drugless healing with marked success, graduating from the New Jersey College of Osteopathy on January 27, 1909, and received the degree of D. O. On June 15, 1910, he completed a course at the Naturopathic Institute at Butler, N. J., receiving the degree of N. D. At the New England College of Chiropractic, he took up the study of Chiropractic, and on June 28, 1913, was graduated with the degree of D. C., and later taking a Post Graduate Course at the New Jersey College of Chiropractic, graduated on June 24, 1915, and was awarded the degree of Philosopher of Chiropractic. After a long fight for recognition with the Medical Board of New Jersey, Mr. Matthies took a special Post Graduate Course in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, at the completion of which he took the Pennsylvania State Board examinations and was the first Osteopath in North Hudson to

receive a license from the New Jersey State Medical Board. During the years that Dr. Matthies has practised in West Hoboken, he has gained an eminent reputation as a man who thoroughly understands his profession. His wonderful cures in many well-known hopeless cases in North Hudson have astonished his colleagues as well as the public. Although his time is taken up by an extensive practice, the Doctor finds time for civic work. He was one of the organizers of the Ambulance Corps of the North Bergen Fire Department



and held the position of Chief Steward for five consecutive years. Aside from being an Exempt Fireman of the North Bergen Fire Department, he is a member of Doric Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M., of West Hoboken, Zem Zem Grotto of Jersey City, and was also one of the organizers and first Secretary of the West Side Democratic Club of West Hoboken. The Doctor and his family now reside at 491 Palisade Ave., West Hoboken, where his office is fully equipped to successfully

treat the human body without the use of drugs.

For the last seven years he has been a member of the Tyler Hook and Ladder Co., North Bergen. He is also a member of the North Bergen Election Board and is Secretary of the West Side Democratic Club of West Hoboken, which he helped organize.

In 1906 the Doctor married Caroline Lang, with whom he has three children, Henry, Harry, and Caroline. The Doctor resides at 419 Palisade Avenue, West Hoboken.

Siro Tagliabue.

Siro Tagliabue, one of the most notable builders in this section, was born in Italy in 1870, and



came to this country in 1886. His father was one of the largest and most prominent builders in Italy. Mr. Tagliabue established his own business 16 years ago, and has since put up numerous buildings.

among which may be mentioned, Haase and Koehls Wholesale Grocery Establishment on Cambridge Ave., Vietmeyer's Bakery on Sherman Ave., Transfer Station at West Hoboken, the Summit and Spring Theatres, and many others. He executed all the inside work in the Emerson High School.

Mr. Tagliabue is very prominently connected in fraternal, political and social circles. He is a member of the Zem Zems, a Chief Past Ranger of the Foresters of America, and President of the Benevolent Italian Association. He served as Playground Commissioner for four years and was formerly a County Committeeman.

He was married twenty-six years ago in West Hoboken, has no less than thirty-six nieces and nephews in West Hoboken. He has the distinction of being one of the first Italian builders in the town. The building at 243 Spring Street, in which he resides and has his office, was built by himself last year.

Wm. O'Connor.

William O'Connor was born in the town of West Hoboken, on September 21st, 1886. While at the age of two years he suffered the loss of his mother, and his education and upbringing devolved upon his father, John O'Connor, the well known building contractor of that period.

After completing his education he entered the contracting business with his father and upon the demise of his parent eleven years ago he continued the business with marked success, erecting many buildings, among which are the German Hospital Building in Jersey City and the First National

Bank Building of Sullivan County, N. Y.

In business and private life his geniality, frank and open nature won him hosts of friends, and in



the spring of 1914, when he had attained the age of 28 years, thru the fact of the dissatisfaction of many of the citizens of the town with the council form of government, he was popularly named as candidate to head the movement for a commission form of administration, but thru various reasons including that of business and an inherent distaste for mingling in politics, caused him to decline the honor, but in 1915, one year later, the popular wish for him to participate in the governmental affairs of the town became so universal and insistent, that he accepted the nomination as candidate for the office of Councilman of the second ward and was elected the same year, with the distinction of being the youngest man to hold that important office in the history of

Hudson County. He was re-elected to this office for a second term.

His fearless and uncompromising attitude in the discharge of his duties as Councilman, coupled with his well deserved reputation for possessing the highest integrity and honesty, gained for him the sobriquet of "Honest Bill O'Connor".

A. G. Sacco, M. D.

Dr. Anthony G. Sacco, of West Hoboken, is one of the best known men in the medical profession. He was born in Long Branch, September 5, 1889. After finishing his early school education, he entered the Cornell University, where he graduated in 1911, and received the degree of M. D. He served his



hospital term in New York City Hospital and Christ Hospital, Jersey City, and in 1913 started his own practice.

In March, 1916, he was appointed School Physician of West Hoboken, and on January 1, 1917, was

appointed Board of Health Medical Inspector.

The doctor is State Medical Director of the Georgia Casualty Company, and is Treasurer of the North Hudson Physicians' Club. He is on the staff of the North Hudson Hospital, and is a member of the Alpha Kappa.

Dr. Sacco has built up a very extensive practice and has gained the trust and confidence of people all over North Hudson. He is a popular figure in professional as well as in social circles, and has a large number of admirers and friends. He is a spirited and enterprising man, always ready to do his share for the community. As a philanthropist he is well known, and is always ready to lend a helping hand where help is needed.

He is very quick-witted and fond of a good joke. His ability as a medical doctor, his democratic ways, and his sterling business character has made him one of the most popular doctors in North Hudson.

Since the writing of this Dr. Sacco has enlisted and is now serving in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in France.

Dr. H. C. Dehn.

Dr. Henry C. Dehn, Surgeon Dentist, with offices in the Hudson Trust Building, West Hoboken, has been practising in this community for the past seven years.

Born and brought up in Moscow, Russia, where he attended High School, he came over to this country 26 years ago, settled in New York, and in 1902 took up the study of dentistry in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated in 1905. In 1911 Dr. Dehn, after having had charge of Dr.

Denis' office, finally took over the practice himself and since built up one of the most successful practices in North Hudson.

Doctor Dehn is very enthusiastic about his work as Dental Examiner at the St. Michael's Parochial School, where he has been doing regular examination for the past 3 years.

Dr. Dehn has passed the State examinations of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. His pleasing personality and sterling



business character have gained him a host of friends.

The Doctor married Anna Manster in 1898. They have one son, Clarence.

Jos. A. Hurley.

Jos. A. Hurley, Plumbing Inspector of Guttenberg, was born in New York City, January 17, 1882. He has been a resident of Guttenberg for the last seventeen years, and established himself as a plumb-

ing and gasfitting contractor sixteen years ago. He has executed many large and important contracts, and is well known as a thorough mechanic who knows every detail of his business.

In civic and political matters, Mr. Hurley has always taken a great interest, and he has in many



ways done much for the welfare of Guttenberg. In 1907 he helped organize the town's Board of Health, on which Board he served for four years prior to his reappointment in 1916. He also helped organize Tribe No. 250 of Guttenberg of the Redmen about eight years ago.

Mr. Hurley has always been a staunch Democrat, in which party he is very active. He is a patriotic and public spirited citizen, possessed of sound judgment and sterling business character. His pleasing personality has gained him a host of friends.

Mr. Hurley's shop is located at 53 Bergenline Ave., where he continuously keeps three men busy.

Anthony Barberis.

Emigrating from sunny Italy, where he was born on February 1, 1874, Anthony Barberis, the well known real estate and insurance broker of West Hoboken, came to this country in 1896. His parents, who were in well-to-do circumstances, had given him a splendid education in his native country, where he attended public school, High School and College, and had learned Latin, Greek, and several other languages. His father had a woolen factory in Italy, where Anthony worked, helping his father und supervising the business, until he came to this country. Here he worked in the silk mills,



and in 1903 established a real estate and insurance business, which he is still conducting at 160 Clinton Avenue, West Hoboken.

Mr. Barberis married Amelia Bozzo in 1902. They have five children, Antoinette, Emma, Paul, James, and Clotilde.

Mr. Barberis has been a Justice

of the Peace since 1905. He is a Notary Public and Commissioner of Deeds. He is very prominently connected with several of the important Italian societies, and is a member of the Forresters of America.

Greatly esteemed, not alone by the Italian-Americans, but by all who know him, Mr. Barberis has become one of the most prominent men in West Hoboken, and is identified with the best interests of the town.

He resides at 304 Mountain Road, West Hoboken.

Paolo Cremonesi.

Paolo Cremonesi, the distinguished Italian actor, is a resident of



which North Hudson can be proud.

He was born in Milano, Italy, January 8, 1872, and made his first stage appearance when he was seven years old, playing boys' parts until the age of twelve, when

he entered the Dramatic Academy of Milan, where he studied for three years, and graduated from this institution while still in his teens. He studied under the great Giuseppe Giacosa and became one of his star pupils, being equally facile in the expression of French and Italian. After a year's travel he settled down to serious dramatic work. His reputation was quickly made, and he has shone equally in tragedy, comedy, drama, and farce. He himself prefers characters from the plays of Shakespeare, Moliere, Alfieri, and Goldoni.

Mr. Cremonesi made his debut on the English-speaking stage in this country at the Keith and Proctor Fifth Avenue Theatre. For the last six years he has played with his own company in his own vaudeville act, playing the leading vaudeville houses from coast to coast. Last spring he conducted the opera at St. Joseph's Auditorium in West Hoboken, which proved a great success. He will start a new season of opera at the same theatre for 20 consecutive Sundays, beginning Sept. 23rd.

Mr. Cremonesi's genuine art and eminent gifts have commanded attention everywhere, and the critics have often praised his remarkable ability.

He married Esther Estiot in 1897. They have two children, Germaine and Pauline.

Geo. Zwerneman, D. C.

Possessed of a great knowledge of the human body, Dr. George Zwerneman, the prominent chiropractor, has made an eminent success as a drugless practitioner.

He was born in Jersey City on April 13, 1874. After finishing his early school education in that city, he worked at odd jobs and then became interested in the study of the

human body. For the last 25 years he has practised physical culture and has become well known as a trainer of athletes. The doctor himself is a great athlete and is the holder of a championship in long distance swimming. He has trained many people for the latter sport, also for wrestling, in fact for

He is a member of the Jersey City Elks and takes an active interest in all professional, social and civic affairs. He has a large number of friends, who admire him for his ability, integrity and pleasing personality.

The doctor's office is located at 601 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City.



Wm. C. Harper.

Wm. C. Harper, the instructor of the Lyric Musical Company, in Union Hill, is a violinist of a high reputation.

He was born in Newark, N. J., in 1885, and attended Public School in his native city. He began to study violin when only six years of age and studied under the noted violinist Mr. B. Drew. He later studied at the New York Conservatory of Music for three years. He came to Union Hill in 1910 and has since been an instructor of the Lyric Company.

Mr. Harper teaches in classes and orchestra form and has graduated many successful pupils.

His splendid talents and ability has made him a well known figure in musical circles. His friends are legion, being found in large numbers especially in North Hudson.

While a public spirited citizen, Mr. Harper has never affiliated himself with any political or fraternal associations, but devotes his whole time to his profession.

His tastes, his environment and his natural inclinations all fitted him for the musical profession, and in prosecuting it as an instructor and student he has scored marked success and achieved a high reputation.

Mr. Harper is what may truly be styled a domestic man and spends all his spare time in his home, of which he is very fond.

every kind of athletics. By his successful methods he has built up a large practice and has people coming to his office for treatment from all parts of the county as well as from New York. The medical profession is recommending numerous patients to the care of Dr. Zwerne-man. Many almost hopeless cases of well known prominent people have been absolutely cured by the doctor.

He has gone into the study of drugless healing very thoroughly and studied at the New Jersey College and at the New York School of Chiropractors.

The doctor married Rose Kuntz, with whom he has two children, both girls.

Lewis B. Eastmead.

One of the leading barristers in the county is Lewis B. Eastmead, with law office on Summit Avenue, West Hoboken. He was born in Savannah, Georgia, June 17, 1885. He obtained part of his school education in his native city, but journeyed with his parents to Jersey City in 1893 and finished his education in the Jersey City schools and the Jersey City High School. He worked as a newspaper advertising man for five years and then entered the custom service, at which he worked for a number of years, later becoming an inspector. During his leisure hours he studied law at the New York Law School and after two years' study was admitted to the Bar as an Attorney-at-Law, in December, 1911. The following year he opened a law office in partnership with Robert Hille on Jersey City Heights, but after one year the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Eastmead at 108 Summit Ave., West Hoboken, established his own law office and in 1915 he moved to his present location, 254 Summit Avenue.

Mr. Eastmead came to the Bar well equipped for the duties of a lawyer and has displayed those legal abilities and qualifications which win success.

He is an active and influential member of the Democratic Party, and while he has never accepted or aspired to any political office, he is very much interested in political affairs.

He is also prominently connected in fraternal circles. He is a chaplain of the North Hudson Eagles, Grand Knight of Carrol Council, K. C., and a member of the Moose and the Foresters. He is interested in athletics and is a member of the Anchor Athletic Club of Jersey City.

Mr. Eastmead married Jeanette

Davidson in 1909. They have three children, James, Lewis, and Dorothy.

Dr. Harold Volckmann.

One of the most distinguished drugless physicians in Jersey City is Dr. Harold Volckmann, with offices at 40 Zabriskie St.

He is descended from one of the old families in the hill section and was born in the house in which his office is located and in which he also resides.

He obtained his education in the public school and later attended the New York Preparatory School. He graduated from this institution and later graduated from the New York State Board of Regent. For a time he studied medicine at the well known college and then took up the study of Osteopathy and later graduated from the Osteopathy College of New Jersey.

In 1912 he established his own practice as a drugless physician and Osteopath. A few years later he took a post graduate course at the Osteopath College of New Jersey.

The doctor has received many diplomas and certificates from the various institutions of learning he has attended, and from many of which he has graduated with highest honors.

Dr. Volckmann has succeeded in building up a very successful practice and is recognized as one of the most skilled men in his profession.

He enjoys the confidence and respect of his colleagues as well as of the hundreds of people he has cured.

As a citizen he has attained an enviable reputation for his sterling qualifications. He has never sought nor accepted any political office, preferring to devote his whole time to his profession. He is always ready,

however, to bear a loyal citizen's part in public affairs and takes a deep interest in all worthy movements affecting the community.

The doctor is a member of several professional and fraternal associations.

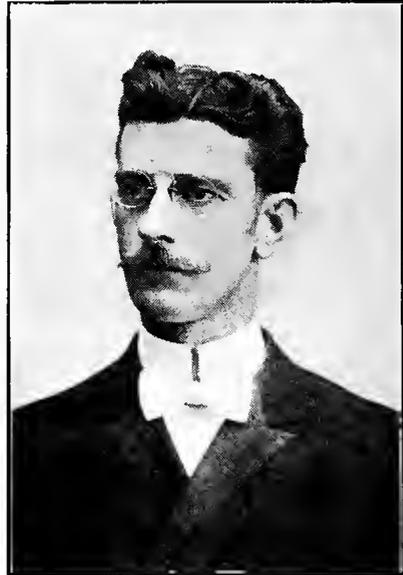
William F. Burke.

Counsellor William F. Burke, a member of the New Jersey Bar since 1899, and now engaged in the general practice of law in West Hoboken, with offices in the Commonwealth Trust Company Building, was born in Hoboken in 1877. He has proved himself an apt disciple of Blackstone, and his law business is constantly growing. He has the training, the system, and the experience, which will permit him to do an enormous amount of work in the shortest possible time. His interests are always those of his clients, and those who have retained him are loud in praise of his satisfactory work in their behalf.

He was educated in the Hoboken Public School and High School, and in 1898 graduated from the New York University with the degree of L.L.D. The following year he passed the Bar Examination. He then entered the office of Russ & Heppenheimer in Hoboken and served there until 1902, when he opened his own law office in Hoboken. Five years later he moved to his present location.

Geo. E. Burger.

George E. Burger, the undertaker at 335 Bergenline Ave., Union Hill, was born in Grantwood, August 12th, 1877. His parents moved to Brooklyn a few years later and there George received his early education. The family then moved up New York State and settled on a farm. George helped on the farm until he was 19 years of age, when he started to learn a trade. He did not, however, continue at this, but in 1904 secured a



position with undertaker Greenleaf of West Hoboken, with whom he remained for three years. In February, 1909, he went to work for Wm. Necker and continued with him until February 1, 1917.

Mr. Burger worked his way up with Mr. Necker and held a responsible position, taking care of funeral arrangements at all Necker's branch offices in Hudson and Bergen Counties. He soon became one of the most trusted and most effi-

cient employees of the Necker firm.

Having gained a thorough knowledge of every detail of the undertaking business, Mr. Burger decided to establish his own business. He selected the best thoroughfare in North Hudson and opened his undertaking parlors at the above address. His beginning has been very encouraging and there is little doubt he will make a great success.

His complete knowledge of his business, his earnest desire to be of service, his conscientious business principle and his courteous and dignified, but pleasing ways, make him especially fitted for his profession.

Mr. Burger is an enterprising citizen, and a man of business ability. He has been taught to work and does not believe in being idle. If he is not engaged in his business, he looks around for something else to do, for he is one of those men who simply must be busy at all times.

He has never taken any active interest in political affairs, but is a civic-spirited citizen, interested in the welfare of his community.

He is a loyal and patriotic man and is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Garfield Council, and the Daughters of Liberty.

Charles A. Heyler, D. C.

Charles A. Heyler, one of the county's best known chiropractors and naturopaths, with offices at 67 Lincoln St., Jersey City, was born in New York City, April 29, 1874. After receiving the advantage afforded by the public schools in the city, he worked at clerical jobs and was a singer in St. John's Church,

New York, Trinity Parish, on Varick St.

He then became interested in the art of drugless healing and took up the study of chiropractor in the New England College in Boston,



from which institution he received his diploma in 1914. On June 24, 1915, he received his diploma from the New Jersey College. Dr. Heyler has also studied at Dr. Lust Naturopath Institution and at the Anatom Chi Society.

He also received the degree of Philosopher of Chiropractic from the Mecca College of Chiropractic, Wilmington, Delaware, June 1917.

The doctor opened his practice at No. 100 Terrace Ave., Jersey City, and one year ago moved to his present location.

Dr. Heyler enjoys a very large practice and has become widely known for his successful cures. He has succeeded in a number of cases by his great knowledge of his profession, where no other expedient known to medical science has been successful.

As a citizen he is successful and enterprising, and his pleasing personality has gained him a large circle of friends. He is well known in professional as well as social circles and is a member of the F. and A. M., Mystic Tie.

The doctor married Rose Meissner in 1896. They have one daughter, Gertrude, who has become a well known teacher of piano music.

Geo. C. Weiershausen, D. C.

Dr. George C. Weiershausen, the prominent chiropractor and naturopath, and one of the leading socialists of the county, was born in New York City, February 10, 1890.

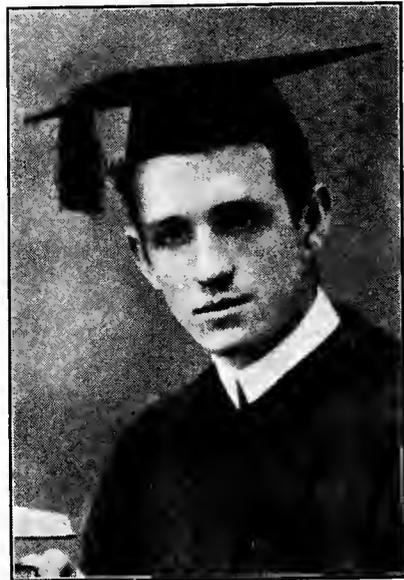
He attended Public School No. 15 in that city and later the High School. He then secured a clerical position in a broker's office and studied chemistry at the New York Evening High School. Soon after he became interested in drugless healing and into this study he threw his heart and soul. He studied chiropractice at the New Jersey College, Naturopathy at the Butler Institute, and Human Dissection at the Flower Hospital.

Dr. Weiershausen has gone deeper into the study of drugless healing than most of his colleagues. He has also studied Neuropathy and Iridology, the latter enabling the students to read the disease from the eyes of the patients. He has made a wonderful success in his practice, especially in the cases of children, and he has cured numerous cases of infantile paralysis, insane, blind, paralyzed in all limbs, and deafness.

Dr. Weiershausen gives free advice to mothers for the prevention of infantile paralysis.

In political affairs he has become very prominent. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Socialist Party and has been fearless in advocating its principles. He is chairman of the Hudson and Bergen County Federate Union of Democracy. In 1915 he managed the Labor Union Suffrage Campaign.

Dr. Weiershausen has been a resident of Guttenberg for the last



twelve years, but has his office at the Palisade Supply Building in Grantwood.

He is well known as a lecturer and one of the best orators in the section. He is a member of the Shepherds of Bethlehem, Hudson County Chiropractors and Naturopaths Association, New Jersey Chiropractors Association, American Academy of Chiropractic Research, Alliance of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Young People's Socialist League.

Charles Swensen.

Charles Swensen, Town Clerk of West New York, was born in Denmark, September 21, 1878. He came to this country, all alone, when he was only eleven years of age. He settled with relations in New York City and later moved to



West Hoboken. He received part of his public school education in New York and finished his schooling in West Hoboken. He then received a clerical position with a large jeweler and silversmith manufacturer and worked for that concern for a number of years.

In 1898 he moved to West New York and soon after became active in public affairs. He was elected a member of the Board of Education in 1908 and re-elected in 1911. He served as Clerk of that Board for four years. In 1916 he was appointed Assistant Town Clerk, and in this year, 1917, he was appointed Town Clerk after the death of his predecessor.

Mr. Swensen has always been affiliated with the Democratic Party. He is a public-spirited and

enterprising citizen and has achieved an excellent reputation as a man of ability, industry, and unimpeachable integrity. He is thoroughly identified with the affairs of his town and active and influential in every movement which effects the welfare of the community. He enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him, and by his pleasing personality he has gained a very large circle of friends.

Mr. Swensen married Dorothy Andres in 1902. They have four children, Robert, Harry, Charles and Norman.

Numerous voters in West New York who would like to see Mr. Swensen continued in the office as Town Clerk, are leaving no stone unturned to secure his nomination at the coming primaries. They claim he has demonstrated his ability and faithfully discharged his duties and deserves a full term as Town Clerk. This is by no means a "soft job", as much work is attached to this office, and Mr. Swensen not alone puts in a full day's work, every day, but can be found in his office every evening, always busily engaged.

Samuel L. Hirschberg.

One of the most promising young lawyers in Hudson County is Assemblyman Samuel L. Hirschberg.

He was born in Hoboken, September 28, 1892. Receiving his preliminary education in the Hoboken public schools and the High School, he later took up the study of law at the New Jersey Law School, from which institution he received the degree of L.L.B. in 1913. He studied in the law offices of Judge Tennant of the Common Pleas Court, and of Judge Haight

of the United States District Court, and in December, 1914, Mr. Hirschberg was admitted to the New Jersey Bar as an Attorney-at-Law. One year later he established his own practice, with law offices in Hoboken, and with a branch office in West New York, in which town he resides.

Mr. Hirschberg is a bright young man steadily rising to prominence among the members of the Hudson County Bar. Endowed with broad, intellectual qualifications, with splendid judgment and great energy, he has, through his own efforts, achieved distinction as an able, industrious and painstaking lawyer, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

He has always been interested in civic affairs and ever ready to promote anything which may be of benefit to the community.

Mr. Hirschberg was elected to the Assembly in the Fall election of 1917, and although he has occupied the seat only a short time, he has already introduced several bills, one in favor of increasing the payments to insured workmen under the present Compensation Law. His experience as an attorney has convinced him that the Compensation Law as it now is, is very unjust to the working classes.

He is inviting suggestions from organizations for future healthful legislation and will be glad to appear at any meetings where any such suggestions might be made.

Dr. L. Hubner, D. C., N. D.

Dr. Louis Hubner, D. C., N. D., with offices at 130 Fourth Street, Union Hill, is one of the best known chiropractors in North Hudson. The doctor was born on Long Island, Aug. 11, 1892, but

his parents moved to North Bergen when the doctor was only a few months old. There he received his public school education and later graduated from Eagan's Business School, after which he took a course at the Senftner Prep. School in New York.

He then started to study the art of drugless healing, and in 1916 received his diploma from the N. J. College of Chiropractors. He next took a post graduate course at the American School of Naturopathy and received a diploma from this institution, and later received a diploma from the Naturopathic Society of U. S. of America, where he took a full course, after which he started his own practice. This has since grown to one of the largest in North Hudson, and his office is constantly filled with patients eager to have Dr. Hubner treat them for various diseases. Many who have suffered a lifetime have been completely cured by Dr. Hubner.

The doctor is prominently connected in professional circles, being Vice-President A. N. A., New Jersey Division; Secretary of Hudson County Chiropractors and Naturopath. Association; a member of the Chi. Soc. for Human Dissection; Red Cross Society of First Aid to the Injured; N. J. Chiropractors' Association; American Academy of Chiropractic Research, and the Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society of New Jersey.

The doctor is a man for whom nobody can help but have a liking. His frankness and open manners make one take full confidence in him.

Dr. Hubner has well said it when he said that Chiropractic Adjustments are the automatic spark advance of life.

John Warren.

John Warren, one of the leading lawyers of the county, was born in Jersey City, March 25, 1888. He attended Public School No. 12 of that city and later Jersey City High School. His great desire was to study law, but as his parents were in meagre circumstances, he found it necessary to work in the day time while he studied law at the New York Law School in



the evening. He worked in several law offices, where he had an opportunity to study banking and real estate as well as law. For a time he was employed in McDermitt & Fisk Law Office and later worked in the office of Judge Blair.

In 1910, Mr. Warren was admitted to the bar and immediately afterward started his own law practice. He soon achieved a high reputation in the legal profession. His abilities were soon recognized and in 1913 he was appointed Police Judge of the First Criminal Court in Jersey City. While on

the bench, the Judge made an admirable record and instituted many needed reforms and improvements, such as the establishment of the Night Court, the postponed and probation systems.

He resigned from the bench on May 1, 1915, a few months after he had been elected President of the National Bank of North Hudson. This bank was, at that time, housed in undoubtedly the smallest banking quarters in the county, at De Mott Street and Summit Avenue, West Hoboken. Judge Warren at once employed all his energy and ability to build up this bank, and after two years of hard and strenuous work succeeded to such an extent that the bank was able to build its own building on the opposite corner, which today ranks as one of the most beautiful and most modern banking institutions in North Hudson, if not in the whole county.

Judge Warren is interested in nearly every undertaking which is of benefit to the community. He is possessed of a remarkable business ability, and although a young man, has achieved a tremendous success in all his undertakings. He was the first President of the School Extension Committee of Jersey City and is Vice-President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He is Secretary of the committee of North Hudson Bankers appointed to handle the Liberty Bond issue. He is a member of several exclusive clubs, such as the Lotus Club of New York City, the Jersey City Club, the Carteret Club, the National Democratic Club of New York, the Jersey City Elks, Jersey City Foresters, Knights of Columbus, and many others.

The Judge married Marie Bettcher of Jersey City on Nov. 8, 1916.

He is especially interested in all

civic work and reforms pertaining to the children and their school systems. When at leisure he indulges in the sport of golf.

The Judge conducts a very large law practice, with law offices at Exchange Place in Jersey City, and in National Bank of North Hudson Building, West Hoboken.

Judge Warren successfully conducted the campaign for the adoption of Commission Government in Jersey City in 1913.

He is known as one of the most eloquent orators in the county.

George Willaredt.

Among the most distinguished architects of North Hudson is George Willaredt.

He was born in New York City, October 5th, 1884. His parents were Andrew and Bertha (Ge-



risch) Willaredt. His father once served as School Trustee of West New York. He died in 1909.

George attended the public

schools in New York City and West New York and later took up the study of architecture at the New York Evening High School. He then secured a position in the office of the noted architect F. S. V. Hoppin in New York. Mr. Willaredt established his own business in 1907, being the second architect in West New York. He has since become one of the most able men in his profession.

Among some of the more important buildings he has erected may be mentioned the Transfer Station in West Hoboken, the Talmud Torah Hebrew Temple on Sherman Ave., Jersey City, the North Hudson Grocery Warehouse, the five-story apartment house on Bergenline Ave. and Seventh Street, West New York, Warehouse for Hudson Supply Co., Palisade Ave., Jersey City, and numerous factories, private residences, and tenement houses.

Mr. Willaredt has attained a high standing as an architect and has continually and successfully practiced his profession in North Hudson. He rapidly came into prominence, and by his untiring energy and industry achieved eminent success in every sense of the term. Enterprising and practical, he is universally respected for his broad and sterling qualities, which mark the honest man. The esteem in which he is held is attested by his popularity and by the confidence reposed in his sound judgement and unimpeachable character. He is a man of the highest integrity, faithful in every trust, just and conscientious in all the relations of life, modest and unassuming, though true to his convictions. He has developed great mental energy and intellectual abilities, and during his successful career has maintained the confidence of the community.

He is a member of the Palisade Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M.

John J. McGovern.

One of the most prominent public men in the County of Hudson is John J. McGovern, County Clerk of Hudson County.

He was born at Morristown, N. J., April 17, 1863. His parents moved to Hoboken about five years later. He received his early school education at St. Michael's School, West Hoboken, Public School No.



3, and Hoboken High School. Later he attended the New York and New Jersey Law School. He was employed by the D. L. & W. and the United States Express, and his first public office was as a member of the Hoboken Common Council. Mr. McGovern was elected Recorder of Hoboken for three successive terms and in November 1914 was elected to his present position of County Clerk, which of-

vice he assumed on April 12, 1915.

As Recorder Mr. McGovern achieved a high reputation for his work in connection with the betterment of the condition of young men. He created and conducted Juvenile and Night Court and established an employment bureau. There are to-day men, especially young men, in different sections of the county, who have occasion to be grateful to Judge McGovern for the help he gave them in starting on the right road to success and prosperity.

Judge McGovern also conducted a successful campaign against the use of cigarettes by boys. The campaign was very successful and became the topic of general discussion and commendation.

The County Clerk was a delegate to the Baltimore Convention of 1912 that nominated Woodrow Wilson, and as an ardent supporter of the President attended the St. Louis Convention four years later that re-nominated Wilson.

In public and private life the Judge has always had an eminent reputation and enjoys the friendship of a host of admirers. Of a kindly, charitable and jovial disposition, he is esteemed and respected by all who know him.

Minconi Bros.

One of the most prominent families in West Hoboken is the Minconi family at Mountain Road.

Raphael and Frank, the two brothers and partners in the firm of Minconi Bros., with studio at 335 West 24th St., New York City, have become noted throughout the nation as sculptors of the highest ability and standing.

The artist blood runs in the Minconi family. An uncle, Pietro

Ghiloni, has achieved fame in Europe as well as in this country.

The Minconi Bros. are doing work in practically every part of the country. They have been assigned to do all the art work at the Missouri State Capitol Building, and among other important work erected Mrs. Hetty Green's Memorial in Boston. They have executed many art pieces for the Du Pont family, well known gun powder manufacturers, and have executed many important contracts for interior as well as exterior art work at many prominent homes on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Minconi Bros. are highly praised in several national publications and have achieved a distinguished reputation for their workmanship. Several booklets have been issued, illustrating some of the most beautiful works of art too numerous to mention in this brief sketch.

Raphael Minconi was born in Italy, 1877, and came to this country in 1895. His talent as a sculptor was noted in his younger years. He studied with many of the most noted sculptors and soon became a recognized master in his profession. He is a teacher at the School for Architects in New York, where his younger brother Frank also teaches.

The brothers have not alone achieved an eminent reputation in the business and artistic world, but also enjoy a high standing in social circles. Seven years ago the two brothers moved with their families to West Hoboken, where they had bought a most beautiful residence on Mountain Road, overlooking the Hudson.

While they have never taken any active interest in public affairs, they are civic-spirited and greatly interested in the welfare of the community.

Adrian Post.

Adrian Post, Town Clerk of Secaucus, is descended from one of the oldest families, his grandfather, John H. Post, being one of the first settlers of that town.

Adrian Post was born in Secaucus, August 23, 1869. He attended the local school and finished his education at the Jersey City High School.

He then started to help his father on the latter's farm and to-day is one of the largest truck farmers in Secaucus.

In 1900 Mr. Post was appointed Clerk of Secaucus, which then was a Borough. He served until 1905 and in 1910 was again appointed Clerk, and served in this capacity up to the present time. As Secaucus has become a town, the clerkship ceases to be an appointive office, and the people have to decide if they want to retain Mr. Post, in which case they must elect him. He is, however, certain of being elected, as he has no opposition. He has been endorsed by both parties and has no opposition whatever.

Mr. Post is a public-spirited citizen possessed of great business ability, foresight and integrity. He has always been an ardent Republican and has served as County Committeeman for a number of years. His pleasing personality has gained him a large circle of friends, and he enjoys the confidence of the entire community. He is a conscientious, hard working man, fairminded and broadminded, and strong in his own convictions.

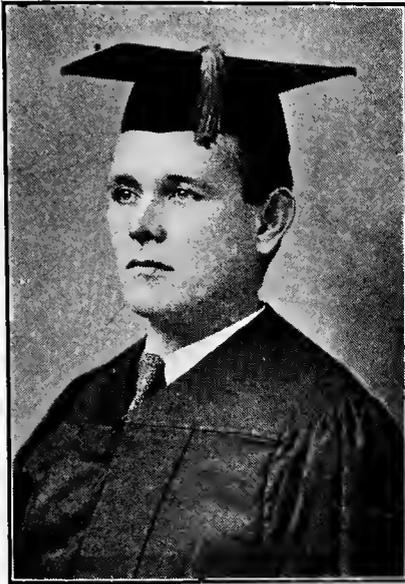
He takes a great interest in anything and everything which may affect his town and is untiring in his efforts in any movement which may benefit the community.

Mr. Post is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and of the Secaucus Building and Loan Association.

Dr. E. K. Stretch.

One of the most noted osteopaths in the county is Dr. E. K. Stretch, with offices at 615 Trap-hagen St., West Hoboken.

He was born in Paterson, December 8, 1876, but soon after moved to Jersey City, where he received his public school education and later graduated from Jersey City High School. He then stud-



ied medicine at the Bellevue Hospital for one year, and the following three years studied at the New York University, from which institution he graduated in 1897, receiving the degree of V. S. The doctor then took up the study of osteopathy, and in 1910 graduated from the New Jersey College of Osteopathy. In the early part of 1917 he completed a course at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. He passed the examinations of the State Board of Pennsylvania with the highest average. He is also a licensed osteopath in the State of New Jersey. The doctor has stud-

ied every branch of drugless healing, and in 1911 graduated from the Davenport College of Chiropractor.

During the years of Dr. Stretch's practice he has achieved an eminent reputation as a man very high in his profession. He has successfully cured numerous cases which were considered hopeless and incurable. As his successes became known, his practice grew, and today he enjoys one of the largest practices in the county. His office or clinic is equipped with all the most modern appliances, such as electric apparatuses, ex-ray machine, etc. The doctor has had several treating rooms built in order to treat each case separately.

He is a member of the Alumni of the New York University, Versalius Anatom Society, Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, Osteopath Society of Essex County, and the United Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Stretch married Margaret Reiner in 1900. They have three children, Olive, Wm. B., and May.

Rob. G. Taylor.

Rob. G. Taylor, the Tax Collector of West Hoboken, has held this office for the last 12 years.

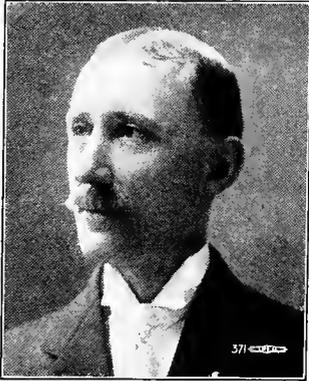
He was born in that town in 1866, where he, after finishing his education in the public schools, started to learn the electrical trade. He later had charge of electrical construction work in New York.

In 1905 he was elected to his present office, succeeding John S. Conlin, who was Tax Collector of West Hoboken for 15 years.

Mr. Taylor is recognized as one of the most competent officials in the town, a fact which the people have proven by electing him four successive terms.

He is well known in fraternal

and social circles, being a member of the Masonic Order and the Zen Zems. He is also a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association,



West Hoboken Democratic Club, and is a director of the Palisade Building and Loan Ass'n.

Mr. Taylor married Louise Kattenhorn, of the well known West Hoboken family. They have two children, both boys.

Clarence J. Rieman.

Although a young man, Clarence J. Rieman has become one of the leading funeral directors in North Hudson.

He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 23, 1887. He began to receive his early education at the St. Michael's School of West Hoboken and continued his education at Cansius College, Buffalo, to which city his parents had moved in 1898.

After finishing his schooling he secured a position with the U. S. Express Co., and later with the Lehigh Valley R. R. In 1907 he became interested in the undertaking business and became connected with William Necker, for whom he worked three years. He then worked in a large undertaking es-

tablishment in New York City, and for three years worked for Thos. F. Carey of Jersey City.

In 1914 he opened his own undertaking establishment at his present location at 512 Stevens St., West Hoboken, where he has conducted the business ever since.



Mr. Rieman has become well known in the northern part of the county as a conscientious and honest man. He has conducted numerous large funerals of well known people in the section.

He is actively interested in public affairs and also in fraternal and social associations. He is a member of St. Michael's Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus.

On Sept. 20, 1916, he married Miss E. Schulze, with whom he has one son, Clarence, Jr.

Mr. Rieman is very fond of baseball and automobiling.

At the Fall election, he was elected Coroner of Hudson County to take office January 1, 1918. He is one of the youngest Coroners the County has ever had.

James F. Norton.

No man is better known or more popular than James F. Norton, the Surrogate of Hudson County.

He was born in Brooklyn, December 23rd, 1858, but his parents moved to Jersey City when "Jim", as Mr. Norton is popularly known, was only ten years of age. He attended the St. Peters Parochial



School in Jersey City, but at a very early age he had to start making his own living, as his father had died and his mother was in meagre circumstances. He started in to sell newspapers, and later secured a position as messenger boy for a local newspaper. This was his beginning as a newspaper man, in which profession he since became very successful. For a number of years he worked as a press feeder, then as a typesetter, and finally as a reporter. He served once as the Hudson County editor of the Newark Morning Star, and later, associated with Sheriff Kinkead and Thomas Tumulty, now Secretary

to President Wilson, published the Jersey City Sunday Eagle.

Mr. Norton was, until lately, reporter and political writer for the New York World, and was associated with that newspaper for twenty-six years.

He has held many public offices of trust and responsibility. In 1883 he was elected to the Board of Freeholders and re-elected to a second term in that Board. He was elected to the Assembly in 1887, and re-elected in 1888. Mr. Norton worked hard to bring about the adoption of Commission Government in Jersey City, and after its inception was rewarded with the office of Deputy Director of Public Safety under Director F. Hague. He served in this capacity until 1916, when he was elected Surrogate of the County by a very large majority.

Mr. Norton's integrity of character, his faithfulness and the close attention which he has given to public duties, have brought him into more than local prominence, and stamped him as a man of the highest attributes.

He was married November 23, 1888, to Marie Trayene, with whom he has two children, Daniel and Helen.

He is a member of the Jersey City Elks, Royal Order of Moose, and several political and social organizations.

Charles Darke.

Charles Darke, one of the youngest funeral directors in North Hudson, was born in New York City, September 25, 1884. His parents moved to Guttenberg when Charles was only one year old, and in that town he received his public school education, later attending the Union Hill High School. He then secured a posi-

tion with Samuel Armstrong, the well known undertaker. When S. R. Sharpe took over the business, Mr. Darke continued to work for



him until 1913. From 1913 till February 26, 1917, he worked for former Coroner Schlemm, then went with A. J. Volk & Co., and managed their branch office at West New York, and on July 15 of this year he bought out that branch and is now conducting his own undertaking establishment at 670-72 Bergenline Ave., West New York.

Although only in business a very short time, Mr. Darke has made a splendid beginning and promises to be one of the most successful funeral directors in North Hudson.

He is a hard and conscientious worker and has achieved a high reputation while in the employ of Mr. Sharpe as well as Mr. Schlemm, with whom both he held responsible positions. His pleasing and tactful manners have gained him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Darke married Mathilda Woehrle in 1906. He is a member

of the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Ex-empt Firemen of Union Hill, and has been a member of the Palisade Engine Company for the past eleven years.

His parents were William and Sarah A. (Campbell) Darke, residents of Guttenberg since 1885. His father was Police Captain of the New York Police Department.

Mr. Darke himself served in the Union Hill Police Department for one year under Captain Krieger.

Wm. Soliveau, Ph. G.

Wm. Soliveau, the prominent druggist of West Hoboken, is the proprietor of one of the oldest drug stores in that town, located at 261 Summit Avenue.

His father, John B. Soliveau, studied chemistry and graduated as a druggist in Luxemburg. He came to this country about forty-six years ago and later conducted a drug store



in Newark, where William was born. After completing his school education, the son started to learn

the profession of his father and studied at the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, from which institution he graduated in 1908.

About twenty years ago the elder Mr. Soliveau established the present business on Summit Ave. He died in 1910 and Mr. Wm. Soliveau took over the business.

He has since succeeded in building up a very large and successful business and has become known as one of the most reliable druggists in the town. His prescription department is especially very large, as the doctors as well as the public are thoroughly familiar with the fact that Mr. Soliveau only uses fresh and pure drugs and is especially careful in the filling of prescriptions. He makes up several of his own remedies, for which a great demand has been created.

As a business man Mr. Soliveau has achieved a splendid reputation for his ability and sterling business character. He is thoroughly known in the town, where he has gained the respect and confidence of all who know him.

A. Sonzogni.

J. Sonzogni, of the firm of Sonzogni Brothers, manufacturers and dealers in marble, mosaic, terrazo, tiles and ceramics, with offices and yard at 527-529 Courlandt Street, West Hoboken, is probably one of the best known men in his line of business. He has been awarded and has successfully executed numerous of the largest contracts in the county, among which may be mentioned the Lincoln High School in Jersey City, St. Josephs Home for the Blind, Jersey City; the Technical School of Hoboken, Hoboken High School, McKinley Memorial in Ohio, and many others, too numerous to mention, not alone in this county, but all over the country.

The firm employs as many as thirty-five men and their yards at the above address cover a ground of 75x100 feet.

Mr. Sonzogni was born in Italy, October 3, 1861, and came to this



country in 1890. He settled in New York City and a few years after came to West Hoboken, in which town he has been a resident for the last twenty-five years. He learned the tile and marble business and thirteen years ago established his own business in conjunction with his brother under the name of Sonzogni Bros.

Mr. Sonzogni is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, always interested in anything which might be of benefit to the community. He is possessed of a very pleasing personality, which has gained him a host of friends. Mr. Sonzogni married in 1884 and is the father of seven children. He is prominently connected with several Italian societies and is a large property owner in the town of West Hoboken.

Edward Fetterly.

One of the most respected citizens in North Hudson is Edward Fetterly, of Weehawken.

He was born in Canada, in 1874, and received part of his education in that country, but finished his schooling in Chicago, where his parents had moved. At the age of nineteen years he entered the employ of Swift & Co. By hard and conscientious work and strict atten-



tion to business he worked his way up from one position to another until he was made general department manager of the Chicago City Branch Houses. In 1900 he was transferred to New York as manager of the largest Branch House in the city.

Mr. Fetterly has been connected with the Swift Co. for the last twenty-two years. This is the first and only concern he has ever been connected with.

He has been a resident of Weehawken for the last fourteen years and has achieved an eminent repu-

tation as a man of great ability and unimpeachable integrity. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and deeply interested in the welfare of the community. He is especially interested in boys' work and is connected with several boys' organizations. He is also interested in religious work and is a Warden of Grace Episcopal Church of Union Hill. He is fond of outdoor sports, but his one great hobby is his home, in which he takes a great pride.

In politics he has always been an ardent Republican, and in the Fall election he was elected to the Board of Council and took office January 1, 1918.

Mr. Fetterly married Catherine E. Webber in 1900. They have one daughter, Dorothy.

Wm. J. Hanley.

William J. Hanley was born in Hoboken, N. J., January 18, 1891. He attended Public School No. 2 and in 1905 graduated from Grammar School No. 8 in Hoboken. In 1909 he graduated from St. Peters College in Jersey City, and later studied at the Holy Cross College in Massachusetts, from which institution he graduated in 1912. Returning to Hoboken, he secured a clerical position in the Jersey City Court House and later worked as a reporter for the Hudson Dispatch. In the meantime he had taken up the study of law at the New York Law School and in 1915 received the degree of L.L.B. The following year, on June 4th, he was admitted to the New Jersey Bar as an Attorney-at-Law. On the seventh day of June, 1917, he established his own practice in his native city.

Mr. Hanley has succeeded in

building up an eminent large and successful law practice and is recognized as one of the most able young lawyers in Hoboken. He



specializes in organization work, and was the organizer of the Hoboken Jitney Men's Association and is attorney for that organization.

Mr. Hanley is known as one of the best orators in the county and is much in demand as a public speaker.

He has achieved a high reputation for his ability, integrity and enterprise. His pleasing personality and frank and open manners have gained him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Hanley was elected a member of the Assembly for the year 1918 by the splendid majority of 24,000 votes over the high man on the Republican ticket, having all those qualifications which make him most valuable to the people. As already stated, he is a splendid speaker, fearless and possessed of a strong personality. He is a man of the people and will truly represent the people and safeguard their interests.

James P. Dolan.

James P. Dolan, former Police Judge of Jersey City and one of the best known men in the legal profession, was born in Jersey City, July 1st, 1886. He attended St. Bridget School and later St. Peters College, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1905 and A. M. in 1907. He then entered the New York Law School, and after receiving the degree of L. L. B. from this institution, was admitted to the Bar as an attorney at law in 1908. He was admitted a Counsellor at Law in 1912.

Judge Dolan taught school in St. Peters College from 1907 to 1909.



He was appointed Clerk to the First District Court in 1910, and served in this office to 1915, when he was appointed Police Judge of the First Criminal Court of Jersey City. He served on the bench for two years, and in this time became known as one of the most able jurists and at the same time also as one of the most fair-minded men on

the bench. After retiring from the bench, the Judge opened his own law practice, with offices in the National Bank of North Hudson Building in West Hoboken.

Although only a young man, Judge Dolan has achieved a high reputation for his ability and integrity and is held in great esteem and respect by his fellow citizens. He is a public-spirited and enterprising young man, and is always ready to do his share for anything which may benefit the community.

He is a member of St. Peter's Alumni, the Alumni of the New York Law School, and the Knights of Columbus. He is one of the directors of the National Bank of North Hudson.

The Judge married Anna Kerrigan, of Jersey City, in 1914. They have two children, James, Jr., and Catherine.

While on the bench, the Judge was instrumental in establishing the Night Court, the postponed sentence and probation systems.

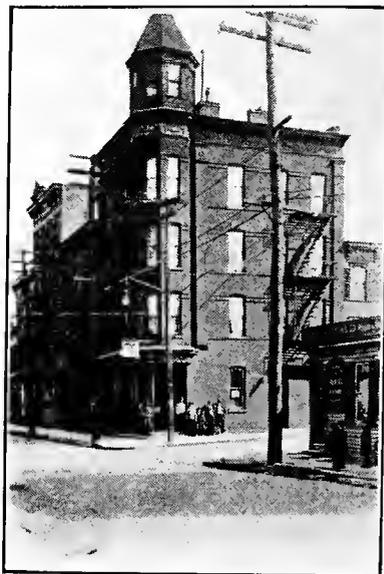
Froemchen's Hall.

This hall, located at 327 Union Street, is one of the old landmarks in Union Hill, where many of the most prominent affairs were held in olden days.

It was built about 1880 by Hermann Froemchen, and covers an area of three city lots. The ball-room is still one of the largest, measuring 92 by 60 feet. It also contains dining and meeting rooms.

Mr. Froemchen died in 1911, and the place has since been conducted by his widow, who has shown a surprising ability to conduct such a large establishment. Mrs. Froemchen altered the whole building about five years ago, and

it is now one of the most modern places in North Hudson, suitable for all kinds of social affairs, of which many are held there every month.



Mrs. Froemchen enjoys a splendid reputation and can count as her friends the most prominent people in North Hudson.

Hans Pfeiffer, D. C.

Hans Pfeiffer, the noted Chiropractor of 32 Clendenny Avenue, Jersey City, was born in Germany in 1851.

He received his schooling in his native country and in 1870 immigrated to America. A few years after he took up the study of drugless healing. He studied at the New York School of Chiropractors, and after graduating from this institution, started his own practice in Jersey City.

Dr. Pfeiffer has become one of

the most conspicuous drugless physicians in the county and has gained an eminent reputation not alone in Hudson County, but in the States of New York and New Jersey as



well. His office is daily being visited by numerous patients from this county as well as from across the river. Many so-called hopeless cases have been completely cured by the doctor. His modern office gives the impression of a successful practitioner. He is highly esteemed in the profession and is known as a man of the highest ability and integrity.

Dr. Pfeiffer is also a Naturopath and is a member of the Hudson County Chiropractors' Association.

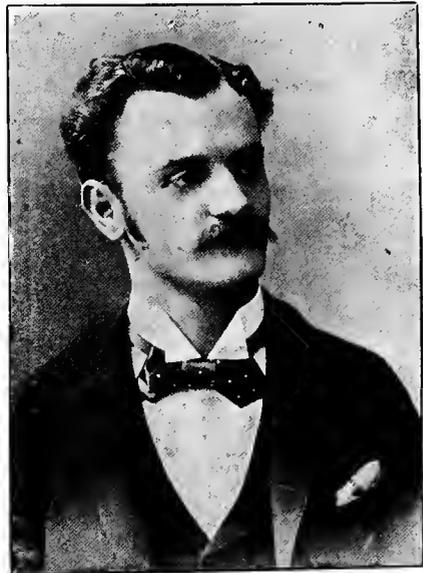
In private life he is much interested in any movement which may be of benefit to the community. He is a public and civic-spirited citizen who enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

As a Chiropractor, he probably enjoys one of the largest practices in the county.

August Frank.

One of the best known druggists in the county is Mr. August Frank of Union Hill.

He was born in Stuttgart, Germany, August 28th, 1869, and immigrated to this country in 1891. He studied chemistry and medicine at the New Jersey College of Pharmacy and graduated from this institution in 1888. Later he obtained a position as clerk in F. W. Hille's Drug Store in Main Street, Union Hill, and soon after became manager of this store. In 1884 he



bought Mr. Hille's business, which he is still conducting.

Mr. Frank has succeeded in gaining the name or rather title of the leading druggist in North Hudson. His careful filling of prescriptions, his ability as a chemist and druggist, and the splendid service rendered the customers, have gained him a name and reputation of which not many druggists can boast.

As a philanthropist and a civic and public-spirited man Mr. Frank

is well known. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to any worthy movement which will benefit the community. He is an esteemed and respected citizen whose ability and integrity have been recognized both professionally and socially. He has never taken any active interest in public affairs, but has in many other ways been a very useful citizen.

Mr. Frank married Tillie Beier in 1896.

Max Schumann.

One of the best informed men in the hotel business is Max Schumann, proprietor of the old Central Hotel or Hofbrau House on River St., Hoboken.



The hotel is one of the oldest in that city and is known not alone in Hudson County, but in New York as well.

The cozy restaurant on the ground floor has for years been the favorite place where some of the

best people, social as well as political, enjoyed their luncheons, dinners and suppers. The deliciously cooked food has always attracted those people who are very particular eaters, to the Central Hotel.

Mr. Schumann began to learn the hotel and restaurant business in his native country, Germany, where he was born in 1876. After finishing his early school education, he worked as a waiter and coming to this country in 1907 he continued to work as a waiter. He was connected with the Meyer's Hotel for four years and with the Elks' Club House for one year.

On October 1, 1916, he bought the Central Hotel, where he had previously worked for four years and three months.

He at once started to improve the place and succeeded so far that it was fast becoming one of the most coziest and best outfitted hotels and restaurants in Hoboken.

Then the war broke out, and as the hotel is situated right across from the big army piers, he was in the "barred zone" and, like numerous other hotel and cafe men, forbidden to sell liquor. This has, at the writing of this history, worked a great hardship on him as well as on the other hotel men. However, Mr. Schumann, anxious to aid and help the government, is obeying the law to the letter and is doing his "bit" by facing his losses bravely.

Since his arrival in Hoboken, in which city Mr. Schumann settled when he came to America, he has gained scores of friends. His ability, his sterling business character and his pleasing personality have made friends for him all over. He has never taken any active interest in politics, but in business and social circles he is very popular, and his presence in the many clubs of which he is a member, is always welcome.



Ernest G. Beckert, Chief of the West New York Fire Department, was born in Germany, August 3rd, 1880. His parents emigrated to this country in 1882 and settled in Guttenberg. There Ernest attended public school, and after finishing his schooling in West New York, he worked at the milk business and later in the butcher business, and finally went into the brewery industry, with which he was connected for over thirteen years. He worked for the Bernes Brewery Co. for a number of years.

In 1913 he was appointed captain of the town's paid Fire Department, which at that time consisted of nine men. He was the first paid official in the department. On May 1st, 1914, the volunteers and part-paid firemen elected him Chief by a big majority. In 1915, when the full-paid Fire Depart-

ment was organized, consisting of twenty-six men, Mr. Beckert was appointed Chief. He has the distinction of being the last Chief of the Volunteers and first Chief of the paid Department.

The Chief has fought several large fires, among which may be mentioned the North Bergen School on February 12th, 1914, Union Hill Turn Hall, January 31, 1915, the Marine Shop Fire in 1910, and numerous others. He has at all times shown a great ability as an Executive Fireman. His great foresight and good judgment have at many instances prevented great disasters.

Mr. Beckert married Emma Losche in 1902. They have three children, Pearl A., Lester Ernest, and Sylvia C. Mr. Beckert is a member of the Foresters of America, the Firemen's Mutual Ass'n, the Firemen's Exempt Ass'n, and the International Ass'n of Fire Engineers.

Jacob Ringger.

Jacob Ringger, for 35 years a respected resident of North Hudson, was born in Switzerland in 1847. After receiving his early education in his native country, he started to learn the cabinetmaking trade, and in 1881 emigrated to America. He settled in the State of Illinois, but a few years later came to Union Hill, where he secured a position as carpenter in William Peter's Brewery. He worked there for four years and then started in partnership a small factory, manufacturing doors, sashes, blinds and mouldings. The factory was located on Savoy St., West Hoboken, but he soon had to

move to larger quarters and built a factory at Highpoint and Kerrigan Avenues. After many years of hard and conscientious work, Mr. Ringger had built up a splendid business. But he was not to enjoy the fruits of his labor very long. On January 11th, 1906, his factory burned completely down to the ground, and as he carried no insurance, he lost everything. He was not, however, to be discouraged, and it did not take him long to start business anew. He moved across the street from his former location, and started anew. In 1908 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Ringger became the sole owner of Jacob Ringger & Co.

The factory located at Highpoint and Kerrigan Aves. covers a ground of 176x100 square feet. In busy times as many as 45 men are employed there.

Mr. Ringger has never sought nor accepted any public office, but has devoted his full time and energy to his business. He is a public-spirited citizen and held in great respect and confidence by the entire community, and is noted for his benevolence, kindness and generosity. He is always ready and willing to lend his assistance to any movement of welfare to his town.

Mr. Ringger is what can be truly called a self-made man. Through great thrift and economy he not alone succeeded in working his way from carpenter up to a large manufacturer, but also succeeded by wise investments to become a large property owner. He owns several large houses in North Hudson.

In 1861 Mr. Ringger married Barbara Meyli in Switzerland. They had three children, of which, however, only two are living, both girls.

Gabinetto Mensolilo, D. C.

Among the most successful chiropractors in North Hudson is Dr. Gabinetto Mensolilo, of Summit, Ave., West Hoboken.

Five years ago he took up the study of drugless healing, and three years ago he established his own practice. The doctor is a graduated chiropractor and naturopath, and in the few years he has been established he has succeeded in building up a very large and successful practice. He has gained a thorough knowledge of the profession and has accomplished great skill in many serious cases where he has procured wonderful results.

In the last few years he has spent much time and money in the study of chiropractic and has studied every detail of the profession. He is a sincere and conscientious believer in his work and fully believes in the science of chiropractic.

Dr. Mansolilo was born in Italy in 1887, where he received his early school education. He immigrated into this country 13 years ago and settled in New York City. About 3 years ago he came to West Hoboken, where he started a small office on De Mott St. His practice soon grew so large that he found it necessary to move into larger quarters, and he then opened his present office on 174 Summit Ave.

The doctor has received several diplomas as a naturopath as well as a chiropractor. He is prominently connected with several organizations and clubs and held in great respect in professional circles as well as in private life. His pleasing manners, his ability and his sterling business qualifications have gained him a large circle of friends.

Henry Andes.

Henry Andes, the Tax Collector of North Bergen, has lived in this town since he was six months old.

He was born in Paterson, June 30, 1867. His parents, Henry Andes and Theresa Morton, could not afford to give Henry an expen-



sive education. In fact, he had to leave public school, which he attended in North Bergen, at the early age of ten, when he had to earn his own living. He worked at odd jobs for a time and then began to learn the trade of mason and plasterer, which he has followed ever since. In 1891 he engaged in business for himself and has since put up numerous buildings, among which may be mentioned the handsome brick building at 14th St. and Bergenline Ave., West New York, the largest building in that town. He has built eleven schools and numerous houses and cottages

in West New York and Highwood Park, in fact all over North Hudson.

Mr. Andes is one of the most successful contractors and builders in North Hudson. He is thorough in every detail, energetic and practical in carrying out his contracts, and prompt in all he undertakes. His foresight, integrity and sound judgement, his capacity for business, have brought him into more than local prominence. In politics he is an ardent Democrat. He has held every office in the gift of the people in the town with the exception of Mayor, which he has repeatedly refused. In 1891 he was elected a member of the North Bergen Board of education and re-elected to this office in 1893 and again in 1894, the last time for a term of three years. He was one of the principal organizers and the first foreman of the American Hose Co. of North Bergen and is still active in the Volunteer Fire Department of the town. In 1899 he was elected Chief of the Fire Department and held this office for two terms. In 1905 he was elected a member of the Township Committee, in which capacity he served for four successive terms. While in the Board he was appointed chairman of the Police Committee. He was one of the organizers of the paid Police Department, which was created in the town in 1914. Mr. Andes was elected Tax Assessor and re-elected to this office last year. He has been instrumental in many needed improvements, among which may be mentioned the Sewer Bill for East New Durham, of which he was the father.

Mr. Andes was married February 21, 1893, to Sophia Menkel of the well-known West New York family of that name. They have two children: Henry P., Jr., and Martha S.

Mr. Andes is a County Com-

mitteeman and a member of the Elks, No. 74, and the Schuetzenbund, and a member of the town's Democratic Club and several other associations.

Mr. Andes' great hobbies are hunting and automobiling.

Charles W. Heinrich.

Charles W. Heinrich, one of the most respected citizens of North Bergen and Committeeman of this township, was born in Hoboken, May 17th, 1879. His parents were Charles Heinrich and Emma (Carstens).

Charles attended the Hoboken Public Schools, and after graduating started to help his father, who was in the wholesale liquor business, and is now part owner of this business.

Mr. Charles Heinrich has always taken a deep interest in everything of interest and to the welfare of the community.

He has been active in political affairs since 1900, when he became a member of the School Board, in which capacity he served till 1902. He was elected a Township Committeeman in 1911, and re-elected in 1913, 1915, and 1917, now serving his fourth term in this office.

Mr. Heinrich married Lillie Tschupp, of the old prominent family of that name. They have three children, Fred, Mathilda, and Ruth.

Mr. Heinrich takes an active interest in the welfare of the community, and in various capacities has contributed much to its growth and advancement. He is a Democrat in politics, a sagacious business man, and enjoys a wide popularity. He is chairman of the Township License and Printing Committee.

Edw. W. Collins.

Edw. W. Collins, the noted chiropractor and former Superintendent of the New Jersey College of Chiropractics, is one of the best known men in the profession. He studied the art of drugless healing at several of the more prominent institutions in the country and is a



graduate of New England College of Chiropractors in Boston, Massachusetts, and of the American School of Naturopathy.

He is known throughout the State as one of the most skilled practitioners and has attained an eminent standing in the professional world.

His father, Dr. F. W. Collins, founded the college of which Dr. Collins, the subject of this sketch, was the Superintendent. It was started on a small scale, but was time after time enlarged and was located in a large building connected with a hospital in Newark. A free clinic had also been established, at which from 40 to 50 patients were treated every day.

The New Jersey College of Chiropractors is now consolidated with the New York College of Chiropractors, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the east. The college is located in the heart of New York City.

George Medina.

Mr. Medina has been a resident of North Bergen for the last twenty-four years and has in that time achieved an enviable reputation as a man of great ability and unimpeachable business character.

He served the township as Recorder for nine years and gained the respect of the legal profession for his fair decisions. He has served in the Township Committee for one year, filling an unexpired term. While serving in the latter capacity, he has procured many needed improvements for the First Ward which he represents. He has improved the lighting system and several streets and sewers.

Mr. Medina was born in the State of New York in 1871. After receiving his education at a military institute, he worked for his uncle, who was a wholesale grocer. Twenty-five years ago he secured a position with the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York and gradually worked his way up until he reached the position as special representative which he now holds.

Mr. Medina is a member of the F. and A. M., the Royal Arcanum, and was one of the organizers of the Marcy Association, of which he is now first vice-president. He is president of the First Ward Democratic Club and a member of the Woodcliff Fire Co. and numerous other organizations and clubs.

The Cox Family.

William and Albert Cox, proprietors of the large hardware concern located at the Hackensack Plankroad and the Boulevard, West Hoboken, descended from one of the oldest and most prominent families in the northern part of the county.

Their grandfather, William Cox, emigrated from England to this country in 1838 and settled in West Hoboken the following year. In the spring of the same year he opened the present business as a "general store" selling practically everything. The business was located in a small house situated near the present location on the corner of Hackensack Plankroad and the Hudson Boulevard.

William Cox had several children, among whom was George, who was born in England, 1837. He attended school in West Hoboken, and later helped the father in his business. He (George) married Catherine von Asperen in 1860. They had eight children. His father died in 1878 and George took over the business, which in the meantime had been moved into larger quarters in the present building, which the Cox family built in 1861. George continued to run the business until 1903, under the name of George Cox and Sons, having taken two of his sons, William and Albert, into the business. George Cox died in 1910.

William Cox, one of the present proprietors, was born in 1861. He married Elizabeth Applegate, of the well known Hoboken family, in 1893. They have five children.

Albert Cox was born in 1873. He married Annie McAller, with whom he has five children: George, Albert, Joseph, Norman, and Annetta.

An uncle, William Cox, was very prominent in political affairs.

He was a member of the Board of Freeholders and a National Delegate to the Saratoga Convention.

In 1905, the firm discontinued their grocery department, and has since conducted business as a hardware and feed store. The firm is one of the largest of its kind in the northern part of the county and does a very extensive business in practically every part of the county.

Both William and Albert Cox are highly reputable men, who have gained the esteem and confidence of all with whom they have come into contact. They have strictly adhered to the principles as laid down by their grandfather, the founder of the business, and which has been the keynote of the firm's success, namely: Honest Business Methods.

Dr. Frieda Pfau.

Dr. Frieda Pfau, proprietress of the Physical Health Institute, located at 120 Palisade Avenue, West Hoboken, has gained an eminent reputation in the art of drugless healing.

The doctor was born in Switzerland, where she studied her profession. She came to this country in 1901 and started a small practice at 596 Clinton Avenue, West Hoboken. She was one of the pioneers in the profession in New Jersey. In 1910 she established the Institute at the above mentioned address. Here every modern apparatus and appliance for the cure and prevention of nearly every disease known may be found. Electric apparatus, baking ovens, vibrators, and many other devices are used in this institute, and some of the agencies employed are massage, electro-vibrassage, Swedish movements (curative), gymnastics, col-

ored rays treatment, changeable spray and douches, hot and cold baths, herbal, salt, medicated, alternating, electric, and Nauheim baths, also Turkish, vapor and hot air baths. Every facility can be found at this institute for the treatment of patients.

Dr. Pfau has studied every branch of drugless healing. She is an osteopath, having passed the



State examination of New Jersey and received her license in 1915. She was the first one in Hudson County to receive this license. She is a chiropractor and naturopath, having studied and received her diplomas from some of the most eminent institutions. The doctor has written several important articles on drugless healing in some of the largest professional publications.

Many of the medical doctors are sending their patients to Dr. Pfau to undergo treatment. She enjoys a very high reputation in the profession and has achieved wonderful success in her undertaking.

Chas. W. Randall.

Charles W. Randall, one of the best known architects and contractors in the northern part of the county, was born and brought up in the Jersey Heights section. Af-



ter he had finished his school education, he began to learn the carpenter and building trade. Later he took up the study of architecture at the Cooper Institute in New York City and graduated from this institution in 1885. For some years after, he devoted his time as an architect and then became a contractor and builder as well.

Mr. Randall has erected over 200 houses in Hudson County and has achieved a high reputation as a conscientious builder and business man.

In public affairs he has always taken a sincere interest. He is an ardent Republican and a leader in the councils of that party.

At the beginning of this year, Mr. Randall was appointed Building Inspector of West Hoboken, an

office he is especially fitted to fill because of his great experience in the building trade.

As a citizen Mr. Randall is public-spirited, enterprising and always ready to lend his assistance to any movement which may benefit the community. He is possessed of great ability, foresight and sound judgment and an unimpeachable integrity.

He is President of the Lincoln Republican Association, a member of the Town Improvement Association and the Suckly Park Association, of which he was chairman for a number of years.



Fred'k W. Schier

Chief Engineer

West Hoboken Fire Departm't.

Edwin B. Young.

Edwin Berkley Young, one of the leading real estate and insurance men, with office at 429 Bergenline Avenue, Union Hill, is descended from a very old, distinguished family.

The Youngs made their first settlement at Athol, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada, at East Lake.

Colonel Henry Young, born in Jamaica, Long Island, in 1737, was the second son of six children of an English gunsmith, who founded



the family in this county and Canada. Henry joined the British army when a young man and served for six years in the French and Indian wars and in numerous engagements against the Continentals.

At the close of the American revolution, he retired on half pay and was granted 3,000 acres of land. He selected a site at East Lake in the Town of Athol. There he brought his family in 1781. He had four daughters, Elizabeth,

Mary, Catherine, and Sarah, and two sons, Henry and Daniel. Henry married, and his son Richard Young married, and the son of this marriage was William Henry Young, who married Sarah Jane Clark. They are the parents of Edwin Berkley Young and Geo. A. Young.

Edwin was born in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario, and in 1883 married Henrietta Bell, with whom he had three sons, Edwin Henry, Ralph Percy, and Herbert Eldred. Edwin Henry married Margaret Thompson. They have two sons, Edwin Berkley 2 and James Donlapp. Ralph Percy married M. Nurge. They have one child, Ralph Henry. Herbert Eldred is still single.

Edwin B. Young, the subject of this sketch, has achieved marked success in real estate operation, and by untiring devotion to business has won the confidence and respect of the entire community. He was Secretary of the old Literary Society of the Town of Union, and later became one of the prime movers in organizing the Free Reading Room and Library Ass'n, of which he was for many years the Treasurer.

Mr. Young is a prominent member of various fraternal and social organizations, including Mystic Tie Lodge, F. and A. M., of which he is the oldest living Past Master. He was the founder of Trinity Chapter No. 18, O. E. S., was Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in New Jersey, a veteran of the Scottish Rite in New York City, Masonic fraternity, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. In 1899 he was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and in 1900 was elected 1st President of the Past Masters' Association of Hudson County.

Prof. H. Godio.

Prof. Henri Godio, one of the most noted musicians in North Hudson, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1889. His parents brought him to West Virginia when he was quite young, and there he received his early education.

He came to West Hoboken in 1900, and although a young man, has made an enviable reputation as a noted musician. He started to



study the violin at the early age of nine, and studied in the New York Conservatory of Music under the widely known Henry Lambert, Nathan Ulanov, and several other prominent artists.

Prof. Godio has played at several of the largest hotels in New York, among which may be mentioned the Astor, Healy's, Shanley's, and Sherry's.

He opened his own studio 11 years ago and taught music as a side line, until his pupils became so numerous that he found it necessary to devote his full time to the instruction of music.

His ability and talent were soon recognized, and in December, 1916, he was appointed director and organizer of the Emerson High School Orchestra by the West Hoboken Board of Education. He conducted the first concert with this orchestra in January, 1917, and it was one of the greatest successes the town has ever witnessed. The orchestra, composed of both boys and girls, playing all different instruments, now numbers sixty members and is an institution of which the Board of Education as well as the whole town can be proud. It is one of the finest in North Hudson, and Prof. Godio is co-operating with the Board of Education to make it one of the best in the state.

The Professor has also his own pupils' orchestra. His first own orchestra experience was in the Young Men's Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. A. Volpe.

Prof. Godio has, by his courteous ways and pleasing personality, gained a large circle of friends, who admire him for his great talent, integrity and sterling character.

His father, August Godio, is a prominent sculptor, well known in Europe as well as in this country. He studied in Rome and in Paris and came to this country in 1882.

G. E. Martinelli.

Gaetano Enrico Martinelli, one of the best known violinists in West Hoboken, was born in Verona, Italy, in 1887.

He began to study the violin at an early age and later attended the Academy in Verona. After spending sixteen months in Canada, he

came to this country in 1907 His splendid talent was soon recognized and his services became difficult to obtain. He played at the Waldorf-Astoria and many other leading hotels in New York City, and his name soon became well known in musical circles in the metropolis. About three years ago he opened his own study at 349 Palisade Avenue, West Hoboken.

It did not take long before Mr. Martinelli's ability as a teacher be-



came known, and numerous pupils flocked to his studio to study with this noted violinist.

It is not alone in the musical circles that Mr. Martinelli has achieved a high reputation, but as a citizen he is also held in great esteem and respect. While he devotes practically all his time to this his life study, he is always interested in any movement which may be of benefit to the community. His pleasing personality has made him a score of friends, who are proud of his achievements.

A. Martinelli.

One of the leading jewelers in West Hoboken is A. Martinelli of Summit Ave. He was born in Italy, April 6th, 1876, and after receiving his preliminary education in his native country he came to America in 1896. About nine-



teen years ago he started a small jewelry store at 227 Summit Ave., and after one year had to move into larger quarters at 204 Summit Ave. The business soon outgrew these quarters also, and fourteen years ago he moved into his present store at 213 Summit Ave. This is one of the largest if not the largest jewelry store in West Hoboken.

Mr. Martinelli studied geometry at the North Illinois College of Optometry, where he received his diploma, and later he received the certificate as a registered optician of the State of New Jersey. His optical department is connected with his jewelry store.

Mr. Martinelli is an enthusiast of music and art, and an amateur of no mean ability in both fields.

He is a cornet player of high reputation. In art he has won fame as a portrait and landscape painter.

Gifted with so many rare abilities, it is only natural that he has many friends in the community. While he has always taken a deep interest in all civic matters, he has never sought nor accepted any public office. In 1901 Mr. Martinelli married Jennie Sighinolfi, with whom he has three children, Elsa, Anzo, and Anthony. He is a member of many professional and social organizations.

Chas. W. Zentgraf.

Among the residents of the Town of Union, Chas. W. Zentgraf is best known. He has resided in this town for the last twelve years, and in this time has gained the respect and confidence of the people of the community.

He immigrated to this country with his parents in 1888. The family settled in New York, where Charles received his final education in different institutions.

When the Spanish-American War broke out, he joined the colors and was soon afterwards placed in the Adjutant's office, where he quickly was promoted to a responsible position. Later he was placed in charge as manager of the Army and Navy Store. Returning to private life, he secured a position with the Metropolitan Co., with which company he is now connected. In the Union Hill office he is known as one of the most valuable men, whose ability and efficiency is greatly prized.

Probably no man bears a more striking likeness to ex-President Roosevelt than Mr. Zentgraf. It is not alone in the resemblance that he is like our former President, but

also in figure, stout and broad-shouldered, with the winning smile. He is dignified and stern, exactly like Roosevelt, and like the latter—a Republican. All these qualifications make him especially suited for the office the people of Union Hill have persuaded him to become a candidate for—that of Recorder of



the town. Mr. Zentgraf has been a student of law for many years, and all his leisure time has been spent over the law books. He was elected Justice of the Small Cause Court of Hudson County, and is also a Notary Public. His unquestionable integrity, ability and great judgment and other qualifications make him especially suited for the recordership. He is not what may be called a professional politician, and it is certain that he will not let politics interfere with justice if he should be elected.

Mr. Zentgraf is a wide-awake and ambitious man, who will not be influenced in his judicial decisions by any political faction or otherwise.

Charles M. Egan.

Former Senator Charles M. Egan was born in Jersey City, October 13, 1877. He was educated in the Public schools of his native city, and later studied at the New York Law School. He served his law clerkship in the law office of Vice-Chancellor John Griffin, until his



admission to the Bar in November, 1899. After his admission to the practice of his profession, he formed a partnership with Congressman James A. Hamill and he and Mr. Hamill remained together in business for eight years, when they both opened separate offices. In 1910 he was elected to the Assembly, and re-elected in 1911 and 1912. He became the majority leader of the House of Assembly in 1913. In the latter year he was elected to the State Senate and served in this office until January 1, 1917. During his tenure of office at Trenton, Senator Egan won great recognition for his sound judgment and great force of character. He was the

“father” of the Child Labor Law, Full Crew Law, present Chancellor-Sheriff Jury Law, the Juvenile Court Law, the Parental Home Law, and the Loan Shark Law; the latter law had the effect of driving all the loan sharks out of the State of New Jersey.

His entire legislative career was marked by careful, comprehensive, and intelligent attention to the business of the State, and especially to those measures which affected his town or county, and his devotion to the public interest gained for him a high reputation as well as a wide and intimate acquaintance.

Only a few months ago, Senator Egan was appointed an assistant Prosecutor of the Pleas of Hudson County, and he is now serving in this capacity.

On June 14, 1916, the Senator married Eleanor S. Walsh, a daughter of the late Magistrate James J. Walsh of New York City. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, A. O. H., Carteret Club, the Elks, and several political and social organizations.

Emil Bautz.

Emil Bautz, Town Clerk of Union Hill, one of the most respected men in North Hudson, was born in Germany, November 1, 1874. His parents brought him to this country when he was only four months old, taking up their residence in New York City. The family came to Union Hill in 1882, and in that town Emil received his public school education. After finishing his schooling he worked in several clerical positions.

In 1901 he was elected a member of the Board of Education, and the following year he was elected Town Clerk. Mr. Bautz is still holding this responsible position,

having been re-elected five successive terms, and is now serving his fifteenth year as Town Clerk.

Mr. Bautz has always been an ardent Democrat and a strong supporter of clean politics.

He has gained an excellent reputation for ability, integrity and enterprise. He has conducted the town's affairs in a thorough, businesslike manner, creditable to himself and his constituents, and most satisfactory to all classes of citizens irrespective of party. With characteristic energy and application he entered upon his duties as Town Clerk, which he has discharged with great fidelity and honor.

Mr. Bautz married Rose Henze in 1904. She died some years later, and in 1915 Mr. Bautz married Helen Quinlan.

He is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74, Royal Arcanum, Highwood Council, Palisade Council, Knights of Columbus, and John J. Egan Association.

G. M. Kutschinski.

One of the largest property owners in West Hoboken is G. M. Kutschinski, the prominent Real Estate Broker.

He is what can be truly called a self-made man. Born in Germany, November 11th, 1859, under meager circumstances, he was compelled to go to work at a very early age in order to help support the family. In order to better his condition, he succeeded in saving enough money to come to America, and settled in this country in 1885. He worked at different jobs as a carpenter, and twenty-five years ago settled in West Hoboken. Seven years later he established his own business as a carpenter, contractor and builder. His con-

scientious work and his honest and fair business methods soon helped him to success. Numerous large buildings in North Hudson have been erected by Mr. Kutschinski, who drew all the plans himself.

After fifteen years in the building line he retired and devoted his time to real estate. Through his



great foresight and careful methods he made several profitable investments and soon acquired much valuable property.

Although being a public-spirited citizen, he has never sought nor accepted any public office, but has devoted his full time to his business. He is widely known not alone in West Hoboken, but in North Hudson, as a man of ability and great integrity.

In 1888 he married Mary Mayer, with whom he has seven children. They are Amelia, Gustav A., Henrietta, Fred, Alvaria, Margaret and Walter.

Mr. Kutschinski has been a Commissioner of Deeds for two terms and a Notary Public for the last twenty years.

Patrick A. Brady.

Patrick A. Brady, the Town Clerk of North Bergen, was born in New York City on March 15th, 1872. There he went to public school and later to the College of the Christian Brothers. After graduating from this institution, he learned the plumbing trade. In 1888 his parents moved to North Bergen, where he later established his own plumbing business.

Mr. Brady's political career started in 1896, when Sheriff Heller appointed him Constable of the County Court, which office he held for six years. In the years of 1900 and 1901, he served North Bergen as Township Committeeman, during which time he was Chief of Police, or chairman of the Police Committee, as it was called at that time. He later became connected with the Claim Department of the Public Service Railway, which position he held for five years.

On January 1, 1907, he was elected Town Clerk and has since been re-elected to his office three times, and is now serving his fourth successive term in this capacity.

Mr. Brady is a member of the Exempt Fire Department, and was one of the first members of the North Bergen Fire Department, in which he was enrolled in 1892.

He married Minnie A. Schneider on April 12th, 1910. He is a member of many political and social organizations, and has always been prominent in the Democratic Party.

Mr. Brady has gained an excellent reputation for his ability, integrity and sterling business character. His pleasing personality has gained him a large circle of friends, and the fact that he has been elected four successive terms speaks for itself. He is much devoted to his home, where he spends every minute not taken up by his official duties.

Henry Trost.

Henry Trost, one of the most prominent contractors in West Hoboken and former Town Treasurer of that town, was born in Jersey City Heights in 1873. He attended school in that section for two years, when his parents moved to West Hoboken, where Henry finished his schooling. He then learned the



electrical trade, and when only twenty years of age, traveled to the West as well as the South, working his way as an electrician. After a few years he returned to West Hoboken, and in 1906 he established his own business as a general contractor, and has since built up a very large business.

Mr. Trost has achieved an eminent reputation and during his entire career has maintained the respect and confidence of all who know him. He has always been thoroughly identified with the affairs of his city, active and influential in every movement which affects the welfare of the community.

Mr. Trost was elected Town Treasurer in 1915. He is prominently connected in fraternal and social circles, being a member of the Masons, Zem Zems, Elks, Hoboken No. 74, and Cosmopolitan Lodge of the Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Automobile

Club of America and the Harmony Singing Society.

Mr. Trost was married in 1898 to Minnie Eichmann, daughter of the well known Captain E. Eichmann of West Hoboken. They have two children: Minnie and Henry, Jr., and reside at 512 Elm St., West Hoboken.

Wm. Mayer.

There is probably not a more popular man in West New York than Councilman Wm. Mayer. It is certain that it would be difficult to find a person who has an ill word for Mr. Mayer.

"Dutchy", as he is commonly known by every man, woman and child in the town, has a big heart and cannot rest if he knows anybody is in need or trouble. He is always ready to give whatever assistance he can, and instances are known where he has deprived himself of dire necessities in order to help some unfortunate person.

It is only natural, therefore, that he has gained a standing and reputation second to no other in North Hudson.

The Councilman was one of the organizers of the Volunteer Fire Department in West New York, and for six years held the office of Fire Chief. He held the position as School Janitor for ten years and then established himself as a building contractor. Three years after he retired and engaged in the cafe business.

In politics he has always been a recognized leader and influential member of the Democratic Party. He was elected Councilman of the Second Ward in 1907 and has been re-elected to this office for five successive terms. It is predicted in his town that he can be elected to any

office he desires and that he can control any election in the town.

Mr. Meyer has gained his eminent popularity by his democratic ways and pleasing manners. He has a good word for every man, whether he be dressed in shabby clothes or in evening dress.

In the administration of the town he has faithfully discharged his duties and displayed ability, sound judgement and great foresight and an unimpeachable integrity.

As a citizen he is patriotic and progressive and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

Chas. S. Hegadorn, D. C.

One of the foremost Chiropractors in North Hudson is Charles S. Hegadorn of West Hoboken.



He was born in Canada, February 28, 1872, where he received his early school education. After finishing his schooling he worked at farming and later went into the

Real Estate business. He then came to this country and soon after became interested in the art of drugless healing. For two years he studied Chiropractic at the Palmer School of Chiropractics, the largest school of its kind in the United States, and in 1916 received his diploma from this institution.

Dr. Hegadorn has been a very successful practitioner since the day he opened his office. During the first ten months of his practice he handled 116 cases. His success continued and his practice is one of the most successful in the northern part of the county. His name has become well known outside the county limits and his practice has spread rapidly.

The doctor has achieved a high reputation for his professional ability and also as a citizen. His many successful cases have naturally gained him many admirers, who greatly esteem him for his qualifications.

In the community in which he resides, he is respected as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen, whose unimpeachable integrity has never been questioned.

Dr. Hegadorn married Ettie Wallace in 1893. They have two children, Milton and Archibald.

Edw. Beck.

Descended from one of the oldest families in North Bergen is Mr. Edw. Beck, Committeeman of that Township. He was born in the house in the Hoboken Cemetery occupied by the Superintendent, which position his father, Andrew Beck, held at that time. Andrew Beck came to North Bergen when only 13 years of age, and became one of the best known men in the county. He held the office of

Mayor, Boulevard Commissioner, and was a member of the Assembly and of the local school board. He married Marie Brewster, of the well known rich Brewster family of Ridgefield, N. J. They had ten children, of which four are dead.

Edward Beck, the subject of this sketch, was born December 31st, 1885. After finishing his public school education in North Bergen, he started to learn the steam-fitting business. At the early age of eighteen years, he established his own business as heating and power contractor. He has since succeeded in building this business up to one of the largest in North Hudson. He employs six men steady all the year around, and has executed quite a number of large contracts, among which can be mentioned School No. 5 and St. Michael's School, both in West Hoboken, the Birnbaum Building on Bergenline Avenue in Union Hill, and four of the different schools in North Bergen. He also built the large apartment house on 18th Street and Bergenline Ave., West New York.

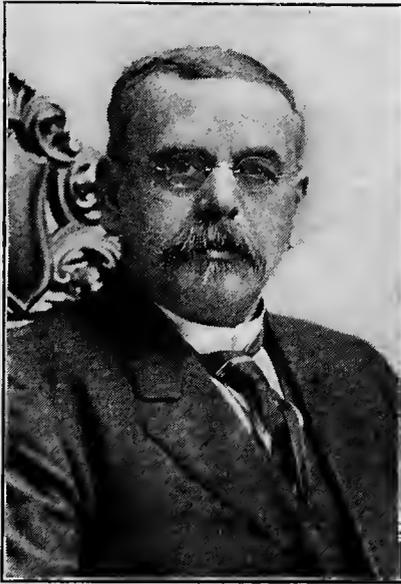
Mr. Beck has always taken a great interest in political affairs, and when only 21 years old was elected Fire Chief of North Bergen. In 1910 he was elected Township Committeeman and has since been re-elected three successive times, now serving his fourth term. He is chairman of the Finance, Fire and Water Committee. He is also a member of the Township's Board of Health.

Mr. Beck married Edith Dobbs September 10th, 1904. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Peerless Fire Co., Second Ward Democratic Club, and has been a delegate to the Firemen's Relief Association of North Bergen for the last eight years.

Philip L. Amon.

One of the best known men in musical circles of the county is Philip L. Amon, Principal of the New Jersey Institute of Music and Languages.

This institution, which is one of the largest of its kind, was established over 30 years ago and has



graduated hundreds of pupils. It is located on Palisade Ave., Jersey City Heights.

Mr. Amon came to this country when only sixteen weeks old, with his parents, who settled in New York. He spent his early school life in the parochial school of the Church of the Redeemer in New York City. At the age of only 12 years he began to study Latin and Greek.

His hobby, however, was music, and in 1859 he began to study under John Wegner. He graduated from De La Salle University and was an organist in this institution in 1867. Later he studied under such famous

teachers as Beyersdorfer, Kirchner, Unruh and Steigler.

His rise in the musical world was rapid, as his rare talent was soon recognized.

He taught and played in many Catholic institutions and was musical director for several dramatic and musical companies.

He came to Hoboken in 1884, and in 1891 established the New Jersey Institute.

Mr. Amon has also been very interested in union labor circles. He was most active in establishing the local musical union, and for several terms was President of that organization. He is a very well known bandmaster and for one season was Inspector of Music in the Jersey City parks.

August Carell.

Hotel Carell, located at 18 Journal Square, near the Tube Station, Jersey City, is one of the best known establishments in that section.

The modern outfitted cafe and the cozy restaurant are the popular meeting places of some of the most prominent citizens in public as well as in civil life.

The splendid cooking, the home-like surroundings and the fine music have attracted many people to the place, not alone from Jersey City, but from all parts of Hudson County and Newark and New York as well. Numerous large dinners and banquets have been held at this hotel, as well as many other social affairs. The hotel rooms, single or en suite, affords complete comfort for the guests. A roof garden covers the entire roof.

August Carell, who has conducted the hotel for the last five years, was born in Germany, June 22, 1872. He came to this country in

1891 and settled in New York City. In 1903 he came to Hudson County, where he has ever since engaged in the hotel and restaurant business.

By his own efforts, his great ability and his exceedingly pleasing personality, and by attending strictly to business he has succeeded in making a great success of his enterprise. He is one of the most popular men in Jersey City and has gained a large circle of friends outside Jersey City.

Mr. Carell has never sought nor accepted any political office, but takes a deep interest in any movements concerning the welfare of the community. He is a loyal and public-spirited citizen and possessed of a sterling business character.

He is a member of the Masonic Order, Jersey City Lodge B. P. O. E., the Germania Riding Club, and several other organizations and clubs. When asked what his hobbies are, Mr. Carell answered: "Business" His full time is taken up in his establishment, as everything is done under his personal supervision. He is therefore a very busy man and has had no time to develop any hobbies.

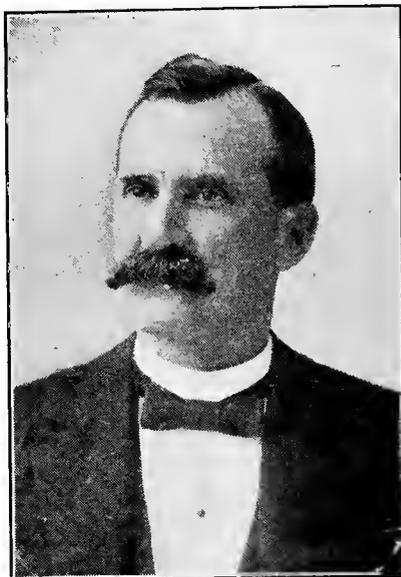
John V. Burke.

Few men can count more friends than former Coroner John V. Burke, the well known undertaker at the Five Corners section, Jersey City. He was born at the corner of 17th St. and 7th Ave., New York City, in 1852.

After finishing his school education he launched into business as a building contractor and later went into the undertaker business. For over 40 years he has been located on Newark Ave. and Oakland Ave., where he a few years ago built one

of the most up-to-date undertaking parlors. He has served for several terms as Coroner of Hudson County.

Mr. Burke is one of the leading men in his profession and his business is one of the oldest establishments in Jersey City.



His ability, integrity and dignity, combined with a pleasing personality, has made him one of the most sought-after funeral directors.

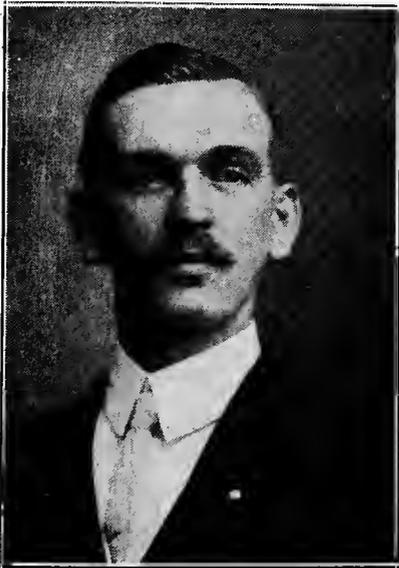
He has conducted some of the largest funerals in the section in a most praiseworthy manner and has gained a reputation, second to none, for his sterling business methods.

In fraternal circles he is very prominent and is a member of several clubs and organizations.

Mr. Burke is very esteemed and respected in his profession as well as in business and social circles and has won the confidence of all with whom he has come into contact. He is always interested in civic betterments and is a patriotic citizen of high standing.

Lincoln Restaurant.

One of the most cozy restaurants in North Hudson, if not in the entire county, is the Lincoln at Hackensack Plank Road, Union Hill. It is located in the same building with the Lincoln Theatre and consists of dining room, banquet hall, bar and grill room. It is profusely decorated and furnished and is without doubt one of the coziest places in the county. The excellent food and splendid service



have made it a popular place for the most prominent people in the community. The dining room on the ground floor has a seating capacity of about 200 and the banquet hall on the upper floor can seat 500 people. The guests are on certain evenings entertained by music and dancing.

The Lincoln is conducted by William von Frankenberg, a progressive and enterprising man. Since he took charge, the place has been altered and refitted to meet the taste of the most particular people.

Mr. von Frankenberg has been in the restaurant business for many years.

He was connected with the Club House of the Hoboken Elks for several years. He is thoroughly known for his ability, enterprise, and integrity and has gained a host of friends by his pleasing personality and courtesy. That he would make a success of his new enterprise is evidenced by the large patronage he has gained since he took possession.

The Lincoln has become noted for the special Sunday dinners served here at moderate prices, for the grill room, where many of North Hudson's known businessmen enjoy their lunch; for the dining room, which has become a rendezvous for the best people of the section, and for the banquet hall, where many of the most prominent affairs were held. The Bar has become popular with the better class of patrons.

J. F. Wurdemann.

John Fred Wurdemann, the popular Committeeman from the Second Ward of North Bergen, was born in Hoboken, November 20, 1880. He attended the old Public Schol No. 1 in that city, and after leaving school, he started to learn the insurance business, in which he continued for seven years.

His father, John Wurdemann, was an old resident of Hoboken, where he conducted a grocery store for over fifteen years. He established several bread routes in North Hudson, representing one of the larger bakers, and John Fred helped his father on these routes.

In 1897, Mr. J. F. Wurdemann, the subject of this sketch, established his own business in North Bergen, later securing the local agency for the Ward Baking Co., and has still charge of this con-

cern's deliveries in North Bergen. Besides Mr. Wurdemann is doing a general trucking business. His residence with yard and stables, located at 844 Anderson Place, covers a ground of 100x100 feet.

He is a public-spirited citizen, imbued with an exalted sense of patriotism and progressiveness, and by action and example has exerted a wholesome influence in the community, whose respect and confidence he enjoys to the utmost. He is one of the most popular and best known men in North Hudson, and by his frankness and courtesy makes a pleasing impression on all with whom he comes in contact. He has always taken an active interest in politics and is prominently connected with the Democratic Party. About twelve years ago, Mr. Wurdemann was elected Constable, from which office he later resigned when he was elected Justice of the Peace. In 1911 he was elected Township Committeeman, and was re-elected in 1913, and again in 1915, now serving his third term in that office. Mr. Wurdemann is one of the leading factors in the fight of having the county take over the Secaucus Road, in the improvement of the Hackensack Plank Road, in the elimination of the soft coal nuisance, in the laying of new sewers, in the improvement of Tonnele Avenue, and numerous other important improvements. He has served as County Committeeman since 1911.

Mr. Wurdemann was married October 15, 1907, to Anna May Ensminger, of the well known North Bergen family of that name. They have one son, Fred.

The committeeman has been a member of the town's Fire Department for the last fourteen years. He is a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, Jr. O. U. A. M., and Second Ward Democratic Club.

Albin E. Strobel, D. C.

"Practice what you preach", is the motto of Albin E. Strobel, the well known chiropractor and naturopath, of 520 Paterson Plankroad, Jersey City.

He not alone takes chiropractic treatment for all his ailments himself, but follows up chiropractic suggestions as to taking exercise, diet, fasting, etc. Some time ago he fasted one full week and lost several pounds, but gained considerable in health. He is also a strong believer in athletics and is a member of several athletic associations.

Dr. Strobel was born in Jersey City, March 24th, 1891 and received his early school education in that city.

Having always been a strong believer in nature and nature's work, it was only natural that he should become interested in chiropractic, which is a scientific method of removing the cause of disease and enable nature to restore normal conditions.

He took up the study at the N. J. College of Chiropractors, and after receiving his diploma from this institution he took a postgraduate course at Butler's Institute in New Jersey.

He then started his own practice, to begin with in his spare time, but he soon found it necessary to give everything else up and devote his full time to his profession.

Dr. Strobel is well known in Jersey City as an enterprising young man, a deep thinker and sincere student of important problems.

His pleasing ways and manners have gained him a host of friends. He has never taken any active interest in politics, but is much interested in civic reforms and in anything which may benefit the community.

John Eisele.

Few men have achieved a higher reputation than John Eisele, President and General Manager of Batterson & Eisele Marble Works.

Mr. Eisele came to America in 1872 at the age of 19 years. He had received a thorough education and had chosen stone cutting for his life work. In New York City he secured a position as journeyman in the marble works of A. L. Faucher & Co. His talent and business ability were soon recognized and he was rapidly promoted to salesman, then to foreman of the plant, and finally to a small partnership.

However, this rapid progress did not satisfy his ambition, and seeing a better opportunity, he formed a partnership with the late James G. Batterson, President of the Travelers' Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., under the firm name of Batterson & Eisele, as importers and workers of marble, onyx and granite, making architectural work a specialty. This firm is now one of the largest in this part of the country.

Mr. Eisele married Miss Anna Horsberger in 1873. They have six children. The beautiful residence of the family is located on Union St., Union Hill, and was constructed from his own designs in 1904.

Mr. Eisele is a self-made man in every sense of the word; he has through his own efforts, business ability, integrity and perseverance climbed the ladder of success, but has never forgotten that once upon a time he was at the bottom of the ladder.

Although a Captain of Industry of high standing, he has preserved his democratic ways and manners. He is an active, energetic and patriotic citizen, but has never sought nor accepted any political office. In

charitable work he is a very conspicuous figure and ever ready to help any worthy movement.

Mr. Eisele is a most genial and hospitable man and kind to everybody. His employees as well as his business associates and his friends hold him in very great esteem and value his friendship greatly. He is esteemed and respected in the community as a man of the highest standards.

Chr. A. Jetter.

Christian A. Jetter, proprietor of the Zimmerman Hotel, formerly the Venice, located at River St. and Hudson Place, Hoboken, was born in New York City, January 23, 1880. He received his public school education in that city, and later became engaged in the milk business. He came to West Hoboken in 1912, and this year, 1917, bought the above mentioned hotel, which was in earlier days known as the Delaware Hotel. The building is four stories, brick, and covers a ground of 35x125 feet. It is one of the most beautiful hotels in Hoboken, is modernly equipped and absolutely fire-proof. The large, airy and splendidly outfitted cafe, on the ground floor, is favored by many of the most prominent men in the city.

Mr. Jetter has gained an excellent reputation for business ability, integrity and enterprise. He is a patriotic citizen, interested in anything which may be of benefit to the community. Although in business only a few months, he has gained a large circle of friends. His frankness and pleasing personality gain him the confidence of all who meet him.

Mr. Jetter is a member of the Elks, Hoboken No. 74. He is unmarried.

John J. Muller.

John J. Muller, the present Fire Chief of Guttenberg, is probably the youngest Fire Chief in the county.

He was born in New York City, October 18, 1891, but his parents moved to Guttenberg when John was only six months old.

He attended the Guttenberg Public School and later the Egan Business School. He then started to help his father, who conducted the cafe in Guttenberg, of which Mr. Muller now is the owner. His father, who conducted this cafe since 1892, was one of the leading men of Guttenberg and served his town as Councilman two terms.

Chief Muller has been a member of the Town's Fire Department for the last eight years. He was one of the organizers and later foreman of the Palisade Hose Company. He was elected Chief of the Fire Department this year. The Chief is well known not alone in Guttenberg, but in all North Hudson, where he has made a large circle of friends. He is a patriotic and public-spirited citizen, always interested in anything which may be of benefit to the community. He is a member of the Foresters of America, of which order he is a Past Chief Ranger and Grand Trustee of the State of New Jersey.

Fred. Bebber.

Fred Bebber, manufacturer of the famous cigar "The Monarch's Taste", is one of the best known men in the Jersey City Heights section.

His factory, located at 1035 Summit Ave., is known as one of the most sanitary cigar shops in Hudson County. It is a three-story brick building, well ventilated and

screened and with well lighted workrooms.

Mr. Bebber has been in the cigar manufacturing business for over 30 years, and has in this time built up a very large business. His product as well as his fair business dealings have gained him a reputation second to none.

In civic and fraternal circles he is very popular. His genial ways and his sterling character have gained him numerous friends in all parts



of the county. He is a patriotic citizen, always interested in the welfare of his country and in the community in which he resides.

The "Monarch's Taste", which he manufactures, can be found in nearly every first class place where cigars are sold; it is strictly union-made and smoked by many thousands of men who appreciate a good smoke. The steady growth of his business bears out these facts.

Mr. Bebber has never sought nor accepted any political office, but has devoted his whole time to his business.

When asked what his "hobbies" were, Mr. Bebber answered: "Work", which he constantly does enjoy and which is the reason for his success in business.

Eugene N. Nelson.

Eugene Nelson, the proprietor of the famous Duke's House in Hoboken, is probably one of the youngest restaurant proprietors in the county.

The Duke's House, located opposite the D. L. & W. Railroad, ferries and the Hudson Tubes, is an old, well known institution. As a restaurant, the Duke's House is unequalled on this side of the river. The patrons number many of our first citizens. The Bar was probably one of the most interesting places previous to the establishment of the War Zone. At that time the most mixed assemblage could be found there: millionaires, long-shoremen, bankers and truck drivers, the most prominent politicians and street cleaners would rub elbows at the bar. To the credit of the place, however, it must be said that people of the highest standing in business, political and social circles make the Duke's House their rendezvous.

The entire establishment has been completely rebuilt outside and inside. The beautiful, cozy restaurant has a seating capacity of 250. Music and dancing entertains the guests.

Mr. Nelson has been in the restaurant business all his life. He was born in Germany, July 19th, 1886, and came to this country about ten years ago. Previous to his taking charge of the Duke's House about a year ago, he was manager of the German Club in Hoboken. His thorough knowledge of his business, his modern, progressive ideas and his pleasing personality have made him one of the most successful men in the business.

With the able assistance of his manager, Otto Schmidt, who has also been in the restaurant busi-

ness all his life in Germany, France and this country, where he held a responsible position in the Biltmore Hotel, there is little doubt that Mr. Nelson will make the Duke's House even more popular than it has been heretofore.

Louis Poellot.

Louis Poellot, the prominent tinsmith and roofer, at 44 Polk St., Guttenberg, was born in New York City, September 23, 1889. His parents moved to North Hudson, where Louis graduated from the West New York public school. He then secured a position with the Manhattan Electrical Co. of Jersey City, and later worked in the office of Thomson and Thomson Co. Then he started to learn the tinning and roofing business with the New Jersey firm of Schmidt and Doersett, and later with his uncle.

In 1913, he established his own business, at the above mentioned address. His two-story shop, which covers a ground of 25x45 feet, is equipped with all the most modern machinery and facilities.

Mr. Poellot employs from seven to ten men continuously and keeps an auto truck for delivery purposes.

This auto truck can daily be seen in nearly every part of North Hudson, a fact which demonstrates that Mr. Poellot is a very busy man, doing business in many different sections.

His ability as a mechanic is fast making him one of the foremost contractors in his line.

In 1912, Mr. Poellot married Anna Naegeli, of West New York, with whom he has one child, Dorothy.

He is a member of Wm. Duhne Association and several other societies, and is very fond of automobiling and all kinds of water sports.

Thomas Carrol.

Thomas Carrol, Clerk of the Township of Weehawken, was born in Hoboken, May 1, 1867. His parents, Patrick and Johanna (Sullivan) Carrol, and his grandparents Philip and Mary Carrol, were natives of Ireland, his father being born in Tipperary and his mother in Cork. Philip Carrol come to this country with his family soon after 1880 and settled in Princeton, N. J., where he operated a large stone quarry. His son Patrick learned the carpenter trade in New Brunswick and about 1862 moved to Hoboken, where he had charge of the Hoboken Land Improvement Company's saw mill for about twenty-eight years. He later moved to Weehawken, where he died in 1890, being survived by his wife and several children, of whom Thomas is the oldest living son.

Thomas Carrol was educated at St. Mary's Parochial School and the Christian Brothers' School in Hoboken, and at the age of fifteen entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company. Later he learned the plumbing trade with J. H. Kniffin of Hoboken, and for more than six years he followed that business with marked success, having an establishment of his own during a part of that period.

In the meantime, Mr. Carrol had become an acknowledged and influential leader of the Republican Party in Weehawken, taking an active part in local politics and being honored by his party with several positions of trust. He was Police Clerk of Weehawken for six years and in April, 1891, he was elected Township Clerk. He has been re-elected numerous times and still holds this office.

Mr. Carrol was one of the organizers in 1890 of the old Weehawken

Athletic Club, of which he was Secretary. He is an Exempt member of the Baldwin Hose Co. No. 1, which he served as Secretary for six years. He was a member and Secretary of the old West Side Social Club and a member of Glendalough Council No. 214, C. B. L.

Mr. Carrol is a public-spirited, progressive citizen and has been active in promoting the best interests of his town and county.



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Herman Bruns, Jr.

One of the oldest families in Jersey City Heights, Jersey City, is the Bruns family.

Herman Bruns, Sr., has resided on the hill for over 55 years and built many houses, and in many other ways helped to develop Cen-



tral Avenue, which now is one of the most up-to-date business thoroughfares in Jersey City.

Herman Bruns, Jr., the object of this sketch, was born in the house on Central Avenue where his butcher store is located. His father, who conducted several stores in Hudson County, built this house. After finishing his early school education, Herman, Jr., started to learn the butcher business, and in 1900 opened his present store. His patronage grew very rapidly, because he handled only the very best of meat, and soon he had to enlarge and improve his store.

In 1911 he installed his own ice plant and made many other important improvements. To-day he en-

joys one of the largest patronages on Central Avenue. His principle of selling only the very best meat and his courteous treatment to his customers have been the foundation of his success. His pleasing personality and his sterling character has gained him many friends.

Mr. Bruns married Wilhelmine Braun, daughter of Captain R. H. Braun, in 1910. They have two children.

Albert Leuly.

Albert Leuly, one of the best known lawyers in North Hudson, with offices in the Hudson Trust Co. Building in West Hoboken, was born in that town, March 15, 1872. His parents were Jacques Leuly, a well known florist, and Barbara Gasser. There were eight children, four of whom are living: Emil, a retired florist; Jacob, the well known real estate man; Louise, who married Romeo Palmer, and Albert.

Albert received his public school education in West Hoboken and later attended the Stevens High School in Hoboken. He then entered the New York University Law School, from where he graduated with the degree of L.L.B. in 1894. He served his clerkship with Judge Abel I. Smith and John S. Mabon of Hoboken.

Mr. Leuly was admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1895 and immediately after he started his own practice in a small office at his present location.

He soon found it necessary, however, to move into his present large quarters.

Mr. Leuly is a lawyer of the old school, a lawyer who lives and breathes and feels deeply the trust imposed on him by his clients. There is nothing of the spectacu-

lar about him, none of the flamboyancy which marks so many of the profession to-day.

Mr. Leuly served as Counsellor for the Township of Weehawken for a number of years. He also served as President of the Board of Education of that town for several years. He is attorney for the Hudson Trust Co., the First National Bank of Secaucus, and the Board of Education of Secaucus.

In 1896 Mr. Leuly married Christiane Fisher of Jersey City. They have two children, Marjorie I. and Vera J.

Mr. Leuly is a member of the Palisade Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M.

His hobbies are automobiling, in which sport he was one of the pioneers, and golf.

Anthony Capone.

One of the larger excavating and sewer contractors in North Hudson is Anthony Capone of West Hoboken.

He was born in Italy, June 5th, 1869, and emigrated to this country in 1888. For some time he worked in Pennsylvania and then came to West Hoboken, where he established his own business about 16 years ago.

He has since then executed many large contracts important to the development of the respective sections.

The yard and stables are located on Sip Street, West Hoboken, and cover a ground of 75 x 100 feet. Fifty to sixty men are generally kept busy at the different jobs.

Mr. Capone is a hard working man, a true type of sunny Italy. He is conscientious in his work, honest and self-sacrificing.

His full time is devoted to his work and he has little time for anything else. He has, therefore, not been active in politics, but is,

however, a civic-pirited citizen, interested in the welfare of his town and always ready to help any movement which may be of benefit to the community.

Mr. Capone married in 1892 and the union has been blessed with eleven children, of which one son is helping in the business.

His ability as a contractor, his foresight and great judgment in his many times dangerous work, have gained him a high standing. His pleasing and generous ways have gained him a host of friends.

Howard Fetzger.

Howard Fetzger, better known as "The Battling Chief of the North Bergen Fire Department," was born in that township, July 30, 1877.

He went to school in North Bergen, where his mother was born and where his father was an influential member of the Democratic party.

He has been a member of the Township Fire Department for the last twenty years and was one of the organizers of the Peerless Hose Co. For the last three years he has been Chief of the Department.

Mr. Fetzger has on numerous occasions displayed great skill and ability as a fire fighter and has won the admiration of the people as well as of his fellow firemen. As a citizen he has become popular and well liked and by his pleasing personality has gained a large circle of friends.

In 1899 Mr. Fetzger married Annie Flemming, with whom he has four children, Howard, Jr., William, Elmar, and Alvin.

Mr. Fetzger is an Exempt Fireman and a member of the Firemen's Relief Association of North Bergen and several other political and social associations.

J. Smarak.

Few men have more knowledge of horses than J. Smarak, the proprietor of the Boarding, Sale and Exchange Stables at 300 Hackensack Plankroad, Union Hill. The stables cover an area of 100 by 110 feet, and about eight men are continually employed here.

Mr. Smarak is a recognized expert on horses and has been in this line of business all his life.

He was born in Austria in 1866, and came to America in 1899. He has been a resident of Hudson County for the last 15 years, and 12 years ago established his present business.

He was married 21 years ago and is the father of six children. One of the sons, Sidney, is helping in the business and is of great assistance to his father.

Charles Schittig.

Charles Schittig, member of the Board of Council of West New York, was born in New York City, January 23, 1873. After finishing his early school education in that city, he started to work in a paper factory and later worked at the printing trade. Later he began to learn the bricklaying trade, at which he has ever since been engaged.

He settled in West New York in 1886 and soon after became interested in the development of the town. He has always been a staunch Democrat, and once served as Poor Master and later as Clerk to the Assessment Commissioners. He was elected Councilman last year and took office January 1, 1917.

Mr. Schittig is chairman of the Building and Ground Committee,

chairman of the Arms Committee, a member of the License Committee and Police Committee. He is a conscientious and efficient public official, who has the welfare of the people and community at heart.

In private life he is foreman of John E. Bowe Co., Inc., and worked for the late Mr. Bowe for the last twenty-two years. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. since 1805.

In 1894 he married Anna Wolf,



a sister of the late Town Clerk of West New York. They have two children, Charles and Leonard.

Mr. Schittig is very fond of fishing and is much interested in labor unions. He has gained a large circle of friends by his pleasing personality and open manner.

He holds the respect and confidence of the entire community and is well known for his benevolence, kindness and generosity.

John Knobloch.

John Knobloch, Councilman of West New York, has served in this capacity for the last four years, now finishing his second term.

He has always been a great fighter for civic betterments and was one of the main instigators for a paid Fire Department, which was, after a great fight, installed in May,



1915. He was also instrumental in having a modern Fire Alarm System installed in the town. As chairman of the Fire Department Committee he has rendered West New York very valuable service. It is, however, not alone in the Fire Department that Mr. Knobloch's efforts have been successful. He has fought for many other needed improvements in other departments and has achieved much for the development of the community. While in office, he has faithfully discharged his duties and has gained a host of admirers for his ability and determination.

He is a public spirited citizen

possessed of good judgment and great foresight and a sterling business character.

After his term expires, January 1, 1918. Mr. Knobloch will retire from public life, much against the wishes of his many friends, who greatly deplore the loss of his services in the administration of the town's affairs.

Mr. Knobloch has gained a high reputation as a civic spirited citizen who has devoted much of his time to the welfare of his town. He has been untiring in his efforts to procure the very best for West New York, and in this way has greatly helped the town to become one of the most progressing towns in the county.

Prof. R. Taverna.

Professor Remo Taverna, at 406 Savoye Street, West Hoboken, is one of the most noted pianists in the country. He is also well known as a composer and opera coach. Born in 1888 in America, he went to school here, and later went to Italy to study music. After concentrating his energies under the direction of the famous Vittorio da Camino, Professor of Composition, and under the able tutelage of Alessandro Rissone, renowned as a teacher of the piano, harmony, counterpoint, and with Paolo Giorza, for the art of singing, and dramatic coaching, he graduated from the Conservatory of Torino, Italy, and came back to America. He opened a studio in New York, where he taught piano, singing and composition. Several large and successful concerts have been directed by Professor Taverna. He was Director of the San Carlo Opera Company, of New York, for two seasons.

Then the following year he resigned from the conductorship of the above mentioned opera company and opened a studio in West Hoboken, where he has since been kept very busy as a teacher of the

musical festival of the Verdi Centenary Celebration of America, under the auspices of the "Italian Orchestral Society of New York," held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. His ability as a high-class



piano and its kindred subjects, specializing in the Italian school of Bel Canto.

Prof. Taverna, although young, has long since made a name for himself; he is a man of whom North Hudson may be proud. In October, 1913, he was chosen Assistant Conductor for the great

entertainer, combined with his pleasing personality, has made him well known all over, and he is held in great esteem by everybody who has had the pleasure of meeting him.

Mr. Remo Taverna is a member of several social clubs and musical societies.

John J. Shannon.

One of the most successful undertakers in Jersey City is John J. Shannon.

He is the son of Owen Shannon, in the early days a prominent contractor and old time resident of the Bergen section.

John was born in Jersey City, July 17, 1871. After completing his school education in that city, he started to learn the undertaker business. His first position was with Undertaker Boylan, for whom he worked from 1884 to 1886. He then went to work for Undertaker Merrity, who conducted an establishment a few doors from Mr. Shannon's present location at 482 Communipaw Avenue. Mr. Merrity died in 1905, and after conducting his business for the widow for five months, Mr. Shannon took over the business himself. He has since succeeded in building the business up to one of the largest undertaking establishments in the city.

Unlike many other undertakers, Mr. Shannon has his own stables. He is very prompt in the discharge of his obligations, in fact, he claims this to be one of the reasons for his success. "Always meet your bills promptly and take advantage of the discount" is one of Mr. Shannon's principles. This is only an illustration of his strict business policies, which prove him to be a man of ability, sound judgment, great foresight and integrity.

For these, as well as for many other sterling qualifications, Mr. Shannon has become widely known not only in Jersey City, but in every part of the county. During his many years in the business he has gained a high reputation as one of the most able and conscientious undertakers.

Mr. Shannon married Bridget Gawaren in 1895. They had two children, Eugene and Mary. His wife died in 1901, and three years later Mr. Shannon married Mary C. Pakenham.

John J. Fagan.

Ranking as one of the most prominent men in Hoboken is Architect John J. Fagan, son of former Mayor Lawrence Fagan and Hanna (McHale) Fagan.

He was born in Hoboken, June 8th, 1882, and attended the local schools and later the Stevens Institute.

After finishing his schooling, he went to work in his father's large plant, "the Fagan Iron Works", in Jersey City, where he studied structural engineering.

He then went to Europe, where he studied architecture for 1½ years, then returned to Hoboken and in 1914 engaged in business for himself as an architect.

His first "job" was the new engine house No. 2. Later he erected the addition to Hoboken High School, and was also architect for St. Michael's Rectory in Jersey City, the new Odd Fellows' Hall, and the re-modeling of the "Duke's House", both in Hoboken.

Mr. Fagan is fast becoming one of the most conspicuous architects in the county. He has gained an eminent reputation for his ability, skill, great foresight and sound judgement.

Descending from one of the leading families in the city, it is only natural that he should take a great interest in the welfare of the community. He is a loyal and patriotic citizen, imbued with the highest sense of integrity and actively interested in many worthy movements.

Unlike his father, he has never sought nor accepted any public office, but devotes the greatest part of his time to his continuously growing business, which demands all his attention.

Mr. Fagan married Elisabeth Heidemeier on February 1, 1910. They have one daughter, Helen Elisabeth.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks, Hoboken No. 74.

Clarence Razim.

One of the best known electrical contractors in North Hudson is Clarence Razim, of West Hoboken.

He was born in Long Island, April 11, 1883, and received his school education partly in New York City and partly in West Hoboken, where his parents moved in 1891.

After finishing his schooling, he began to learn the electrical trade and in 1907 established his own business in partnership with his brother. Five years later the partnership was dissolved and Clarence took over the business himself.

By constant attention to the business he has mastered every detail in his trade, a fact which soon became so well known that several large and important contracts were given him.

He executed the electrical contracts in the Palace Court and the Royal Court, both located on Park Avenue, Weehawken, with 90 families in both buildings,—the 60 family apartment house on Hudson Avenue and Seventh Street, 25 family apartment house on Hudson Avenue and Eighth Street, 25 family apartment house on Hudson Avenue and Second Street, 15 family apartment house on Palisade Avenue and Eighth Street, all in West New York, the Hudson Con-

sumers Ice Plant, Woodcliff Reformed Church, and numerous residences in Woodcliff, Fairview Terrace, Dr. McCroskery's beautiful residence, and the First Presbyterian Church, both in East Orange.

These are only a few of the large contracts in which Mr. Razim has proven himself a thorough mechanic of great ability and skill.

As a citizen he is very popular and enjoys a large circle of friends.

He is a member of the John J. Eagan Association, the John Haas Association, John Meiller Association, John Haas Bowling Club, the Regatta Rod and Gun Club and many others.

His large business, which continuously demands his attention, has prevented Mr. Razim to take any active interest in political affairs. He is, however, a civic-spirited citizen, always interested in anything which may be of benefit to the community.

Peter J. Rohr, D. C.

Ranking among the foremost chiropractors in North Hudson is Peter J. Rohr, with offices in the Dispatch Building.

He was born in Hoboken, April 27, 1892, and received his early school education in that city.

Displaying artistic talent at an early age, he took a course in drawing at the Cooper Institute in New York City, and later graduated from that institution. During his studies at drawing he became interested in anatomy and soon knew every bone and muscle in the human body. In this way he became interested in chiropractic. He studied at the N. J. College of Chiropractors, from which institution he received his diploma and later the degree of Philosopher. He then took a postgraduate course

at the American School of Naturopath and later at the Delaware College of Chiropractors.

Dr. Rohr served as House Physician at Dr. B. Young's Sanitarium in New Jersey, and at one time had charge of the noted health resort Tangerina in Florida.

Two years ago he opened his own practice in West Hoboken and this year moved to his present location.

Although a young man, the doctor has achieved a high reputation

and standing in his profession and enjoys a large and successful practice.

His thorough knowledge of his profession and his refined, pleasing personality, combined with his unimpeachable integrity, has made him one of the most noted chiropractors in the section.

As a citizen he is very popular and has gained a large circle of friends, who greatly respect and esteem him for those qualifications which make a successful man.



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