

Biographical Sketches

LANCASTER NATIONAL BANK (Charter 2600)

Officers, Directors, *et al.*

Certain dates may be approximate

BAILEY, Charles A. • *Assistant cashier* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1888-1889: Assistant cashier] • Charles A. Bailey was a teller at the bank in 1887-1888, salary \$750, and possibly worked at other times. He was also a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank in 1887.

BAILEY, Henry F. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1887-1889: Employee] • At the Lancaster National bank Henry F. Bailey was a clerk in 1887 (salary \$300) and 1888 (\$400). • In 1889 Bailey was founding cashier of the Colebrook National Bank and founding treasurer of the related Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank. • In 1896 Harry Bailey was important in the founding of Starr King Tent No. 3 of the Knights of Maccabees of the World.¹ In the same decade he also served as a fire fighter in Lancaster. • In 1899 he was found guilty of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from the Colebrook National Bank and was sentenced to a five-year jail term. • *See information under the narrative history of the Colebrook National Bank.*

BEATTIE, A.M. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

BEATTIE, David H. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • David H. Beattie was a lumberman in northern New Hampshire. In the 1870s D. & H. Beattie operated a steam sawmill in South Lancaster. This was burned to the ground and never rebuilt.² • David Beattie's wife was the former Harriet Carlisle.

BRIGGS, William S. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1891-1894: Director] • Listed in 1891 report. Lived in Keene and was a retired capitalist. Re-elected a director at the January 1894 annual meeting, but did not qualify. • *See biography under Cheshire Bank {2nd}, Keene.*

BROWN, F.P. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

BROWN, Rollin J. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1904-1935: Director] • Rollin James Brown was born in Northumberland, February 14, 1858, third child and only son of James and Ellen (Patterson) Brown.³ He studied at local schools and at the Plymouth high school, afterward at the St. Johnsbury (Vermont) Academy. • Early in his career he was associated with his father in business. After his father died, Rollin J. Brown went to Lancaster and found employment as a bookkeeper in the Thompson Manufacturing Co. Later, he became a stockholder, and in January 1907 was named as its treasurer. • From 1888 through the early 20th century he served as Lancaster town clerk. • In 1888, Rollin J. Brown married Helen F. French of Stratford. The couple had no children.

BROWN (Miss) • [Lancaster National Bank • 1918: Employee] • Miss Brown was noticed in 1918 as a bookkeeper, but not in 1919.

CARR, Helen F. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1930-1932: Employee] • Helen F. Carr was an "other" employee at the bank.

CLEVELAND, Charles A. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • Charles A. Cleaveland operated a grocery, crockery, and miscellaneous goods store in Lancaster, in 1875 trading as Cleveland & Powers, with Jonas Powers as his partner.⁴ • He served as register of deeds 1882-1887, In

¹ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 499, 525.

² *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 347.

³ Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. IV, p. 1560.

⁴ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 243, 336, 394, 395, 491-493, 535, 537,

1886 Charles A. Cleaveland was elected as a state representative on the Democratic ticket and served to 1888. In 1891 he was a selectman. In the late 19th century Cleaveland was prominent in the Masons.

CLOUGH, William • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1897: Director] • William Clough was born in Lyman on April 15, 1824.⁵ He attended school in his native town. • Early in his career he moved to Bath, where he engaged in farming. Afterward he went to Massachusetts, where he spent several years. Then he came to Lancaster and bought a property known as Prospect Farm. • As a Democrat he filled several political offices including selectman in 1874 and state representative 1879-1880.⁶ He lived on Mill Street, Lancaster. • In 1887 he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster. • In the 1890s he was interested in the Lancaster Driving Club, successor to the Riding Park Association, a popular group with many of the leading people in town as its members. He was listed as “retired” in bank records. • He married Elvira Wallace. The couple had one child, Mary Clough. Elvira died in 1890. • William Clough died on October 23, 1896.

COLE, S. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

COOLIDGE, Henry O. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881-1891: Director] • Lived in Keene and was the cashier of the Ashuelot National Bank there. • *See biography under Ashuelot National Bank of Keene.*

DANFORTH, W.R. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

DAY, A.N. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

DAY, F.N. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1897-1899: Director] • F.N. Day was a lumberman, member of the Board of Education, member of the Board of Health, justice of the peace, and town treasurer in Stratford.

DODGE, W.F. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

DREW, Irving Webster • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1922: Director] • Irving Webster Drew was born in Colebrook, January 8, 1845, the son of Amos Webster and Julia Esther (Lovering) Drew.⁷ He was educated in public and private schools, including the Colebrook Academy and Kimball Union Academy, graduating from the last in 1866. • He attended Dartmouth College, graduating in 1870, after which he studied law in Lancaster in the office of Ossian Ray and William S. Ladd (who were later important in the Lancaster Bank), and was admitted to the bar in November 1871. Immediately afterward he became a partner in the legal firm of Ray & Heywood. In later times his partners at one time or another included Chester B. Jordan, Philip Carpenter, and Will P. Buckley. Drew became known for business law and assisted in many large transactions. • In 1882 he was elected a state senator on the Democratic ticket. • In the 1880s he assisted in the building of the Upper Coos Railroad, and in 1909 he was elected president of the line. He was also a director of the Hereford Railroad. • In the 1890s he was interested in the Lancaster Driving Club, successor to the Riding Park Association. He was also a trustee of the Lancaster Public Library • Drew, a founding director of the Lancaster National Bank, served on the board for over four decades. He was also involved with the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank, for a

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⁵ Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. IV, pp. 1688, 1689; with portrait.

⁶ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 240, 241, 334, 394, 395, 401, 537, 542.

⁷ “Government of New Hampshire, 1883-1885,” *Granite Monthly*, June 1883. • *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 231-233, 244; with portrait. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 243, 277, 336, 339, 370, 394, 395, 401, 402, 452, 474, 475, 521, 532, 534, 539, 552. • Allan Chester Clark, “The Constitutional Convention,” *Granite Monthly*, January 1903; with portrait. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. I, pp. 306, 307; with portrait. • John William Leonard, *Who’s Who in Finance*, 1911, pp. 480, 481. • David M. White, *The One Hundred & Fiftieth Anniversary of Lancaster, New Hampshire, 1764-1914*, p. 77. • “Hon. Irving W. Drew,” *Granite Monthly*, July-September 1918; with portrait. • Other sources.

time was president of the Upper Coos Railroad, was active in the New Hampshire Historical Society, and was important in the celebration of Lancaster's 150th Anniversary on August 12, 1914. • 1906: *New Hampshire State Directory and Gazetteer, 1907* [compiled 1906]: Treasurer, Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank; Director, Upper Coos Railroad; Director, Lancaster National Bank. • On November 4, 1869, he married Caroline ("Carrie") Hatch Merrill, of Colebrook. The couple had four children, three of whom lived to adulthood; by 1914, two were living, Pitt Fessenden Drew and Sally Drew (Mrs. Edward Kimball Hall).

DUDLEY, Jason Henry • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • Jason Henry Dudley was born in Hanover, November 24, 1842, the sixth child of Jonathan and Minerva (Armstrong) Dudley.⁸ He attended local schools and then was fitted for college by private tutors. In autumn 1858 he entered the Chandler Scientific School in Hanover, and in the following year he became a student at Dartmouth, graduating with the Class of 1862. While he was at Dartmouth he earned money by teaching at a private school in Cornish Flat. • After taking his degree from Dartmouth, he was named principal of Colebrook Academy, "which he did not find in very prosperous condition."⁹ For three years he devoted his energy to its rebuilding, and in the process increased the attendance from 40 to nearly 100 pupils. While doing this he also studied law with William S. Ladd. • In 1865 he went to Danville, Vermont, where he was in charge of the Phillips Academy in Danville for about a year, all the while studying law with Bliss N. Davis. In autumn 1866 he was in charge of the academy at West Randolph in the same state, while studying law there with Edmund Weston. In December 1867 he was admitted to the bar in Chelsea, Vermont. • Jason H. Dudley then moved to Colebrook, where he became a partner in a law office with James I. Parson, as Dudley & Parsons, largely succeeding to the practice of William S. Ladd who had moved to Lancaster. The arrangement lasted for about two years, when Parsons sold his interest to Dudley. Afterward, Dudley practiced on his own account, except from April 1878 to May 1882 when D.C. Remich was a partner under the style of Dudley & Remich. • In 1881 he was an incorporator of the Lancaster National Bank. In 1887 he was an incorporator of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster.¹⁰ • Jason H. Dudley was active in local and regional offices, in 1889 was a representative and in 1891 a senator. • On September 22, 1869, Dudley married Lucy A. Bradford of Vergennes, Vermont. The couple had two children: Allen B., born June 18, 1871; and William H., born on April 13, 1873, who died in childhood. •••• **Raw, not done yet:** *Representative Citizens of the State of New Hampshire*, 1902, p. 146: Hon Jason H. Dudley, of Colebrook, Coos County, is well known to the people of that county as an able attorney and as a faithful and capable public servant. Born at Hanover, Grafton County, N.H., November 24, 1842, he is a son of Jonathan and Minerva (Armstrong) Dudley and a descendant in the eighth generation from Governor Thomas Dudley. Jason H. Dudley's early education was acquired in the schools of his native town, and was supplemented by a course at Chandler Scientific School and by a college course at Dartmouth, where he graduated in the class of 1862. He then came to Colebrook as principal of the Colebrook Academy, a position that he successfully filled for three years, in the meanwhile pursuing legal studies with the Hon. William S. Ladd. During the school year of 1865-66 he was principal of Phillips Academy at Danville, Vt., reading law with the Hon. Bliss N. Davis; and in the ensuing year he conducted West Randolph Academy, at West Randolph, Vt. In December, 1867, he was admitted to the bar at Chelsea, Vt. He then returned to Colebrook, and formed a partnership with James I Parsons, under the style of Dudley & Parsons, the firm taking the business of Judge Ladd. After two years Mr. Parsons disposed of his interest to Mr. Dudley, who has since practiced successfully alone, with the exception of four years, from 1878 to 1882, when Mr. D.C. Remich was associated with him. He was several years superintendent of schools, and has been a trustee of Colebrook Academy more than a quarter of a century and for many years its chairman. He is also trustee of the savings bank and a director of the National Bank, and has been a trustee of the State Normal School and of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Mr. Dudley served three years as Town

⁸ "The New Hampshire Senate," *Granite Monthly*, November-December 1890; with portrait. • Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, p. 776. • Allan Chester Clark, "The Constitutional Convention," *Granite Monthly*, January 1903; with portrait. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. III, p. 1229.

⁹ "The New Hampshire Senate," *Granite Monthly*, November-December 1890, p. 254.

¹⁰ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, p. 395.

Clerk. He was elected County Solicitor in 1878, and received four successive re-elections. In 1889 he represented Colebrook in the Legislature as a Democrat, and was chairman of the Committee on State Library and a member of other important committees. In 1891 he was a Senator from Coos County, and was chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Laws. Mr. Dudley was married in 1869 to Lucy A. Bradford, daughter of Dr. Austin Bradford, of Vergennes, Vt. He has had two children: Allen Bradford Dudley, born June 18, 1871, who died September 8, 1898; and William Henry Dudley, born April 13, 1873, who died July 2, 1876.

EATON, George R. • President • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1900: Director] • 1881-1900: President] • George Roscoe Eaton was born in Portland, Maine, on November 16, 1837, third son and child of Stephen W. and Miranda B (Knox) Eaton.¹¹ He attended schools there and in Yarmouth to the north, but discontinued his studies at the age of 15. • He then was hired to work in the office of S.T. Corser, superintendent in the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad (later known as the Grand Trunk Railway), in which position he remained until age 20, when he moved to Berlin, N.H., as manager for the lumber operations of Hezekiah Winslow & Co. The lumber company went through several transitions and finally was merged into the Berlin Mills Co., with George R. Eaton remaining with during these changes. • At age 21 he was elected a selectman of Berlin, reflective of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens of brief acquaintance. Later he represented Berlin in the State Legislature. • In ensuing years he saw potential in the lumber industry in Coos County and bought several tracts of forested land, later acquiring land in other areas as well. • In 1872 and 1873 he represented Berlin in the State Legislature. • In 1872 he bought a store and stock in North Stratford and moved there, where his trade was about \$200,000 annually. He took E.B. Merriam as a partner in 1882, and eventually had him manage most of the business, after which it was known as E.B. Merriam & Co. • He served several terms as a selectman in Berlin and in Stratford. • At one time Eaton was treasurer of the Brown Lumber Co. in Whitefield. • From 1879 to 1883 he served as county commissioner. • In 1881, when the Lancaster National Bank was founded, Eaton moved there to become president, living there for the rest of his life. In addition, he conducted his own private banking business.¹² • In 1887 he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster. • In Lancaster in the 1880s he owned Marshall & Eaton, a horse and buggy factory in Lancaster, in partnership with Antipas P. Marshall (son of Anderson J. Marshall, who earlier operated it). In 1883 the firm advertised as “Manufacturers of light and heavy carriages and sleighs. Repairing done to order.”¹³ Profits proved elusive, and the factory was shut down, remaining idle for a number of years, until in 1895 it was torn down. • In the 1890s in Columbia he was a partner in Eaton & Sawyer in the lumber trade. • In the 1890s Eaton was active in the Lancaster Driving Club, successor to the Riding Park Association. • On April 10, 1860, he married Sarah J. Parker of Berlin. The couple had three daughters, Minnie P. and twins Georgie May and Sadie Jane. • George R. Eaton died suddenly at home in Lancaster, February 11, 1900.

EVANS, Alfred Randall • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • Alfred Randall Evans was born in Shelburne, March 21, 1849, the son of Otis and Martha (Pinkham) Evans, and the grandson of Daniel Evans, an early settler of Shelburne.¹⁴ He graduated from public schools, the Lancaster Academy,

¹¹ J.S. Brackett, “Historical Sketch of the Town of Lancaster, N.H.,” *Granite Monthly*, December 1886. • *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 388-390; with portrait. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 377, 394, 395, 402, 535. • “New Hampshire Necrology,” *Granite Monthly*, March 1900. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. III, p. 1483.

¹² *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 390: “For many years he has loaned money and conducted a private banking business,” this in addition to his presidency of the Lancaster National Bank, which was also noted.

¹³ *New Hampshire Business Directory*, 1883, p. 360.

¹⁴ H.H. Metcalf, *One Thousand New Hampshire Notables*, 1919, p. 207; with portrait. • George Franklyn Willey, *State Builders*, Vol. 1, 1903, pp. 476-478; with portrait. • Allan Chester Clark, “The Constitutional Convention,” *Granite Monthly*, January 1903; with portrait. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. IV, p. 1851. • John William

the Nichols Latin School (Lewiston, Maine; associated with Bates College), and Dartmouth College (1872). He studied law and was admitted to the Coos County bar on April 1, 1875, followed in 1880 by admission to the bar of U.S. Circuit Court. In 1874, 1875, and 1878 he was a state representative from Shelburne. • In the early 1890s he practiced law in Gorham.¹⁵ • He served as president of Berlin National Bank for 10 years after it was organized and retired in 1901. He was also president of the Gorham Five Cents Savings Bank and was involved in other business activities. Evans also dabbled in politics commencing in 1874, when at the age of 25 he was elected to the State Legislature. • From 1891 to 1901 he was president of the Berlin National Bank. • On June 1, 1880, he married Dora J. Briggs (who died May 10, 1908). On December 14, 1911, he married Mrs. Marion J. (Bowles) Aldrich of Colebrook.

FAY, Enos G. • Assistant cashier • [Lancaster National Bank • 1928-1935: Assistant cashier] • Enos G. Rhodes is first noticed in 1910 as a bookkeeper, salary \$500. In 1928 he became with Roger W. Rhodes one of two assistant cashiers.

FLETCHER, Everett • Vice president • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1887: Director • 1881-1887, possibly intermittently: Vice president] • Everett Fletcher was born in Colebrook, December 23, 1848, son of Hiram A. and Persis (Hunking) Fletcher.¹⁶ He was educated at schools in Lancaster and at the state university in Ann Arbor, Michigan. • Returning to New Hampshire he studied with his father in the practice of Fletcher & Heywood. On November 18, 1870 he was admitted to the bar. In Lancaster on June 11, 1873, he and his father established the partnership of Fletcher & Fletcher, which lasted four years, after which he became a partner in Fletcher & Ladd, a.k.a. Ladd & Fletcher, an arrangement that lasted many years. • In 1883 he was appointed judge advocate general, and in 1885 he was appointed judge of probate for Coos County. • “Industrious and witty, he is among the best read and most genial of the lawyers of his age,” a contemporary account noted. • In 1887 he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster.¹⁷ • In the 1890s in Lancaster he was a partner in Ladd & Fletcher and a trustee of the Lancaster Academy. • On June 9, 1894, he married Rose Wentworth Davis. • Everett Fletcher died unexpectedly on August 18, 1900. He had practiced law up to the time of his passing.

FLETCHER, Kimball B. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1895-1904: Director] • In 1864, Kimball B. Fletcher operated K.B. Fletcher & Co., which in that year secured from the town at the nominal rent of \$1 per year in perpetuity the water power rights on Israel’s River, on the condition that he would erect a strawboard or other mill of importance to the district. Partners in the venture were Kimball, Edmund Brown, Henry O. Kent, Jason H. Woodward, J.W. Spaulding, Charles W. Roby, Frank Smith, and Charles E. Allen. Buildings were constructed and a canal was constructed to divert water from the dam through the mill. • In the 1890s Kimball B. Fletcher operated a machine shop in Lancaster.¹⁸ He was prominent in town activities including the fire companies and for a long time served as a fireward. •••• **Raw, not done yet:** *Representative Citizens of the State of New Hampshire*, 1902, p. 394: Kimball B. Fletcher, of Lancaster, N.H., president of the Thompson Manufacturing Company, which is one of the leading industrial firms of Coos County, was born at Canaan, Vt., November 27, 1849, son of Kimball B. Fletcher, Sr. He received his early education in the public schools of Lancaster. He learned the trade of Machinist with the firm of Thompson, Williams & Co., being in their employ from August 6, 1866, until July, 1870. During the following three years he worked for the Grand Trunk Railway Company at Gorham, N.H., after which he

Leonard, *Who’s Who in Finance*, 1911, pp. 481, 482. • John William Leonard, *Who’s Who in Finance, Banking and Insurance*, 1926-7, p. 335.

¹⁵ Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, p. 776.

¹⁶ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 231, 245. • Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, p. 777. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 336, 339, 394, 395, 420, 474, 497, 534, 545. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. IV, p. 17171 with portrait.

¹⁷ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 245, comment by James I. Parsons.

¹⁸ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 328, 337, 385, 394, 444, 525, 529, 531.

was employed in the Erie Railway Shops at Susquehanna, Pa., October 9, 1874, he with a partner, purchased a half-interest in the Alexander Thompson Machine Shops in Lancaster. On the death of Mr. Thompson in 1882 other partners were admitted to the firm, which was incorporated under the name of Thompson Manufacturing Company, Mr. Fletcher being made treasurer. Under its present able management the business has been greatly enlarged by the addition to the original machine shops of an iron foundry and an engineering and steam-fitting department, enabling the company to carry on a general business in these lines. The company also manufactures special machinery for use in pulp, paper, and saw mills, and deals extensively in doors, sashes, blinds, and all kinds of house furnishings. Mr. Fletcher is also one of the directors of the Lancaster National Bank. November 24, 1880, Mr. Fletcher married Nellie M. Hobson, who was born June 20, 1856, at Island Pond, in the town of Brighton, Vt., daughter of Samuel D. Hobson, a prominent lumberman of that region. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have two children: Esther M., born June 8, 1886; and Robert H., Born August 5, 1893.

FOLSOM, C.H. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1891-1892: Employee] • C.H. Folsom was a clerk and teller at the bank.

GARLAND, E.C. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • E.C. Garland was in the lumber business in Lancaster.

HALL, Hurley S. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1933-1935: Director] • In 1933 Hurley S. Hall lived in Guildhall, Vermont, and was the receiver for the Frank Smith Co. An examiner's report of December 14, 1934, noted that he was too far away to attend board meetings.

HALLETT, Ernest H. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1893-1898: Employee] • Ernest H. Hallett was born on November 11, 1873, in Oakland, Maine, son of Julius and Mehitable (Kimball) Hallett.¹⁹ He was educated in the common and high schools of Oakland and at Westbrook Seminary. • He was engaged in banking and worked doing clerical work in Lancaster, New Hampshire. He was a clerk for the Lisbon Savings and Trust Co. • In 1893 he was listed as a teller at the Lancaster National Bank. • Hallett served as representative to the State Legislature in 1923, and for many years was town treasurer. • He married Miss Blanche Bailey. The union produced one son.

HARTFORD, A. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1919-1920: Employee] • Mr. A. Hartford was a bookkeeper at the bank.

HAZEN, L.T. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

HINMAN, John H. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1923-1935: Director] • First listed in 1923 report. Local manufacturer. • In the mid-1920s bank examiners comment unfavorably on his poor repayment practices for loans due the bank. • In 1928 he is listed as an agent of the Champlain Realty Co., North Stratford. Certain properties were held partially or totally in the name of his wife Harriette H. Hinman. • From 1929 to 1935 he was listed as residing in New York as a vice president of the International Paper Co. In the early 1930s certain of his loan payments to the bank were "slow."

HUTCHINS, Frank D. • *Cashier* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1906: Cashier • 1887-1906: Director] • Frank D. Hutchins was born in Putney, Vermont, in 1850.²⁰ He attended Kimball Union Academy, then Dartmouth College. He taught school in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and for a time served as principal of the Littleton High School.²¹ • Hutchins studied law at first with N.B. Felton in Haverhill, then in Lancaster in the office of Ray, Drew & Heywood. He was admitted to the bar of Coos County, and from 1876 to 1882 was a an active partner with Jacob Benton.²² When he became

¹⁹ Hobart Pillsbury, *New Hampshire: Resources, Attractions and Its People*, Vol. V, 1928, p. 120.

²⁰ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 237. He escaped notice in Bell's *Bench and Bar*, 1894, as he was neither deceased nor currently practicing, the qualifications for entry in that excellent study.

²¹ H.H. Metcalf, "Sketch of Littleton." *Granite Monthly*, June 1882.

²² A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 394, 395, 452, 474, 521.

cashier of the Lancaster National Bank he remained a partner in the law firm, but did not practice except for such cases in which the bank was involved. • In 1887 he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster. • In the 1890s he was treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a trustee of the Lancaster Public Library.

JACOBS, Bernard • [Lancaster National Bank • 1917-1936: Director] • Jacobs, a local lawyer, became a director in 1917, taking the seat of the deceased Burleigh Roberts.

JORDAN, Chester Bradley • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1887: Director] • *N.H. State Governor 1900-1901* • Chester Bradley Jordan was born in Colebrook, October 15, 1839, son of Johnson and Minerva (Buel) Jordan.²³ He spent his youth in farming while attending local schools and reading. He gathered and sold berries to pay for a subscription to the *Independent Democrat* and, later, to the *New York Tribune*, to keep up with current affairs. • In 1860, in young adulthood, he was educated at the Colebrook Academy for one term and the Kimball Union Academy, graduating from the latter in 1866. • Jordan was a teacher for part of each year until the winter of 1868, when he was appointed clerk of Coos County, a position he held until 1874. He was principal of the Colebrook Academy for several terms and taught there for a total of 18 terms. • In 1870 he purchased the *Coos Republican* newspaper and was editor for a time. • He later studied law, was admitted to the bar in November 1875, and in May 1876 formed a partnership, Drew, Jordan & Buckley. He received an honorary degree from Dartmouth in 1881 and, years later in 1901, a B.S. degree from the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. • In 1880 he was elected to the State Legislature., the first of several public positions, and in 1881 he was speaker of the House of Representatives. • In 1887 he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster. • In 1896, without making any campaign speeches or serious effort, he was elected as a state senator. Subsequently his colleagues chose him as president of that group. • In 1900-1901 he served as governor of the state of New Hampshire. • In 1903 he was on the board of directors of both banks in Colebrook. • On July 19, 1879, he married Ida R. Nutter, daughter of Oliver and Roxannah (Wentworth) Nutter of Lancaster. The couple had four children: Roxannah (born on January 9, 1882), Hugo (born May 26, 1884; died May 2, 1886). Gladstone (May 15, 1888). and Chester Bradley, Jr. (February 15, 1892). • Chester Bradley Jordan died on August 24, 1914. •••• **Raw, not done yet:** *Representative Citizens of the State of New Hampshire*, 1902, p. 277: Hon. Chester Bradley Jordan, Governor of New Hampshire, was born in Colebrook, this State, October 15, 1839, son of Johnson and Minerva (Buel) Jordan. During his boyhood he worked on a farm in northern New Hampshire. The distance from markets caused a want of money that made it necessary for the various members of the family to wear homespun clothing. Through force of circumstances young Chester's early educational opportunities were confined solely to the simple elementary studies taught in the district school; and the only literature available were his school text-books, the family Bible, and a small collection of books contained in the Sunday-school library. The knowledge contained in this scant supply only whetted his appetite for more; and, with money realized from the sale of berries, he subscribed for a local newspaper, later procuring in the same manner the weekly edition of the *New York Tribune*. At the age of twenty-one years he determined to continue his education in a more systematic manner; and at intervals, during the succeeding six years, he attended the Colebrook and Meriden academies, graduating from the latter in 1866. Farm labor was then abandoned for educational pursuits, and he became a proficient teacher of public and select schools. For a number of seasons he was principal of the Colebrook Academy, and he taught in all eighteen terms of school He continued to reside in Colebrook until appointed clerk of the Coos County Court in 1868, when he removed to Lancaster, in which town he has since resided. In 1870 he purchased the *Coos Republican*, which he edited successfully for some time. While holding the office of clerk of Court, he began the study of law. This he continued, after his retirement from that office in 1874, with Judge William S. Ladd, and subsequently with the law firm of Messrs. Ray, Drew, & Heywood. In November 1875, he was admitted to the bar, and in the

²³ J.S. Brackett, "Historical Sketch of the Town of Lancaster, N.H.," *Granite Monthly*, December 1886. • *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 233-237; with portrait. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 242, 243, 245, 246, 339, 394, 395, 415, 458, 475, 476, 490, 532-534, 537, 539, 545. • Henry H. Metcalf, "Some Leading Legislators of 1901," *Granite Monthly*, April 1901. • George Franklyn Willey, *State Builders*, 1903, pp. 212, 213, with portrait. • Ezra S. Stearns, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*, 1908, Vol. I, p. 63; with portrait dated 1883. • William H. Gifford, *Colebrook, "A Place Up Back of New Hampshire,"* 1993, p. 270.

following year became a member of the law firm of Ray, Drew & Jordan, succeeding his preceptor, Mr. Heywood. This firm was succeeded in 1882 by that of Drew, Jordan & Carpenter, later by that of Drew & Jordan, and still later by that of Drew, Jordan & Buckley. Mr. Jordan was admitted to the United States Circuit Court in 1881. Was a Republican and during the political campaigns of 1860 and 1864 he labored diligently for the election of Abraham Lincoln. His first public office was that of superintendent of the Colebrook public schools, which he held in 1865; and two years later he was a member of the Board of Selectmen. As clerk of the Coos County Court from 1868 to 1874, he won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and a majority of the legal practitioners joined in a request for his retention in office; but his retirement was considered a political necessity. Succeeded in defeating Colonel Henry O. Kent for Moderator in Lancaster. In 1872 he accepted an appointment upon the staff of Governor Straw. In 1876 he was appointed upon a committee formulated to investigate the affairs of the State Normal School and wrote the committee's report which was submitted to the legislature. Elected to the State Legislature in 1880, he as chosen speaker of the House by a handsome majority. In 1882 he was chairman of the Republican State Convention held in Concord. In 1886 he was his party's candidate for the State Senate in a strongly Democratic district, but was defeated by about one hundred votes. In 1896 his friends unanimously nominated him for the Senate; and this time he was more successful, receiving the election through a majority of about two to one. He was unanimously nominated for President of the Senate by his fellow Senators, and unanimously elected. He was one of the original Board of Directors of the Lancaster National Bank, and his interest in all matters relative to the welfare of that town has proved exceedingly beneficial to its inhabitants. He was married in Lancaster, July 19, 1879, to Ida Rose Nutter, who was born in 1860, a daughter of Oliver and Roxanna (Wentworth) Nutter. Their children are: Rosanna Minerva, born January 19, 1881; Hugo, who died when two years old; Galdstone, born May 3, 1888; and Chester Bradley, Jr., born February 1892.

KIMBALL, J.W. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1931-1935: Director] • J.W. Kimball lived in Lancaster and was retired.

LADD, William Spencer • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1886-1891: Director] • William Spencer Ladd was born in Dalton in September 1830, son of Hiram and Aurelia (Palmer) Ladd.²⁴ He attended schools in Dalton and Whitefield and at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary in Sanbornton, after which he attended Dartmouth College, graduating in 1855. He taught for a year in Danvers and South Danvers, Massachusetts, then worked with the law office of Alfred A. Abbott of Salem. He completed his studies with Burns and Fletcher in Lancaster. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar. • In 1859 in Colebrook he opened an office under the title of Fletcher & Ladd in premises over the Cutler store, later moving to an office over a store on a corner. He boarded with Mr. Cummings across the street. In this era he was also associated with Burns & Fletcher in Dalton. • In 1867, seeking a wider field of practice in the county seat, he went to Lancaster and became a partner with Ossian Ray. The two were good partners, and their business prosperous. He had enough time to also work as a land surveyor. On October 3, 1870, he was named judge of the State Superior Court. In 1874 the court was reorganized, and he remained with one branch until 1876, when the Supreme Court was organized. In 1883 he was appointed state reporter of court decisions. • From 1882 to 1884 he served as representative to the State Legislature. • On November 5, 1886 the Court House burned, destroying its contents including the library and his law office. • In 1887 Dartmouth College granted him the honorary degree of LL.D. In the same year he was a founding trustee of the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank of Lancaster. • "William S. Ladd was scholarly, thorough, accurate, quick with pen and books, more moderate in court. With a thorough contempt for (never retorting to in kind, and sometimes disconcerted by) rude and offensive practice, he was a business and corporation counselor rather than a ready orator."²⁵ His other interests included playing the violin, singing and fishing. • On July 5, 1860, Ladd married Mira B. Fletcher, daughter of Hiram A. Fletcher of Lancaster. The couple had two sons and a daughter. • In the late 1880s William S. Ladd became ill, and endeavored to travel and

²⁴ J.S. Brackett, "Historical Sketch of the Town of Lancaster, N.H.," *Granite Monthly*, December 1886. *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 227-229, 244, 250; with portrait. • Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, pp. 124-126. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 243, 336, 394, 395, 472, 473, 513, 532, 533, 535, 537.

²⁵ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 244, comment by James I. Parsons.

rest to regain his health. However, his situation worsened, and he died on May 12, 1891.

LANE, G.R. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1906-1908: Employee] • G.R. Lane was first noticed as a bookkeeper in 1906, salary \$300. Salary in 1907, \$400, increased in 1908 to \$475.

LEITH, William H. • *Vice president • President* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1900-1934: Director] • 1916-1924: Vice president • 1924-1934: President] • In 1886, William H. Leith, M.D., a graduate of Dartmouth, settled in Lancaster.²⁶ In time he built up a large practice in medicine and surgery. In 1900 his office was located in a small wooden frame building to the right of the Lancaster National Bank.

LESLIE, George R. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1889-1890: Employee] • George R. Leslie was a clerk at the bank. In 1890 his yearly salary was \$400.

MAGOON, Garvin R. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1906-1931: Director] • Merchant who lived in Coos in the early 20th century and in Lancaster later. • *See biography under the Coos County National Bank of Groveton.*

MARSHALL, Anderson J. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881-1883: Director] • Anderson J. Marshall was born in Northumberland, July 13, 1819, son of Antipas P. and Nancy A. (Lucas) Anderson.²⁷ When Marshall was six years old his father died, and he was placed under the guardianship of an uncle, Hon. Joshua Marshall, with whom he spent much of his childhood, also with his mother who became Mrs. Eri Curtis. At age 15 he was apprenticed to Benjamin Rolfe of Colebrook where he learned the carpenter's trade. As a teenager he became a member of the Colebrook Guards and took part in the well known "Indian Stream War" at the northern extremity of the state. • Marshall came to Lancaster in 1837 and attended the Academy, after which he became a carpenter. Among the buildings he constructed was the residence of Richard P. Kent. • Afterward, he went to Lawrence, Mass., where he worked for Abbott Lawrence in the building of the Pemberton Mills. Then he went to St. Louis, Missouri. • In 1848 Marshall came back to Lancaster and on September 28 of that year purchased from James W. Weeks a wagon and buggy shop that had been meeting with indifferent profits.²⁸ He expanded it and placed it solidly in the profit column. On the night of October 14, 1852, the business was completely destroyed by fire. Anderson Marshall's popularity was great in town, and a benefit ball was conducted forthwith, with the receipts going toward the rebuilding of the factory. The new structure had a steam whistle, the first ever sounded by a factory in town. In 1856 the shop employed 5 to 20 hands in the making of wagons, buggies, sleighs, carts, bedsteads, and furniture and also had a shop for trimming, painting, and equipping vehicles. In addition his shop offered general blacksmithing. Later, he took a less active part, and the business evolved into Marshall & Chamberlain, then with George R. Eaton as Marshall & Eaton. • Marshall was an active member of the local fire fighters contingent and served as a fireward. In the 1850s Marshall was prominent in the Democratic party. In 1859 he served as county coroner. • On January 8, 1873, the machine shop and grist mill of Thompson, Williams & Co. was destroyed by fire, and Marshall was badly injured by falling bricks.²⁹ • On January 1, 1840, he married Frances Perkins of Lancaster. • Anderson J. Marshall died on August 28, 1883. He was survived by his widow and three children, Antipas P., Emma F., and Belle.

MATSON, T.W. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1909: Employee] • T.W. Matson was listed in 1909 as the only bookkeeper at the bank, salary \$300. Not listed in 1910.

MC CARTEN, Robert • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • In 1886 Robert McCarten was elected a state representative on the Democratic ticket.³⁰ He served to 1888. • From 1886 to 1888 he was a fire ward in town.

²⁶ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 339, 479.

²⁷ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 345, 394, 395; with portrait. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 234, 335, 337, 374, 377, 393, 394, 524, 528, 529, 537.

²⁸ Date of purchase from advertisement in the *New Hampshire Business Directory*, 1883, p. 360; certain other accounts give the date as 1847, apparently incorrectly.

²⁹ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 329, from the journal of Richard P. Kent.

³⁰ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 243, 395, 530, 531, 537.

MC CARTEN, William H. • *Assistant cashier* • *Cashier* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1899-1935: Director • 1896-1899: Assistant cashier • 1906-1935: Cashier] • William H. McCarten, who worked his way up through the ranks, joined the bank as a clerk on February 13, 1890, after leaving the employ of the Frank Smith Co., where he had been a bookkeeper. • In March 1892 as a bank clerk he had a salary of \$600. • In the 1890s William H. McCarten was secretary and treasurer of the E.R. Kent Hose Co. in Lancaster.³¹ He served a long term as county treasurer beginning in 1894. In 1896 he was elected as assistant cashier in which post he remained until 1899, at which time he was elected a director and in bank records was listed as a teller (earning \$750 salary in 1902). In 1906 he became cashier (his stock holding was 34 shares at the time), a post he held for the duration of the currency issuing period. In 1923 he owned 56 shares of stock. • In 1941 in Lancaster he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the banking business. He was the father of four children.

MC NALLY, Charles T. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1891-1914: Director] • Charles T. McNally was born in St. Albans, Vermont, on September 5, 1853.³² He was educated in the public schools of Sheffield, Illinois, and at a business college in Kalamazoo, Michigan. For 18 years he was in the lumber and real estate business in Chicago and elsewhere in the Midwest. • He came to Groveton, N.H., and engaged in the wholesale retail, grain, and provision business. • Charles T. McNally was named to the board in 1891, succeeding the late William S. Ladd. He was involved in several enterprises, including co-ownership of the Melcher House, a Groveton hotel.³³ In the early 20th century he was a supplier of steam-powered mills for grinding and manufacturing. • In 1907 in Groveton he operated a grist mill, conducted a meat market, and was involved in other commercial activities. • Until 1912 he was listed as a merchant in Groveton. From 1913 to 1916 he was listed as retired in Groveton. In 1917 and 1918 he was listed as a hotel proprietor in Groveton. • From 1900 to 1919 he was president of the Coos County National Bank of Groveton. • He was a selectman of the town of Northumberland 1902-1905 and a state legislator in 1905. • In Barton, Vermont, in 1876, he married Ladonia A. Hosford.

MERRILL, Seneca S. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881-1882>: Director] • Seneca Sargent Merrill was born in Croydon, February 25, 1826, son of Samuel and Fanny B. Merrill.³⁴ His father died when Seneca was a year old, and afterward his family endured financial hardship. At age 10 he went to live with his brother Sherburn, a situation which must have been very comfortable, for he remained with the family until he was 45. • At age 30 he was the junior partner with his brother in S.R. & S.S. Merrill, starch manufacturers in Kiddersville. At the same time he had an ownership interest in a factory at Colebrook Corners and in Aroostook County, Maine, he was an investor in Piper & Libbey, starch manufacturers. In 1886 he, his brother Sherburne, and Warren E. Drew became partners in trade. • On January 10, 1871, Merrill married Emma, daughter of Dr. Lyman and Betsey (Loomis) Lombard. She died in March 1872. In February 1876 he married Arvilla, widow of Samuel P. Pitkin and daughter of Thomas and Esther (Beecher) Piper. • Seneca S. Merrill died on March 18, 1886. He was survived by his widow, stepdaughter Millie, and son Seneca Sherburn Merrill.

MOORE, H.A. • *Vice president* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1909-1935: Director • 1924-1935: Vice president] • H.A. Moore was a Lancaster merchant.

MOORE, James L. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1895-1908: Director] • *John* L. Moore in some records. • Listed as a director of the Lancaster National Bank beginning in 1895. James L. Moore died in 1908.

PAINÉ, Samuel E. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • In 1891 he lived in Berlin and was a farmer. In that year he became a director of the Berlin National Bank.

PARSONS, James I. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • James Ingalls Parsons was

³¹ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 525, 535.

³² John William Leonard, *Who's Who in Finance*, 1911, p. 486.

³³ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, p. 559 (Melcher House).

³⁴ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 646-648; with portrait.

born in Colebrook, February 14, 1844, one of eight children of Hezekiah and Mary Polly (Bevins) Parsons.³⁵ He was educated at the Colebrook Academy and in Meriden at the Kimball Union Academy, after which he taught in local schools in Vermont and New Hampshire and at the Danville (Vermont) Academy. • Selecting a legal career, James I. Parsons studied law under W.S. Ladd in Colebrook beginning in 1863, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar in Lancaster. At that time Ladd moved to Lancaster, and Parsons went to Colebrook to take over Ladd's former office there. In 1867 he formed a partnership with J.H. Dudley in Dudley & Parsons, which lasted until November 1869, when Parsons sold his interest to Dudley and moved to Lebanon, where he remained a year. He then went to Port Huron, Michigan, and became a partner in Atkinson & Parsons, attorneys. Parsons became ill in the winter of 1873-4 and left the practice of law, to being a long journey through New England, the South, and to the West Coast. • In June 1875 he came back to Colebrook, where with Edgar Aldrich he formed Aldrich & Parsons. From April 1881 to March 1884 he was a partner in Parsons & Johnson in the same town, after which, still in frail health, he had a solo practice. In the meantime he was involved in other ventures including the assumption of his father's real estate business in 1875 and a partnership in the Stevens furniture store in Colebrook 1878-1886. • In the early 1890s he practiced law in Colebrook.³⁶ • In 1899 he was a founding director of the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank of Colebrook and was listed in bank records as living in Berlin at the time. • On September 6, 1876, James I. Parsons married Ada A. Remick, of Hardwick, Vermont. They had one child, Cushman Hezekiah Parsons. Ada died on December 28, 1881. On January 6, 1883, he married Addie S. Marshall of Colebrook, who died on February 15, 1885. •••• **Raw, not done yet:** *Representative Citizens of the State of New Hampshire*, 1902, p. 432: James I. Parsons, Solicitor for Coos County, was born in Colebrook, where he now resides, February 14, 1844, son of Hezekiah and Sarah M. (Bragg) Parsons. He acquired his general education at the academy in Colebrook and at the Kimball Union Academy in Meriden. Prior to his twentieth birthday he began the study of law; and after his admission to the bar, in 1867, he located for practice in his native town, having as a partner Mr. J.H. Dudley, with whom he was associated until 1869. In the latter year he went to Lebanon, N.H.; but in 1870 he removed to Port Huron, Mich. Leaving that place in the winter of 1873-74, he devoted the succeeding year to travel in the United States. Returning to Colebrook in June, 1875, he resumed the practice of his profession, in company with Edgar Aldrich, who was afterward appointed Judge of the United States Circuit Court. From 1881 to 1884 he was a member of the law firm of Parsons & Johnson; and from the year last named up to the present time he has, besides conducting a profitable general law business on his own account, managed the extensive real estate interests left by his father. In 1900 he was elected County Solicitor. He is a Republican.

PATTEE, John C. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • John C. Pattee of Lancaster was a 32nd Degree Mason and was prominent in that group.³⁷ In the 1890s Pattee served as postmaster of Stratford. •••• **Raw, not done yet:** *Representative Citizens of the State of New Hampshire*, 1902, p. 448: John C. Pattee, senior member of the firm of Pattee & Clark, of North Stratford, is an important factor in the mercantile circles of Coos County. He was born in Brownington, Vt., November 30, 1848, a son of Moses and Lucinda (Robinson) Pattee. He acquired a good common-school education, which was supplemented by a course of study at the academies in Colebrook, N.H., and in Montpelier, Vt., being a student at the first named when Governor Chester B. Jordan was its principal. From the age of sixteen years until that of twenty he was engaged in teaching, and in 1867 and 1868 was assistant doorkeeper in the Vermont Legislature. He subsequently began business life as clerk in the store of Volney F. Davy at Colebrook, N.H. A short time afterward he accepted a similar position at North Stratford, in the employ of J.H. Danforth, entering the store with which he has ever since been actively connected, and of which he is now one of the proprietors, the style of the firm being Pattee & Clark. He and his partner conduct the largest business of any general merchants in this locality. When Mr. Pattee first came to North Stratford as a business man, he was residing with his parents in Bloomfield, Vt., which town he represented in the Vermont legislature in 1874 and 1875. After taking up his residence in Stratford, he represented it in the New Hampshire Legislature in 1881 and 1882, serving as a member of the Committee on the Revision of

³⁵ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 251, 252, 633; with portrait.

³⁶ Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, p. 776.

³⁷ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 395, 491, 492.

Statutes and of the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills. He also rendered faithful service to the town as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years and as a member of the Stratford School Board for twenty-one years, during which time the standard of scholarship in the schools was raised, and many improvements in the system of teaching and management were inaugurated. He also served for two years as treasurer of Coos County. Mr. Pattee married November 2, 1873, Mira Cross, a daughter of Reuben Cross, of Colebrook, N.H. They have two children: Neal D., who is employed in the store of Pattee & Clark; and Ethel M., who graduated from the Stratford High School in the class of 1902.

PAUL, Lawrence J. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1930-1935: Employee] • Lawrence Paul was a clerk at the bank.

PLAISTED, Helen C. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1919-1935: Employee] • Miss Helen C. Plaisted was a bookkeeper and clerk at the bank.

PORTER, Royal H. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1871-1894: Director] • Last elected in January 1894, but did not qualify for the following year. Lived in Keene and was cashier of the Cheshire National Bank. *See biography under Cheshire Bank {2nd}*.

POTTLE, Frank B. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1924-1935: Director] • First listed as a director in the 1924 Lancaster National Bank report. Jefferson "hotel man," In the same decade he was also noted as a Lancaster lawyer. • Years earlier, in 1912 Frank Pottle was listed as the owner of the Bethmer Inn, Bethlehem, open in summers only.³⁸ The facility was constructed in 1887-8, and although it was never a "grand hotel," it did have a loyal patronage and could accommodate more than 50 guests. Over the years it was also known as the Woodlawn, the Colby Inn, and the Stage Depot.³⁹

RAY, Ossian • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • 1881-1882>: Director] • Ossian Ray was born in Hinesburg, Vermont, on December 13, 1835, oldest son of George and Hannah (Greene) Ray.⁴⁰ His mother died when he was 12, after which he went to Irasburg in the same state and went to work, gaining as available education in local schools. He attended the Irasburg Academy and the one at Derby, gaining most of the requisites to enter college, except for Greek and mathematics. However, he did not have the money to continue formal studies, and thus he found employment with attorney Jesse Cooper in Irasburg, and in the course of his work studied law. With his earnings he furthered his formal education, gaining some repute as a good public speaker. • In March 1854 he went to Lancaster, N.H., to help Saunders W. Cooper, brother of Jesse, close his legal practice. He stayed in Lancaster, continued his study of law, taught school, and in 1855 he was admitted to the Essex County bar in Vermont and to the Coos County Bar in New Hampshire. In that year, at the age of 21, joined Jacob Benton in a law partnership in Lancaster. • In the Civil War he served as a deputy provost marshal. • In 1867 his partnership with Benton was dissolved when Benton was elected to Congress, and he joined William S. Ladd in practice, an arrangement that was continued until Ladd was appointed as a state Supreme Court judge in 1870. Ossian Ray then took Irving W. Drew as a partner on January 1, 1872, and then from 1873 to 1876 added William Heywood to the partnership. In the latter year Chester B. Gordon, who had just been admitted to the bar, succeeded Heywood in the partnership. In the meantime Ray was admitted to practice in the United States courts, and in 1872 was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. • In January 1882 in Lancaster, Philip Carpenter joined Ossian Ray's partnership, which became known as Ray, Drew, Jordan & Carpenter. Ray left the arrangement a year later and practiced solo until 1885, after which time George W. Patterson of Hanover was his partner for about a year. Along the way Ossian Ray became very successful. He was attorney for the Grand Trunk Railway and several other large corporations. • In 1868 and 1869 Ray

³⁸ *New Hampshire State Directory and Gazetteer*, 1912.

³⁹ Bryant F. Tolles, Jr., *The Grand Resort Hotels*, 1988

⁴⁰ J.S. Brackett, "Historical Sketch of the Town of Lancaster, N.H.," *Granite Monthly*, December 1886. • H.H. Metcalf, "Hon. Ossian Ray," *Granite Monthly*, January 1888. *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, pp. 222-227, sketch by John N. McClintock; with portrait. • "New Hampshire Necrology," *Granite Monthly*, March 1892. • Charles H. Bell, *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*, 1894, pp. 608-610. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 236, 237, 241, 242, 272, 323, 336, 390, 394, 395, 444, 471, 472, 531, 532, 535, 536, 545, 555, 566, 594.

was a state representative, from 1862 to 1872 he was Coos County solicitor, and in 1879 he was appointed by President Rutherford B. Hayes as attorney for the District of New Hampshire, a position he held briefly, resigning in 1880 to run for Congress to fill the remainder of the term of Evarts W. Farr, deceased. He won in the special election of December 1880, and 1882 he was reelected handily. • In 1889 Ossian Ray acquired an interest in the Thompson Manufacturing Co. of Lancaster, which had been successful earlier and continued to be so, making machinery for manufacturing wood pulp and paper, for making cans from sheet tin, and other devices. • On March 2, 1856, Ossian Ray married Alice A. Fling of West Stewartstown. The couple had two children, Edward and Alice. Alice died on April 15, 1871. On October 16, 1872, Ray married Mrs. Sallie Emery (Small) Burnside. The union produced two children, Helen and Ossian, Jr. • Ossian Ray died on January 28, 1892. He was survived by his widow and four children. • In terms of biographical sketches and later remembrances, Ossian Ray is without doubt the most extensively chronicled lawyer in the history of Lancaster.

RHODES, Roger W. • *Assistant cashier* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1928-1935: Assistant cashier] • Robert W. Rhodes is first noticed in 1899 as a teller. In 1902 he was a bookkeeper at \$550 annually, and in 1905 a teller at \$600. In 1928 he became with Enos G. Fay one of two assistant cashiers.

ROBERTS, Burleigh • *Vice president* • [Lancaster National Bank • <1884-1916: Director • 1900-1916: Vice president] • Spelled *Burley* in examiners' reports, *Burleigh* in advertisements. • In the 1880s and 1890s he was a dry goods dealer in Lancaster. Roberts was register of probate beginning in 1897 and continuing into the 20th century.⁴¹ • Burleigh Roberts died in early 1916.

SCRIBNER, E.W. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

SHURTLEFF, Merrill • [Lancaster National Bank • 1914-1932: Director] • Merrill Shurtleff graduated from Dartmouth.⁴² In 1896 Merrill Shurtleff was admitted to the bar and commenced practice as a lawyer in Lancaster with the firm of Drew, Jordan & Buckley. In the mid-1920s he was a partner in Shurtleff, Oakes & Hinckley (with E.C. Oakes and Irving A. Hinckley). • In June 1897 he married Emily Porter of Lancaster. • By 1933 he was deceased and his estate owed the bank over \$10,000, collateralized in part by securities of the Whitman Waumbek Hotel Co., a "grand hotel" that had fallen on difficult times during this Depression era.

STEVENS, George M. • *Vice president* • *President* • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator • <1884-1924: Director • 1899-1900: Vice president • 1900-1924: President] • George M. Stevens was a deputy sheriff in 1886 and high sheriff from 1887 to 1893.⁴³ In the 1880s he conducted G.M. Stevens & Sons, an insurance agency, a profession he followed into the 20th century. • In the 1880s and 1890s he was listed as an auctioneer in Lancaster, an avocation he followed with success. • Stevens became president of the Lancaster National Bank after the death of George R. Eaton in February 1900.

STEVENS, Minnie Y. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1910-1924: Employee] • First noticed in 1910 as a stenographer at \$5 per week, Minnie Y. Stevens remained with the bank until at least 1924. In 1914 her salary was \$300 per year.

TAYLOR, B.A. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] •

TRINOR, Miss • [Lancaster National Bank • 1917: Employee] • Miss Trainor was noticed in 1917 as an "other" employee.

VAN DYKE, George, Jr. • [Lancaster National Bank • 1881: Incorporator] • Van Dyke rarely used the "Jr." • George Van Dyke was born in a long cabin in Stanbridge, Quebec, February 21, 1846, the fifth of eight children of George and Abigail Hatch (Dixon) Van Dyke.⁴⁴ The family lived in virtual poverty, and

⁴¹ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 394, 395, 534. • Other sources.

⁴² A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 339, 476, 522.

⁴³ A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 339, 394, 395, 535, 538.

⁴⁴ *History of Coos County, New Hampshire*, 1888, text of biography by J.B. Morrison, pp. 390-392; with portrait. • A.N. Somers, *History of Lancaster, New Hampshire*, 1899, pp. 376, 383, 395, 402. • C. Francis

young George, who did not attend school after he was 11 years of age, learned to work hard and succeed by his industry. At age 11 he went to work to earn a living, and at 14 he was hired to cut lumber in the watershed of the Androscoggin River. • In 1870 Van Dyke formed his own lumber business. In 1872 he formed a company in Guildhall, Vermont, with Henry and Louis Bowman, to operate a lumber mill on the Connecticut River, this being close to Lancaster to the east. His brother Philo went to work with him in 1875. In the same year George H. Van Dyke relocated to South Lancaster, N.H., where he operated his own mill, but briefly, moving to McIndoe Falls, Vermont in autumn 1876, where he took over a bankrupt sawmill. There he engaged in lumbering and real estate in Vermont and New Hampshire and soon became a wealthy man and owner of vast tracts of timberland. In 1877 the McIndoe Falls operation was put under the charge of Philo Van Dyke. • In 1879 he sent a large shipment of logs from Quebec to a lumber mill in South Lancaster, but the mill went bankrupt about the same time. The control of the mill passed to a bank, and Van Dyke operated it to finish work on hand and to process logs in the river, making \$10,000 on the situation. • In Lancaster for a time George H. Van Dyke leased a mill originally constructed for a Concord corporation, after which it passed to others and was burned. • In 1881 he was an incorporator of the Lancaster National Bank. • In 1883 he was involved in the construction of and was president of the Upper Coos Railway Co. in the building of a narrow gauge line from North Stratford to Pittsburg, to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The railroad was capitalized at \$350,000 and was in operation by the late 1880s. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Hereford (Quebec) Branch Railroad. • In 1886 Van Dyke sold much of his timber interest to the Connecticut River Lumber Co. and became its president. • In 1884 Van Dyke became general manager of the Connecticut River Lumber Company, in which he had acquired a substantial interest through a merger. In 1886 he became president of the company. In 1891 the firm formed a subsidiary, the Connecticut River Manufacturing Co., which operated sawmills. • In 1887 Van Dyke was instrumental in the formation of the Upper Coos Railroad, and in November drove the first spike. The line which extended from North Stratford to Beecher Falls, Vermont. He served as its president. Later, it was leased to the Maine Central Railroad. • In 1889 he sent a team of men up Monadnock Mountain to investigate building a hotel on the summit. The idea was never carried out. • In 1891 he was a founding director of the Berlin National Bank. • In the 1890s he was owner of Van Dyke & Co. (see narrative introduction to *Colebrook National Bank*), which operated the Little River Railroad. He was also prominent in the Colebrook National Bank. He maintained a fine residence in Lancaster, wooden, in the Victorian style with three stories and a tower, where he lived with his mother and a sister, Eva.⁴⁵ In 1897 for \$1,500,000 he bought out the interests of the other owners of the Connecticut River Lumber Co., George Scott and Thomas Pearsall, and became sole proprietor. • At the near the turn of the 20th century he was a promoter of the Lancaster Driving Club, successor to the Riding Park Association of Coos County. • In 1902 the Connecticut River Lumber Co. was reorganized as the Connecticut Valley Lumber Co., popularly referred to as CVL. • Van Dyke never married, although for years he had a close relationship, said to have been platonic, with an unmarried schoolteacher in Colebrook. • He and his driver companion were in a freak accident on August 8, 1909 when at Riverside, on the east side of the Connecticut River near, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, his Stanley Steamer automobile plunged off a 75-foot embankment onto the rocks below and was smashed to pieces. Apparently, chauffeur Fred “Shorty” Hodgdon put the automobile into forward, rather than reverse. Van Dyke fell or jumped from the automobile and was severely injured. Taken to the hospital, he died soon thereafter. His chauffeur died instantly in the wreckage.⁴⁶ He was survived by two brothers, Thomas (who lived in Canada) and Philo.

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Belcher, *Logging Railroads of the White Mountains*, 1980, citing, among other sources, Poole, *The Great White Hills*, 1946. • Bill Gove, *Log Drives on the Connecticut River*, 2003, Chapter 6, “A Chronicle of the Connecticut River Timber Baron,” also *passim*.

⁴⁵ The grand structure was razed in the 1950s, and buildings for Foodtown and the Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank were erected on the site.

⁴⁶ Bill Gove, *Log Drives on the Connecticut River*, 2003, pp. 188, 189, including photograph of the wrecked automobile.