

Griffin, March 31, 1836. 2. Adaline, May 18, 1838. 3. George Harmon, April 16, 1840. 4. Charles Rice, mentioned below. 5. Adam Jonathan, March 9, 1844. 6. Sarah Jane, October 15, 1848. 7. Lorenzo Dunton, August 22, 1851. 8. Heman Fremont, 1856.

(V) Charles Rice, son of Jonathan Barns Holmes, was born at Westford, April 14, 1842, died November 22, 1907, at Potsdam, New York. He was educated in the public schools and learned the trade of carpenter. He enlisted in the navy in 1864 and spent one year in the service in the North

Atlantic squadron. In 1865 he engaged in milling at Norwood, New York, in the employ of the firm of Loveless & Fonda, who were at that time building the steam mill. During his first year he was "second hand," and then for seven years foreman. During that time he had charge of rebuilding the water mill and installing improved machinery.

For one year he was in partnership with William Kemp in the American House at Norwood, then he sold his interests to his partner, and bought the Elm street restaurant at Potsdam of H. L. & M. V. B. Ives. The following year he was in partnership with his brother, A. J. Holmes, in Gouverneur, in the mills of Dean, Aldrich & Weston. In 1877 he went to Muskegon, Michigan, where he engaged for three years in the lumber business. Returning to New York he refitted the old Elm street restaurant in partnership with his brother, A. J. Holmes, and they conducted it as a hotel under the name of "The Albion." They also built and operated the A. Sherman lumber mill at Sissonville. The hotel was a new four-story structure, thirty-three feet in front, with a two-story annex, which was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1883. A new wing was then built for dining room, kitchen, sample rooms and out-kitchen with about forty more rooms. Afterward the firm bought the Tupper property to the east of the hotel and Mrs. C. R. Holmes bought the McChesney property which was used as a park in connection with the hotel. In 1899 he retired

from the hotel business, and during the last years of his life was in the lumber business in North Carolina in partnership with his brother, A. J. Holmes. He was a member of Raquette River Lodge, No. 213, Free and Accepted Masons; of St. Lawrence Lodge of Perfection; Central City Commandery, Knights Templar; of Media Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Watertown, and was well known to the Masonic fraternity of this section. He married, April 11, 1882, Adelaide A. Eastman, born in Potsdam in 1841, died February, 1903. They had one child, Mildred Eastman, born in Potsdam, educated in the public schools and at the State Normal School at Potsdam.

The Hammond family
HAMMOND was numerous in northern New York before the revolution. In Vermont the federal census of 1790 shows that Benjamin Hammond was living at Alburgh, Grand Isle, Chittendon county, and had in his family two males over sixteen, three under that age and two females. There was another Benjamin Hammond, of Cambridge, New York, at the same time, another at Pawling, Dutchess county, one at Whitestown, Montgomery county. The town of Hammond, New York, was named for Abijah Hammond, a merchant and speculator of New York City, who never settled in the town. Hammond was taken from the towns of Rossie and Morristown and incorporated in 1827.

(I) Benjamin Hammond, of an old New England family, was born in Vermont about 1775. He came thence to Plattsburgh, New York, where he was a farmer. He married Elizabeth ———. They had a son Ethan R., mentioned below.

(II) Ethan R., son of Benjamin Hammond, was born at Plattsburgh, New York, 1805, died at Morristown, New York, at the home of his daughter, August 17, 1907, aged one hundred and two years. He had a common school education. When he was about twenty-three years old he located at

aged forty-six years, daughter of George and Emily (Vaughn) Washer. Married (third) Lyle Mills. Children, all by second wife: 1. Francis Hall, mentioned below. 2. Tilson Moss, born January 7, 1882, died October 6, 1885. 3. Isabelle, born April 30, 1888, died February 19, 1903.

(III) Francis Hall, son of Warren J. Slater, was born at Saranac Lake, New York, July 18, 1878. He attended the public schools there. He entered Syracuse University in 1896 and spent four years at special work, entering the law school in 1900, and was graduated in 1903. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and for a year or more had charge of the law office of J. C. Little, of Saranac Lake. He opened an office for himself in Tupper Lake in 1904, and has continued in general practice in that town since then. He also conducts a large fire insurance business. He is secretary of the board of trade of Tupper Lake. In politics he is a Republican. He is past master of Mount Arab Lodge, No. 847, Free and Accepted Masons; member of Wanneta Chapter, No. 291, Royal Arch Masons, of Saranac Lake; of Franklin Commandery, No. 60, Knights Templar, of Malone; of Karnak Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Montreal, Canada. He is thrice potent past master of St. Lawrence Lodge of Perfection, Norwood, New York, and member of Central City Consistory, Syracuse, thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite. He is also past patron of Mount Morris Chapter, No. 361, Order of the Eastern Star, and past chancellor of Racquette River Lodge, No. 419, Knights of Pythias, of Tupper Lake. He belongs to the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity and the B. O. O. Club of New York City. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, in 1901, Bessie I., born April 14, 1881, daughter of John P. and Alice (Smith) Frost, of Syracuse, New York. Children: 1. Laura Mildred, born August 3, 1902. 2. Barbara Irene, July 17, 1906. 3. Kenneth Francis, July 4, 1909.

LOVELESS

The Lovelace or Loveless family settled in colonial days in New York. In the revolution there were in the American army from New York Benjamin, Elisha Jeremiah, John, Joseph, Joshua, William and George Loveless or Lovelace. The spelling was used interchangeably by the families. There was a Governor Lovelace in New York. Six brothers, descendants of Governor Lovelace, resided during the revolution at or near Jessup's Falls, and one of them who lived near the Stiles place in the town of Wilton was in one of the last years of the war and executed at Schuylerville as a spy by order of General Stark, after a drumhead court martial. In 1790, according to the first federal census, Angus Lovelace was living at Rensselaerwyck, New York; George, Jeremiah, John, Joseph and Joseph Lovelace, Jr., were heads of families in Pittstown, Albany county. William Lovelace lived at Frederickstown, Dutchess county.

(I) Daniel Dudley Loveless was born in Saratoga, formerly Albany county, and died at Hadley, 1868-69, aged sixty years. He married Prudence Jenkins. Children: Wesley, William D., Marietta, Joel, Fannie Frances, Edward J. and Susan.

(II) William D., son of Daniel Dudley Loveless, was born at Moriah, Essex county, March 17, 1831, died in West Burke, Vermont, 1895. He received a common school education. When a young man he went to Glens Falls and engaged in business in partnership with James Sisson. Later he was in partnership with a Mr. Fonda, to whom he eventually sold his business. In 1861 he removed to Potsdam, New York. He bought a water privilege there and built a mill in which he manufactured lumber. He also did a lumbering business in that section. In 1869 he sold his business there to Henry Watkins and C. W. Leete, and removed to Norwood, New York, having a controlling interest in the Racquette River Power Company and the Water Power at

Norwood. He was in business at Norwood until 1875, when he removed to Norwich, Connecticut. After four years he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, and embarked in the wholesale lumber business. From there he went to Florida a few years after and carried on an extensive lumber business. In 1893 he went to West Burke, Vermont, having extensive lumber interests in Canada and a sawmill at West Burke. He was actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber to the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican and he served as excise commissioner in the town of Potsdam. He was president of the village of Norwood. He was always greatly interested in education, and he was instrumental in establishing the graded school system in Norwood. He was a member of the Lodge of Free Masons at Glens Falls. In religion he was a Congregationalist.

He married, May 19, 1856, Cornelia A., born May 20, 1831, died in 1878, daughter of James and Gulielma (Wing) Sisson. Children: 1. Frederick Wing, mentioned below. 2. George S., attorney-at-law at Muskegon, Michigan; married (first) Elizabeth Douglass and had a son William; married (second) Ida Ellison and had a son Frank. 3. William Curtis, born in Glens Falls, New York, engaged in the lumber business at Georgetown, South Carolina; children: Roy, Myrtis, Curtis, Irene, James and William. 4. Charles (twin of William Curtis), was burned to death at Potsdam when four years old. 5. James E., born in Potsdam, New York; engaged in the lumber business at Central Falls, Rhode Island; married Florence Vaslette. 6. Helen Blanche, born in Potsdam, New York; married George L. Weston, architect of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; children: Dorcas and Gifford Weston. 7. Daniel Dudley, born Norwood, New York; is with the American Woodworking Company of Rochester, New York; married Helen M. Lower and had Daniel Dudley, Jr. 8. Meredith B., born Norwood, New York; cashier of the Ameri-

can Woodworking Company of Rochester; married Minnie Byner.

(III) Frederick Wing, son of William D. Loveless, was born at Glens Falls, New York, August 19, 1857. He removed with his parents to St. Lawrence county, and was educated at the public schools of Norwood and at the State Normal school at Potsdam. When a youth and young man he worked in his father's mill at Norwood. He was in Connecticut for two years and a half. In 1879 he went to Muskegon, Michigan, and lived there until 1890. Then he went to Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1896 he returned east and spent a year in Vermont, then in March, 1897, entered the employ of the A. Sherman Lumber Company, remaining until June, 1903, when he came to Tupper Lake, New York, as manager of the business of the A. Sherman Lumber Company in that section. He has held this position since that time and has been since boyhood actively connected with the lumber business. In politics he is a Republican; in religion a Presbyterian. He married, May 18, 1880, Jessie Reynolds, of Stockholm, New York, daughter of Waite and Sarah E. (Rude) Reynolds. Children: 1. Waite R., born at Muskegon, Michigan, March 6, 1881; educated at DeMoines high school and at the Clarkson Technical Institute at Potsdam; now in Chicago; assistant electrical engineer of the Illinois Steel Company; married Juliette Pike, of Lynn, Massachusetts; child, Dorothy Grace, born August 17, 1908. 2. Helen M., born at De Moines, September 19, 1894; lives with parents at Tupper Lake.

This name, being that of one FISHER of the employments of men, is found in all nations and languages. The family in Lyons Falls, New York, descend from English ancestry. Papworth thus describes a coat-of-arms granted to a Fisher: "Azure, a dolphin embowed naint or." A seal, the device being the above coat, was used by the Fish-

cated. In the ranks of the Union army the Sisson name was borne with honor and courage. Children: George, born 1644; Elizabeth; James, mentioned below; John; Anne; Mary.

(II) James, son of Richard Sisson, inherited the homestead from his father in Dartmouth, and resided there. He died in 1734. In 1685 he was surveyor of highways; constable, 1686; selectman, 1689. He took the oath of fidelity March 24, 1686, and in 1694 was one of those who had a confirmatory deed of Dartmouth from Governor Bradford. He married Lydia, born 1662, died June 23, 1714, daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Cook) Hathaway. Sarah Cook was daughter of John and Sarah (Warren) Cook, and granddaughter of Francis and Hester (Mahieu) Cook; both her father and grandfather came over in the "Mayflower." Sarah Warren was daughter of Richard Warren, who came in the "Mayflower," and whose ancestry has been traced to Richard the Conqueror. Children of James Sisson: Richard, born February 19, 1682; Mary, February 26, 1685; James, Jonathan, mentioned below; Philip, Thomas, Content, Sarah, Hannah, Rebecca.

(III) Jonathan, son of James Sisson, was born about 1689-90. His will was dated in 1775 and he died the same year. He married, February 7, 1723, Mary, born February 6, 1702, daughter of Thomas Wood, of Dartmouth. He had a son William, mentioned below.

(IV) William, son of Jonathan Sisson, was born November 9, 1723. He married, March 3, 1748, Lydia Potter, by the Friend's ceremony at the Aponaganset Quaker meeting house at Dartmouth, Massachusetts. She was daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Potter. Child: Nathaniel, mentioned below.

(V) Nathaniel, son of William Sisson, was born in Dartmouth, November 11, 1756, died in Queensbury, New York, May 10, 1840, at the house of his son-in-law, Joseph Haviland, with whom he and his wife were

then living. He married, by the Friend's ceremony at the Aponaganset meeting house, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, February 2, 1781, Grace, born September 16, 1761, died September 4, 1843, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Shepard) Gifford, of Dartmouth, granddaughter of Josiah and Marcy (Chadwick) Gifford, of Falmouth, and great-granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Crowell) Gifford, of Sandwich. John Gifford was son of William Gifford, immigrant, of Sandwich, who was a prominent Quaker and suffered for his faith, being sentenced to be whipped and banished. Nathaniel Sisson removed to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, in 1781, and from there to Queensbury, Washington county, 1783. Children, all but the first born in Queensbury: 1. Content, December 10, 1782. 2. William, January 2, 1785. 3. Stephen, July 30, 1787. 4. Nathaniel, October 9, 1789. 5. Benjamin, January 22, 1791. 6. Daniel, November 11, 1792. 7. Lydia, March 16, 1795. 8. Ruth, February 20, 1799. 9. James, February 29, 1800, mentioned below. 10. Lemuel, October 5, 1802.

(VI) James (2), son of Nathaniel Sisson, was born in Queensbury, New York, February 29, 1800, died at Glens Falls, New York, December 30, 1878. He was one of the early merchants of Glens Falls, New York, and built the second brick building there. From 1832 to 1878 he resided at the corner of Glen and Bay streets, in a house part of which was built by Edward Wing in 1793, and also occupied by Joseph Wing, his father-in-law. He married (first) June 11, 1826, Gulielma Shaw, daughter of Joseph Wing (see Wing, VIII). He married (second), Amanda M. born at Glens Falls, May 24, 1821, died December 16, 1893, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Wing) Ferris, of Glens Falls, New York. Children: born at Glens Falls: 1. George Wing, December 19, 1828, mentioned below. 2. Cornelia Amorette, May 20, 1831; was the wife of William D. Loveless. 3.

Helen M., August 1, 1833. 4. Hannah Augusta, married Dallas C. Tillotson, November 17, 1847; died December 23, 1874.

(VII) George Wing, son of James (2), and Gulielma Shaw (Wing) Sisson, was born in Glens Falls, December 19, 1828. He received his education in the public schools and at the Glens Falls Academy, and at the age of eighteen went to Schenectady, New York, as clerk. In the spring of 1849 he started in the general drug business at Coxsackie, New York, remaining there eleven years with gratifying success. In 1860 he removed to Glens Falls, and established a large and lucrative drug and mercantile business, which he sold January 1, 1867. He then went to Potsdam, New York, where he purchased a half interest in the saw mill property of A. H. Griswold, formerly owned by Pomeroy & Pierson. The mill was at once replaced with a large new mill and a planing mill with improved machinery, and the manufacture of lumber projected on a large scale, the logs being driven or floated to the mill from points along the Racquette river. The settlement which sprang up became known as Sissonville. In 1873 he met with financial reverses, and in 1875 the business was reorganized with Augustus Sherman, of Glens Falls, New York, as partner, the new firm being known as the A. Sherman Lumber Company, Mr. Sisson acting as resident manager. After Mr. Sherman's death, in the fall of 1884, his grandsons, William R. and Frederic A. Weed, succeeded him in the partnership. Later their interests were sold to Mr. Sisson and the business of the A. Sherman Lumber Company was incorporated, the capital stock all being owned by Mr. Sisson and members of his immediate family. Mr. Sisson is president of the company. The A. Sherman Lumber Company has become a large owner of Adirondack timber lands and has carried on the manufacture of finished lumber of all kinds, shingles, lath, box shooks, etc., at its Sissonville plant as well as its large

steam saw mill at Tupper Lake, Franklin county, New York. The two mills have a capacity of twenty-five million feet of finished lumber annually. To these large interests in the Adirondacks has been added lately a new development in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. Mr. Sisson and his sons have acquired a large interest in the Nepisiguit Lumber Company at Bathurst, New Brunswick, at which place is a large modern shingle mill and saw mill plant, backed up by six hundred and fifty square miles of government timber land well covered with spruce, cedar and pine. This last venture is expected to insure a long and continuous timber supply for the manufacture of spruce and pine lumber, the celebrated New Brunswick white cedar shingles and pulpwood. Associated with them in the enterprise are Springfield, Massachusetts, lumbermen and capitalists. Mr. Sisson was one of the projectors and largely instrumental in establishing the Racquette River Paper Company of Potsdam, New York, which was incorporated in 1891. He became its first president, an office which he still holds. Its plant is on the Racquette River, three miles north of Potsdam village, and is of the most modern construction for the production of both ground wood and chemical pulp, and the manufacture of No. 1 Manilla and wrapping fibres of the highest grade. One of the best water powers on Racquette river is developed at this point, with a concrete and steel dam and flume. The entire buildings are of concrete, steel and brick. The daily capacity of the plant is upward of seventy-five tons of finished paper, made from pulp produced within the plant itself and at their ground wood mill and water power at Hewittville, a half mile above. The raw material for this plant is secured from the company's lands in the Adirondacks, tributary to the Racquette river. Its holding, together with the A. Sherman Lumber Company, exceeds eighty-five thousand acres, which insures them a supply of raw material for many years to

come. The Racquette River Paper Company is a close corporation, the entire capital stock being held by Mr. Sisson and his sons, and the business is under their direct personal management. In all of these enterprises Mr. Sisson is ably assisted by his sons, Rufus L., James, George W., Charles H., Francis T. E., and Fred R.; his nephew, Fred W. Loveless, and grandson, Edwin R. Safford Jr., at Tupper Lake. Although leaving detail work to his sons, Mr. Sisson has exercised the controlling influence and direction, and all matters of importance pass before him for judgment.

Mr. Sisson's business has always commanded and received his undivided personal application and attention. If one personal characteristic is more pronounced than others, it is his indomitable pluck, coupled with intense concentration of effort on the object to be accomplished. Hard work, when intelligently applied, he feels to be no injury to a man, and success brought about by such work and application is best enjoyed. He is a man of strong convictions, basing his conclusions on a careful study of matters in all their phases, and while tenacious of his own views is ever ready to lend a courteous ear and careful consideration to a proper presentation of the views of others. His present large business enterprises are managed in this way, and while his is the moving spirit, final decisions and policies are the outcome of careful consideration and discussion with his associates. He has taken a great interest in the agricultural operation and breeding of fine Jersey cattle carried on by his son, George W., Jr. Together in this line they have made a great and widely known success. He is a stockholder of the People's Bank of Potsdam, and was formerly a member of the board of managers of the State Asylum for the Insane at Ogdensburg. Born a birth-right Quaker, he has been a member of the Presbyterian church for many years, and is a liberal contributor to its support, as well as to all worthy enterprises in his vi-

cinity. In politics Mr. Sisson originally was a Whig, but became affiliated with the Republican party on its organization in 1856. He never sought public office, although ever ready to perform the duty of a good citizen and active in promoting the best interest of the community.

Mr. Sisson married at Coxsackie, New York, February 15, 1854, Sarah Ann, born March 2, 1834, daughter of Charles Hamilton (see Hamilton, IV). They celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at Potsdam, New York, February 15, 1904. Children, born at Coxsackie: 1. Elma, December 15, 1855, died August 22, 1857. 2. Cornelia, January 13, 1858; married Edwin R. Safford and has Edwin, Grace (married Emmett H. Wilson), Rufus (deceased), Helen, Theodore and George Safford. 3. James, April 30, 1860; unmarried. 4. Rufus L. (q. v.), April 30, 1860. 5. George Wing (q. v.), born at Glens Falls, New York, September 12, 1862. 6. Grace, April 16, 1864, unmarried. 7. Charles Hamilton (q. v.), February 6, 1866. 8. Francis Ten Eyck, born at Potsdam, September 15, 1867, resides there; married, October 20, 1904, Sarah M., daughter of DeForest Thompson, at Malone, New York, and has Margaret Thompson and Frances. 9. Frederick Reynolds, born at Potsdam, New York, December 16, 1870; married, June 28, 1894, Lena A., born in Parishville, New York, daughter of Samuel R. and Mary (Lytle) Cook, of Lisbon. They have one child: Frederick Reynolds, born June 30, 1908. The above children of George W. Sisson except Cornelia received practically their entire education at the State Normal and Training School located at Potsdam.

(VIII) Rufus Lasher Sisson, son of George Wing Sisson, was born in Coxsackie, New York, April 30, 1860. He came to Potsdam, New York, in 1867, with his parents and was educated there in the public schools and at the State Normal School, which he entered with the first class of 1869.



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