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EARLY HISTORY OF MICHIGAN

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OF

STATE OFFICERS,

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

JUDGES AND LEGISLATORS.

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came to Michigan with his father, who settled at Canton. As a young man he worked at farming and taught school, and attended the Ypsilanti seminary several terms. Studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1854. In 1855 commenced practice at Vassar, where he still resides. Was appointed prosecuting attorney and elected to that office, and was circuit court commissioner on the democratic ticket. In 1862 he went into the service as captain in 23d Michigan, saw active service, became major, and served until January, 1865. In 1866 was elected circuit court commissioner and in 1867 was delegate in the constitutional convention. He was speaker *pro tem.* in 1839, 1871-2, and served as chairman of the judiciary committee. He was delegate to the republican national convention in 1872, and has several times been actively supported for a nomination to congress. A Democrat until 1860, since a Republican.

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ALLEN HUTCHINS,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1835-6, came to Adrian, Mich., from Orleans county, N. Y., as early as 1832-3. He was a lawyer, and probably the first who settled in Lenawee county. He was an active, prominent business man. In politics a Democrat.

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LOOMIS HUTCHINSON

Was born in Smyrna, N. Y., April 21, 1818. He worked on his father's farm, receiving a common school education, and taught school winters, working on the farm summers. In 1844 he came to Michigan and bought a farm in Emmet, Calhoun county. He was supervisor of Emmet ten years, and Representative in 1869-70. First a Whig, since a Republican.

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BENJAMIN F. HYDE,

Representative from Detroit in 1851, was born at Ferrisburg, Vermont, September 24, 1819. He was of the well known Hyde family who gave their name to Hyde park in Vermont. He came to Detroit in 1846, studied law, was admitted to practice, and was for a time a law partner with Hon. Geo. Jerome. His tastes were more for politics than law. Was a democratic alderman in 1856. His political career terminated with his election as judge of the recorder's court, November, 1863. He filled the office only from January 16, to May 16, 1864, when ill health compelled his retirement. He died July 8, 1865.



## CHARLES W. INGALLS,

Representative from Ionia county in 1853, was born in Bristol, N. H., April 21, 1812. He came to Michigan in 1837. Most of the time a resident of Ionia county, now resides at Harbor Springs. Has served as supervisor and postmaster. By occupation a farmer, politically a Democrat.

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## DANIEL F. INGALLS,

Representative from Oakland county in 1840, came to Michigan about 1835, and to Oxford, in 1837. Politically a Whig. He was supervisor of Oxford in 1838-9-41, and town clerk in 1844. He removed to Ohio and died there. He built a foundry at Oxford with Benjamin Knight, and a cannon cast at their foundry was used at many celebrations in Oxford.

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## JOHN N. INGERSOLL

Was born May 4, 1817, in Westchester county, N. Y. He moved to New York city when young, and lived for a time with an uncle in Connecticut. At the age of thirteen commenced to learn the printer's trade in New York city, and worked with Horace Greeley, with whom he was always on familiar terms. In 1837 he came to Detroit, was a compositor in the *Free Press* office, and then foreman in the office of the *Advertiser*. In 1839 he became editor of the *Mt. Clemens Statesman*, then published the *St. Clair Banner* from 1842 to 1846. He then started the *Lake Superior News*. He was a clerk in the legislature, and in 1848 secretary of the Senate. In 1849 he was a Representative from Chippewa county. He then became editor of the *Detroit Daily Bulletin*, and of the *Hesperian*, a monthly magazine, organ of the Odd Fellows; was manager of the *Detroit Daily Times*; editor and publisher of the Rochester, N. Y., *Tribune*; then from 1858 to 1862 editor and publisher of the *Owosso American*; then until 1866 publisher of the *Shiawassee American* at Corunna; then started the *Shiawassee Journal*. In 1861-2 he was Senator. He was a Democrat until 1858, then a Republican. He was four times mayor of Corunna; was justice of the peace, postmaster, and United States assessor. He was a Representative in 1869-70. He was a leading Odd Fellow, and held the highest office in the grand lodge and the grand encampment. For the last years of his life he was blind. Died at Corunna, May 13, 1881.



## SILAS IRELAND,

Representative from Berrien county in 1877, was born November 10, 1818, in Concord, Ohio. He received his education mostly by his own exertions, and came to Michigan in 1839. In 1842 he removed to a farm near Berrien Springs. He held the office of supervisor in Berrien township five years. He was superintendent of the poor for twelve years. By occupation a farmer and surveyor. In politics a Republican.

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## WILLIAM W. IRWIN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1853, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1811, and was a farmer by occupation. He was supervisor of Springwells, 1851-55. He died in 1855. Politics democratic.

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## NELSON G. ISBELL,

Secretary of State from 1859 to 1861, was born in Charleston, N. Y., February 18, 1820. Received an academical education and settled at Howell, Mich., in 1844, engaging in mercantile business. He was justice, soon became a farmer, and was supervisor, town clerk, and Senator in 1848-9-50-51. He was one of the first board of control of the state reform school. From 1861 to 1869, except a short interval, he was collector of customs at Detroit. Died at Lansing in 1878. In politics a Whig, a Republican after 1854. In 1848 he was the only Whig in the Senate. He was a resident of Lansing for several years prior to his death.

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## EDWIN B. ISHAM,

Senator from Menominee, Delta, Marquette, Houghton, Keweenaw, Chippewa and Schoolcraft counties in 1873-4, was born May 9, 1819, in the town of Canaan, Conn. He received a common school education. In 1868 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Negaunee, Marquette county. Occupation mining and iron manufacture.

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## SAMUEL G. IVES,

Representative from Livingston county in 1857, was born in Lansing N. Y., Dec. 21, 1812. Settled on a farm in Unadilla, Mich., in 1835. He was a republican elector in 1872. He was a commissioner to locate, and a trustee of the Pontiac asylum. Removed to Chelsea.



Mich., in 1876, and has been president of that village. In politics a Republican.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON,

Representative from Cheboygan, Mackinac, Chippewa and Schoolcraft counties in 1879, was born Oct. 29, 1844, in Henry county, Ohio; received a high school education at Toledo; entered the army in 1861; was promoted gradually to the rank of 1st lieutenant and adjutant, and resigned on account of wounds in Aug., 1863. He re-enlisted as private in 1864, and served through the war, receiving the rank of brevet major. In 1872 he removed from Louisville, Ky., to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was chairman of the board of supervisors in 1877. Occupation, government and railroad contractor. Politics democratic.

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#### WILLIAM JAY,

Senator in 1863-4-5, from Washtenaw county, was born at Pennington, N. J., July 22, 1820. He was a clerk two years in New York city, then became one of the firm. He was a merchant at Trenton, N. J., filled several city offices, was a member of the New Jersey legislature in 1855, and a delegate to the first republican national convention in 1856. He settled on a farm at Whitmore Lake, Mich., in 1859. In 1869 he removed to Emporia, Kansas, and has been twice mayor of that city. He is president of the citizens' bank of Emporia, and a prominent and successful business man.

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#### HENRY H. JENISON,

Senator from Ingham and Clinton counties in 1883, was born in Eagle, Clinton county, Michigan, September 25, 1842, where he has since resided. Occupation, farming. He was elected to the Senate by 1,189 majority over his republican competitor.

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#### WILLIAM F. JENISON,

Representative from Clinton county in 1863-4, was born in Byron, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1812. Attended common schools, and the college at Brockport, N. Y. Taught school seven years. Settled as a farmer in Eagle, Mich., in 1837, where he still resides. He was supervisor ten years, held many town offices, and was for four years sheriff of Clinton county. He kept a hotel for thirty years. He was a director of



the Ionia and Lansing railroad, secured \$10,000 subscription, and gave two years' time to secure the road. In politics a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM B. JENKINS

Was born in Greene county, Pa., Oct. 4, 1783. In 1799 he removed with his parents to the Cumberland valley, Tennessee. In 1804 the family emigrated to Greene county, Ohio. In 1825 he came to Niles. The next year he settled in Pokagon, Cass county, and his was the second white family in Cass county, the first being that of Uzziel Putnam, sr. He was the first justice in Cass county, and one of the first county judges under the territorial law. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835. He was a man of remarkable memory, and kept a complete diary of events in his mind. He owned large tracts of land in Cass and Berrien counties. Died in 1847 at Berrien Centre, Michigan.

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#### BELA W. JENKS

Was born at Crown Point, N. Y., June 6, 1824. He was educated at Charlotte, Vt., and settled at St. Clair, Michigan, in 1848. He became a successful merchant, and dealt in lumber and real estate. Has always been a Republican, has held several local offices, and in 1869, 1870-1-2 was Senator from St. Clair county.

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#### JEREMIAH JENKS,

Senator from Lapeer, Sanilac and Huron counties in 1875, was born in Sullivan county, N. H., December 13, 1810. He received a common school education. He removed from Essex county, N. Y., to Michigan in 1854, and has ever since resided in this state. He was inspector of customs from 1861 to 1864, and was also deputy collector of internal revenue two years. He has held various other offices of public trust, and is by occupation a lumberman. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN S. JENNESS,

Representative in 1865, and Senator in 1867 from Lapeer county, was born at Newbury, Vt., April 27, 1813. Was bred a farmer, then a clerk, and for thirty years a merchant. He opposed railroad aid in 1867, none of the thirty bills passing over the veto of Gov. Crapo. He was president of the village of Almont in 1866-7. Now resides in Detroit. In politics Whig and Republican.



## WILLIAM JENNEY,

Secretary of State from 1879 to 1883, was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 18, 1837. In 1843 removed with his parents to Mt. Clemens, Mich., his present residence. He graduated at Brown University in 1859. In 1861 went out as captain of a company in the 9th Michigan infantry, served four years, and became a major. Became a lawyer at Mt. Clemens, also engaged in farming. He was Senator from Macomb county in 1877, also colonel of state militia and aid-de-camp. A Republican in politics.

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## IRA JENNINGS,

Representative from Livingston county in 1839 and 1847, was a farmer and an early settler in the town of Green Oak, in 1836. He was supervisor of the town in 1844, and served eight terms in that capacity. Deceased.

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## HIRAM JENNISON,

Representative in 1853, from Ottawa county, was born in Canton, N. Y., May 11, 1813. A lumberman and farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics. He came to Michigan in 1834. He was the first settler in Georgetown, Ottawa county, and for eleven years was supervisor of the township. The village of Jenisonville, in Georgetown township, was named after him.

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## WILLIAM JENNISON,

Circuit judge of the third judicial circuit (Wayne county), was born in Boston, Mass., Dec. 10, 1826. He prepared for college, but ill health prevented him from pursuing a college course. The years that would have been devoted to study were spent in contact with the practical business of mining and manufacturing, in which his father was engaged in Pennsylvania, his leisure hours, however, being given to personal study and culture. His legal education was acquired chiefly at the Harvard law school, from which he graduated in 1850, subsequently spending a year in the office of the late Hon. A. D. Fraser, of Detroit. From 1853 until his election as judge in 1882 he was in continuous practice in Detroit. He was reporter of the Supreme Court, 1865 to 1870, preparing for publication five volumes of reports. He served a year, 1869-70, as assistant U. S. district attorney, and one term, 1872-3, as member of the board of education.



## DAVID HOWELL JEROME,

Governor of Michigan, 1881 to 1883, was born at Detroit, Michigan, November 17, 1829, and is the son of Horace and Elizabeth Rose (Hart) Jerome. His father died when he was an infant, and his mother removed to central New York, but in 1834 returned to Michigan and settled in St. Clair county, where Governor Jerome was educated. In 1853 he went to California and engaged in mining. In 1854 he settled in Saginaw and engaged in merchandise, and is still in the hardware trade. In 1862, under appointment of Governor Blair, he raised the 23d Michigan infantry in a short time, and was commandant of camp with the rank of colonel, until the regiment went to the field. In 1865 and 1866 he was military aid to Governor Crapo, and in 1865 was appointed on the state military board, of which he was member and president until 1873. In 1862 he was elected to the State Senate, and served six years, being chairman of the committee on state affairs throughout that time. He opposed municipal railroad aid and supported the vetoes of those measures. In 1873 he was appointed on the committee to revise the state constitution. He served several years on the board of Indian commissioners; was active in building the railroad from Saginaw to St. Louis, and long its president; also president of the Saginaw street railroad company; also trustee of the Michigan military academy. In 1859 he married Lucy Peck, daughter of E. W. Peck, of Pontiac. In 1880 he received the republican nomination for governor, and was elected by a large majority, serving from 1881 to 1883. He is a Republican in politics, in religion an Episcopalian. He is still in the prime of life, and in active business at Saginaw. He always takes active interest in all matters pertaining to the intellectual and moral advancement of his fellow citizens.

## GEORGE JEROME,

Senator from Detroit, 1855-7-8, was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1824, coming with his parents to Michigan in 1827. His father, Horace Jerome, in connection with Thos. Palmer, built the first lumber mill in the West on Pine River in St. Clair county. Except some four years spent at the East in pursuing his education, he has lived continuously in Michigan since 1827, and in Detroit since 1844, having previously to that time lived in St. Clair county. He was admitted to the bar in Detroit in 1848. During his senatorial term he was chairman of the judiciary committee. He has been the general attorney of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railway under all changes of management from 1859 to the present time. Was collector of cus-



toms at Detroit, 1869 to 1875, when he was relieved at his own request. He was one of the commissioners on the plan of the city, 1857 to 1869, and has held other positions of trust. Politically he graduated from the whig into the republican party.

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#### TIMOTHY JEROME,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1857, was born in Trumansburg, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1820. Occupation a lumberman, politics first whig, then republican. He came to Detroit in 1828, was an active business man and lumberman in St. Clair county until 1853, then removed to Saginaw, where he has since been a manufacturer of lumber and salt, also engaged in steamboating, mining in the western territories, and in cattle ranches.

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#### EDWARD JEWELL,

Representative from Kent county in 1865-7, was born in Greene county, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1818. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. Came to Michigan in 1855, and was four terms supervisor of Solon, Kent county. Present residence Petaluma, Cal.

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#### JOSEPH B. JEWELL,

Representative from Newaygo county in 1877, was born in Grattan, N. Y., in 1826. From 1836 to 1856 he lived in Allegany county, N. Y., working the last ten years as a carpenter and joiner. He settled on a farm in Newaygo county in 1856, and has been also engaged in lumbering. Has twice served as president of the county agricultural society, several years as supervisor of Dayton, and has held other positions. In politics a Republican.

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#### GEORGE W. JEWETT

Was born in Connecticut, and came to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1830 from Ohio. In politics a Democrat, by profession a lawyer. He was a member of the second convention of assent which met at Ann Arbor December 14, 1836, and accepted the terms prescribed for the admission of Michigan as a state. He was also justice of the peace. Died at Ann Arbor before 1860.



## DANIEL JOHNSON,

Senator from Saginaw county in 1853, was born in Haverstraw, N. Y., in 1821, and was a capitalist and lumberman. He came to Michigan in 1846, founded Zilwaukie, Saginaw county; was an extensive ship timber dealer in New York city, and also a leading lumberman in the Saginaw valley from 1847 to 1858. Died August 6, 1860.

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## DANIEL F. JOHNSON

Was born in Canton (now Cairo), N. Y., Jan. 29, 1801. In 1834 he settled on a farm in Groveland, Oakland county. He was supervisor in 1836, and in 1851. In 1840 he was representative in the legislature, elected by the whigs. He became a Republican in 1854.

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## DAVID JOHNSON

Was born in Sangerfield, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1809. Removed to Genesee county, N. Y., in 1824, studied law, and was admitted to the bar. He went to Painesville, O., in 1836, came to Michigan in 1837, and settled in practice at Jackson in 1838, where he died Aug. 23, 1886. He was in the first rank of lawyers; was prosecuting attorney; representative in 1845-7; judge of the Supreme Court 1852 to 1857; and democratic candidate for that position in 1857. He practiced at Jackson 48 years. He had a strong constitution, an active temperament, was decided in his convictions, well versed in law, and a leader at the bar. He stamped his impress upon the early history of Michigan as one of the ablest of the pioneers.

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## FRANKLIN JOHNSON

Was a native of Vermont. He became a lawyer and settled at Monroe, Mich., in 1835. He was city attorney of Monroe, prosecuting attorney and judge of probate. He was judge of the first circuit from 1863 to 1869. An able lawyer and judge. Died at Monroe, Oct. 11, 1870.

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## J. EASTMAN JOHNSON

Was admitted to the bar of St. Joseph county, Michigan, in 1837, and practiced law until his death, which occurred at Niles, March 14, 1887, at the age of 83. He had been a regent of the state University; probate judge of St. Joseph county; and was a presidential elector in



1884. Politically a Republican. He was a distinguished Mason, was long secretary of the grand lodge, and had also been grand master.

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#### JAMES JOHNSON,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1883-5, was born in Summerset, Ohio, February 22, 1814; removed to St. Joseph county, Michigan, April 18, 1832. Occupation, farmer, lumber manufacturer, and dealer in real estate. In politics a Democrat.

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#### SAMUEL JOHNSON,

Representative from Cass county in 1877-79, was born July 7, 1839, in Springfield, N. Y. He received an academical education, and graduated at Cazenovia seminary, N. Y. He removed to Michigan in 1864. He was elected township clerk six years; supervisor of Wayne township three years; county superintendent of schools in 1873. He was a teacher, but engaged in farming and the breeding of fine stock, in which he is deeply interested. He is a Republican. For several years past he has been a professor in the state agricultural college at Lansing.

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#### WELCOME W. JOHNSON,

Representative from Kent county in 1877, was born at Williamstown, Mass., Oct. 26, 1817. His parents removed to Oneida county, N. Y., in 1819. He came to Michigan in 1835. He received a common school education. He served several years as town treasurer in Dundee, Monroe county. In 1849 he united with the Michigan conference as a preacher, of which conference he is still a member and holds a supernumerary relation. He resides near Grand Rapids, where he has a farm, and preaches occasionally. In politics a Republican.

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#### DE GARMO JONES,

Senator from Wayne and other counties in 1840-1, was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1787, and came to Detroit as a sutler in the army under Gen. Harrison in 1813, and subsequently settled there. He established a store and became a leading business man, and at a later date was prominent in the development of the Lake Superior copper mines. He was mayor of the city in 1839, several times alderman, and took an active interest in business, church and educational affairs, and left a valuable estate. He was a Whig in politics. Died in 1846.



## EDWARD L. JONES,

Representative from Jackson county in 1850, was born at Chesterfield, Mass., January 1, 1814. Removed to the state of New York and became a clerk. In 1833 became clerk in the commercial bank of Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1838 cashier of the merchants and mechanics' bank of Monroe, Mich., which failed in 1840. Removed to Jackson, became a druggist, and sold out in 1849. From 1852 to 1859 was in the banking business at Cleveland, Ohio, then in same business at Milwaukee, Wis., until 1863, then in the sanitary commission at Atlanta and Chattanooga until the close of the war; organized national banks at Atlanta and Columbus, Ga., but retired from business in 1879. Resides at Atlanta. First a Whig, since a Republican.

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## GEORGE C. JONES,

Representative from Ontonagon county in 1865, was born in Orleans county, N. Y., October 1, 1829. By occupation a lawyer, politically a Republican. He came with his father in 1843 to Springfield, Mich., where he lived until 1853. He studied law and settled in Ontonagon in 1854. Removed to Appleton, Wisconsin, in 1869, where he now resides.

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## GEORGE JONES,

Representative from Eaton county in 1853, was born in Manchester, N. Y., August 18, 1816. He came with his father's family to Novi, Mich., in 1831. He was captain of militia in 1838. He removed to Oneida, Mich., in 1843, and settled near Grand Ledge, where he now resides. He has served nine years as supervisor, four years as town clerk and been a justice two terms. In politics a Democrat, by occupation a farmer.

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## GILMAN C. JONES.

Senator from Cass county in 1861-2, was born at Hopkinton, N. H., July 26, 1820, was brought up on a farm and became a teacher. He settled on a farm in Cass county in 1844, taught school, was a clerk, in 1850 became a merchant at Dowagiac, where he now resides. Has been president of the village several times, repeatedly a supervisor. He was a Republican, but since the war has affiliated with no political party. Is a dealer in wool.



## JOHN D. JONES,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1877, was born in London, Ontario, January 17, 1825. He removed to DeKalb county, Ill., in 1838, thence to St. Clair county, Mich., in 1843, and resides in Brockway. He is engaged in lumbering and farming. He received a common school education. He has been supervisor for six terms, justice twenty-six years, school director twenty-three years, and held all town offices, except treasurer and clerk, for a number of terms. He has also been postmaster at Merrillville twenty-three years. In politics a Republican.

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## JOHN H. JONES

Was born at Hopewell, N. Y., April 27, 1828, and was educated at the Genesee Wesleyan seminary at Lima, N. Y. He afterwards became a teacher. In 1854 he settled on a farm at Quincy, Michigan. For several years he was supervisor. In 1865-7 he was a Representative, and Senator in 1869-70-75. He voted to sustain Gov. Crapo's position on railroad aid bills, and was one of five Senators who voted against the passage of the railroad law. He still resides at Quincy.

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## RICHARD JONES,

Representative from Barry county in 1867, was born in Otsego county, N. Y. He came to Michigan in 1848, and now lives at Battle Creek. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. Has been supervisor and town clerk.

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## WHITNEY JONES,

Auditor General, 1855 to 1859, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 2, 1812. He moved from New York to Michigan in 1839. He was a country merchant, and took up his residence in Delta, Eaton county. He was supervisor and postmaster; Representative for the counties of Eaton and Ingham in 1845-6; postmaster of Lansing, 1849 to 1853; auditor general two terms, from 1855 to 1859; state senator from Clinton and Ingham counties in 1859; United States assessor for the third district, comprising the counties of Washtenaw, Jackson, Calhoun, Eaton and Ingham, 1862 to 1866; postmaster of Lansing, 1868 to 1871; and treasurer of Ingham county 1883 to 1887. He was a leading Whig until 1854, when he helped organize the republican party at Jackson, and was the first nominee of that party



for auditor general. He supported Greeley in 1872, and eventually became a member of the greenback party. In 1887 he removed to Alameda, California.

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#### WILLIAM T. JONES,

Representative from Mecosta county in 1885-7, was born in Watertown, Ontario, March 10, 1846, and has been a resident of Michigan since 1873. By occupation a lumberman. Mr. Jones has held various offices of public trust, among which are township and village treasurer, supervisor, superintendent of poor, village president, and president of the Mecosta county agricultural society. He was elected Representative on the republican ticket by a vote of 2,141 to 1,366 for Joseph H. Kilbourne, and 271 for John S. Weidman, Prohibitionist.

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#### CHAUNCEY JOSLYN

Was born at Throopsville, New York, June 28, 1813. Educated at Temple Hill, Livingston county. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for five years, when he began the study of law. In 1837 he removed to Ypsilanti. He was elected a Representative in 1843, a member of the state board of education in 1851, and judge of probate, Washtenaw county, in 1852. In 1853 he was appointed one of the commissioners to construct the St. Mary's falls ship canal. Was mayor of Ypsilanti in 1858. Mr. Joslyn was elected judge of the 23d judicial circuit in April, 1881, on the democratic ticket, and served until the close of 1887.

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#### JAMES F. JOY

Was born at Durham, N. H., Dec. 20, 1810. He graduated at Dartmouth in 1835, and subsequently at the Cambridge law school. In his junior years he was a teacher, and instructed classes at Dartmouth, after graduating. He settled at Detroit in 1836, studied law, and became a partner of Geo. F. Porter, under the firm name of Joy & Porter. As a lawyer he was eminently successful. He early gave attention to banking, land and railroad interests, and his law practice was largely in those directions. In 1846 he was a principal agent in organizing the Michigan Central railroad company, and he was many years connected as attorney, counselor, director and president. He built the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroads, and in connection purchased for those companies 800,000 acres of valuable lands. The building of the Chicago & West



Michigan; the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw; Detroit, Lansing & Northern; and Detroit & Bay City railroads, were greatly indebted to him for aid. Later he directed his attention to the Wabash, opening up a new route between Detroit and St. Louis. His success was largely due to the confidence eastern and foreign capitalists had in his sagacity and financial ability. He is still in the enjoyment of full physical and mental vigor. Formerly a Whig, later a Republican. A Representative in 1861-2, a regent of the University since 1881.

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#### ETHEL JUDD,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1855-7, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., April 27, 1807. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. He settled on a farm in Adams, Mich., in 1837, and built the first church and school-house in the town, also the first six frame dwelling houses. He was five years supervisor. He raised a company for the 10th Michigan infantry in 1861, and went south with them, but returned in 1862 from ill health. He died Feb. 11, 1883.

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#### J. BYRON JUDKINS,

Of Hersey, was born at Coldwater, Ohio, January 18, 1851; was educated at the Celina union school and Liber college, Ind.; moved to Michigan in 1870; studied law at Big Rapids; was admitted to the bar in 1874; settled in Hersey, September, 1875; was appointed judge of the nineteenth judicial circuit in March, 1880, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Samuel D. Haight, and was elected without opposition for the unexpired term, in November, 1880. In the spring of 1881 he was re-elected, without opposition, to the same office for the full term.

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#### MARTIN KALLANDER,

Representative from the Ontonagon district in 1887, comprising the counties of Baraga, Isle Royal, Keweenaw and Ontonagon, was born in Sweden, September 28, 1852. He landed in this country in 1872 and went direct to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and continued a resident of that state until July, 1885, when he located at Bessemer, Michigan. His principal occupation has been that of railroad and timber contractor. He is running the largest boarding house at Bessemer, and is a leader of his fellow countrymen in that region. Mr. Kallander was



nominated for Representative by the labor party and then endorsed by the Democrats, the vote being 1,503 to 1,325 for George A. Royce, Republican, and 60 for Ole Michaelsen, Prohibitionist.

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#### JACOB KANOUSE

Was born in Morris county, N. J., August 23, 1817. He came to Michigan at an early day and settled in Livingston county as a farmer. He is a resident of Cohoctah township; has held many offices, among them, justice, judge of probate four years, and was a special commissioner to take the vote of several Michigan regiments during the war. He was a Representative in 1861-2, as a Republican.

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#### EDWARD KANTER.

Representative from Detroit in 1857, was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1824, and came to this state in 1842. From 1847 to 1867 was in active mercantile life, since has been at the head of a banking house, now the German-American bank, of which he is president. He was for five years an inspector of the Detroit house of correction, four years a member of the poor commission, and was a member and treasurer of the state commission to the New Orleans exposition in 1885. In politics a Democrat, four years a member of the state committee and eight years of the national, twice on the electoral ticket, twice a candidate for state treasurer, and delegate to the national convention in 1876. He is president of a number of German societies.

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#### JONATHAN KEARSLEY

Was born in Virginia in 1786, and graduated at Washington college in 1811. In 1812 he was appointed 1st lieutenant of the 2d artillery corps, and during the war held the positions of captain, major and assistant adjutant general. He was engaged in many battles, and lost a leg at Fort Erie. In 1817 was appointed receiver of taxes in Virginia, and in 1819 became receiver of the U. S. land office in Detroit, which he held for thirty years. He was also regent of the University of Michigan, mayor of Detroit, and judge of the recorder's court. A Democrat in politics. Died at Detroit in 1859.

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#### ROBERT C. KEDZIE

Was born in Delhi, N. Y., January 28, 1823. He graduated at Oberlin college in 1847, and from the medical department of the Michigan



University in 1851. He settled at Kalamazoo, but in 1852 removed to Vermontville, where he remained until 1861, when he entered the army as surgeon of the 12th Michigan infantry. On his return he settled at Lansing, and has been professor of chemistry in the state agricultural college since 1863. He was for many years a member of the state board of health, and its president. He was president of the state medical society in 1874, is a member of various societies, and has a national reputation as the author of valuable papers on health, hygiene and agriculture. He was Representative in 1867 as a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM KEDZIE

Was born in Scotland in 1771; came to America in 1795; made the first entry of public lands in Blissfield (now Deerfield), Mich., in 1824, and settled upon it with his family in 1826. He was the first supervisor and postmaster, and assisted in organizing Lenawee county. He was appointed associate judge of Lenawee county November 27, 1827, and was re-appointed November 28, 1828. He died in 1828.

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#### RICHARD KEELER,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1877, was born in Ridgefield, Conn., March 1, 1825. He moved to New York in 1834, and thence to Michigan in 1847. He received a common school education, and has been town clerk of Pennfield for twelve years. He is a farmer, in politics a Republican.

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#### ANDREW J. KEENEY,

Representative in 1863-4, from Monroe county, was born in the state of Pennsylvania February 26, 1819. By occupation a farmer and stock raiser, and has been largely engaged in lake fisheries. Politically a Democrat. Has been supervisor, justice, and held other positions. Came to Michigan with his father's family in 1828, and now lives in Erie, Mich.

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#### SALMON KEENEY

Was born July 24, 1794, in Wyoming county, Pa. Came to Michigan, and settled on a farm in Erie, Monroe county, in 1828. Was appointed a judge of the county court the same year, and held that position until the organization of the state government. Was the



first justice of the peace in Erie, and held that position nearly all the time until his death in 1847. He was a Democrat, and prominent in all matters of public interest in the early history of the county and state.

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#### EDWIN W. KEIGHTLY

Was born in Van Buren, Ind., Aug. 7, 1843. He received an academical education and graduated at the law department of the University in 1865. He engaged in law practice in St. Joseph county, and in 1872 was elected prosecuting attorney. He was appointed judge of the 15th circuit to fill a vacancy, and in 1875 was elected to that position for six years. In 1876 he was elected Representative to congress from the fourth district and served one term. He is now engaged in the practice of his profession.

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#### WILLIAM A. KEITH,

Representative from Berrien county in 1883, was born in Indiana Feb. 26, 1843, and was educated in that state and in Illinois. Served in the tenth Illinois cavalry from Sept., 1861, to Jan., 1866, rising from private to captain. Then settled as a farmer in Berrien county, Mich. Politically a Greenbacker.

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#### EDWIN KELLOGG,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1850, was born in Sheffield, Mass., Feb. 17, 1803. He settled at White Pigeon in 1830. He was a merchant at Schoolcraft and Sturgis, and one of the firm of Kellogg & Brothers at White Pigeon engaged in merchandise and flour milling. He removed to Kansas in 1854, where he was a farmer until his death, Jan. 6, 1876.

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#### FRANCIS W. KELLOGG;

Was born in Worthington, Mass., May 30, 1810; received a limited education, and removing to Michigan, entered into the business of lumbering at Kelloggsville, Kent county. As a Republican he was elected to the legislature of 1857. In 1858 he was elected to the thirty-sixth congress as Representative from the third district of Michigan, and was re-elected in 1860 and 1862, serving from 1859 to 1865. During the rebellion he raised six cavalry regiments for the service. In 1865 President Johnson appointed him collector of internal revenue, for Alabama, and he was afterwards elected to congress from that state.



## JOHN R. KELLOGG

Was born in New Hartford, N. Y., in 1793, was a clerk as a young man, and from 1818 to 1836, a successful merchant at Marcellus, N. Y. Settled at Allegan, Mich., in 1836, where he resided until his death in 1868. He was a Representative in 1838, and for six years a member of the state board of education. He was an intimate friend of Seward and Cass, and kept up a friendly correspondence with them through life. He was largely interested in lands and acquired a competence. Often a delegate to state conventions, he had great weight in party counsels. A Republican in politics. A man of remarkably fine appearance, of genial nature, and greatly respected.

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## OLIVER KELLOGG

Was born in Sharon, Conn., Oct. 2, 1797. He came to Detroit, July 4th, 1832, and with an ox team conveyed his family to the western part of Washtenaw county. He purchased a large tract of land in Sharon. Held various positions of public trust, was associate judge under the county court system, postmaster, member of the legislature of 1837, justice, etc. He sold his farm and moved to Ann Arbor in 1856, where he died Feb. 24, 1859. In politics a Democrat.

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## SHIVERICK KELLOGG

Was born in Murray, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1817. He was educated at Potsdam academy, and settled as a farmer in Easton, Ionia county, in 1849. He held several local offices and was a Representative in 1871-2-3 and 4. In politics a Republican.

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## HARRISON KELLY,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1859, was born in Jefferson county, Va., Nov. 28, 1797. A farmer, in politics a Whig, Abolitionist, Republican, and now a Greenback Prohibitionist. He came to Michigan in 1833, and purchased a farm in Burr Oak, on which he still resides.

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## MARK N. KELLEY,

Representative first district of Lapeer in 1855-7, was born at Pontiac, Oakland county, October 17, 1831. Mr. Kelley removed with his parents, in 1844, to Lapeer county, where he has since resided. He received a common school education, and at an early age began



farming, which he followed until 1868, when he engaged in mercantile business. In 1873 he built an elevator at Metamora, still continuing farming, and is also engaged in the produce business. He has held the office of supervisor, township treasurer, and Representative in 1885-6, and was re-elected on the republican ticket member of the House of 1887-8, by a vote of 1,329 to 1,187 for J. M. Wattles, and 233 for Peter Hagle, Prohibitionist.

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ROBERT J. KELLEY,

Representative from Alpena and other counties in 1877, was born in Monroe county, Mich., Sept. 3, 1844. He received an academical education, and in Sept., 1862, enlisted in company K, 5th Michigan cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He took a commercial college course in Detroit, graduated from the law department of the University in 1868, and commenced practice at Bay City, but since 1869 has been in practice at Alpena.

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NEWELL J. KELSEY,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1883, was born at LeRoy, Mich., June 20, 1843, received a high school education, and was a teacher at sixteen. He served in the war from Aug., 1861, to Sept., 1865, first in the 2d Michigan infantry, then "Merrill's Horse," 2d Missouri cavalry, and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Now a farmer, in politics a Republican. Several years a supervisor, and chairman of the board.

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SULLIVAN R. KELSEY,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1847, 1859, 1861-2, was born in Fairhaven, Vt., Aug. 16, 1805. He was educated in private and common schools. He was clerk in a store, then engineer in a paper mill, and traveling salesman. At twenty-one he became a merchant in Fairhaven, and from 1831 to 1833 was in the same business at Brockport, N. Y. In 1833 he removed to Bloomfield, Mich., and opened the first store in what is now the village of Birmingham, where he continued in business for eleven years, and was postmaster from 1837 to 1844. He became a resident of Byron, purchased the water power, and, with B. W. Dennis, built and operated the Byron mills until 1856, then alone until 1858. He then engaged in the hardware trade until 1865. In 1864 he was elected judge of probate, and held that position from 1865 to 1881. He was eight years justice, nine years supervisor at Byron, and was alderman and mayor of Corunna. First a Whig, then a Republican. Died in 1886.



## REUBEN KEMPF,

Senator from Washtenaw county in 1885, was born in Pennsylvania. He has been a resident of Michigan for forty-six years. His former occupation was that of merchant, but he is now a banker. He has been extensively interested in the commercial affairs of Washtenaw county for thirty years. He commenced active work for himself as a tinner and gradually worked his way through the various stages of business enterprise, until he stands in the foremost rank among the commercial men of his county. He is a Republican.

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## FRANK KENDRICK,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1881, was born in Waterford, Maine. He removed to Michigan with his parents when about six years of age. Having received an academical education he engaged in teaching. August 18, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Co. A, 5th Mich. cavalry, and served until the war closed, being discharged June 3, 1865. During his service he participated in forty battles; was wounded three times, and returned home in poor health and with a broken constitution. He engaged in farming, but was obliged to abandon that pursuit on account of his health. He then taught for three years, when his health failed so completely that he had to abandon all pursuits, and, for a number of years, was a confirmed invalid. In 1880 he was elected justice of the peace. Republican. Died Nov. 16, 1881.

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## FREDERICK G. KENDRICK,

Representative from Macomb county in 1869-70, was born in Germany, May 14, 1836. Came to Michigan in 1844. He was at first a farmer, then a merchant, and was in the lumber, sash and blind business for nine years. Was sheriff of Macomb county from 1870 to 1874. Has been a member of the Mt. Clemens board of education for nine years, and is president of the Mt. Clemens bitter water company. Is now postmaster, and in politics a Democrat.

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## LUCIUS KENDRICK,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1869-70, was born at Darien, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1817, and settled in Lapeer county in 1836. He held several offices of trust in Dryden, and in the county. He was for many years a local correspondent of the *Detroit Tribune*, and con-



tributed a valuable series of articles to the *Lapeer Clarion* of reminiscences of Lapeer county. Died Oct. 12, 1833. A Republican in politics.

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#### FREDERICK A. KENNEDY, JR.,

Representative from Jackson county in 1846, was born in Brighton, England, Feb. 18, 1811. He came to Pennsylvania in 1819, but soon removed to Lodi, N. Y. In 1831 became a farmer in Ridgeway, Mich. Settled in Hanover, Mich., in 1837, and was supervisor four years, justice eight years, and since 1875 superintendent of the poor. He is the county agent of the state board of charities. In politics a Democrat.

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#### FREDERICK A. KENNEDY, SR.,

Was born in England, Dec. 27, 1785. He came to America in 1817, and resided in Pennsylvania and New York until 1831, when he removed to Michigan, settling in Lenawee county in what was afterwards called Ridgeway. He was a cooper by trade, but after coming to Michigan followed farming principally. In politics a Democrat, and in 1850 was a Representative in the legislature. In 1857 he removed to Jackson, where he resided until his death, Feb. 26, 1872.

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#### MUNNIS KENNEY,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1840, was born in Newfane, Vt., Dec. 10, 1788. He received an academical education, was three years in Williams college, and the fourth at Middlebury, graduating in 1809. Studied law, and was in practice at Townshend, Vt., and was a member of the Vermont assembly in 1816-17-21. He lived at Brighton, Mass., a few years, and in 1829 settled on a farm in Webster, Mich. He was an anti-slavery Whig, the founder of the Washtenaw mutual insurance company, and for many years its secretary. Died April 23, 1843.

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#### MYRON C. KENNY,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1865, was born in Perry, N. Y., in 1823, and came to Michigan in 1842. By profession a physician, in politics a Republican. Received an academical education at Romeo, Mich., and taught several terms in Macomb county and at Lapeer. Studied medicine and went into practice at Lapeer in 1848, where he still resides. He was three years president of the village and twice



mayor of the city of Lapeer, school inspector seven years, and member of the board of education for sixteen years. Was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867.

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#### RICHARD KENT

Was born in Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 30, 1786. He received a good academical education, taught school and practiced surveying several years. He was an early settler in Adrian, Mich., where he followed farming and was Senator in 1853. He was also supervisor and held other town offices. Died in 1867.

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#### WILLIAM A. KENT

Was a Representative from Branch county in 1838. He was a typical pioneer; full of force and energy. A leader in the democratic party until the time of his death in 1862. He was associate judge under the old system, and was known as Judge Kent.

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#### JOHN KENYON

Was born in Queensbury, N. Y., July 28, 1806, came to Tyrone, Mich., in 1840, purchased a farm, and followed that occupation for life. For nine years supervisor of the township. In 1849 he was a Representative, and Senator in 1855. He died November 12, 1874. In politics a Democrat.

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#### BENJAMIN B. KERCHEVAL

Senator from Wayne and other counties in 1838-9, and president *pro tem.* in 1839, was born at Winchester, Va., April 9, 1793, and was the son of an officer of the revolution. Came to Detroit at an early age. In 1821 he was appointed pension agent of Indiana, and removed to Fort Wayne, but returned to Detroit, where he died, March 23, 1855. He was a member of the first convention of assent; alderman in 1830; director of the Detroit & St. Joseph railroad company in 1835; trustee of the Detroit savings bank; a corporator of the Peninsular bank in 1849; and for many years a forwarding and commission merchant, doing business at the foot of Woodward avenue. A daughter is the wife of Moses W. Field. In politics a Democrat.



## DANFORTH KEYES,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1875, was born in Ashford, Conn., May 27, 1816. He received a common school education, removed to Clinton, Michigan, in 1836, and has since resided there. He was supervisor of Tecumseh in 1863-4-5, and after the division of the town in 1869 was supervisor of Clinton in 1869-70. Engaged in the milling business, and also a grain dealer. In politics a Democrat.

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## HENRY C. KIBBEE,

Senator from Macomb county in 1851, was born in Orange county, Vt., October 22, 1818. He came to Michigan in 1839, and commenced milling in 1844 at Mt. Clemens. He was contractor for the Erie and Kalamazoo canal in 1847, and in 1849 contractor for the Buffalo & Blackwell canal, N. Y. In 1851 re-organized the bank of Macomb county, and was president, vice president and cashier until 1858, when he sold out and went into the lumber firm of Kibbee, Fox & Co. In 1861 was a large contractor in buying horses for the army, and in 1863 was elected cashier of the first national bank of Detroit. In 1857 was appointed pension agent, and served through the term of Buchanan. Also organized the banking firm of Duncan, Kibbee & Co. Not in active business since 1867. In politics a Democrat.

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## PORTER KIBBEE,

Commissioner of the state land office from April 2, 1850, to December 31, 1854, was born in Orange county, Vt., in July, 1813. He came to Michigan in 1836, and for many years was a resident of Mt. Clemens. He was for two terms judge of probate for Macomb county. He held a partnership with his brother in flouring and lumber mills, the firm being P. & H. C. Kibbee. In 1858 he was elected president of the bank of Macomb county. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Democrat. Is now an invalid and resides at Detroit.

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## RUFUS KIBBEE,

Senator from Lenawee county in 1846-7, came from the state of New York, and was a physician and druggist at Canandaigua. He removed to Coldwater about 1867, where he died about 1883-4. In politics a Democrat.



## JOSEPH H. KILBOURNE,

Representative in 1847-9, from Ingham county, was born in Westbury, Lower Canada, May 8, 1809. He settled in Meridian, Michigan, where he now resides. Was postmaster in 1840, in 1844 county superintendent of the poor, and supervisor in 1846-7. He is said to have been very effective in the removal of the capital from Detroit to Lansing. A farmer and a Democrat. He was a colonel of militia in 1848.

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## SAMUEL L. KILBOURNE,

Representative from Ingham county in 1875, was born near Toronto, Canada, in 1839. He removed with his father to Detroit in 1839, and to Okemos, Ingham county, in 1841. He received an academical education at the agricultural college. He graduated from the law department of the Michigan University in 1860, and commenced the practice of his profession in Lansing, where he still resides. In 1861 he edited the *Lansing State Journal*, in 1868-9 was clerk of the Supreme Court. He has been city attorney two terms. In politics a Democrat. He has an extensive practice, and is one of the law firm of Kilbourne & Humphrey.

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## JOHN KILLEAN,

Representative from Kent county in 1887, was born at Buffalo, N. Y., November 27, 1831, and has been a resident of Michigan since 1864. Formerly his occupation was varied, but at present a grocer. He has been alderman of Grand Rapids twice, president of the common council three times, and member of the police and fire commission. He was elected Representative on the fusion ticket by a vote of 4,149.

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## WILLIAM M. KILPATRICK,

Senator from Livingston and Shiawassee counties in 1881-2, was born at Middlesex, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1840. He received an academical education, and was a teacher. He graduated at the law department of the University in 1866, and is in practice at Owosso. He has been city attorney two terms, twice supervisor, mayor of Owosso, and prosecuting attorney two terms. Has also been chairman of the republican county committee, and a member of the state committee.



EBENEZER C. KIMBERLY,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1851, was born at Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 9, 1777, and died at Corunna, Michigan, July 8, 1856. He came to Corunna in 1840, as the agent of Trumbull Cary, an extensive land holder, and devoted himself to that business as a resident.

EDWARD KING,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1881-2-3, was born in London, England, September 12, 1830, and came to this country with his father in 1833. They resided in New York city until 1837, when they settled at Ypsilanti, Mich. He was engaged in mercantile business until 1867, when he purchased the farm upon which he has since lived. In politics a Democrat.

GIDEON G. KING

Was born in the state of New York, about 1820, came with his father from Lima, N. Y., to Ypsilanti in 1837, and removed to Amboy, Hillsdale county, in 1841. He was supervisor of Amboy six years. By occupation a farmer, in politics first Whig and then Republican. He was Representative in 1855. He died at the age of 39.

JOHN B KING,

Representative from Monroe county in 1850, was born in the state of New York in 1798. Came to Michigan in 1832, and settled on a farm in Summerfield, Monroe county. He was town clerk, supervisor, justice nine years, and held other town offices. He removed to Raisinville where he was supervisor, justice, and overseer of the poor. A Democrat until 1856. Died March 26, 1857.

NATHAN G. KING,

Senator from Jackson county in 1873-4, was born in Nassau, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1819, received a common school education, and prepared for college under private instruction; was engaged in extensive mercantile operations in early life, but in 1843 commenced the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. Commenced the practice of his profession in Albany, N. Y., in company with Hon. S. H. Hammond, and afterwards had for his partner Hon. Henry Hogeboom. He emigrated to Michigan in 1856, and settled in Berrien county. In 1865 he



removed to Brooklyn, Jackson county, where he now resides. Politically a Republican.

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SOLOMON O. KINGSBURY,

Representative from Kent county in 1867, was born in Connecticut, May 2, 1812, his father's family soon after removing to Painesville, Ohio, where he received a common school education. In early life he was a clerk. He became a resident of Grand Rapids at an early day and was a merchant. He was elected county treasurer in 1848 and 1850, serving four years, then resuming mercantile business. In 1858 he opened a real estate and insurance office and continued in that business during life. In 1867 he was appointed postmaster of Grand Rapids, and held that position two years. Died May 16, 1886.

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JAMES KINGSLEY,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1837, '48, '69, '70, and Senator in 1838-9 and 1842, was born in Canterbury, Conn., January 6, 1797, attended school until nineteen, then took a Latin course, either at Brown University, or with one of its professors. From 1823 to 1826 was a tutor in the family of Ludwell Lee, in Virginia; removed to Grand Gulf, Miss., and from there to Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1826. In 1830 married Lucy Ann Clark. From 1830 to 1838 judge of probate: 1830 to 1833 member of the territorial council; a trustee of the University of Michigan in 1831; in 1850 a member of the constitutional convention; in 1852 elected regent of the University; and was the second mayor of Ann Arbor. In politics a Democrat. Died August 10, 1878.

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DANIEL KINNE

Emigrated from Erie county, N. Y., in 1838 and settled on a farm in Reading, Hillsdale county. He was five years supervisor, and held other town offices. In 1845 he was associate judge of the county: in 1847 was Representative in the legislature; and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. He was active in building a plank road from Reading to Hillsdale; in the Reading manufacturing company, and cheese factory. He died many years since.

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EDWARD D. KINNE.

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1881-2, was born at De Witt, N. Y., in 1842. He prepared for college at Cazenovia seminary,



N. Y., and graduated in the classical department of Michigan University in 1864. He also graduated from the Columbian law school, in Washington, D. C., in 1867. Having located at Ann Arbor in 1867, he has practiced law in that city since. He has been city recorder and city attorney of Ann Arbor, and mayor two terms. In 1886, as the republican candidate, he was elected judge of the circuit comprising the counties of Washtenaw and Monroe.

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GEORGE KIPP,

Representative from Genesee county, in 1873-4, was born in Owasco, N. Y., November 25, 1811. In 1814 he removed to Erie county, N. Y. He was educated in common schools. In 1846 he came to Michigan, and settled in Atlas, Genesee county, where he now resides. He has held several local offices. By occupation a farmer.

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JAMES KIPP

Was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., June 13, 1801. He removed in 1836 to Atlas, Mich., and was supervisor seven terms, between 1839 and 1848, justice from 1837 to 1854, and associate judge of the county. He removed to Duplain, Clinton county, in 1855, where he lived two years, then became a resident of St. Johns. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. He was a Representative in 1857, and superintendent of poor in Clinton county from 1866 up to the date of his death, October 22, 1884.

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WILLIAM J. KIRBY,

Representative from Kalamazoo in 1887, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., February 11, 1845. His former occupation was that of surveyor and civil engineer; at present a farmer. He was appointed supervisor of Pavilion in 1882, and elected in 1883 and 1884. He was superintendent of the building of the Kalamazoo county court house in 1884. Mr. Kirby was elected Representative for 1887-8 as a Republican by a vote of 2,130 to 1,645 for David R. Chandler, and 200 for L. T. Becker, Prohibitionist.

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OTTO KIRCHNER,

Attorney general of Michigan from 1877 to 1881, was born at Frankfort-on-the-Oder, Prussia, July 13, 1846. He came to Berlin, Ontario, with his father in 1854, received an academical education, and began



the study of law. In 1864 was a clerk to the auditor general, and in 1865 clerk of the House judiciary committee. Studied law in Detroit, and was admitted in 1866. He stumped the state for Grant and Wilson in 1872, in 1876 was chairman of the republican city committee, and was a delegate to the Cincinnati convention. In 1885 he was appointed one of the professors of law at Ann Arbor, but resigned after a short service. Has a lucrative law practice. In politics a Republican.

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#### GEORGE KIRKLAND,

Representative from Monroe county in 1855, was born in the state of New York, Sept. 1, 1810. By occupation a farmer, a Democrat in politics. He came to Bedford, Mich., in 1842. Has held the offices of supervisor, road commissioner, justice sixteen years, and treasurer of the F. M. F. insurance company several years. Now resides at Samaria, Monroe county.

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#### WILLIAM M. KIRKPATRICK,

Representative from Marquette county in 1885, was born at Allegheny City, Pa., Jan. 17, 1849, where his early years were spent. Has held the office of justice and school inspector. In politics a Republican.

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#### HENRY KLEI,

Representative from Wayne county in 1881-2, was born in Germany, July 24, 1819. His parents emigrated to America in 1852, and located in Detroit, where he has since resided. Mr. Klei received his education in the public schools in Detroit. He was elected alderman in 1878, and in 1879 for the full term of two years. He is a cigar manufacturer by occupation, and a Republican in politics.

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#### PETER KLEIN

Was born Sept. 12, 1813, in Oermingen, Alsace, and came with his parents to this country in 1828, who settled in Erie county, N. Y. He studied medicine and practiced four years at Rochester, N. Y., and two years at St. Catherines, Ontario. He graduated from Geneva medical college in 1846, and soon after settled in Detroit, where he practiced his profession. He has been city and county physician and United States surgeon at the Detroit barracks. He was a Representative from Detroit in 1869-70-75. In politics a Democrat.



## ALONZO F. KNAPP,

Representative from Oakland county in 1873-4, was born in Bristol, N. Y., March 12, 1833. He emigrated to Michigan in 1834, and settled in Salem, Washtenaw county. He finished his classical education at the state-normal school. He studied medicine, and graduated from the western medical college, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1865. In 1868 he removed to South Lyons, where he now resides, and practices his profession.

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## CORNELIUS KNAPP

Was born in Nassau, N. Y., July 12, 1824. When young his parents removed to western New York, where they lived until 1835, when they removed to Rome, Michigan. He worked on his father's farm until 1846, then learned the carpenter's trade and followed it until 1859. He bought a farm in Rome in 1850, and now lives upon it. He has been supervisor for sixteen years, and in 1871-2 was a Representative in the legislature.

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## JACOB KNAPP,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1881-2, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, October 14, 1846. He received a common school education and came to this country in 1866, and settled in Detroit, but in 1868 removed to Saginaw City, where he has since been engaged in the manufacture of cigars. He was alderman in 1877 and 1879. Politically a Democrat.

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## SAMUEL O. KNAPP,

Member of the state board of agriculture from 1863 to 1874, was born at Royalton, Vt., April 21, 1816, and died some years since at Jackson. He settled in Jackson in 1844, and introduced the manufacture of woolen goods into the state prison. He was several years president of the Jackson school board. He was a recognized authority in horticulture. He was interested in copper mining in 1847-8, and made a valuable report upon the geology of that part of the state. A Republican in politics.

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## GEORGE W. KNEELAND

Settled in Howell, Mich., in 1836, first as a farmer, afterwards engaged in running a steam saw mill at Howell, and was in the same



business in Iosco where he died. He was judge of probate of Livingston county in 1840, held other public positions and was elected a Representative in 1850. Politically a Democrat.

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GODFREY E. KNIGHT,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1875, was born Sept. 15, 1838, in Schoolcraft, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1860. He has held several village offices and been justice of the peace in Schoolcraft. Is by occupation a merchant, in politics a Democrat.

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HENRY C. KNIGHT

Was born in East Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 13, 1817. He graduated at Jefferson college, spent one year in Yale law school, came to Michigan in 1837, and settled at Pontiac. He was admitted to the bar in 1839, remained in Pontiac until 1848, and was a partner of O. D. Richardson. He then taught a classical school, and devoted himself to the ministry until 1853, when he settled in Detroit and resumed law practice. He was an alderman and member of the board of education of Detroit; prosecuting attorney of Wayne county, and regent of the University, both of which positions he held at the time of his death, March 26, 1867. He was for many years superintendent of the Fort street Presbyterian Sunday school. In politics a Republican.

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NATHAN KNIGHT,

Representative from Bay county in 1877-79, was born at Otisfield, near Portland, Maine, July 14, 1817. His father removed to Michigan in 1826 and settled at Avon, Oakland county. He finished his educational studies at Austinburg institute, Ohio. He taught school two terms, and came to Bay City in 1854. He was supervisor of Hampton for many consecutive years. His principal business is farming. In politics a Democrat.

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RICHARD KNIGHT.

Representative from Antrim and other counties in 1883, was born in the county of Surrey, England, and had a common school education. He came to Woodstock, Ontario, in 1850, and was a blacksmith in Canada and Wisconsin. Removed to Banks, Mich., in 1863. Has been sheriff of Antrim county, sixteen years a justice, and town treasurer. Politically a Republican.



## ELBRIDGE G. KNOWLTON.

Little can be learned of Mr. Knowlton, Representative from Oakland county in 1844. He was a farmer and innkeeper in the town of Groveland; was supervisor in 1837-38-41, also justice of the peace. He came to Michigan in 1837 and removed in 1847. Representative in 1844.

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## EZRA L. KOON,

Senator from Branch and Hillsdale counties in 1869-70-83, was born at Tyrone, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1833. Came first to Michigan in 1844, but taught school and attended Franklin academy, Plattsburgh, N. Y., in 1854-5. Studied law in Illinois and at Hillsdale, and was admitted in 1859, where he is now engaged in practice. Circuit court commissioner two years, and prosecuting attorney four years. With Hon. Charles Upson was a commissioner to examine the compilation of 1871. Has been twice mayor of Hillsdale; since 1875 a trustee of Hillsdale college; and vice president of second national bank of Hillsdale since 1874. Politically a Republican.

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## JOSEPH KUHN

Representative from Detroit in 1879, was born in Neustadt, Hesse Cassel, Prussia, March 9, 1826. In 1846 he emigrated to Detroit. The same year he removed to Perry county, Ohio, where he received a collegiate education. In 1849 he returned to Detroit and established a select school. He has served as justice two terms, alderman, school inspector, and a member of the board of estimates. Occupation, general foreign and domestic business, exchanges, real estate, loans, etc. Politics, democrat.

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## FREDERICK W. A. KURTH,

Representative from Wayne county in 1879, was born June 6, 1844, in Berlin, Germany. In 1852 he emigrated to America and settled in New York city. In 1854 he removed to Detroit. He received a liberal education, and in 1861 enlisted in the war. In 1865 he embarked in the retail grocery business. In 1878 he was elected superintendent of schools at Springwells. In politics a Republican.

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## EDWARD S. LACEY

Was born in Chili, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1835. In 1842 he removed to Union City, Mich.; in 1843 to Kalamo, and in 1857 to Charlotte. His edu-



cation was received in the common schools and Olivet college. He was elected register of deeds of Eaton county in 1860, and re-elected in 1862; began the banking business in 1862, and assisted in organizing the first national bank of Charlotte in 1871, of which he has ever since been a director and cashier. He was mayor of the city of Charlotte; a delegate to the republican national convention at Cincinnati in 1876, a trustee of the Michigan asylum for the insane from 1874 to 1880. He was a Representative in the forty-seventh congress and forty-eighth congress as a Republican. Mr. Lacey was elected chairman of the republican state committee in 1882, which position he held for two years. He is now president of the national bank at Charlotte, and was a leading republican candidate for United States Senator in 1887.

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#### ELIJAH LACEY,

Representative from Berrien county in 1838, Senator in 1840-41, 61-2, and delegate in the constitutional convention of 1835, was born in Loudon county, Va., March 28, 1795. He received a limited education. At the age of ten became a resident of Ohio. Settled at Richmond, Ind., in 1820, and was for five years an editor. Settled at Niles, Mich., in 1829, where then only two log houses had been erected. He laid out the village and built a saw and flouring mill. In 1845 he built the mill race and mills near the railroad bridge, in which he retained an interest until his death. He was president of the village and mayor of the city of Niles. Died before the expiration of his term as Senator.

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#### OBED P. LACEY

Was born in Ohio in 1810, and came to Niles, Mich., in 1828. He gave the name of Niles to that place in honor of the editor of the *Niles Weekly Register*, a noted New England paper of that time. He established a trading house with the Indians, had a postoffice established, and was the first postmaster, and the first clerk of the town of Niles. He built the first bridge over St. Joseph river, and owned two additions to Niles and West Niles. He was a Representative in the legislature of 1843. Died May 13, 1844. In politics a Democrat.

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#### SAMUEL S. LACEY,

Commissioner of the state land office, 1861-5, was born in Bennington, Vt., May 28, 1815. His father was a captain in the war of 1812, and both his grandfathers served in the revolution. His father



removed to western New York in 1818, and the son received an academical education, and graduated at Hamilton college. Resided in Arkansas four years, and was judge of Hot Springs county. Settled at Homer, Mich., in 1846, and was ten years a farmer. He removed to Marshall, where he now resides, in 1855. He was clerk of Calhoun county four years; was agent to select lands for the agricultural college; was commandant of camp with authority to raise the 28th Michigan infantry; collector of internal revenue; postmaster of Marshall in 1867, and now in that position; ten years member of city board of education, and for some time editor of the *Marshall Expounder*. A Whig until 1854, a Republican until 1872, and a Democrat since that time.

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#### NATHANIEL LADD,

Senator from Wayne county in 1855, was a native of Vermont, born Dec. 20, 1805. He enjoyed a New England common school education, was a farmer by occupation, and settled in Dearborn in 1836. Politics, Republican.

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#### STALLHAM W. LA DU,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1881-2-3, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., February 28, 1823. His education was mainly received at Red Creek union academy, N. Y. After teaching he entered the ministry of the M. E. church in Canada. While acting in this capacity he became one of the originators and founders of Albert University, located at Belleville, Ontario, and served on its board of management and as one of its senators until his removal to Michigan in the fall of 1867. Owing to loss of health he was obliged to forego his ministerial duties, and in 1874 located in Montcalm county, where his time has been principally occupied in farming. Originally a Democrat, he embraced abolitionism during the time he was pursuing his academic studies, and from that graduated into the republican party. He was state oil inspector 1885-7.

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#### WILLIAM P. LAING

Was born in Milton, N. Y., June 26, 1813, and came to Ann Arbor in 1833. He removed to Shiawassee county in 1836, and helped build the second log house in Owosso. In 1837 he settled in Sciota, where he held the offices of supervisor and justice of the peace. In 1850 he moved to Perry Center, Shiawassee county, secured a mail route from Lansing to Byron through Perry, and was appointed postmaster. In 1856 he



was elected sheriff of Shiawassee county, and was re-elected in 1858. In 1865, was a Representative. He is a farmer, and a Republican in politics.

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#### WILLIAM S. LAING,

Senator from the counties of Marquette, Menominee and Iron in 1887, was born in Scotland in 1845, and came to Canada with his parents in 1849. He removed to Michigan in 1865, where he was engaged to work in the lumber woods and at farming until 1878, when he removed to Iron Mountain, and engaged in the butcher business. He is interested in a large wholesale and retail meat market at Iron Mountain, and at Marinette, Wisconsin, and in a saw-mill and general store at Wilson. He was elected to the Senate as a Republican by a vote of 5,141 to 4,709 for George W. Brown, democratic and labor candidate.

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#### ALBERT L. LAKEY,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1887, was born at Uxbridge, Mass., March 25, 1846. He resided in New York and Pennsylvania until 1861, when he enlisted at the age of fifteen and served until May, 1865. Located at Kalamazoo in 1867, and is engaged in the manufacture of paints and roofing. He has been three times a member of the common council.

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#### JACOB C. LAMB

Was born in Springfield, N. J., April 10, 1828. In 1852 he came to Michigan and settled in Dryden, Lapeer county, as a farmer. He was a Representative in 1871-2-3 and 4. He was for several years a member of the republican state committee. He is a prominent business man at Inlay City.

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#### JOHN M. LAMB,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1841-2-3, and Senator in 1856-8-63-4, was born in Springfield, N. J., Aug. 11, 1808. He came to Michigan in 1834, and in 1836 settled in Dryden, Lapeer county, improved a large farm, and was also in mercantile business from 1841 to 1869. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. He was first a Whig and then a Republican. A useful, influential man. Died Nov. 3, 1871.



## ROBERT D. LAMOND

Was a graduate of the Vermont medical college at Castleton, and Fairfield medical college, N. Y. He settled in Flint about 1838, coming there from Pontiac where he was in practice prior to 1833. He was a member of the Oakland county medical society and was its secretary in 1835. He was one of the original members of the Genesee county medical society, and became the leading physician of Genesee county. He was a Representative in 1844. Died at Flint in 1871.

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## COLOMBIA LANCASTER.

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1838, was born in New Milford, Conn., August 23, 1803. By profession a lawyer, in politics a Democrat. He came to White Pigeon, Michigan, in 1830, where he remained until the county seat was removed to Centreville, when he erected the first residence there. He was a member of the first convention of assent in 1836. In 1838 he left Michigan with his wife and daughter and with an ox team traveled to Oregon territory, where he arrived in September of the same year. At the crossing of the Missouri river he was elected to the command of the emigrating company, consisting of 84 wagons, the command terminating at Ash Hollow, beyond the hostile tribes of Indians. He found a provisional government established in Oregon. In 1847 he was appointed supreme judge of Oregon, which he held until congress organized the territory and appointed judges. He was afterwards delegate to congress from Oregon. He now resides at Vancouver, Washington territory.

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## JOHN LANDON,

Representative from Jackson county in 1865-71, was born in 1833, in Cayuga county, N. Y. He came with his father's family to Springport, Mich., in 1835, his father building the first house in that township. The son received a fair education, and was elected supervisor when quite young, holding that position several terms. He was a farmer, a Republican in politics. He died March 13, 1871, before the expiration of his second term, and his funeral was attended by eight representatives as pall bearers, and by the speaker and clerk of the House.

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## RUFUS W. LANDON

Was born in Salisbury, Conn., May 3, 1815. He received a common school education and came to Niles, Berrien county, May 9, 1832, at



the age of seventeen, in the midst of the excitement caused by the breaking out of the Black Hawk war. He was one of the first settlers in Berrien county, and always lived at Niles. In politics a Democrat, and by occupation a dealer in real estate. He was postmaster of Niles from 1837 to 1841, and treasurer of Berrien county for ten years, from January 1, 1843, to December 31, 1852. He was elected to the State Senate in 1862, and served in the sessions of 1863-4. He was a gentleman highly respected in the city and county, which was his home for more than fifty years. He died in 1886.

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#### MINOT T. LANE

Was born at Marlborough, N. H., March 12, 1807. He came to Michigan in 1831 and settled at Romeo. He was a Representative in 1838 and 1848. In politics a Democrat. He removed to Detroit in 1848. He was regent of the University from 1845 to 1849, and held several municipal offices in Detroit, including that of police justice from 1866 to 1870. Died February 23, 1875.

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#### PETER LANE,

Born April 23, 1823, in Aurelius, N. Y., came to Flint, Michigan, in 1844. Moved to Saginaw in 1850, where he has since resided. He was town clerk in 1851, and treasurer in 1852. Went to California in 1853 on horseback. He has been alderman and supervisor in Saginaw, and for three years chairman of the county board of supervisors. In 1869-70 he was a Representative. Has been a millwright, and saw-mill engineer, and for eight years was in the lumbering business. Now retired. Republican in politics.

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#### THOMAS D. LANE

Was born in Victor, N. Y., June 26, 1820. He came with his parents to Salem, Michigan, in 1836. His father served in the war of 1812. The son was reared on a farm, and most of his education was obtained nights, by the aid of burning tamarack knots. He was inspector of schools fifteen years, supervisor four years, Representative in 1859, Senator in 1861-2. He taught school seventeen years.

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#### NATHANIEL LANGDON,

Senator from Monroe county in 1865, was born in the state of New York, June 18, 1810. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Demo-



crat. He came to Ida, Monroe county, in 1847, where he still resides. He has been supervisor of that town for twenty-seven years.

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#### LEANDER LAPDAM,

Representative from Barry county in 1865, was born in Erie county, New York, October 8, 1819. He came to Michigan in 1830, lived in Wayne county seven years, and in 1837 settled upon a farm in the town of Maple Grove, Barry county, where he still resides. Has been fifteen terms supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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#### CHARLES LARNED,

Attorney General of Michigan territory under Governor Porter, was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He graduated at Williams college in 1806, and studied law in Kentucky with Henry Clay. While a student there he enlisted in Colonel Owen's regiment, which marched to the relief of General Harrison at Fort Wayne. He rapidly rose to the rank of major, and was in the battle of the Thames and other engagements. At the close of the war he engaged in law practice in Detroit, and became distinguished in the profession. As attorney general of the territory, he conducted the difficult negotiations that grew out of the Black Hawk war. He died August 13, 1834.

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#### JAMES B. LARUE

Was born in Franklin, N. J., Feb. 6, 1800. He ran a paper mill in New Prospect, N. J. He came to Michigan in 1838, and took up large tracts of land in Berrien county, near St. Joseph. He built a double saw-mill and improved a farm seven miles up the St. Joseph river. He had 1,000,000 feet of the best whitewood lumber piled up which all went to waste during the great depression, because it would not pay for shipping to Chicago. He went to California in 1849 with ox teams, working at gold digging a year or two, then negotiated with a Spaniard for two hundred acres of land near Oakland, opened a store and boarding-house, laid out the town of San Antonio, now a part of Oakland, was elected to the California legislature, organized a steam ferry company, and ran two steamers across the bay from San Francisco to Oakland and San Antonio for several years. He died in 1872, leaving a valuable property. He was Representative in 1840 and 1841 as a Whig.



## HENRY B. LATHROP

Was born in Hanover, N. H., in 1808. In 1815 he went to Buffalo, N. Y., and remained in that vicinity until 1834, then came to Detroit, where he followed the occupation of a mason and contractor. In 1838 was an alderman. In 1838 he removed to Jackson, where the state prison had been located on twenty acres of his farm. He donated the stone for the west half of the prison buildings. He was a Representative in 1849, and in 1847 was Senator. In 1849 he became a government agent, and traveled extensively through the states and Canada. In 1852 he went to California with a drove of horses, cattle and sheep, and engaged in mining. He was the first man who made a success of carrying water by a wrought iron pipe thirty inches in diameter, crossing Feather river by a truss bridge, 1,081 feet below the head or inlet, thence rising 900 feet in a half mile so as to command the mines. Against the predictions of engineers it carried 36,000,000 gallons of water per day for sixteen years. Hundreds of miles of pipe are now used for the same purpose. In politics, first a Whig, since 1854 a Republican. Now resides at Ionia.

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## HORACE N. LATHROP,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1853, was born at Norwich, Conn., March 9, 1805. He settled in Oregon, Lapeer county, Mich., in 1836, was the first supervisor of the town, and held that position several terms, also other local offices. By occupation a farmer and miller, in politics a Democrat. Died in May, 1871.

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## W. IRVING LATIMER

Was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1836. He received a good common school education, and came to Michigan in 1859, where he soon took a prominent part in public affairs. During his residence in the state he has held the offices of deputy collector of United States revenue, postmaster, township treasurer, city treasurer of Big Rapids, and mayor of that city. He has always been a Republican, and was a member of the state central committee in 1876. While serving his third term as treasurer of Mecosta county, he received the nomination, by the republican state convention of 1878, for auditor general, to which office he was triumphantly elected. This was followed by a re-election in 1880. Mr. Latimer is now a resident of Lansing.



## DAVID L. LATOURETTE

Was born in Seneca county, N. Y., August 26, 1823. He came to Michigan in 1835, and was engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil and woolen goods, later became a banker and established a national bank in Fenton, of which he was president. He held various positions of trust and responsibility, and was Senator from Genesee county in 1867, as a Republican. He died at Prescott, Arkansas, September 22, 1885.

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## BENJAMIN LAUBACH,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1877-79, was born in Fishing Creek, Pa., October 8, 1823, and, with his parents, removed to Seneca county, Ohio, in 1836. He received a common school education. In 1853 he removed to Michigan and purchased and cleared a farm four miles north of Berlin, Ottawa county, upon which he has since continued to reside. He has held the office of justice for fifteen years and supervisor for four years, and is largely engaged in the settlement of estates of deceased persons. In politics a Republican.

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## PETER E. LAWRENCE,

Representative from Jackson county in 1843, was born in Marcellus, N. Y., in 1807. He came to Michigan in 1837 and went into business as a merchant at Leoni. In politics a Democrat. He was postmaster of Leoni in 1838. Died in California in 1854.

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## SOLOMON L. LAWRENCE,

Representative from Branch county in 1851, was born in Weybridge county, Vt., March 1, 1811. By occupation a farmer. He came to Coldwater, Michigan, in 1836, removed to Iowa in 1856, and now resides in Wilton, Muscatine county. He was a Democrat until 1861, now a Republican. In Iowa has been justice twelve years, mayor two years, and has held other positions. He was for fifteen years chairman of board of school inspectors in Girard, Mich.

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## EZRA D. LAY,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1875, was born Dec. 6, 1807, at Saybrook, Conn., and was educated at district and select schools. He removed to Michigan in 1833, settling on a farm in Ypsi-



lant, where he now resides. He was supervisor of Ypsilanti seven terms. He is by occupation a farmer, and has been president of the eastern Michigan agricultural society. In politics a Republican.

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#### DEWITT C. LEACH,

Representative in congress from 1857 to 1861, was born in Clarence, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1832; received a public school education; came when young to Genesee county, Michigan; was a Representative in 1850; was a delegate in the constitutional conventions of 1850 and 1867; was state librarian in 1855 and 1856, removing to Lansing in 1855; was editor of the *Lansing Republican* some years; was elected to congress in 1856, serving two terms, from 1857 to 1861. He removed to Traverse City after 1861, and purchased and edited the *Grand Traverse Herald* for many years, and later went to Springfield, Mo., where he edited and published a paper. He was early a strong anti-slavery man, and has been a Republican since 1854.

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#### SIRRELL C. LE BARRON

Was born in Woodstock, Vt., Jan. 25, 1807. He was educated at Woodstock, and removed to Harrisburg, Pa., in 1825. He was delegate to the Clay convention at Washington in 1832. He removed to Tecumseh, Mich., in 1832. He was the second clerk of Lenawee county in 1834 and held the office until Michigan became a state, and was the first county clerk under the state organization. He was a Representative in 1840. A merchant for some years at Tecumseh. He opened the first grammar school in the county in 1832 and kept it until 1836.

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#### HENRY LEDYARD,

Senator from Wayne county in 1857-8, was born in New York city, March 3, 1812, and his early life was passed there. He was a graduate of Columbia college and was admitted to practice as an attorney. His first official position was as secretary of legation at the French court under the ministry of Gen. Cass, and from this position sprang an intimacy with the Cass family which resulted in his marriage in 1839 to Matilda C., a daughter of Gen. Cass. On the return of the latter from Europe in 1844 he came to Detroit and assumed the management of the large property interests of his father-in-law. He was alderman of his ward, 1849-50, was one of the first members of the board of water commissioners of the city, organized in 1853, and was



mayor of the city in 1855. He also served as a member of the school board, 1846-7, and his name appears in various business and philanthropic enterprises. He removed to Washington and resided there during Gen. Cass' service as secretary of state, and for a short time discharged the duties of assistant secretary of state. He removed to Newport, R. I., in 1861. He was a Democrat in politics. Died in London, England, in 1880.

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#### DANIEL L. LEE,

Representative from Oakland county in 1843, was born in Yates county, N. Y., in 1806. Settled as a merchant in Farmington, Mich., in 1836, and in 1839 purchased a farm in Novi and removed his business there. In 1844 became a merchant and farmer at Brighton. He was largely interested in lands. With Bush & Thomas he owned large property interests in Lansing. They built the Benton, now Everett, house in 1850. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. Died Sept. 26, 1857.

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#### GEORGE W. LEE

Was born at Greene, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1812. He received a common school and academical education and came to Livingston county, Mich., in 1836, and engaged in farming, and afterwards was a merchant at Howell until 1861. He was a Whig, but a Republican after 1854. Established the *Livingston Republican* in 1855. In 1858 was appointed a member of state reform school board of control, which he held for many years. He was a presidential elector in 1869. In 1861 he was appointed quartermaster, had charge of the equipment and transportation of Michigan troops during the war, and was promoted to colonel. Later was Indian agent for Michigan. Died several years since at Ypsilanti.

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#### JAMES LEE,

Representative from Leelanaw and Benzie counties in 1855-7, was born in Yorkshire, England, March 10, 1816, and received a common school education. In 1832 he emigrated to Michigan, settling in Hamtramck, and engaging in farming and brickmaking. In 1858 he removed to Bingham, Leelanaw county. He held several township offices, including that of supervisor for five years, and pursues the business of farming.



## JAMES B. LEE

Was born in Milo Centre, N. Y., April 14, 1819. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Democrat. He came to Michigan at the age of fifteen and was a clerk in the store of Thomas & Lee at Farmington. He removed to Brighton in 1842, where he was a merchant until 1877. He married Samantha B. Chadwick in 1843. He was Representative in 1869-70. He died at Brighton, Sept. 5, 1886. He was for sixteen years postmaster at Brighton, and held all responsible offices in the village corporation.

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## JOSIAH LEE

Representative from Macomb county in 1841, was born in the state of Connecticut, June 24, 1781. Came to this state in 1832, where he worked two years and brought his family in 1834, settling as a farmer in Ray, Michigan. He was an early supervisor of that town, also a justice of the peace. A Democrat. Died Sept. 5, 1855.

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## GURDON C. LEECH

Was born Feb. 8, 1811, in West Bloomfield, N. Y. He was a merchant of Palmyra, N. Y., from 1828 to 1830, when he came to Utica, Michigan. He engaged there in milling and mercantile business. He was Representative in 1841. In politics a democrat. He died at Utica, May 10, 1841.

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## PAYNE K. LEECH

Was born in West Bloomfield, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1809. He received a common school education and worked on his father's farm until 1830. He then came to Utica, Michigan, and engaged in milling until 1836, when he moved upon a farm in the same town. He was a Whig until the dissolution of that party. Has since been a Republican. He was a Representative in 1846. Has held the office of supervisor several times. He is one of the veterans of the Toledo war.

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## ANDREW J. LEETCH

Was born in the state of New York in 1830. In 1835 he removed with his parents to Canton, Wayne county, Michigan. Was brought up on a farm and received a common school education. Became a carpenter and joiner by trade and followed it for years. He was



Representative in 1861-2. In 1855 he became a grocer at Ypsilanti, and in 1866 built a malt house and brewery. Has been supervisor and owns a large farm in the town of Superior.

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#### JOHN LEITCH,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1883, was born in Scotland, November 10, 1832. He moved with his parents to Canada in 1841, and settled in Elgin county. There he passed his boyhood and early manhood. He moved to Sanilac county, Michigan, in April, 1856, and settled on the farm, where he has continued to reside. He has always been a farmer by occupation, but held township and school offices the greater part of the time. Politically a Democrat.

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#### ELIJAH LELAND

Was born in Mendon, N. Y., in July, 1804. He came to Quincy, Michigan, in 1834, bought a farm of 320 acres, and lived there during the remainder of his life. He was a Representative in 1857. He sent three sons to defend the union.

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#### JOSHUA G. LELAND

Was born in Madison county, N. Y., July 19, 1805, and died April 27, 1876. He came to Michigan in 1831 and settled in Washtenaw county, and was a Representative in 1844-46. He was also president of the Washtenaw county agricultural society, of the farmers' insurance company, and of the county pioneer society. He was a successful farmer and business man.

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#### JOSEPH C. LEONARD.

Senator from Branch county in 1853, was born at Smyrna, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1817. He was educated at Cazenovia, and Hamilton college, and settled at Union City, Mich., in 1842. He was postmaster there in 1846 and again in 1858, for twenty years trustee of village schools, and director of the Michigan Air Line railroad company. In politics a Democrat. At first a boot and shoe dealer, but for many years a farmer, also engaged in surveying and conveyancing.

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#### DANIEL LEROY,

Attorney General of Michigan, 1833-7, was born in Nova Scotia, May 17, 1775, and was educated there and at Binghamton, N. Y. He



studied law and was admitted to practice at the age of twenty-five. He came to Pontiac, Michigan, and was the first lawyer admitted to practice at the Oakland county bar, July 17, 1820. He was prosecuting attorney of the county for several years and was chief justice of the county court from 1829 to 1833. He was a member of the territorial council in 1830-31, and a presidential elector in 1836. By appointment of Gov. Mason he was the first attorney general under a state government. He was a lawyer of ability and ranked high in the bar of the state. Late in life he retired from business, and died at Fenton, February 11, 1858. Politically a Democrat.

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#### JOHN P. LEROY,

Senator in 1840-41-51 from Oakland county, was born in Johnstown, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1804. He settled in Pontiac, Mich., in 1827: was for many years a justice, and served as county treasurer. He was a Whig and assisted in forming that party in Oakland county, and was a delegate to the convention that organized the republican party. Died August 23, 1867.

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#### GEORGE S. LESTER,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1850, was born in Washington county, N. Y., March 4, 1812. Came to Michigan in 1840, and has resided at Pontiac, Lexington, Port Huron, and for the last twenty-four years at Alpena. Has been a lumberman, and built three steam saw mills, collector of customs, merchant and real estate dealer, and is now judge of probate in Alpena county. In politics a Republican.

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#### AMOS LEWIS,

Representative from Oceana county in 1879, was born March 6, 1821, at Highland county, Ohio. He moved to Laporte county, Ind., in 1836, and to Oceana county, Mich., in 1866, where he is a farmer. Politics, national.

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#### GEORGE LEWIS,

Representative from Bay county in 1873-4, was born in Monroe, N. Y., November 8, 1827. He received his early education in common schools. In 1849 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Saginaw. In 1858 he removed to Bay City, where he now resides. He has been supervisor, and has held minor positions of trust in Bay county. His occupation is that of a banker and lumberman.



## JOHN D. LEWIS,

Representative from Tuscola county in 1865, was born in Ellisburgh, N. Y., September 2, 1834. He was educated at Union college, and graduated from the Albany law school in 1861. He settled in practice at Vassar, Michigan. From 1861 to 1868 he was principal of the Vassar union school. He held many local positions, including supervisor, circuit court commissioner and county superintendent of schools. He removed to Portsmouth, now part of Bay City, and was two years principal of schools there, later a merchant. Has been alderman, member of board of education, and in 1874 was Senator. Now resides in Florida.

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## NATHANIEL W. LEWIS,

Senator from Allegan county in 1879, was born in Washington county, Vt., September 11, 1832. He received a common school education. In 1858 he removed to Calhoun county, Michigan. He enlisted as private in an independent regiment known as "Merrill's Horse," in 1862; was promoted through the grades to lieutenant; and was mustered out in the fall of 1865. He soon after removed to Ganges, Allegan county. Occupation farmer and fruit-grower. He has held the offices of commissioner, clerk and supervisor. In politics a National.

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## THOMAS LEWIS,

Representative from Wayne county in 1842 and 1846, was born in Sandwich, Canada, in 1807, settling in Detroit in 1819. His general pursuits were those of merchant and farmer. In 1836, in company with Richard Godfroy, he made a business venture at Grand Rapids, which was mercantile, milling and buying furs. The firm built a steamer, the Gov. Mason, the loss of which, with a cargo of furs, proved so disastrous that he returned to Detroit and located on Grosse Isle, where he owned and managed a farm, and was also interested in the fisheries thereabout. He was for many years a leading citizen, and served his township as supervisor and justice. A Democrat in politics. Died October 19, 1887.

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## WILLIAM LEWIS,

Representative from Barry county in 1846, was born at Weatherfield, N. Y., in 1802. He came to Yankee Springs, Michigan, in 1836, located a large farm, and built a hotel which became famous as



"Yankee Lewis House." Few people of olden pioneer days failed to partake of the hospitalities of "Yankee Lewis." He was an enterprising, active, ever busy pioneer, and did his full share in reclaiming the wilderness. Politically a Democrat. Died September 15, 1853.

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#### LANSING E. LINCOLN,

Representative from Huron county in 1855-7, was born at Groton, N. Y., in 1842. He enlisted in 1861, and after his term of enlistment expired was sutler of the 148th N. Y. volunteers. At the close of the war went into business at Richmond, Va., and in 1867 in New York city. In 1871 came to Mason, Mich., and was first in the boot and shoe business, then engaged in shipping live stock. Since 1881 has been a resident of Huron county, farming and in the live stock business. He was wounded at Ball's Cross Roads, Va. He was elected as a Fusionist.

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#### PETER LINDERMAN,

Representative from Ingham county in 1857, was born at Walkkill, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1795, and settled at Mason in 1836. A Whig until 1854, then a Republican. By occupation a farmer. He was the first supervisor of Vevay, postmaster of Mason, for many years a justice, and judge of probate for Ingham county. Died March 4, 1865.

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#### WILLIAM S. LINTON,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1887, was born at St. Clair, Mich., Feb. 4, 1856. Received a common school education, was a book-keeper several years, then superintendent of saw-mills at Wells, Bay county. In 1879 engaged in the lumber business and planing mill business at East Saginaw, with his father and brother. Has been supervisor, an alderman four years, and held other offices. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM E. LITTELL,

Representative from Oakland county in 1879-81-2, was born May 16, 1838, at Cayuga, N. Y. He was educated in a district school and an academy. Having come to Michigan in 1851, he settled at Orion. He served fifteen months in the seventh regiment of Michigan volunteers, during the war. He taught school and held all the various offices in his township except that of treasurer; was postmaster at



Orion six years; justice of the peace sixteen years; supervisor fourteen years, and chairman of the board of supervisors of Oakland county.

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#### CHARLES D. LITTLE,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1871-2-5-9, was born in Livingston, N. Y., in 1823, and received a classical education. He came to Michigan in 1837, but in 1839 went to Canandaigua, N. Y., and studied law. In 1842 became a law partner of E. H. Thomson, at Flint, and was judge of probate for Genesee county. Removed to Saginaw in 1850, practiced law until 1861, then went into the army as quartermaster of the 23d Michigan infantry, was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of Gen. Granger, and held it until 1863, resigning from sickness. He was chairman of the Saginaw board of supervisors six years, and has held other local offices. In politics a Democrat.

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#### FLAVIUS J. LITTLEJOHN

Was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., in July, 1804. He graduated from Hamilton college in 1827, and delivered the valedictory address. He was admitted to the bar in 1830, and practiced in Little Falls, N. Y., until 1836, when on account of ill health, he removed to Allegan, Michigan, and for several years was engaged as a surveyor, engineer and geologist. In 1842-3-8 and 1855 he was a Representative in the legislature, and was Senator in 1845-6, and president *pro tem.* of that body in 1846. From 1848 to 1858 he was engaged in the practice of law. He was elected judge of the 9th circuit in 1858, which then comprised twenty counties on the western shore, extending from Van Buren to Emmet, and served until 1865. In 1849 he was the whig and free soil candidate for governor against John S. Barry, and was defeated by 4,279 votes. He was at one time circuit court commissioner of Allegan county. He took great interest in education and temperance. He was an eloquent and logical speaker, an able lecturer, bore a spotless reputation, and wrote a volume of interesting Indian legends. He died April 28, 1880.

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#### PHILETUS O. LITTLEJOHN

Was born in Litchfield, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1814. In politics a Democrat. He was a Representative in 1863-4. He is extensively engaged in farming. As a young man he was a railroad contractor in Virginia and



Maryland. He was justice fifteen years, member and chairman of the board of supervisors of Allegan county for thirteen years, and two years president of the village of Allegan.

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#### WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, JR.,

Representative from Wayne county in 1875, was born in Dundas, Ontario, Jan. 21, 1842. He removed to Detroit in 1849 and now resides in that city. He received an academical education and learned the trade of a machinist. In 1861 he became connected with the shipping interest, and from year to year increased his investments in that direction until he was the owner of a number of steam vessels. He has also been largely interested in the lumber business. Mr. Livingston has been president of Detroit street railroads. In politics a Republican. He was appointed collector of customs at Detroit by President Arthur, which he held for several years. He also published the *Detroit Journal*.

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#### FIDUS LIVERMORE,

Representative from Jackson county in 1843-4, was born at Water-ville, N. Y., July 21, 1811. He learned the trade of a tailor and followed that business at Dresden, N. Y., until 1836, then studied law three years and settled in practice at Jackson, Mich., in 1839. He held the offices of justice, and prosecuting attorney two terms. He was a delegate to the democratic national conventions of 1860 and 1872, was a democratic candidate for elector in 1868, and the candidate of that party for congress in 1874 and 1876. From 1846 to 1867 he was senior partner of the law firm of Livermore & Wood. He was nine years president of the school board, and was commandant of camp in the organization of the 20th and 26th Michigan infantry. Politically a Democrat. Died May 22, 1880.

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#### JOHN S. LIVERMORE,

Representative from Oakland county in sessions of 1839-42, was born in Sangerfield, New York, Jan. 12, 1801. By occupation a physician, in politics a Democrat. He located at Rochester, Mich., in 1830. He left there in 1848, and died at Ft. Wilkins, on Lake Superior, Oct. 4, 1861. He was a volunteer in the war of 1812.

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#### CHARLES LOCKE

Was born in Madison county, N. Y., May 11, 1811. He attended common schools and obtained a fair education. From eighteen until



twenty-one he worked at building bridges and locks on the Schuykill river. He then moved to Oneida county, N. Y., and worked a small farm. He came to Michigan in 1836, and finally settled in Antrim, Shiawassee county. After nine years he removed to Perry Center. He was licensed to preach in 1858. He was justice thirteen years, and in 1867 Representative in the legislature. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES K. LOCKWOOD

Was born in Ottawa, Ohio, July 31, 1822. His education was that of common schools. In 1848 he settled in Port Huron, Michigan, and in 1860 removed to Alpena. He held various local offices, and in 1868-73-4 was a Representative. In politics a Republican, by occupation a lumber merchant.

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#### MAJOR F. LOCKWOOD

Was born January 2, 1810, in Sand Lake, N. Y. He removed to Parma, N. Y., in 1824, and became a farmer. He settled in Novi, Mich., at an early day, for eight years was a merchant, then became a farmer. In politics a Democrat. Representative from Oakland county in 1849.

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#### THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD,

Representative from Detroit in 1861-2-3-4, was a Republican in politics. He was a native of Glastenbury, Conn., born in 1817. His early education, which was partly academical, was acquired at Albany, N. Y., where he was admitted to the bar soon after attaining his majority. He located in Detroit in 1839, and to the time of his death in April, 1866, enjoyed not only a lucrative practice but the public confidence in a marked degree. He served a term as president of the Detroit young men's society, and his name is associated with various business, public and benevolent enterprises. He was prominently connected with the Westminster (Presbyterian) church of Detroit.

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#### JOHN LOMISON

Was born in Turbet, Pa., Nov. 14, 1807. He worked at farming until the age of nineteen, when he learned the trade of a tanner and currier, and worked at it eleven years. In 1836 he settled as a farmer in Park, St. Joseph county. He has been several times supervisor, town clerk and justice, and was Representative in 1855 as a Republican.



## JEREMIAH D. LONG,

Representative from Detroit in 1855, was born in county Cork, Ireland, in 1840, came to this country in 1853 and learned the trade of a shoemaker, then worked in the grocery business two years, and in a cotton mill. In 1861 enlisted in the 3d battalion rifles, and after the war resumed his trade. Elected as a labor candidate by a fusion with the democrats.

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## JOHN W. LONGYEAR

Was born in Shandaken, N. Y., October 22, 1820, and died at Detroit, March 11, 1855. He received an academical education and taught school for several years, at the same time pursuing the study of the law. In 1844 he came to Ingham county, completing his studies at Mason, at the same time teaching select school. He was admitted to the bar in 1846, and removed to Lansing in 1847, engaging in a successful practice of the law, in partnership with his brother—Ephraim Longyear. He was one of the ablest lawyers at the bar in central Michigan. In 1862 he was elected by the republicans to congress, and was re-elected in 1864. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia convention in 1866, and was a member of the Michigan constitutional convention in 1867. In May, 1870, he was appointed judge of the United States district court at Detroit, and took high rank as a jurist. In politics, first a Whig, then a Republican. In 1849 he married Harriet M. Monroe, of Eagle, and left two sons and a daughter.

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## HENRY M. LOOK,

Representative from Oakland county in 1865, was born at Hadley, Mich., October 27, 1837. His ancestors from Scotland, settled at Martha's Vineyard in 1756. He received a thorough education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. He was prosecuting attorney of Oakland county in 1871-2; city attorney of Pontiac, and member of board of education, 1864-8; delegate to the democratic convention in 1872; chairman of the democratic state convention in 1872; chairman of the democratic county committee 1870 to 1875. In politics a Democrat. Wrote a work on "The law and practice of Masonic trials," and from 1869 to 1876 was the grand lecturer for the Masonic fraternity of Michigan. Now in practice in Utah.



## PETER B. LOOMIS,

Representative from Jackson county in 1859, was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., April 14, 1820. With a fair education he was a dry goods merchant at Rochester, N. Y., at the age of eighteen. Settled at Jackson, Mich., in 1843, and from that year until 1850 was a member of the dry goods firm of Loomis & Dwight. He then bought and operated the Kennedy mill for four years. In 1856 he established the banking firm of Loomis & Whitall, now P. B. Loomis & Co. Has been president of the Jackson gas company; president and treasurer of the Jackson and Ft. Wayne railroad company; chief of the fire department, and alderman. Gave efficient aid in the building of railroads. In politics a Republican.

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## THOMAS N. LOOMIS

Was born at Hamilton, N. Y., July 3, 1807, and died February 20, 1879. He located on a farm in Brandon, Oakland county, in 1836, where he lived until 1867, passing the remainder of his life in the village of Oakwood. He was eight years supervisor. He was a Representative in 1847. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican.

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## HENRY W. LORD,

Representative to congress 1881 to 1883, was born in Northampton, Mass., in 1821. He received an academical education at Andover, Mass., and removed to Detroit in 1839. In 1842 went to Pontiac and resided there until 1876, engaged in farming and mercantile business, except from 1861 to 1867, when he was consul at Manchester, England. He was a presidential elector in 1876; a member of the board of state charities from 1871 to 1882, and its secretary for five years; and for several years register of the U. S. land office at Devil's Lake, Dakota. He was a resident of Detroit, while in congress. In politics a Republican.

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## EDWIN H. LOTHROP,

Was born in Easton, Mass., March 22, 1806. He settled on Prairie Ronde, in the township of Schoolcraft, Michigan, in 1830, and was a leading farmer, and a prominent Democrat. He was a Representative in 1835-6-7-42-3-4-8, was speaker *pro tem.* in 1842 and 1843, and speaker in 1844, and was also commissioner of railroads. He held the local office of supervisor. In 1857 he removed to Three Rivers, where



he held the office of justice most of the time until his death, February 17, 1874. He was an older brother of Hon. G. V. N. Lothrop, minister to Russia.

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#### GEORGE V. N. LOTHROP

Was born at Easton, Mass., August 8, 1817, and spent his early life on a farm. He graduated from Brown University in 1838. In 1839 he came to Michigan for his health, and for three years was with his brother Edwin H. Lothrop, on Prairie Ronde. In 1843 he resumed the study of law with Joy & Porter, in Detroit. In 1844 he became a partner of D. Bethune Duffield, the firm of Lothrop & Duffield continuing until 1857. In 1848 he was appointed attorney general, and held that position until 1851. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. He has several times been a candidate for congress, and has repeatedly received the votes of the democratic members of the legislature for United States Senator. In 1855 he was appointed United States minister to Russia. He is a fine orator, and has long stood among the leading lawyers of the state.

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#### CYRUS LOVELL

Was born in Grafton, Vermont, Sept. 9, 1804. He received an academic education, studied law, emigrated to Michigan in 1829, and settled at Ann Arbor. In 1831 he married Louise Fargo, and in 1832 built the first dwelling at Kalamazoo. He enlisted for a short time in the Black Hawk war. At Kalamazoo he was justice, supervisor, and prosecuting attorney. In 1836 he removed to Ionia and was the first supervisor in 1837. In 1849 he was Representative in the legislature, and a member of the constitutional convention in 1850. In 1855 he was again a Representative, and was elected speaker of the House, the first republican who held that position. He was a Whig until 1854, then a Republican until 1860, and then supported Stephen A. Douglas, and remained a Democrat. "Uncle Cy" as he used to be known, is a fine scholar, and an able but eccentric man. He still lives at Ionia.

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#### ENOS T. LOVELL,

Senator from Kalamazoo county in 1881-2, was born in Grafton, Vt., January 22, 1821; received a common school education, and removed with his parents to Climax, Mich., in 1835, where he has since resided. He is a farmer. He has been eleven times supervisor of his township;



twice Representative in the state legislature (1867 and 1869); and twice county treasurer. He is a Republican.

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GEORGE W. LOVELL

Was born in Grafton, Vt., Dec. 9, 1818. He came to Climax, Michigan, in 1835, where he lived until 1856, when he moved to Iowa, where he now resides. He was Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1853-5, also held the office of supervisor. Since his removal to Iowa he has been elected to the Senate of that state. Was originally a Whig, then a Republican, but since 1875 has been a Democrat. Education received in common schools. Is a farmer and of late years interested in banking.

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LOUIS LOVELL

Was born at Grafton, Vt., Nov. 15, 1816. In April following he removed with his parents to Springfield, Windsor county. He prepared for college at Chester and Bellows Falls, entered college at Middlebury in 1832 and graduated in 1836. He then went south and taught in Georgia about two years. Having returned north in 1838, he commenced the study of law with Judge Closon in Springfield. In 1841, with his father's family, he located in Ionia, Mich., where he has since resided. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and commenced practice. During the Taylor-Fillmore administration he was register of the United States land office at Ionia. In 1857 he was elected judge of the eighth judicial circuit, and re-elected in 1863, 1869, 1875, serving until 1881. Was a candidate for re-election in 1881, but was defeated.

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LAFAYETTE W. LOVELL

Was born at Grafton, Vt., May 27, 1823, and settled in Climax, Mich., in 1835, where he now resides. He was educated at the Kalamazoo branch of the University, graduated at Rush medical college in 1847, practiced medicine fifteen years, and became a farmer. He was Senator in 1857-8, and has also been a supervisor, and town clerk and inspector of the state prison. In politics a Republican.

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JOHN LOWRY

Was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1793. He was a Whig until 1854, then a Republican. He located a farm in Lodi in 1825, and



moved upon it in 1826. He added to the eighty acres first taken until he had a splendid farm of 700 acres, with a fine house and outbuildings. He was Representative in 1839. He worked persistently for the abolition of slavery until it was accomplished. He held town and county offices with acceptance many years. Died April 23, 1872.

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#### CHARLES D. LUCE,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1873-4, was born in Arcada, N. Y., April 6, 1820. He was educated in a common school. In 1846 he emigrated to Michigan and settled in the township of Jefferson, Hillsdale county. His occupation was that of a farmer. Died in the fall of 1887.

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#### CYRUS GRAY LUCE

Was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 2, 1824. His father, Walter Luce, was a native of Tolland, Conn., his ancestors having settled on the spot where he was born more than two hundred years ago. His mother, Mary Gray, was born at Winchester, Virginia. Her father having early imbibed a hatred for slavery, and the surrounding atmosphere not being congenial to his tastes, he immigrated to northern Ohio, where Mary, the daughter, was married to Walter in March, 1820. Cyrus G. was born the second of a family of six boys. In September, 1836, the family removed to Steuben county, Indiana, where parents and children endured the hardships and suffered the deprivations incident to pioneer life. Cyrus G. attended school in the proverbial log school-house during the winter months, and the balance of the year worked industriously in clearing away the forests and performing other labor usual on new farms. He also attended the Northeastern Indiana Collegiate Institute, located at Ontario, Indiana, three terms. At the age of seventeen he commenced work in a carding mill and cloth dressing establishment, following the business seven years. In 1848, when twenty-four years of age, he purchased eighty acres of wild land in Gilead, Branch county, Michigan. In August, 1849, he was married to Julia A. Dickinson, and they immediately made their home upon the land bought the year previous. Upon this spot they continued to live until August, 1882, when Mrs. Luce died. In November, 1853, he was again married to Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, of Bronson, Michigan. In 1848, while still a resident of Indiana, he was nominated by the whigs as their candidate for Representative in the legislature from a district composed of DeKalb and Steuben counties. He was defeated



by eleven majority. Mr. Luce served the township of Gilead as supervisor for twelve years. In 1854 he was elected a member of the first republican legislature; in 1858 and 1860 was elected county treasurer, serving two terms: was a member of the Senate in 1865 and 1867; was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. During his service as a member of the legislature in both branches he was never absent a single day. In 1879 he was appointed state oil inspector by Governor Croswell and re-appointed in 1881 by Governor Jerome. In 1886 he was nominated by acclamation for the office of governor by the republican convention held in Grand Rapids, and after a very vigorous campaign was elected November 2, 1886, by a vote of 181,474, while his chief opponent, George L. Yaple, received 174,042, and Samuel Dickey, 25,179.

Since 1848 Mr. Luce has devoted time and energies to the cultivation of his farm, having added to the first purchase until he now owns a well improved farm of three hundred acres.

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#### JEREMIAH LUDINGTON, JR.,

Representative from Huron county in 1875-9, was born in Middlebury, Vt., May 5, 1828. He received a common school education and removed to Huron county Michigan, in 1850. For seven years postmaster of Verona Mills. He has also been township treasurer, county surveyor, and local state swamp land road commissioner. Up to the time of the great fires of 1871 he was engaged in lumbering, but having lost two saw-mills and a grist-mill, he now follows the occupation of a farmer and a merchant. In politics a Republican.

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#### LUTHER H. LUDLOW,

Representative from Jackson county in 1877, was born July 10, 1814, at Ludlowville, N. Y. He was educated in the common schools, and removed to Springport, Jackson county, in 1839. He has served as justice four terms: supervisor from 1853 to 1861; in 1861-2 register of deeds; in 1869-70 county treasurer, and in 1873-4 county clerk of Jackson county. In politics a Republican.

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#### SAMUEL LUDLOW,

Representative from Wayne county in 1857, was born in Ireland in 1815, and became a resident of Springwells in early life. He held the



office of justice of the peace for many years, was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and died April 1, 1885.

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#### GEORGE LUTHER,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1863-4-5, was born in Bristol, R. I., May 3, 1823. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Republican. He came to Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1841. Removed to Lamont, Ottawa county. Died December 23, 1884.

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#### LUCIUS LYON,

United States Senator, 1835 to 1840, territorial delegate in congress 1832 to 1835, and member congress 1843-5, was born at Shelburne, Vt., February 26, 1800, and died at Detroit, September 24, 1851. He received a common school education and studied engineering and surveying. He came to Detroit in 1822, and was appointed by the surveyor general, deputy in the territory northwest of the Ohio. Held the position until elected to congress in 1832. In 1840, after his senatorial term, he removed to Grand Rapids, where he had large land interests. Elected to congress in 1842 he served until March 4, 1845, and then was appointed surveyor general of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, and removed to Detroit, holding the position until his death. In politics a Democrat, in religion a Swedenborgian. He never married.

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#### TRUMAN H. LYON,

Was born at Shelburne, Vt., Feb. 24, 1801. He had the advantages of common schools, learned the business of a cloth dresser, and carried on that business at Hopkinton, N. Y. He was early a justice of the peace. In 1836 he came to Lyons, Michigan, where he kept hotel, was justice, side judge, and held other local offices. He was also in United States employ and was superintendent of light-houses on Lake Michigan, and let the contracts for their construction. He moved to Grand Rapids in 1840, where he kept hotel and was a merchant, and for many years postmaster. He was Senator in 1853. He was a leading business man, and prominent Mason. Died Sept. 14, 1872.

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#### JAMES H. MACDONALD

Was born in Northwest Inverness-shire, Scotland, in May, 1832, and has been a resident of Michigan for the past twenty-three years, his



home at present being at Escanaba, Delta county. He was formerly roadmaster of the C. & N. W. R'y Co., P. division, but at present has no fixed occupation, his income coming from his royalty on iron-ore land. He held the office of justice of the peace, and was elected to the office of lieutenant-governor for 1887-8 by a vote of 181,830, against Solomon S. Curry, Democrat, 173,079, and Charles Mosher, Prohibitionist, 25,969 votes.

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#### ALMON MACK,

Representative from Oakland county in 1848, was born in Tunbridge, Vt., in 1806. He joined his father at Pontiac in 1822, and was his agent. He was offered and declined the position of secretary of the first territorial council in 1824, but furnished the eighteen names from which the president selected the first council of nine. He was a merchant at Rochester, Mich., from 1830 to 1853, and held many positions of trust and honor. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ANDREW MACK,

Representative from Detroit in 1839, was born in New London, Conn. He became a captain in the ocean merchant service and made three voyages around the world. In 1804 he drove some merino sheep, purchased in Spain, over the Cumberland mountains to Cincinnati, and built a woolen factory there, and was a member of the Ohio legislature. Was a colonel in the war of 1812. Came to Detroit as collector of the port in 1829, which he held until 1839. He opened and kept the Mansion hotel in 1830, and was mayor of Detroit in 1834, during the cholera visitation, and did much to relieve the sick, and as a health officer. He died in 1875, and was buried on his farm near St. Clair. Was in politics a Democrat.

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#### STEPHEN MACK

Was born in Connecticut in 1763. He married Temperance Bond, and settled in Tunbridge, Vt., when a young man, and engaged in mercantile business. He built a hotel, and became colonel of the state militia. In 1810 he came to Detroit and engaged in mercantile business with Thomas Emerson, and they were in trade when Gen. Hull surrendered Detroit. He again, after the war of 1812, was one of the firm of Mack & Conant until 1818. He was one of the first four settlers of Pontiac, in 1818, and was a member and agent of the "Pon-



tiac company." As one of the firm of Mack, Conant & Sibley, they built the first dam, and the first saw and flouring mill at Pontiac. He also built a grist mill at Rochester. He was a member of the first territorial council of Michigan, which met at Detroit in 1824. He died at Pontiac in Nov., 1826.

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#### JOHN MAKELIM,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1855-7, was born at Nassagaweya, Ontario, June 30, 1847. In 1864 he went to Illinois, and was a railroad employé. He returned, secured an academical education, and in 1867 was a teacher at Brockway, Mich., and taught for some years. Removed to Maple Valley, Mich., in 1875, where he now resides. A merchant and station agent for the P. H. & N. W. R. R. Has been supervisor, justice, and held other offices. In politics a Republican.

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#### PETER D. MAKLEY,

Representative from Oakland county in 1847, was born in Colombia county, N. Y., in 1806. He came to Michigan in 1836, and settled on a farm in Oxford, and was the first supervisor in 1837. He removed to Pontiac in 1852, where he kept hotel until his death, August 11, 1856. Politically a Democrat.

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#### ROBERT W. MALCOLM,

Representative from Oakland county in 1855, was born in West Bloomfield, Mich., Feb. 18, 1814, and received his education in the common schools. He enlisted in Co. A, 22d Mich. vol. infantry, Aug. 11, 1862. Was wounded and captured at the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 20, 1863; was held a prisoner fifteen months; was discharged at the close of the war in 1865, and has been engaged in farming ever since. Has held the office of township clerk and supervisor several terms. Was elected as a Republican.

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#### CHARLES G. MALLET.

Representative from Monroe county in 1867, was born in Connecticut, Oct. 16, 1829. By occupation a lumberman, in politics a Republican. He settled in Monroe county in 1858, and was six years director of the farmers' insurance company, and eleven years school director at Lambertville. Moved to Toledo in 1871, and to Chicago in 1880, where he now resides.



## CHARLES F. MALLORY

Was born at Albany, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1811. He came to Romeo at an early day and followed successfully the business of a merchant, from which he retired in 1879. He was a Democrat until 1856, then a Republican until 1874, since a Greenbacker and Fusionist. He has held the positions of postmaster, president, clerk and trustee of the village, township clerk, and was thrice elected Representative, serving in the sessions of 1863-4-5. He has also been justice, and in 1878 was the greenback nominee for congress, but was defeated.

## GEORGE L. MALTZ

Was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1842. He removed with his parents to Detroit in 1846, and was educated in the public schools of Detroit. At the age of 18 years he enlisted as a private in the 4th Michigan infantry, was wounded in the seven days' fight before Richmond, taken prisoner and confined at the "Old Libby." Was exchanged and returned to his regiment. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was promoted to a lieutenancy. He commanded Co. E (of Hillsdale) at the battle of Gettysburg. Here he was made adjutant of his regiment, which position he held until the expiration of his service. In 1866 he was married at Detroit to Miss Elvira E. Whiting. By profession he is a banker and lumberman, and has been a resident of the state 40 years. In Detroit he was made cashier of the internal revenue office. In 1872 he removed to Alpena and founded the banking house of Geo. L. Maltz & Co., which in 1883 was organized as the Alpena national bank, of which he is now president, and is a stockholder in, and treasurer for the Minor lumber company. He holds honorable positions in his city, has three times been made mayor, and has filled very acceptably the position of regent of the University. He was elected state treasurer by a vote of 180,727 to 174,610 for William G. Beard, Fusionist, and 25,552 for Aaron C. Fisher, Prohibitionist.

## JAMES W. MANDIGO,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1869-70, was born in the state of New York, Nov. 30, 1819. A physician and druggist, in politics a Republican. Came to White Pigeon in 1843, where he now resides. Studied medicine with Dr. W. N. Elliott. Supervisor of White Pigeon many years, several times president of the village, and trustee of the union school.



## CHARLES H. MANLY,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1887, was born in Livingston county, Sept. 16, 1843, and has been a resident of Michigan his lifetime. He was formerly a farmer but at present is abstractor of real estate titles. During the war he served in Co. A, 1st reg't, Michigan infantry, and participated in the various battles fought by his regiment; was twice wounded and lost his left arm at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. He has been city collector, city recorder, justice of the peace, and register of deeds three times. In politics a Democrat.

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## EMANUEL MANN,

Was born in Stuttgart, Germany, June 4, 1814. His parents came to Pennsylvania in 1826, and to Ann Arbor in 1830, being the first German family in that city. By occupation a druggist, in politics a Republican. He retired from business a few years ago, but still resides at Ann Arbor. Was Senator from Washtenaw county in 1871-2.

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## RANDOLPH MANNING

Was born in Plainfield, N. J., May 19, 1804, and died at Pontiac, August 31, 1864. He studied law in New York city. came to Michigan in 1832 and settled at Pontiac in the practice of the law. He was a delegate from Oakland county to the first constitutional convention of 1835, and a member of the committee on judiciary, and, as such, was associated with Judge Ross Wilkins, William Trowbridge, Isaac E. Crary, Robert McClelland and others. He was a State Senator in 1837. In 1836 a court of chancery was established, and in 1842 he was chancellor as the successor of chancellor Farnsworth. This office he held for about three years, and filled it in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon him both for integrity and professional ability. At the organization of an independent Supreme Court in 1858, he was elected associate justice, and re-elected on the expiration of his term in 1861 and died while holding that position. He was a man of spotless integrity, sound discriminating judgment, and of a capacity that enabled him to fill every office with honor to himself and advantage to the state. Judge Manning was secretary of state from 1838 to 1840. Hewas also a regent of the State University. In politics a Democrat, until 1854, after that a Republican.



## JOSEPH MANWARING,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1885, was born in Burlington county, N. J., in 1829. Removed with his parents to Avon, Oakland county, Michigan, in 1836. Received a common school and academical education at Rochester, Michigan. In 1852 he went to Dryden, where he entered into the mercantile business, in which he is still engaged. He was elected supervisor several years. Has served as township clerk at various times for five years. Was postmaster in 1861, and held that office until November, 1884. Has been a Republican since 1854.

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## JOSHUA MANWARING,

Senator from Lapeer and Macomb counties in 1883-5, was born in Burlington county, N. J., October 2, 1824. He removed to Avon, Michigan, in 1836, and received a common school education. In 1845 went to the present site of Greenville and engaged two years in sawing and rafting lumber. In 1847 became a merchant at Dryden, Mich., and in 1850 built the Manwaring mill at Attica, and erected buildings at Dryden and Inlay City, carrying on a lumbering business. Now resides in Lapeer. Has been supervisor. In politics a Democrat.

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## PATRICK MARANTETTE

Was born at Sandwich, Canada, March 11, 1807, and died at Mendon, Mich., May 23, 1878. At the age of sixteen he superintended the Indian trading post for Peter and James Godfrey. In 1833 he became superintendent of the trading post at Nottawa, Mich., and was of great service to the government in the removal of the Indians from that reservation in 1840. He purchased a large farm in Mendon. In 1847 he was Representative in the legislature. He left an estate valued at \$100,000.

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## DANIEL P. MARKEY,

Representative from the counties of Crawford, Oscoda, Roscommon and Ogemaw in 1885 and 1887, was born in the township of Bunker Hill, Mich., June 27, 1857. Most of his early life was spent in Pinckney, Livingston county, where he pursued his studies, graduating at the school in that village and afterwards engaged in teaching for several years. In 1879 he removed to Ann Arbor, obtaining a position as book-keeper for a manufacturing company. He at the same



time entered upon the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1881, in September of which year he removed to West Branch, Ogemaw county, where he still resides, and began the practice of his profession as an attorney. In 1881 he was appointed circuit court commissioner, and elected in 1882. In 1883 he was judge of probate. He was a Republican member and was re-elected for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,470 to 1,221 for J. Maurice Finn.

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#### MATTHEW MARKEY,

Senator from Detroit in 1877, was born Sept. 13, 1820, in the county of Cavan, Ireland. He was educated in a common school. In 1838 he settled in Haverstraw, N. Y. In 1848 he removed to Springwells, Mich., where he resided until 1873, when he removed to Nankin. He has held several township offices. He was a Representative from Wayne county in 1873-4. He is engaged in the manufacture of brick and in farming.

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#### GILES B. MARKHAM,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1877-81-2, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., March 2, 1823. He came with his parents to White Pigeon, Mich., in 1838, and received his education at a branch of the State University at that place. By occupation a farmer. He spent five years in California. He was twice elected supervisor of White Pigeon town. In politics a Republican.

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#### THOMAS MARS,

Senator from Berrien county in 1881-2, was born in Giles county, Va., May 4, 1829. In the same year the family moved to Berrien township, Mich., his present home. He was raised on a farm, working in the summer and attending district school in the winter. At the age of twenty he served a year's apprenticeship at the carpenter and joiner's trade, at which he worked ten years, securing quite a competence. In 1857 he went to Kansas, spending two summers there, and then went to Missouri, where he purchased an interest in a saw-mill. When the war broke out the rebels burnt his mill and his debtors all went into the rebel army, leaving him nearly financially ruined. Having returned to Berrien county in 1861, he purchased 120 acres of land and a steam saw-mill located thereon. He has filled



various offices of trust and honor. He has been president of the Berrien county agricultural society two terms, president of the Berrien county pioneer society, and chairman of the executive committee of the state grange. In politics a Republican.

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#### ISAAC MARSTON

Was born at Poyntzpass, county Armagh, Ireland, January 2, 1839. His father, Thomas Marston, was a small landed proprietor, of English descent. His mother maintained and educated her children after their father's death. She apprenticed Isaac, at the age of thirteen, to a grocer, with whom he remained three years. In 1856 he emigrated to the United States, and went to work upon a farm in Southfield, Oakland county, Michigan, attending school about two months. In 1859 he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, and graduated in 1861. He practiced law for six months at Alma, Gratiot county, where he lost his office and library by fire. He then practiced for a little while at Ithaca, and in 1862 removed to Bay City, his present home. While there he was elected justice of the peace, prosecuting attorney, and city attorney. In 1872 he was elected Representative in the state legislature, to fill vacancy, for the extra session of that year. In 1874 he was appointed attorney general by Governor Bagley, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Byron D. Ball. He held the office nine months, and dispatched more business than had ever before been done in that office in an equal length of time. In April, 1875, he was elected justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Christiancy to the United States Senate. He was baptized into the church of England, but attended the Presbyterian church. He has always been a Republican. He was re-elected justice in 1881, but resigned in 1883, and is now engaged in a lucrative law practice in Detroit.

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#### E. BROOX MARTIN,

Representative from Osceola county in 1881-2-3, was born in Oakland county, Mich., Aug. 12, 1841. Received a collegiate education, and in 1862 engaged in the milling business. After a few years became a resident of Battle Creek, then of Detroit, and in 1877 of Reed City. Is still in the milling business. Politically a Republican.



## GEORGE MARTIN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1851, was born in the state of New York, July 9, 1819. He came to Michigan with his father's family in 1824. He has held the position of deputy collector of customs, and the offices of supervisor and justice. He is by occupation a farmer, is a Democrat in politics, and resides in Grosse Pointe.

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## GEORGE MARTIN

Was born in Middlebury, Vt., in 1815. He graduated at Middlebury college, studied law, and was admitted in 1836, and the same year commenced practice at Grand Rapids, Mich., and soon took high rank in the profession. He was appointed judge of the 6th circuit to fill vacancy caused by the death of Judge Mundy, and in 1852 elected to that position for six years. In 1857 he was elected chief justice of the Supreme Court. In the allotment of terms he drew the shortest, of two years, and was again chief justice for eight years in 1859, holding the position until his death, December 15, 1867. He was a Republican, and helped give the Supreme Court its high standing with the bar of this, and the courts of other states.

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## JOHN MARTIN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1837, was a native of the state of New York, born 1785. He came to Michigan in 1824, residing thereafter, with slight exception, either in Hamtramck or Grosse Point until the time of his death, May 1, 1848. He was captain of a company of New York militia, and was engaged at the sortie of Fort Erie in 1814, receiving wounds by reason of which he drew a government pension. He was the first keeper of the Windmill Point lighthouse at the foot of Lake St. Clair. He was the father of fourteen children, was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics.

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## MORTIMER B. MARTIN,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1848-50, was born in Johnstown, N. Y., October 18, 1806. He received something more than an ordinary education, and became a clerk at the age of fourteen and at sixteen took entire charge of the business. At the age of twenty-one he became a merchant. He sold out in 1834, and was made the agent of a New York syndicate to purchase lands in the



west. He spent two years in Illinois, but came to Michigan in 1836. In 1837 he bought lands in Antrim, Shiawassee county, where he resided until his death, September 26, 1884. He was a supervisor for sixteen years, and in politics a Democrat. He had a beautiful home, and entertained many men of distinction. The roses and flowers set out by him were the first ever planted in Shiawassee county.

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#### STEPHEN MARTIN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1877, was born at High Park, Ireland, December 26, 1821. He received a liberal education, pursued the study of architecture, and adopted the trade of a mason and builder. At the age of seventeen he emigrated to America, residing first in Brooklyn, N. Y., for eleven years. In 1849 he removed to Detroit and followed his avocation of a builder. He has been a member of the Detroit board of education; alderman for two terms; justice of the peace and director of the poor for the city of Detroit. He enlisted a company of volunteers and joined the sixteenth Michigan infantry as captain, participating in all the battles of the regiment until April, 1863, when, having become disabled, he resigned. In July, 1863, he received an appointment as captain in the veteran reserve corps, serving therein until he resigned in November, 1865. In politics a Democrat.

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#### WELLS R. MARTIN

Was born at Hoosack Falls, N. Y., March 18, 1811. He was brought up a farmer, and came to Vermontville, Michigan, in 1838. He has filled many local offices, and was a Representative in the legislature of 1848. He has been engaged in farming, mercantile business and lumbering. He secured a competence and has always exerted a strong moral influence in the community. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ANTHONY L. MASON

Was born in Medina, N. Y., in 1826, and came to Galesburg, Mich., in 1848. His early education was that of common schools. He went into the dry goods trade at Galesburg, in which he continued until 1867. He removed to Kansas City in 1869, with a capital of \$200,000, since increased to half a million. At one time while in trade he



stocked three flouring mills, selling the flour east at a good profit. In politics a Republican. He was supervisor of Galesburg in 1857, and a Representative in 1867.

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#### HENRY MASON,

Representative from Monroe county in 1845. was born in Washington county, N. Y., August 10, 1791. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He came to Monroe county in 1834, settled upon a farm, upon which he lived until his death, in June, 1878.

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#### H. M. MASON,

Representative from the counties of Delta, Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft in 1885, was born in the state of New York in 1841. He removed to Michigan in 1844; enlisted in 1861 in the 8th Michigan infantry, and served until the close of the war. Then engaged in the drug business at Flint. Politically a Republican.

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#### JOHN T. MASON

Was for a short time secretary of the territory in 1830-1, and acted a portion of the time as governor *ex-officio*. He was the father of Gov. Stevens T. Mason, and was born in Virginia, being the son of United States Senator Mason of that state, and of a distinguished family. He was in the territory but a few months, resigning to give his son the position he held. He was a general.

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#### LORENZO M. MASON

Was Senator from St. Clair and other counties in 1844-5, and Senator from Detroit in 1869-70. He was also a Representative from Detroit in 1863-4. He was born in Castleton, Vt., in 1808, was educated at Castleton academy, studied law, and was admitted to practice in his native state. He came to Michigan in 1836, locating at Port Huron, and served a term or two as prosecuting attorney of St. Clair county. He located in Detroit in 1851. He served as police commissioner in Detroit 1865-69, and as inspector of the house of correction 1862-72. Mr. Mason did little or no law practice in Detroit, his tastes running more to active business, mainly lumbering and banking. He was a clear thinker, of cheerful and even temperament, of kindly heart and firm principles. Politics democratic. Died in 1872.



## STEVENS THOMSON MASON

Was the son of General John T. Mason, of Virginia, and the grandson of Stevens Thomson Mason, also of Virginia, who was a colonel in the revolution, a leading member of the Virginia convention of 1788, and United States Senator from Virginia, from 1794 to 1803. The mother of Governor Mason was a sister of William T. Barry, post-master-general under Jackson. He was born in Virginia in 1812. His father emigrated to Kentucky, where the son received his education. His father was secretary of the territory, and acting governor for a short time in 1830-1, and through his influence, the son was appointed secretary of the territory of Michigan by President Jackson, although but nineteen years of age. As secretary he was *ex-officio* governor, during the absence of that officer, and much feeling was manifested, indignation meetings were held, and a deputation was sent to him to demand his commission to be returned to its source. To this demand he replied: "General Jackson appointed me with his eyes open, go home and mind your own business." The boy in years proved to be a man in thought and action, and repeatedly was acting governor, before the death of Gov. Porter, which occurred July 6, 1834. After that time he was *ex-officio* governor of the territory, and the people, taking upon themselves the right to organize a state, without asking the advice of congress, elected him governor of Michigan, November 3, 1835, although the state was not admitted into the Union until several months afterwards. It was during this time that the fierce conflict arose between Ohio and Michigan, as to the ownership of a strip of territory belonging to Michigan, but over which Ohio attempted to exercise control. Gov. Lucas sent a force of militia to obtain possession, but they were met by a larger force headed by Gov. Mason and General Brown, and Michigan retained possession until a second convention of assent held at Ann Arbor, December 14, 1836, accepted the terms proposed by congress, gaining a large portion of the upper peninsula, in lieu of the small tract in dispute.

Governor Mason served two terms, from November 3, 1835, to January 7, 1840. During his administration occurred the great panic of 1837, bringing ruin to many pioneers, and closing the banks which had been started without paid-in capital, bringing to a termination the gigantic projects contemplated in canals, railroads and other internal improvements. These disasters were in part attributed to him, and at the close of his second term he was not a candidate, but withdrew from political life, removing to the city of New York, where he was engaged in the practice of law until his death, January



4, 1843. He was a man of ability, polished and genial, of fine personal appearance, and was very popular. He was probably the youngest man that ever filled the position of governor, in territorial or state history, on this continent.

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#### ALONZO T. MATHER,

Representative from Wayne county in 1841, was born in Moncton, Vt., May 13, 1802. He came to Detroit in 1836 and engaged in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits. He afterwards removed to a farm in Dearborn, and was among the leading and prominent citizens of that township until his death, July 8, 1846. He was for some years a deacon in the Baptist church in Detroit, and was father of Rev. A. E. Mather, a well known Baptist clergyman. Politics, Whig and Republican.

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#### GEORGE MATTHEWS,

Representative from Ingham county in 1848, was born in Watertown, Conn., April 17, 1799. He came to Michigan in 1837, settled in the town of Meridian, Ingham county, and gave the name to the town. He was the first supervisor and held that position several terms. He built the first school-house, and was county treasurer four years. He built 23 miles of the Lansing and Detroit plank road, was elected its superintendent in 1853, and held the position seventeen years. He removed to Farmington, where he was president of the village board at the time of his death, April 20, 1870. By occupation a clothier, politically Whig, then Republican.

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#### LEVI C. MATTHEWS

Was born in Connecticut and removed to Colon, St. Joseph county, Michigan, in 1833. By occupation a farmer. Representative in the legislature of 1849.

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#### RUFUS MATTHEWS,

Representative in the legislature 1835-6, from Washtenaw county, was born in Connecticut, Oct. 10, 1791, was reared in western New York, acquired a common school education, worked as a carpenter and joiner, came to Michigan about 1831, and settled in Northfield as a farmer, helped organize the township, was for over twenty years



supervisor and justice, and served a term as county treasurer. He died at Ann Arbor, Nov. 17, 1869. Politics democratic.

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#### THOMAS P. MATTHEWS,

Representative from Wayne county in 1853, was born in Middlebury, Vt., December 27, 1791. He was a man of liberal education, having graduated from Middlebury college in 1811, and from Fairfield medical college in 1815. He was a Representative in the Vermont legislature in 1820. He came to Detroit in 1834, soon after removing to Redford, and establishing a medical practice which he followed successfully for thirty years. Died November 16, 1869. Politics, Whig and Republican.

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#### BENJAMIN MAY,

Representative from Wayne county in 1865, was a son of Judge James May, a prominent citizen of Detroit in the early days. He was born in Detroit in 1815. He was a retail trader, and a resident of Springwells. He seems to have contributed but little to local history, and has been dead for some years. Was a Democrat in politics.

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#### CHARLES S. MAY,

Lieutenant Governor of Michigan in 1863-4, was born at Sandisfield, Mass., March 22, 1830. In 1834 he removed with his father's family to Richland, Michigan, and worked on the farm until fifteen, and then became a student of the Kalamazoo branch of the State University. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1854. He was in 1855-6 associate political editor of the *Detroit Tribune*, and later its Washington correspondent. He commenced practice at Battle Creek, but soon removed to Kalamazoo, and was elected prosecuting attorney in 1860. In 1861 he resigned, raised a company for the second Michigan infantry, went into the field, but on account of ill health was compelled to resign after taking part in several battles. As lieutenant governor he was an able presiding officer. From 1856 to 1870 he was a leading republican speaker on the stump. In 1872 he supported Greeley for president, and acted with and spoke for the democratic party, but is now a political prohibitionist. He practiced law for a time in Detroit but is now in practice at Kalamazoo.



## DWIGHT MAY,

Lieutenant Governor of Michigan 1867-9, and attorney general 1869-73, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., September 8, 1822, and removed with his father to Richland, Michigan, in 1834. He graduated at the University in 1849, and was admitted to the bar in 1850. He removed to Kalamazoo in 1852, and from 1855 to 1862 was prosecuting attorney. He was also school inspector, village trustee and president. In 1861 he enlisted as a private, and was elected captain of company I, 2d Michigan infantry. He resigned in December, 1861, and in October, 1862, was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 12th Michigan infantry, became colonel and was brevetted brigadier general. He married Amelia S. Kellogg in 1849. A Republican. Died January 28, 1880.

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## HENRY F. MAY,

Representative from Grand Traverse and Wexford counties in 1879, was born at Plymouth, Michigan, February 14, 1842, where he received a common school education. In 1872 he removed to Clam Lake (now Cadillac) and engaged in the mercantile business. He has been village treasurer, trustee, county superintendent of the poor, and a member of the Cadillac city board of education. In politics a Republican.

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## JAMES MAY

Was born in England and settled at Detroit in 1778. He was honorably identified with the early history of the territory. He was a colonel of militia; was appointed chief justice of the court of common pleas about 1800, and held the position seven years. He died in January, 1829. A good portrait of him is found in Sheldon's "early history of Michigan." When the American flag was hauled down, at the surrender of Detroit by General Hull, he got possession of it, and hoisted it again when that city was surrendered by the British. He was the author of an interesting article on the condition of Detroit in 1778.

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## WILLIAM C. MAYBURY

Was born at Detroit, November 20, 1850. He graduated from the high school in 1866, and entered the class of 1870, in the Michigan University. He entered the law office of G. V. N. Lothrop in 1870 and graduated in the law class of 1871 of the University. He was



city attorney in 1875 and 1877. He was also lecturer on medical jurisprudence in the Michigan college of medicine at Detroit. He was nominated for member of congress in 1880, and defeated. He received the degree of "M. A." from the University of Michigan in 1881. In 1882 he was elected Representative in the forty-eighth congress. In 1884 he was re-elected to congress on the democratic ticket. At the expiration of his congressional term in 1887 he resumed law practice in Detroit.

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#### IRA MAYHEW

Was born in Ellisburg, N. Y., in 1814. He received an academical education, and taught from 1832 to 1836. He was principal of the Adams academy 1837 to 1841, then superintendent of schools in Jefferson county, N. Y. He came to Michigan in 1843 and was principal of the Monroe branch of the University. By appointment he became superintendent of public instruction, and held it from April 17, 1845, to March 28, 1849. He was active and efficient in his duties, and in 1849 published a book entitled, "Means and ends of universal education." In 1851 published a treatise on book-keeping. In 1852 was principal of Albion seminary, and in 1854 was elected superintendent of public instruction, and was again elected in 1856, serving from 1855 to 1859, and in all holding that position eight years. He then established the Albion commercial college, which was removed to Detroit and successfully managed by him for many years. He was collector of internal revenue for the third district, 1862-5. Now retired. A Democrat until 1854, since a Republican.

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#### AARON B. MAYNARD

Was born in Peru, Vt., October 22, 1816. When young his parents removed first to Washington, then to Saratoga county, N. Y., and when he was eighteen, to Cambridge, Vt. He entered Middlebury college in 1836, and in 1837 the University of Vermont, at Burlington, where he remained two years. He went to Talbot county, Md., and was a tutor three years, returned to Vermont in 1841, studied law, was admitted in 1842, and opened an office in Richmond, Vt. In 1843 he married Julia Edmunds, sister of Senator Edmunds, of Vermont. He practiced law there until 1855, then removed to Michigan, and went into business at Detroit, and had a large and lucrative practice. He was U. S. district attorney for eastern Michigan for eight years, under President Grant, and is still in practice. He has a



fine farm and buildings in the town of Ray, near Romeo, Macomb county, which has been his family home. In politics a Republican.

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#### LOREN MAYNARD,

Senator from Calhoun county, sessions of 1846-7, was born in Madison, N. Y., December 22, 1801. By occupation a farmer, politically a Democrat. He settled in Marengo, Mich., in 1833, erected a log house and opened a tavern. The first ball in the town was given there in 1834. He built a better hotel in 1836, which he kept until 1844. He was sheriff of Calhoun county from 1839 to 1842. Held the offices of postmaster and supervisor. Died December 5, 1855.

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#### PERRY MAYO,

Senator from Branch and Calhoun counties in 1837, was born in Hancock, N. Y., June 14, 1829. Settled on a farm with his father in 1850 at Convis, Mich., had a fair education, and was a teacher for some years. Served three years as a private in the second Michigan infantry, and was twice wounded. Now resides on a farm in the town of Marshall. Has been town superintendent of schools, and lecturer and general deputy for the Michigan state grange. A Republican in politics.

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#### ANDREW C. MAXWELL.

Representative from Bay county in 1865, was born at Pompey Hill, N. Y., July 11, 1831. In 1844 his father settled on a farm at White Lake, Mich. From 1849 to 1852 he was a student at Oberlin college. He taught school at Lapeer in 1852. Studied law at Pontiac and was admitted in 1853, practiced at Lapeer, and was prosecuting attorney in 1854. In 1857 removed to Bay City and is still there in practice, also farming and real estate. Many years a supervisor. Has twice been a candidate for the state senate, and ran for congress in 1882. In politics a Democrat.

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#### GEO. C. McALLISTER,

Representative from Barry county in 1879, was born in Norfolk, N. Y., June 12, 1833. He received a common school education; came to Hickory Corners, Mich., in 1856. In 1860 he went to Sonora, California, and worked in the mines four years. Returned to Michigan



in 1864. Removed to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and engaged in insurance business, first as deputy secretary, afterwards as director and general agent of the Ft. Wayne insurance company. Returning to Prairieville, Mich., in 1866, he engaged in farming. In politics a National.

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#### WILLIAM McARTHUR,

Representative from Cheboygan and other counties in 1877. was born in Steuben county, N. Y., April 13, 1825. He received an academical education, and was a resident of Rochester, N. Y., 1860-70, and of Chicago, Ill., 1870-3. Settled at Cheboygan, Mich., in 1873. Since 1850 was largely engaged as a contractor on railroads, canals, etc. Since 1866 has been the head of a large lumber firm at Cheboygan. In politics a Democrat.

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#### SANDS McCAMLEY,

Representative from Calhoun county 1837-43, and Senator in 1839-40, was born in Orleans county, N. Y., and came to Nottawa Prairie, Mich., in 1831, then went to Marshall, and in 1834 bought land forming part of the site of Battle Creek, Gen. Convis being his partner. He dug the long race, built a saw-mill and made other improvements. He was county associate judge 1833-6. A man of intellect, sagacity, sound judgment and resolute will. Died April 30, 1864.

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#### THOMAS McCARTY,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1850, was born in Boston, Mass., September 10, 1810. He came with his father to Saginaw county in 1835, and settled as a farmer in the township of Tittabawassee. He was several terms a supervisor. In politics a Democrat. Died September 22, 1855.

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#### HUGH McCLELEND.

Representative from Wayne county in 1885, was born in Toronto, Ontario, October 27, 1851; received a common school education; learned the trade of cigar making, and removed to Detroit in 1871. In 1872 took a trip east, working in several towns in New York state; returned to Detroit in 1875, where he has since remained working at his trade. In politics Labor-Republican.



## ROBERT McCLELLAND.

No man in our history rendered so varied a public service during the first quarter of a century of the state's existence as Robert McClelland. He was born at Greencastle, Pa., August 2, 1807. As a teacher he acquired means to take the course at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from which he graduated in 1829, and in 1831 was admitted to the bar at Chambersburg, Pa., coming to Monroe, Michigan, in 1833. He there entered upon practice. His subsequent political career may be thus calendared: 1835, member of the first constitutional convention; 1839, member and speaker pro tem of the lower House of the legislature; 1840, again member of the House; 1843, member and speaker of the House; 1843 to 1849, elected for three consecutive terms as member of congress, serving through the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth congresses; 1850, member of the constitutional convention of that year; 1851, elected governor of the state for the then short term of one year, and in 1852 re-elected for the term of two years; 1853, appointed March 4, secretary of the interior by President Pierce, serving the full term of four years, having of necessity resigned the office of governor, the term extending to Dec. 31, 1854, being filled by Lieut. Governor Parsons. Here was a period of twenty-two years during fifteen of which Gov. McClelland was in the public service, and during the last twelve of these years consecutively, receiving continuous promotion. His last public service was as a member of the constitutional convention of 1867 from Wayne county, where he was then a resident. He was thus a member of the three conventions that have been held to construct or revise the fundamental law of the state. During his congressional term Gov. McClelland was a member and then chairman of the committee on commerce, and favored and procured in some degree legislation for the improvement of lake harbors.

Gov. McClelland supported John Quincy Adams in his demand for the right of petition, and voted to receive a bill offered by Mr. Giddings for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, also supported the "Wilmot Proviso," designed to prohibit slavery in newly acquired territory. As secretary of the interior Gov. McClelland introduced many reforms, and his administration of the department was above reproach. He was a pure man, both in his official, his professional, and his personal life. He was a delegate to the national conventions in 1848 and 1852. At the close of his term as secretary of the interior he settled in Detroit, doing some office practice, though mainly giving his attention to private business. He made a European tour in 1870, and died at his home in Detroit, August 30, 1880.



## HENRY F. McCORMICK,

Representative from Kent county in 1879, was born July 18, 1844, at Alcott, N. Y. He removed with his father's family to Grand Rapids, in 1856. Was in the army during the war. He was supervisor of Grand Rapids five terms. He received an academical education. Occupation, farming. Politics, Greenback.

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## JAMES W. McCORMICK,

Representative from the first district of Allegan, was born at Allegan, Michigan, Feb. 22, 1838. He is at present engaged in farming and fruit growing, is a member of the bar, but has never made the practice of the law his means of support. Mr. McCormick has held the office of justice twenty-four years, supervisor fifteen years, and was elected to the legislature of 1885-6 on the Republican ticket, and re-elected for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,946 to 1,710 for E. R. Reid, and 545 for N. W. Lewis, Prohibitionist.

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## WILLIAM B. McCREERY,

State treasurer, 1875-9, was born at Mt. Morris, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1826. Came with his father to Genesee county, Mich., in 1838, and received a common school and academical education. Worked in his father's saw-mill until 1852, then was chief clerk to his father, as county treasurer, six years. Studied law, was admitted in 1860, and began practice at Flint. He went into service as a private in 1861 in the 2d Michigan infantry. He was gradually promoted to lieutenant colonel, was transferred to the 21st Michigan, and became colonel. He was three times wounded, and confined in Libby prison, from which he made his escape. He resigned from ill health in 1864, the acceptance by Gen. Thomas being the most noteworthy received by a Michigan soldier. He was mayor of Flint 1865-6, and in 1871-4 internal revenue collector. For several years past has been an efficient member of the state board of agriculture, in charge of the state agricultural college. Politically a Republican, and a delegate to the republican national convention of 1888.

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## HUGH McCURDY,

Senator from Shiawassee county in 1865, was born in Hamilton, Scotland, in 1829. Came with his parents to Birmingham, Mich., in



1837. Learned the trade of a cooper, and worked at it for years. Attended select school, was a freight agent, and from 1847 taught several years. Attended Romeo academy, studied law, was admitted in 1854, settled in practice at Corunna, where he now resides. Has been prosecuting attorney, judge of probate, many years supervisor, and from 1865-73, president of the national bank at Corunna. In politics, a Democrat. Is a prominent Mason, and has held all the high offices in that order, and was lately grand generalissimo of the grand encampment of the United States. He laid the corner stone of the state capitol as grand master in 1872.

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#### WARREN McCUTCHEON

Was born at Epsom, N. H., Sept. 17, 1815. By occupation a farmer. In politics, a Whig until 1854, since a Republican. He emigrated to Ohio where he held local offices, and settled at Ransom, Hillsdale county. He was ten years supervisor, and a representative in 1867. Died May 10, 1876.

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#### JOHN McDERMID.

Senator from Hillsdale county in 1861-2, was born in Ballston, N. Y. in 1808. He was a farmer and miller, and a Republican in politics. Came from Livingston county, N. Y., in 1835, and settled in Cambria, Hillsdale county. The village of Cambria Mills takes its name from the mills built by him. When he settled there were no traces of civilization. Died May 16, 1868.

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#### JOHN McDERMOTT.

Representative from Detroit in 1859, was born in Ireland in 1826, and came to Detroit in 1844. He was a ship-builder by occupation and was connected with vessel interests until 1861, when he raised a company which was mustered into the service as company "A" of the twenty-third Illinois infantry, and formed part of the famous "Mulligan brigade," in the war of the rebellion. He was taken prisoner at the siege of Lexington, Mo., resigned his captaincy in November, 1861, and in January, 1862, was appointed lieutenant colonel of the fifteenth Michigan infantry, serving until September 18, 1863, when he was mustered out at his own request. In 1864 Col. McDermott removed to Bay City, and was deputy collector of customs at that port from 1866 to 1883. He is now engaged in the



insurance business at Bay City. He was a Democrat prior to and during his legislative term, but a Republican during and since the war.

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JAMES McDONALD.

Representative from Lenawee county in 1840-46, was born August 11, 1796, and died August 19, 1848. A farmer, in politics a Whig. Settled in Lenawee county, Mich., in 1837.

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JOHN McDONNEL

Was a native of Scotland, born in 1779. The time of his coming to Michigan is not known, but he was in business in Detroit during the war of 1812, and thoroughly Americanized. His name appears with those of other residents signed to a protest against an order of the British commandant, Proctor (after Hull's surrender), requiring a number of leading citizens to leave the country. He also rendered much benevolent service in ransoming American captives from the Indians during the British occupation. He was appointed an associate justice of the county territorial court in 1817; was a member of the legislative council, 1828-34; a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and of the first "convention of assent" (or dissent) in 1836; was a member of the state senate 1855-67, and collector of the port of Detroit, 1839-41. He held besides, the local offices of alderman, justice, etc. Politically he was in sympathy with the national administration during the period of his public life. He died October 1, 1846.

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MALCOLM McDOUGALL,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1853, was born in the state of New York, in May, 1813. A farmer, in politics a Democrat. He came to Bridgewater in 1838, where he still resides. He has been a justice in that town for thirty-six years.

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CROCKETT McELROY.

Senator from St. Clair county in 1877-9, was born December 31, 1835, near Dundas, Ontario. He received a common school education; came to Michigan in 1848; lived about five years in Detroit; ten years in St. Clair county; ten years in Macomb county, then in St. Clair City. He has been supervisor, justice, school inspector and commissioner of highways, village trustee, a postmaster, and mayor of



St. Clair city. He has been clerk, teacher, merchant and manufacturer. For many years he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of cut staves and circled heading, and president and general manager of the Marine City stove company. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES McFARLANE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1847, was a native of Scotland, born May 10, 1810. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen, residing for brief periods at Paterson, N. J., Hudson, N. Y. and Peru, Ill., and in 1839 settled in Greenfield, Mich. He was supervisor ten years. A democrat in politics, although voting for Fremont in 1856 and Lincoln in 1860. Occupation, farmer. Died March 30, 1880.

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#### NEAL MCGAFFEY,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1827, settled at White Pigeon in 1829, and was the first lawyer in St. Joseph county, having been admitted to practice August 17, 1830. He was one of the four who owned and recorded the plat of the village of White Pigeon in 1830. He taught the first school at White Pigeon in 1831. He built a house in 1830 and planted the first apple tree. He was town clerk in 1830-31, justice of the peace from 1829 to 1835, and was public prosecutor in 1839, and president of the village in 1837. After practicing over a quarter of a century he removed to Texas.

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#### PATRICK MCGINNIS.

Representative from Wayne county in 1877, was born in 1820, at the village of Aranghantareghan, Ireland. In 1834 he emigrated to the United States and settled at Mt. Clemens, Michigan. He afterward removed to Detroit and went to work in the printing office of the old *Morning Post* in 1836. He subsequently went into the mercantile business, afterwards selling out and removing to Laingsburg, Mich., where he kept a general store and traded with the Indians. He returned to Detroit and went into the real estate auctioneering business. He was deputy city marshal and city marshal, and for three years an alderman. In politics, a Democrat. Deceased.



## JAMES MCGONEGAL,

Representative from Detroit in 1871-2, is a native of Ireland, born in 1821. He came to Detroit when a young man and engaged in active business, being for many years a wood dealer, receiving supplies by the cargo by means of the river boats. He was an alderman, 1863-67. In politics, a Democrat, although affiliating with the Greenbackers, 1876 to 1880. Now in business at Kansas City, Mo.

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## JAMES H. MCGOWAN,

Representative in congress 1877-81, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, April 2, 1837. He graduated at the Michigan University in 1861, became principal of the high school at Coldwater, in 1862 enlisted as a private in the 5th Michigan cavalry, was captain in the 9th cavalry, and served until 1864. He studied law and was admitted to practice in 1867, graduating from the Ann Arbor law school in 1868. He practiced at Coldwater, was prosecuting attorney four years and senator in 1873, and regent of the university. Now in law practice at Washington, D. C. Politically, a Republican.

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## THOMAS MCGRAW

Was born in county Armagh, Ireland, March 1, 1783, where he learned the trade of linen weaving. Being dissatisfied with the union of Ireland and England, which took place early in 1801, he left Ireland that year and came to Orange county, N. Y., married and lived there weaving and farming until 1830, when he removed to Bloomfield, Michigan, settling on a farm, where he died April 19, 1858. He was a Democrat in politics, and a Representative in 1847.

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## JOHN A. MCGREGOR,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1855-7, was born in that county September 7, 1839. He received a good common school education, is a farmer, and a Republican. A supervisor six years, and town treasurer two years.

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## JAMES R. MCGURK,

Senator from St. Clair county in 1851-2, was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 16, 1843. Came with his parents to Hamilton, Canada, in 1848.



Received a good education and studied medicine in Canada, Ann Arbor and Detroit. He was a teacher six years. Graduated at the Detroit medical college and in 1870 commenced practice at Capac, Mich. Many years town superintendent of schools. In politics a Republican.

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#### DONALD McINTYRE,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1855, was born in Johnstown, N. Y., June 5, 1807. He received a common school and academical education, studied law, was admitted in 1826, and commenced practice. He was the first judge of the new county of Fulton. He opened a banking office at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1845, and continued in that business until 1872, then returned to Johnstown, N. Y., and is now president of the Johnstown bank. He was for six years a regent of the University. In politics a Republican.

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#### DUGALD McINTYRE,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1881-2, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, July 15, 1840. He received a common school education; came to Michigan in the fall of 1860, and engaged in lumbering. He is now engaged in farming. He was elected supervisor of the township of Argyle in 1878, which office he held several years. He has been chairman of the board of supervisors. Politically a Republican.

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#### GEORGE R. McKAY

Was born in 1817, and came to Michigan in 1852. He purchased and lived upon a farm in Marengo, Calhoun county. He was supervisor, master of the grange, and a Representative in 1865. Now a resident of Chicago.

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#### ROBERT G. McKEE

Was born in Arlington, Vt., January 10, 1813. He received an academical education and attended Rensselaer institute at Troy, N. Y. He came to Michigan in 1836, and followed his profession, surveying roads and farms in the central part of the state. While a resident of DeWitt, he was nominated by the democrats and elected a Representative in 1839, being the youngest member of that body. his district comprising Genesee, Shiawassee and Clinton counties. In



1852 he went overland to California, where he remained until 1856. Of late years he has followed farming, and lives in the village of Laingsburg.

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SILAS D. McKEEN,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1837, came to Lapeer county from New Hampshire and began practice. He had ability and would have risen to wealth and high station except for his habits. Died many years since.

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ANTHONY McKEY,

Senator from Lenawee county in 1837-8, was born in Delhi, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1800. When nine years old his father removed to Chemung county, N. Y., where he worked until eighteen, when he commenced teaching school. He came to Michigan in 1826, taught school for a time at Monroe, and in 1828 settled on a farm in Deerfield (then Blissfield). In 1828 he was appointed postmaster at Kedzie's Grove (now Deerfield), and held that position until his death, Jan. 28, 1849.

He was a surveyor and prominent contractor on the Lake Shore road, located and surveyed several state roads, and was seven years a supervisor. In politics a Democrat, and an intimate friend of Cass, Barry and McClelland. Of fine person, and a typical Scotch gentleman of culture.

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JOHN Q. McKERNAN,

Representative from the Upper Peninsula in 1863-4-5-7-9-70, was born in Little Britain, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1823. He came to Washtenaw county in 1832, lived in White Oak from 1837 to 1848, then removed to Houghton county. Has lived in several towns there, and is now postmaster at L'Anse. In politics a Democrat. He was four years sheriff of Houghton county, has been supervisor, justice, village president, superintendent of poor, and held many other offices. He was a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1867. By trade a carpenter, but has been a lumberman, surface agent of copper mines, etc.

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JAMES L. McKIE,

Representative from Berrien county in 1855-7, was born in Neshoba county, Miss., Feb. 10, 1827. Lived in Illinois from 1844 to 1854, since at Three Oaks, Mich., except two years a clerk at Niles. Now



in mercantile business. Has been supervisor five terms, and held many village and town offices. In politics a Democrat.

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#### JOHN MCKINNEY

Was born in Pennsylvania in 1803. He came to Michigan in 1837, settled in VanBuren county, where he died July 10, 1870. He was Representative in 1848; State Senator in 1849-50; secretary of state 1855 to 1859; state treasurer in 1859 and 1860. In politics, first a Democrat, a Republican after 1854. Deceased.

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#### SHELDON MCKNIGHT,

Representative from Detroit in 1857, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., in 1810. Came to Detroit in 1820, learned the trade of a printer, in 1827 took an interest in the *Detroit Gazette*, which was merged in the *Free Press* in 1830, and edited by him until 1836. He was postmaster of Detroit 1836 to 1841. In 1845 he was appointed by President Polk agent to examine the mineral resources of the Upper Peninsula, took up his residence at the Sault, established a line of vessels, and was the chief factor in building a railroad around the rapids, which was the means of transit until the canal was built. Politically a Democrat. He was efficient in the establishment of the insane asylum at Kalamazoo, and was one of its first board of trustees. Died at Washington, July 21, 1860.

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#### DYCKES McLACHLIN,

Representative from Monroe county in 1875, was born in the town of Ayr, Scotland, June 26, 1814. He came to Whitehall, N. Y., in 1822, and in 1850 he removed to Summerfield, Mich., where he has been engaged in farming, lumbering and selling goods. He has been a justice, notary public, and supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES McMAHON

Was born in county Clare, Ireland, April 4, 1819. He received his education there, leaving college before graduating. Settled in Ann Arbor in 1837, and worked as a blacksmith, a trade learned by him when a boy. He was a Whig, but became a Republican at the organization of that party. He studied law and served fourteen years as justice, with over 5,000 cases on his docket. He was super-



visor and chairman of the county board for several years; circuit court commissioner two years; and during the war provost marshal two years. He was Representative from 1857 to 1861, and was an able and influential member. Deceased.

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JOEL W. McMAHON,

Senator from the counties of Sanilac and Huron in 1883, was born in Sanilac county, June 29, 1848, and has never had a residence outside of that county. He was admitted to the bar in 1873, since which time he has resided at Marlette, engaged in the practice of his profession. He has served as prosecuting attorney one term. He is a Republican.

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DANIEL D. McMARTIN,

Representative from Allegan county in 1863-4, was born in Amsterdam, N. Y., February 8, 1808. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. Came to Michigan in 1838, and settled in an unorganized town in Allegan county, since called Martin, a part of his name. Afterwards removed to Gunplain, where he lived until 1865. Now resides at Kalamazoo. Has been justice four terms, and six times a supervisor.

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NEAL McMILLAN.

Representative from Kent county in 1877, was born at Godmanchester, Quebec, December 25, 1845. He has been a resident of Michigan since 1850, was formerly farmer and teacher, is now a druggist, has held the offices of supervisor, county superintendent of schools, village recorder, treasurer and alderman, and was elected Representative as a Republican, for 1887-8, by a vote of 2,209 to 1,578 for James Ward, and 652 for Charles Oldfield, Prohibitionist.

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JOHN W. McNABB,

Representative from Newaygo county in 1879-85, was born in Wyandotte county, Ohio, January 20, 1846. His parents moved to Indiana in 1851, where he attended the common schools and academy until seventeen, when he entered Fort Wayne college. After one year in that institution he entered Wabash college, and remained two years; taught school one year; studied medicine three years at Rochester, Indiana, then entered the medical department of the University of



Michigan. He returned to Indiana and practiced medicine one year, after which he removed to Newaygo county, Michigan, where he has since been engaged in his profession. Dr. McNabb has held the office of justice, township clerk, and superintendent of schools; was elected to the legislature in 1878 on the national greenback ticket, and again in 1884, receiving 2,155 votes to 1,903 for William T. Carpenter, Republican, and 214 for Jas. H. Edwards, Prohibition. He was one of the most humorous speakers that ever held a seat in the House.

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#### WILLIAM McNAIR

Was born in Bucks county, Pa., January 1, 1800. He emigrated to Michigan in 1826, and became a merchant at Tecumseh, and afterwards a farmer. In politics a Democrat. He was a Representative in 1849.

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#### MOSES A. McNAUGHTON

Was born in Argyle, N. Y., January 3, 1813. He received an academical education, and was two years in Union college; read medicine and graduated at Fairfield, N. Y., in 1840. He settled at Jackson, Michigan, in 1841, and practiced medicine successfully for ten years, when he turned his attention to real estate, in which he was successful. He also was interested in the building of railroads, among them the Jackson branch of the Michigan Southern, and the Grand River Valley, of which he was treasurer. He was elected on the free soil ticket as Senator in 1853, and was mayor of Jackson in 1866-7.

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#### JOHN L. McNEIL

Was born at Charlotte, Vt., October 10, 1813. He received a common school education and worked on his father's farm until twenty-one, and then took charge of his father's hotel in Charlotte. In 1836 he emigrated to Michigan and settled in Atlas, Genesee county, upon a farm. He filled various local offices, and as a Democrat was a Representative in 1849.

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#### JACOB L. McPEEK,

Senator from Barry and Eaton counties in 1879, was born in Oxford, Ohio, May 4, 1818, and removed to Michigan with his parents in 1852, settling on a farm near Grand Ledge. In 1867 he moved into the



village. He received a good education and opened a real estate and collection office in Grand Ledge. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar, and has since been in the practice of the law. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM McPHERSON, JR.,

Commissioner of railroads, 1885 to 1887, was born at Inverness, Scotland, March 9, 1834, came to this country and has resided at Howell since 1836, and attended such schools as that place afforded at that time. At the age of sixteen he entered the store of his father as a clerk, and when a little more than twenty-one years of age, in 1856, he became a partner with his father, and until about one year ago remained in the firm, under the name of William McPherson & Sons, general merchants, and dealers in wool and other farm products. He also engaged extensively in real estate in Livingston county and outside, owning and dealing in farm, timber, and mineral lands, as well as village and city property, and lately has given his attention to real estate matters, the purchase of wool and other private business. Mr. McPherson is a Republican.

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#### A. T. McREYNOLDS,

Representative from Detroit in 1840, was born at Dungannon, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1808, came to Pittsburg, Pa., in 1840, and was a member of the "Duquesne Greys," the first military company west of the Alleghanies, after the war of 1812. Removed to Detroit in 1833, in 1834 became a major on the staff of Gen. A. S. Williams, then commanding the state militia. In 1834-5 organized the Brady guards. He studied law and was admitted in 1840. He was eleven years lieutenant colonel or colonel of the 1st Michigan regiment; was captain of the Montgomery guards; in 1847 was captain of dragoons, U. S. army, and served in the Mexican war, his company and that of Phil Kearney, forming Scott's body guard; for his bravery in the charge on the gates of Mexico received the thanks of the president and senate, having been disabled for life: returned to Detroit and practiced law until 1861: in 1861 was commissioned colonel of the "Lincoln cavalry," the first regiment in that arm of the service; was in command of a brigade two years, and of a division six months. He was an alderman of Detroit two years; Indian agent three years; Senator in 1847; member and first president of the Detroit board of education; U. S. district attorney of western Michigan under Johnson; democratic candidate for congress in 1872; prosecuting attorney of Muskegon



county in 1874. He was first a Whig, and was a delegate to the national convention of 1839 that nominated Harrison, but of later years a Democrat. Resides at Grand Rapids and was long president of the state association of veterans of the Mexican war.

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#### GEORGE MEACHEM,

Representative from Cass and other counties in 1839, and Senator in 1859, was born in Oneida county, N. Y., June 18, 1799. He came to Ann Arbor in 1826, but soon became a farmer in Cass county, and was the first sheriff of that county. He was a supervisor many terms. First a Whig then a Republican. Deceased.

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#### DARIUS MEAD,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1835, was born in Lanesboro, Mass., in 1800. He was a farmer and a Democrat. Settled in Michigan in 1833, and was a justice and associate county judge of Lenawee county. Died at Blissfield in 1859.

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#### ELISHA F. MEAD

Was born in Hinesburg, Vt., in 1826. A Republican in politics, a lawyer by profession. He came to Michigan with A. B. Maynard in 1854, opened an office in Romeo, and practiced law until his mind failed. He returned to Vermont in 1871, where he still lives. He served one term as prosecuting attorney of Macomb county, and was a Representative in 1867-9-70.

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#### HENRY S. MEAD

Was the first lawyer at Hillsdale, Michigan, and settled in that place about 1840. He was an able and popular man, and was Representative in 1850, and Senator in 1851. He practiced law for twelve years, and died at Hillsdale in 1852.

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#### CHARLES MEARS,

Senator from Mason and other counties in 1863-4, was born in North Billerica, Mass., in 1814. He received an academical education, and was for a time a general merchant in Lowell, Mass., but in 1836 opened, with his brothers, a store at Paw Paw, Mich. Later removed to White Lake, and then to the present site of Ludington. He built



the fine harbors of Duck Lake, White Lake, Pentwater, Ludington and Pere Marquette, and was a lumberman and owner of pine lands. Later he became a leading business man in Chicago.

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JOHN N. MELLEEN,

Senator from Macomb county in 1873-4-5, was born September 30, 1831, in Garry, N. Y. He received a common school education. He emigrated to Washington, Mich., in 1837. In 1841 he removed to Lenox, and in 1869 to Romeo. From 1849 to 1864 he was engaged in the United States topographical survey of California, Oregon and Washington Territory. He was also employed by the government in establishing the subdivisions of counties and towns in Dakota territory, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. His occupation now is that of a grain and lumber merchant. Politically a Democrat.

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DAVID MENZIE

Was born about 1815 in Johnstown, N. Y. He received a common school education, and his medical diploma at Hartford, Conn. He came to Concord, Michigan, about 1837, and served as supervisor several years. He was a Representative in 1845. He died in 1854.

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JAMES MERCER,

Senator from Houghton, Ontonagon, Baraga, Keweenaw and Isle Royal counties in 1883, was born in London, England, in September, 1830. His parents emigrated in 1833, and were residents of Michigan when it became a state. He received his education at common schools and from private tutors. He acquired his early business education in Detroit. In 1850 he removed to Lake Superior, where he has since remained, being closely identified with the general development of that section of the state. He was a member of the House in 1881 and '82.

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WILLIAM MERCER,

Representative from Ionia county, in 1875, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1824. He completed his education at the Pontiac district school. He removed to Michigan in 1831, and was the first supervisor elected in Campbell, Ionia county. He has been



town treasurer and deputy sheriff, a merchant and grain dealer, and extensively engaged in manufacturing boat oars. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ELIAS W. MERRILL

Was born in Falmouth, Maine, Oct. 2, 1812, and was educated at the common schools and Maine Wesleyan seminary. He came to Grand Rapids in 1837, removed to Muskegon in 1844, and there engaged in the lumbering business. He held various offices in town and county. He was Representative in 1857, and Senator in 1865. In 1869 he was appointed postmaster of Muskegon, and held the office until 1875. He has been a prominent business man of Muskegon. In politics a Republican.

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#### ABRAHAM T. METCALF.

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1875, was born Feb. 26, 1831, in Whitestown, N. Y. He received an academical education, and graduated at the New Orleans dental college. In 1848 he went to Battle Creek, but shortly afterwards returned to New York state. In 1854 he again came to Michigan, and in February, 1855, commenced the practice of his profession in Kalamazoo. He was chairman of the democratic county committee from 1860 to 1865; trustee of the village of Kalamazoo in 1869, and a member of the board of education. In 1855 he took an active part in the organization of the Michigan state dental association. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ALFRED R. METCALF,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1841, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1802. Came to Michigan in 1834. A farmer, and politically, first Republican, now Prohibitionist. Lived for forty-five years on his farm in Michigan, but moved to Blandinsville, Ill., in 1879, where he now resides.

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#### HENRY MEYER,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1883, was born Jan. 1, 1828, at Vorie, Germany. He received a common school education. He learned the carpenter's trade in Hanover. In 1851 he came to Detroit, where he worked twelve years for James Shearer, builder. In 1863 he moved to Fair Haven, St. Clair county, and



built in 1875 the Swan Creek steam grist mill; his occupation is farming and milling. In politics a Republican. He has held the office of town treasurer and supervisor, each eight years.

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#### LOUIS MEYER,

Representative from Livingston county, in 1875, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1838. He was educated in German and English, and removed from Germany to Michigan in 1852. He is by occupation a farmer. In politics a Democrat. Now resides in Lansing and is connected with the Lansing wagon works.

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#### JOHN MICKLE

Came from Oswego, New York, to Michigan in 1831. He was the first settler in Reading, Hillsdale county. He was a Whig, and Representative in the legislature of 1842, and associate judge of the county. The home he built of black walnut logs in 1838, is still standing. By occupation a farmer.

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#### CHAS. E. MICKLEY,

Senator from Lenawee county in 1873, was born August 26, 1818, in Bucks county, Pa. He emigrated to Michigan in 1833, and settled in Fairfield, Lenawee county. He was a member of the House in 1865-7. He was the first to move in the matter of admitting women to the state university. He has also been a member of the state public school board, and president of Lenawee county agricultural society. A farmer by occupation.

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#### CYRUS MILES,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1865-9-70, was born in Fowler, N. Y., April 13, 1828. By occupation a lawyer and banker, politically a Democrat. Came to Port Huron in 1852, and went into the banking business in 1856. Was mayor of Port Huron in 1864 and 1865. Died March 2, 1877.

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#### FABIUS MILES

Was born in Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1814. He received an academical education, and became a teacher. In 1838 he established



the Watertown normal school, and continued it with great success until 1844. In 1844 he located in Hartford, Mich., built a saw-mill and engaged in lumbering from 1847 to 1860. He was the owner of several hundred acres of land. Originally a Democrat, he became a Free Soiler in 1848, and helped organize the Republican party in 1854. He was a Representative in 1859. He supported Greeley in 1872, and Peter Cooper in 1876.

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#### GEORGE MILES

Was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., April 5, 1789. He was of New England descent and was self educated. He studied law and was admitted in 1822. He attained distinction and was district attorney of Alleghany county, N. Y. In 1837 he removed to Ann Arbor, and engaged in the practice of his profession. On the resignation of Judge Goodwin from the Supreme Court in 1846, he was appointed to fill the vacancy, and held it until his death in 1859. He was a man of commanding personal appearance, presided with dignity, and his opinions upon legal questions were concise and able.

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#### MARCUS H. MILES

Was born in the State of New York in 1813. Emigrated to Michigan about 1836, and settled at Port Huron. In 1837 he went to Newport, now Marine City, and engaged in mercantile business. He was postmaster there and a Whig in politics. In 1838 he was elected clerk of St. Clair county and removed to St. Clair. He was re-elected in 1840, serving from 1839 to 1843. In 1848 and 1850 he was elected county clerk, serving in that office eight years. In 1852 he was admitted to the bar and began practice; in 1854 was elected circuit court commissioner; in 1856 was elected judge of probate, serving until 1861. In 1863 he enlisted in the 11th Michigan cavalry as a lieutenant, and during nearly all the time of his service acted as judge advocate at headquarters in the department of Kentucky. In 1867 he was a Representative. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. In 1870 he was appointed inspector of customs at Toronto, Canada, held the position until 1875. He died Dec. 13, 1877, at St. Clair. First a Whig in politics, a Republican after 1854.

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#### WINFIELD S. MILLARD,

Representative from Berrien county in 1881-2, was born at Three Rivers, Mich., Jan. 22, 1846. Educated at high school and state



agricultural college. In 1861 enlisted in the 11th Michigan infantry, and served through the war. For three years in the wholesale grocery trade at Laramie City, Dak.; general freight and ticket agent for C., W. & M. R. R. Co. nearly three years; moved to Niles in 1872, and was secretary and treasurer of the Michigan wool pulp co., the Three Rivers pulp co. and Niles water power co. Has been a major of state militia.

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#### ALBERT MILLER,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1817, and the oldest living pioneer of the Saginaw valley, was born in Hartland, Vt., May 10, 1810. With a common school education he settled at Grand Blanc, Mich., in 1831, and taught school. He removed to a farm near Saginaw City in 1833; taught the first school in the Saginaw valley in 1834-5; was inspector of elections 1833 to 1848; judge of probate 1835 to 1844; justice thirteen years. He laid out Portsmouth, now part of Bay City. In 1836-7 built the second saw-mill on the Saginaw river. Has been president of the state pioneer society, postmaster, director in banks and manufacturing companies. In politics, first a Democrat, then a Republican. In the winter of 1857-8 celebrated his golden wedding.

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#### ELI R. MILLER

Was born in Winsted, Conn., October 12, 1818. He received an academical education, emigrated to Michigan in 1834, and settled as a farmer at Richland, Kalamazoo county. He was a member of the Michigan House in 1871-2-3-4, and was active in securing appropriations for fish propagation, and for several years was one of the state fish commissioners. In politics a Republican.

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#### HENRY MILLER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1853, 1863-4, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1816. He came to Michigan in 1821, and was justice for several terms at Rochester. A merchant, in politics a Republican. He removed to Grand Rapids in 1866, and died April 24, 1879.

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#### JOHN C. MILLER

Was born in Ames, Ohio, March 9, 1822. Came with his parents to Michigan in 1836, but in 1843 removed to New Buffalo, where he now



resides. Obtained a common school education. By occupation a farmer, was a Whig until 1856, a Republican until 1872, since that time a Prohibitionist. He was a Representative in 1863-4. Has been supervisor six years, justice eight years, and held other local offices.

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JOHN MILLER,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1857, '63-4, was born at Sugar Loaf, Canada, February 1, 1818, his parents settling at Rochester, Mich., when he was young. With a limited education he went into lumbering at St. Clair, and served as clerk, general manager and superintendent of the Black river steam mill company. Then went into business for himself, was thrice mayor of Port Huron, and became cashier and manager of the first national bank at Port Huron. In politics a Democrat. Died in 1873.

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JOSEPH MILLER,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1840-41, was born in Farmington, Conn., October 29, 1779. He graduated at Williams college, studied law, married Sarah Sherman in 1808, a descendant of Roger Sherman, and settled at Winsted, Conn., in practice. Was a justice 25 years, and a member of the state legislature. In 1834 removed to Richland, Mich., and was associate judge. Died in June, 1864.

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LEONARD MILLER

Was born in the state of New York in 1820, and came to Moscow, Mich., in 1839. Later he removed to Jonesville. He was a Representative, sessions of 1841-2.

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LEWIS T. MILLER,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1835-6, was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., June 11, 1787. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. Moved to Moscow, Mich., in 1833 and was the first postmaster. He was a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1835. Died February 14, 1856.

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LUCIEN B. MILLER,

Representative from Monroe county in 1877-79, was born in the state of New York, March 6, 1831. His parents removed to LaSalle, Mich.,



the May following, and he has resided there ever since. He received a common school education. He has held the offices of justice, supervisor, school director, assessor and notary public. He is a farmer. In politics a Democrat.

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#### NORTON L. MILLER

Was born in Berkshire county, Mass., December 2, 1815, his parents removing to Monroe county, N. Y., in 1818, and in 1832 to Macomb county, Michigan. He is a miller by occupation. Was register of deeds for Macomb county, from 1857 to 1861, and Representative in 1869, 1870-1-2. He received an academical education and has held various local offices. Is now a resident of Ludden, Dakota.

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#### OLIVER MILLER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1844, resided at Ridgeway, and was in politics a Democrat. He was a brother of Dan B. Miller, of Monroe, a prominent business man at an early day.

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#### RICHARD C. MILLER

Was born in Hartland, Conn., April 17, 1820, and received a common school education. He settled in Greenfield, Wayne county, in 1830, and removed to Fairplains, Montcalm county, in 1853, where he now resides. He was Representative from Montcalm county in 1871-2-3-4. By occupation a farmer and commission merchant, in politics a Republican.

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#### ABEL MILLINGTON

Was born at Rutland, Vt., February 5, 1787. He became a physician, and removed to Ypsilanti, Michigan, in 1826. He was sheriff of Washtenaw county, and was a member of the legislative council in 1834 and 1835. He removed to St. Charles, Illinois, in 1838, and died there the same year.

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#### CHARLES R. MILLINGTON

Was born August 5, 1818, at Lebanon, N. Y. The next year removed to Shaftsbury, Vt., where he resided until 1836, when his father's family settled in Bennington, Vt. He received a good academical education, and taught school winters for five years. Studied law and was admitted to the bar in Vermont. He removed to Constantine



Mich., in 1847, where he resided until 1873. Since that time he has been a resident of Independence, Iowa. He was a Whig until 1854, since that time a Republican, and was a delegate to the convention at Jackson which organized that party. From 1869 to 1873 he was a Representative from St. Joseph county.

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#### ALFRED J. MILLS,

Of Paw Paw, was born of English parentage in 1851. He was admitted to the bar in 1873 at Kalamazoo. In 1875 he removed to Paw Paw, where he has since resided. He was elected judge of probate of Van Buren county in 1876, and circuit judge in the spring of 1881.

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#### CHARLES B. MILLS,

Representative from Tuscola county in 1877, and Senator in 1869-70, was born in York county, Maine, May 3, 1823. He received a common and high school education. At an early age he became a minister in the Free Baptist denomination. He was a close student and gave frequent lectures in addition to his regular pastoral work. He removed to Ohio, and from there to Tuscola county in 1856, where he bought a farm. He was for several years judge of probate. He has been trustee of Hillsdale college for many years, and was one of the incorporators of the Free Baptist printing house at Dover, N. H. Of late years he has been in the employ of Hillsdale college, but now resides in Tuscola county.

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#### JOHN W. MILLS,

Representative from Jackson county in 1855, was born in Phelps, N. Y., April 24, 1821. He came to Michigan in 1835, and settled on a farm in Pittsfield, Washtenaw county. Lived at Leoni, Jackson county, from 1853 to 1856, when he moved to Illinois, and was a member of the legislature of that state. In 1865 he removed to Grinnell, Iowa. By occupation a farmer, politically a Republican. Died December 15, 1865.

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#### WILLIAM S. MILLS,

Senator from Sanilac county in 1859, was born in the state of Vermont, Oct. 29, 1820. He came to Michigan in 1854, and was prosecuting attorney of Sanilac county in 1860-61. Has been a



printer, editor, lumberman, lawyer, publisher, and is now superintendent of a mining company in El Dorado canon, Lincoln county, Nevada. Politically a Republican.

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#### HIRAM MILLSPAUGH,

Representative from Wayne county in 1850, was a native of the state of New York. The time of his birth and the date of his coming to Belleville, Mich., are unknown. He was a Democrat in politics, a farmer by occupation, and died November 3, 1883.

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#### JOSEPH P. MINNIE,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1851, was born at Point aux Trembles, Mich., April 21, 1812. When young he went to St. Louis, Mo., and learned the trade of a tailor. Returning, he located at Monroe. In 1834 he located at Port Huron, and was a merchant tailor. He was justice for twenty years, amassed a large property, took an important part in all progressive enterprises, and was one of the most favorably known of the early pioneers. Died March 10, 1865.

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#### PRESTON MITCHELL,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1871-2-3-4, was born in Meredith, N. Y., April 24, 1812; received a common school education, and was a teacher at sixteen; afterwards a clerk and merchant at Baldwinsville and Syracuse, N. Y.; came to Marshall, Mich., in 1836, and from 1837 to 1842 was a merchant at Marengo; in 1842 removed to Marshall and was county treasurer six years; was alderman and mayor of Marshall, also supervisor; assessor of internal revenue 1862-3; and presidential elector in 1876. In politics a Democrat, a Republican from 1854. He had landed interests west, and was in real estate abstract business. Deceased.

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#### THOMAS MITCHELL,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1859, was born in Washington county, N. Y., June 25, 1819. He came to St. Joseph county, Michigan, in 1843, and engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements and a general foundry business. Politics Republican. Now resides at Constantine, retired from business.



## W. H. C. MITCHELL

Was born in Perry county, Ohio, May 30, 1835. received a common school education, and went to California in 1849. He returned to Ohio in 1853, and in 1866 settled at East Bay, Grand Traverse county, Michigan. He was in the army as sutler 1862-5. He was Representative in 1869-70-1-2, and in 1873-4-5 a Senator. He was a delegate to the republican national convention in 1876. Was several years register of the U. S. land office at Reed City, and still resides in Grand Traverse county. In politics a Republican, and by occupation has been a tinsmith, sash and furniture manufacturer, lumberman and farmer.

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## WILLIAM T. MITCHELL

Was born at Middlebury, N. Y., May 27, 1817. He received a good education, read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1839. Removed to Lapeer, Michigan, and was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1839. In 1840 he edited the Lapeer *Plaindealer*, the same year was appointed prosecuting attorney, and in the fall was elected register of deeds. In 1842 he removed to Romeo, and became prosecuting attorney and master in chancery of Macomb county. He moved to Port Huron in 1847, where he now resides. In 1853 was a Representative, and in 1869 was elected circuit judge, which he resigned after three years from insufficient salary. In politics a Democrat.

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## OTTO MOE,

Representative from St. Joseph county, in 1879, was born Jan. 29, 1845, in Conneaut, Ohio. He received a common school education, and removed in 1836 to Fawn River, Michigan. Occupation, farmer. He has been supervisor several years. In politics a National.

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## ORLANDO MOFFAT,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1849, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1808. By occupation a farmer, in politics Whig and Free Soiler. He came to Michigan in 1836, and died Feb. 20, 1868.

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## SETH C. MOFFAT,

Was born at Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 1, 1811. He received a common school education, and was two years a teacher at Colon.



He graduated from the law department of the University in 1863, began practice at Lyons, Mich., removed to Northport in 1866, and was prosecuting attorney of Leelanaw county four years. He was a state Senator in 1871-2: a member of the constitutional commission of 1873; register of the U. S. land office at Traverse City, 1874-8: prosecuting attorney of Grand Traverse county; Representative and speaker in the legislature of 1881-2; delegate to the republican national convention at Chicago in 1884; and Representative in congress from the 11th district, from March 4, 1885, until his death at Washington, Dec. 22, 1887. Politically a Republican.

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#### ISAAC MONFORE,

Representative from Macomb county in 1835-6-7, was born in Delaware county, N. Y., in 1803. He was educated at Rochester, N. Y. high school, and taught several seasons. In 1828 he settled on a farm in Ray, Mich., afterwards in Shelby. He studied law, was a justice, county clerk and supervisor. As a legislator he was one of four representatives who opposed the wildcat banking law. In politics a Democrat. Died April 21, 1871.

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#### CHARLES J. MONROE,

Senator from Allegan and Van Buren counties in 1883-5-7, and president pro tem. in 1887, was born in Lawrence, Mich., Nov. 20, 1839. He was two and a half years a student in the agricultural college. Taught eight terms, and was engaged in surveying and land agent several years. Settled in 1866 at South Haven, was supervisor three years, and has been in real estate insurance and banking since 1867. Took a law course at Ann Arbor in 1878-9, and in 1879 organized a bank at Bangor, now the West Michigan savings bank, of which he is president, and also a director and president of the Kalamazoo savings bank. In politics a Republican.

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#### DARIUS MONROE,

Senator from Branch county in 1861-2-3-4, and Representative in 1865, was born at Williamstown, Mass., April 16, 1797. He removed with his parents to Cayuga county, N. Y. in 1809, and became a tanner, then a printer at Auburn, then a hutter. Was a justice at Victory, N. Y., twelve years, supervisor four terms, and a member of the N. Y. assembly in 1811. In 1852 settled at Bronson, Mich.



and was a supervisor. He was appointed a member of the state railroad board by Gov. Crapo, and held it until his death in November, 1881. In politics a Republican. Of sound judgment, he was a good legislator.

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#### JAMES MONROE,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1857-9, was born in the state of New York in 1816. He settled at Albion, Mich., in 1838. In 1848 he started a furnace and shop for the manufacture of stoves, thrashers, and general jobbing, which he continued until 1859. He has held the positions of sheriff of Calhoun county, and of United States marshal for western Michigan. Politically a Republican. Now resides at Kalamazoo.

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#### DANIEL N. MONTAGUE,

Representative from Genesee county in 1855, was born in Hadley, Mass., June 9, 1811. He came to Michigan in 1839, and settled in Vienna, Genesee county, and still lives on the farm he carved from the wilderness. Politically a Republican.

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#### HENRY MONTAGUE,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1855, was born in Hadley, Mass., July 30, 1813. He came to Michigan in 1835 and now resides at Kalamazoo. He is a farmer, politically a Republican. He was trustee of the Michigan asylum from 1857 to 1859, when he was appointed steward, which position he held until October 1, 1885.

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#### JOHN MONTGOMERY,

Representative from Eaton county in 1850, was born in Ireland, March 22, 1804, and came to this country with his parents, while young, who settled in Oneida county, N. Y. Received an ordinary education, came to Michigan in 1831, and in 1835 located on a large farm in Hamlin, Eaton county. He was a supervisor, and in 1850 a brigadier general of state militia. In politics a Democrat. Deceased.

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#### MARTIN V. MONTGOMERY,

Representative from Eaton county in 1871-2, was born near Eaton Rapids, Mich., October 20, 1810. He received a fair education, be-



came a teacher, and in 1861 enlisted in the 2d Michigan cavalry, serving until the summer of 1862, when he resigned from sickness. He studied law and was admitted in 1865. He removed to Jackson, became a successful lawyer, and in 1874 was the democratic candidate for attorney general. Settled at Lansing in 1875, and became a leading member of the Ingham county bar, and had a state reputation as a jury lawyer. He was appointed commissioner of patents by Cleveland in 1885, resigned after two years' service, and was appointed and confirmed associate judge of the Supreme Court of Columbia, a position he now holds.

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#### ROBERT M. MONTGOMERY,

Of Grand Rapids, was born at Eaton Rapids, Mich., May 12, 1849, and attended public schools until he was eighteen years of age. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one and began practice at Pentwater, where he remained until 1877, when he removed to Grand Rapids, where he has since resided. During his residence at Pentwater he was for four years prosecuting attorney of Oceana county. Upon removing to Grand Rapids he was appointed assistant U. S. attorney, and held that office until October, 1881. He was elected circuit judge of the 17th judicial circuit at the April election of 1881 as a Republican, and has filled the position since January 1, 1882.

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#### WILLIAM H. MONTGOMERY

Was born in Ovid (now Lodi), N. Y., Aug. 8, 1805. He settled on a farm on the river Raisin in 1831. In 1833 he was made postmaster at West Raisinville. He taught school in New York and Michigan for nine years; was school inspector 12 years; justice of the peace 16 years; and in 1838 was Representative in the legislature. He was county judge in 1849; supervisor of Raisinville in 1839 and of Dundee in 1851; Senator in 1855; president of the Monroe county agricultural society; for two years one of the executive committee of the state agricultural society; and county drain commissioner. He removed to Hudson in 1862 and became a druggist. He went through various grades of military service, was made brigadier general by Gov. Barry in 1844, and major general by Gov. Greenly in 1847.

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#### WILLIAM R. MONTGOMERY

Was born at Bath, N. Y., March 12, 1813. He moved with his parents to Rochester, N. Y., in 1816, where he lived until 1844. He received



a good education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1835. He moved to Camden, Michigan, in 1844, and settled on an unimproved farm of 320 acres. He cleared 150 acres and removed to Hillsdale in 1855, where he still resides. He was Representative in 1851. He held the office of assessor and supervisor 21 years and was 12 years chairman of the county board. He was register of deeds for Hillsdale county eight years. In politics a Whig and Republican until 1878, now an independent Cleveland man.

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#### WILLIAM J. MOODY

Was a lawyer and came to Jackson, Michigan, prior to 1838. He was also a speculator and politician. He was a Senator in 1835-6 and 1843-4; was also a county judge, and justice of the peace. He removed from Jackson to Racine, Wisconsin, where he died in 1853.

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#### JOHN W. MOON,

Senator from Ottawa and Muskegon counties in 1855-7, was born in Wayne county, Mich., Jan. 18, 1836. Until he was eighteen years of age he worked on a farm, attending school during the winters. Removing from Wayne county in 1852 to Jackson county, and leaving there in the fall of 1854, worked in lumber camps and saw-mills on Flat river until the spring of 1856. He then removed to Muskegon county, where he has resided since that time, and for the past twenty years has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber, being a member of the firm of A. V. Mann & Co., doing business at Lakeside, Muskegon county. In the past he has held the offices of township treasurer, supervisor, and president of the village. Politically a Republican.

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#### ALEXANDER H. MOORE,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1851, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 8, 1817. He came to Michigan in 1844. After serving in the legislature of 1851 as Representative, he went to La Porte, Ind., graduating at the Indiana medical college, and went into practice at Mottville, Michigan, where he remained nine years. Now resides at Osage, Mitchell county, Iowa. Has been justice and county judge. Is in the enjoyment of a large and successful practice.



## CHARLES F. MOORE,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1877, was born August 30, 1842, at St. Clair, Michigan. He received a good common school education, and has been alderman of St. Clair. He has been engaged in the lumber trade from the outset of his business career, and for years has combined with it the occupation of farming. In politics a Republican.

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## EDWARD S. MOORE,

Senator from St. Joseph county in 1853, was born in Trenton, N. J., June 4, 1805, and removed when young to Mooresburg, Pa., became a tailor and worked several years at the trade. Became a merchant in 1830, and had stores at Danville and Pottsville, Pa. In 1834 settled at Three Rivers, and with A. C. Prutzman had a store at Prairie Ronde, removed it to Three Rivers, bought a flouring mill, and continued in business until 1859. In 1864 helped organize and became president of the national bank at Three Rivers. Politically a Democrat. He was a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1850, and was regent of the University six years.

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## GEORGE W. MOORE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1847, was born in Albany, N. Y., July 4, 1812, and came to Michigan in 1833. He was one of two sons (the other J. Wilkie Moore, of Detroit) of Gen. Wm. Moore, of Massachusetts, a distinguished officer in the war of the revolution. He held the position of postmaster in Brownstown under three administrations, and was township clerk of his township. He was a Democrat, and a merchant by occupation. Died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1856.

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## HIRAM MOORE,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1850, was born in New Hampshire in 1800, and died at Brandon, Wisconsin, May 5, 1875. He was a farmer and inventor, in politics a Democrat. He was the inventor of Moore's harvester, which cut a swath fourteen feet wide, thrashed, cleaned, and put the grain in bags. He also claimed the invention of the first sickle, and that the McCormick improvement was an infringement on his patent, and the case was in the courts for several years.



## HENRY M. MOORE,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1851, was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., about 1803. He came to Oakland county, Michigan, in 1836, and settled at Greenville in 1845. He was a merchant, and opened the first store in Montcalm county. Politically a Democrat. He was a radical temperance man. He removed to the Pacific coast in 1852, and is said to be living at Copperopolis, California. He was also a lawyer.

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## JOHN MOORE

Was born in London, England, Feb. 7, 1826; from 1830 to 1834 was with his mother, a resident of the state of New York, and then resided at Milford, Mich., attended public school until 1846, studied law, was admitted in 1848, and commenced practice at Fentonville, but removed to Saginaw in 1851. Was prosecuting attorney 1857-61; mayor of Saginaw 1861-2-3; judge of the 10th circuit 1871-4, when he resigned; Democratic candidate for governor in 1868; and a member of the board of education 1855 to 1870. Politically a Democrat, took high rank as a lawyer and citizen, and stands high in public estimation.

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## JOSEPH B. MOORE,

Senator from Lapeer and Macomb counties, in 1879, was born in Commerce, Michigan, Nov. 3, 1845. He was educated at Hillsdale college and at the law department of the Michigan University, defraying his expenses by teaching. He removed to Lapeer in 1869, and was admitted to the practice of the law that year. In 1870 he was elected circuit court commissioner for Lapeer county; in 1872 was elected prosecuting attorney, and in 1874 mayor of Lapeer. In the fall of 1874 he was re-elected prosecuting attorney, which office he held until 1877. In politics a Republican. In 1886 he was elected judge of the circuit comprising Oakland and Lapeer counties.

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## THOMAS F. MOORE

Was born in Peterborough, N. H., October 2, 1819. He received a fair education, and in 1838 went to western New York, working at farming and teaching; in 1839 came to Michigan, and in 1840 settled on a farm in York, Washtenaw county, where he lived until 1854. He then purchased a farm in Madison, Lenawee county, where he



now resides. Has held the offices of justice and supervisor; was a Representative in 1861-2, and Senator in 1863-4. In 1865 he was appointed inspector of the state prison and served four years. In 1869 he was made superintendent of the poor in Lenawee county, and served ten years. In 1877 he became a manager of the Ionia house of correction and served two years.

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#### WILLIAM MOORE,

Senator from Washtenaw county in 1837-8, and Representative in 1843, was born at Peterboro, N. H., April 9, 1787. At the age of eighteen he emigrated to Phelps, N. Y., where he married Lucy Rice in 1806. During winters he made wheels for spinning flax, farming summers. He was justice there sixteen years, and held other offices, removing to York, Mich., in 1831. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1835. He served in the war of 1812, as did his father in the revolution. By occupation a farmer, politically a Democrat, in religion a Baptist. Of ten children, only one, William A. Moore, is now living. Died Dec. 4, 1850.

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#### ASA P. MOORMAN.

Representative from Detroit in 1855, was a native of Ohio, born in 1803. The time of his coming to Detroit is not known. He was a member of the board of education of the city in 1861-2, was a carpenter and builder, a Republican in politics, and died in 1879.

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#### CHARLES MORAN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1836-8-40, was born in Detroit, Mich., April 15 1797, and resided there until his death, Oct. 13, 1876. He was a member of the Moran family, prominent in Detroit history. At the age of fifteen he enlisted in the war of 1812, fought side by side with the late Judge Witherell in Captain Jaques company, was under Hull when he surrendered Detroit, and served through the war. He was a member of the legislative council 1832-5; also of the second convention of assent, 1836; associate judge of the county court in 1831, and 1837-41; justice, and many years alderman, and held other positions of trust. In politics a Democrat. Had large real estate interests which occupied much of his time.



## GEORGE MORAN,

Representative from Wayne county, 1846-1849, was born in Detroit in May, 1805. He descended from the early French settlers of that name, became a resident of Grosse Point when 21 years of age, and resided there until his death in 1881. He was supervisor of Hamtramck in 1845, and of the township of Grosse Point in 1848. Was paymaster in the service of the Indian bureau for many years, and carried the mail to Mackinac on a trail through the woods. He was widely known, and was especially influential with the Indians. His occupation was nominally that of a farmer on the farm where he resided, but he was a free operator in real estate in the vicinity. Was democratic in politics.

## ELISHA MORCOM,

Representative from Menominee county in 1883, was born in Cornwall, England, May 5, 1835. Emigrated to Michigan in 1854. Resided two years in Keweenaw county, going from there in 1856 to Rockland, Ontonagon county, where he served two terms as township clerk and was supervisor of Carp Lake for four years. He also held important and responsible positions as mining captain and superintendent in the copper mines. Removed to Quinnesec in 1878. Took charge of the underground works of the Quinnesec iron mine as mining captain. Was appointed superintendent in 1882. He was supervisor of Breitung four years.

## GEORGE MORELL

Was born at Lenox, Mass., March 22, 1786. He was a descendant of the French Huguenots. He was educated at Lenox academy and Williams college, and received his degree in 1807. He studied law at Troy, N. Y., was admitted to the bar in 1810, and settled at Coopers-town, N. Y., where he remained until 1832. During that time he was clerk of the court of common pleas of Otsego county; master in chancery; and judge of the court of common pleas. In 1828 he was a member of the New York assembly. In 1832 he was appointed a judge of the United States court for Michigan, and removed to Detroit. He held that office until 1837, when Michigan was admitted into the union. In 1836 he was appointed a judge of the state Supreme Court, and in 1842 chief justice, on the resignation of Chief Justice Fletcher. He married Maria, daughter of Gen. Samuel B. Webb. While a resident of the state of New York Judge Morell rose through all the ranks of military service up to major general. While



serving as chief justice he died at Detroit March 8, 1845. His funeral was attended by the state legislature and the bar of Detroit. As a judge he presided with great dignity, and was distinguished for his legal attainments and untiring industry. In social life he was always a welcome guest. In politics a Democrat.

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#### PETER MOREY

Was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., in 1798, was educated at Hamilton academy, studied law and was admitted in 1831. He practiced four years in the state of New York, and in 1835 removed to Tecumseh, Michigan. In 1837 he removed to Detroit, having been appointed attorney general of the state, which office he held four years. After the expiration of his term of office he returned to Tecumseh, where he continued in practice for many years, finally going to Marion, Ohio, to live with his daughter, until his death in the fall of 1881. He was a fine scholar, a courteous old school gentleman, an able and energetic lawyer. In politics a Democrat.

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#### FRANKLIN E. MORGAN,

Senator from Branch and St. Joseph counties in 1877, was born in Warsaw, N. Y., June 9, 1836. He was educated at Albion college, Michigan. He afterwards pursued select studies at the Michigan University for one year, after which he entered the law school at Ann Arbor, and graduated in 1863. The same year he settled in Coldwater, where he has since practiced his profession and dealt in real estate. He has been a member of the common council of Coldwater, and held the office of circuit court commissioner. In politics a Republican.

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#### GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

Was born in Springfield, Vermont. After graduating from Dartmouth college he took a regular course at the Yale college law school; spent a year in the office of the late Chief Justice Chase, at Cincinnati, was admitted to the bar in Kentucky; returned to Vermont, settled in Brattleboro, and practiced law in Vermont and New Hampshire. Having left the law permanently, as he then supposed, he engaged in manufacturing enterprises. In 1840 he came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Monroe county, where he remained fifteen years. In 1855 he removed to Monroe, where he has since resided. Having resumed the practice of law in 1860, he continued



the same until his election to the bench. Since his residence in Monroe county he has been four years a supervisor, four years a justice of the peace, four years a circuit court commissioner, two years county treasurer, two years city treasurer, four years judge of probate, and circuit judge of the district comprising Washtenaw and Monroe counties. Politically a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM MORRIS

Was born in Surrey, England, September 25, 1804. He came to this country in 1823, and settled with his parents in New York city. In 1834 he removed to Michigan, first settling at Sturgis, but in 1852 removed to a farm in Burr Oak. He has been justice, postmaster of Sturgis four years, supervisor of Burr Oak, and in 1848 was Representative in the legislature. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ALEXANDER H. MORRISON

Was born at Quebec, Canada, February 22, 1822, of Scotch and American parentage. He was educated at a private academy, at sixteen went to Chicago, and was an employé of a contractor on the Illinois and Michigan canal. At nineteen he became a merchant and contractor on public works in Illinois and Iowa. In 1850 he removed to St Joseph, Mich., where he has since resided as a merchant, manufacturer and railroad builder. In connection with James F. Joy, he constructed the Chicago & Michigan Lake Shore railroad, and managed it for six years. He has owned and operated with others, railroads in Dakota. Formerly a Whig, later a Republican. In 1857-8 he was a Senator; and in 1861-2 Representative. In 1862 he was collector of internal revenue, and from 1866 to 1869 assessor. He was six years one of the republican state committee, and on the governor's staff from 1854 to 1861.

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#### WILLIAM V. MORRISON

Was born at Lansing, N. Y., February 15, 1817. His ancestors on both sides served in the revolutionary war. He was brought up on a farm, became a clerk and book-keeper, and in 1837 removed to Michigan with his parents, who settled on a large farm in Jackson county. He engaged in farming and teaching, removed to Albion in 1844, became interested in milling and carried on that business until 1871. In 1850 he was a member of the state constitutional convention. In politics a Democrat. For nearly forty years was a justice in Albion.



## THOMAS MORRISON,

Senator from Detroit in 1881-2, was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1829. He came to Canada with his parents while very young, received a classical education, and afterward studied medicine, graduating at the Buffalo medical college in 1855. He then settled in Wayne county, Mich., where he now resides, practicing his profession, but engaged principally in the drug trade. In the war he served one year as acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A., and resigned at the close of the war. He was a Representative in the legislature of 1877.

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## ALLEN B. MORSE,

Son of John L. and Susan (Cowles) Morse, was born at Otisco, Michigan, Jan. 7, 1839. He was the eldest of nine children, and his father was a man of note, having filled many responsible positions. Judge Morse received an education mostly at home and excelled in mathematics, English literature and botany, the last his favorite sport. He took a two years' course at the state agricultural college, and in 1860 commenced the study of the law. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the 16th Michigan infantry. In 1863 he was transferred to the 21st infantry, and soon after the battle of Chickamauga was assigned to duty as acting assistant adjutant general on the staff of Colonel F. T. Sherman, who commanded the first brigade of Sheridan's division. While holding this position he lost his arm at the storming of Mission Ridge. He was in the battles of Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mill, Pope's battle of Manassas, Antietam, Chickamauga, and many skirmishes. He was highly complimented on leaving the service in 1864. He was admitted to practice in 1865, and in 1866 was elected prosecuting attorney of Ionia county by the republicans. In 1874 he was elected by the democrats to the Senate, served in 1875 as chairman of the military committee and was a member of other committees. His ability as a lawyer gave him, at the democratic state convention in 1884, the nomination of justice of the Supreme Court, and he was elected to that position. His term would have commenced January 1, 1886, but Chief Justice Cooley having resigned October 1, 1885, he received the compliment from a republican governor of being appointed to fill the vacancy. He is now associate justice, and his term will expire at the close of 1893. Judge Morse is a great lover of the gun and rod. He is a man of decided individuality and strong convictions, and has made a good record as a judge.



## CHARLES H. MORSE,

Senator from Gratiot and other counties in 1877, and Representative in 1873-4-5, was born in Orangeville, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1838. With a common school education settled in Orleans, Mich., in 1855; in 1861 enlisted in the 3d Michigan cavalry; was made captain of the 117th colored troops in 1864, lieut. colonel in 1865, and brevet colonel in 1866, serving until Aug., 1867. Since that year has resided in Gratiot county and is a farmer. Has been town clerk and a supervisor seven years. Politically a Republican.

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## JOHN L. MORSE,

Representative from Ionia county in 1846, was born in Homer, N. Y., May 13, 1815. Taught school at the age of sixteen. Came at an early day to Oakland county, Michigan, with his father, and married Susan Ann G. Cowles at Avon, Michigan, in 1834. Lived in Lapeer and Oakland counties until 1838, when he settled in Otisco, Ionia county, where he lived until 1866. Held various township offices; was county commissioner; elected judge of probate in 1848, and resigned in 1850, going to California. Returned in 1853, was again elected judge of probate in 1856, and in 1860. In 1866 removed to Belmond, Iowa, where he was county judge in 1868, county auditor in 1867, holding this office seven years. In 1876 was a member of the general assembly of Iowa. Was a Democrat until 1848, then Barnburner, but a Republican since 1854. Still resides at Belmond, Iowa.

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## RICHARD E. MORSE.

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1835-6, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1809. He came to Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1833, and engaged in practice as a physician. He was surgeon of the Michigan forces in the "Toledo war;" was postmaster of Ypsilanti from 1837 to 1841; and United States consul to Curacoa from 1862 to 1865. He died at Curacoa in 1865 and was buried there. A Democrat until 1861, then a Republican.

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## EDWARD G. MORTON

Was born in St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 15, 1812. When four years old his parents removed to the state of New York, where he lived until 1834, when they came to Monroe, Michigan, where Mr. Morton lived



until his death, with the exception of two years at Detroit. He had few educational advantages, and in all attended school less than a year. At the age of fourteen, at his own request, he was apprenticed for six years, to learn the trade of a printer, at \$35 a year and board. For more than forty years he was connected with the newspaper press. As a writer he was sharp, incisive and keenly alive to the weak points of the enemy, and politically was always a Democrat. He was Representative in the legislatures of 1849-50-53-63-64-65, and was state Senator in 1869-70-71-72. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. He held various local offices, and was mayor of Monroe in 1851. His services as a legislator were not small, but he particularly distinguished himself in securing the establishment of the insane asylum at Kalamazoo, and the asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind at Flint. No man was more efficient in establishing the asylum for the insane than Mr. Morton, and a speech made by him on that subject in March, 1865, was published in the journals of both Houses, was republished in the journal of insanity in New York, and 2,000 copies were printed for free distribution, of which he said it was "the greatest compliment he ever received for public service." He died at Monroe, Dec. 15, 1875.

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#### EUROTAS MORTON,

Representative from Wayne county in 1841, was born in Hatfield, Mass., July 31, 1799, and came to Detroit in 1837. He soon afterwards removed to Rawsonville, and engaged in active business as a merchant. He held the local offices of postmaster and justice of the peace for many years during his residence at Rawsonville. His later years were passed at Ypsilanti, as a retired capitalist, where he died Jan. 7, 1876. He was a Whig, and subsequently a Republican in politics.

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#### HENRY C. MORTON

Was born in Genesee county, N. Y., in 1817. He received a common school education. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1834, and early became interested in the development of Benton Harbor, with his father, Eleazar Morton. He was prominent in politics and business, and as a Republican, was Representative in 1863-4. He was the first postmaster of Benton Harbor, and was a leader in building the ship canal which has made the village prosperous.



## WILLIAM F. MOSELY,

Representative from Saginaw in 1837, was the second practicing lawyer in Oakland county, and was admitted to the bar in 1825. He was judge of probate and prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, prosecuting attorney in Genesee county, and also in Shiawassee county. He died in 1860.

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## CHARLES MOSHER

Was born at Chatham, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1822. He settled in Scipio, Hillsdale county, in 1842. In 1849 and 1850 he and his brothers laid out the village of Mosherville, named in honor of their father. They built a saw and grist mill. He is a practical miller and followed that business for twenty years. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican, but of late years has been a Prohibitionist. He was a Representative in 1863-4-77-9. In 1884 he was the prohibition candidate for congress in the second district, and in 1886 their candidate for lieutenant governor.

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## JABEZ S. MOSHER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1849, was born in Springport, N. Y., and came from there to Jackson's mills, in Addison, Mich., about 1840. In politics a Democrat. Died about 1856.

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## JAMES B. MOSHIER

Was born July 19, 1829, at Warrensburg, N. Y. He removed to Genesee county, Michigan, in 1852. He was supervisor of Fenton, and held other town offices. He was a Representative in 1871-2-5. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Democrat.

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## THOMAS H. MOSHER

Was born at Union Springs, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1815. He received a common school education, and attended the Cayuga academy one year. He was a clerk in his father's store from 1831 to 1836, when he came to Cambridge, Michigan, and with John Hart carried on a general store until 1848, at Springville, where he built a store for himself. With A. S. Berry he built the "Lake Mills" near Springville, which he owned and operated after 1856. He was supervisor and town clerk, and in 1844 was Representative.



## WILLIAM MOTTRAM,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1843, located at Nottawa prairie in 1834, as a physician, and for years had an extensive practice in St. Joseph county. In 1851 he removed to Kalamazoo, where he still resides. He has been president of the local medical society, and a delegate to the American medical association.

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## LUTHER V. MOULTON,

Representative from Kent county in 1879, was born in Howard, Mich., Sept. 27, 1843. In 1858 he removed to St. Joseph, and in 1836 engaged in photographing at Muskegon. In 1871 he removed to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in 1875 returned to this state and located at Grand Rapids. Politics, national. Has written and published a work on finance.

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## JULIUS MOVIUS,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1850, was born in Hanover, Germany, Nov. 11, 1812. He came to this country in 1833, and settled at Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1838, where he remained until 1849, when he removed to Detroit. In 1852 he removed to Buffalo, N. Y., which was his home until his death, Oct. 14, 1871. He was at first a merchant, and then engaged in railroad business. He was general agent of three great railroads of Canada, and afterwards general agent of the Michigan Central. He married Mary L. Vibbard in 1839, and two children, Edward H. Movius and Mrs. George J. Scoville, both of Buffalo, N. Y., are now living. He was a man of unusual ability, and well and widely known.

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## HORACE MOWER

Was born in Woodstock, Vt., and was a graduate of Dartmouth college. He was admitted to the bar in Vermont, came to Kalamazoo in 1838 and engaged in practice. He was Representative in 1847. He was afterwards a federal judge in New Mexico. He died Dec. 11, 1860. He was a fine classical scholar, a good lawyer, gentlemanly in his manners, full of wit and humor, and a master of irony and satire. He was one of the ablest whig leaders in Michigan, and had great influence with his party.



## ZEBINA M. MOWRY,

Representative in 1848, and member of the constitutional convention of 1850, from Oakland county, was born in Berkshire, Mass., September 20, 1804. By profession a physician, a Democrat until 1866, then a Republican. Removed to Michigan from Madison county, N. Y., in 1838, and settled on a farm in the town of Ann Arbor until 1841, thence to Milford, where he commenced the practice of medicine with H. K. Foot. He died August 1, 1874.

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## GILBERT MOYERS,

Senator from Allegan county in 1857-8, was born in Macomb county, Mich., September 13, 1833. By profession a lawyer, practiced his profession in Allegan county and was prosecuting attorney. Enlisted in the 3d Michigan cavalry, was made captain September 7, 1861; major, February 27, 1863; lieutenant colonel, August 13, 1862; resigned and was honorably discharged December 21, 1864. In 1865 he removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he still resides engaged in the practice of his profession.

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## JAMES MULHOLLAND,

Representative from Monroe county in 1840 and 1848, was born in Olean, N. Y., in 1803. He came to Michigan in 1806. By occupation a farmer, politically a Democrat. Was deputy sheriff of Monroe county for several years, and for several years a supervisor. Died in 1871.

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## SAMUEL MULHOLLAND

Was born in Monroe county, Mich., February 10, 1811. By occupation a farmer. Lived first in Vienna, and afterwards in Erie. He was a Representative in 1849, 1857-8-9, and Senator in 1861-2.

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## JOHN MULVEY,

Representative from Marquette county in 1887, was born in Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland, February 20, 1833. He received a common school education, and emigrated to America in 1852, settling in Marquette county in 1855, where he has since resided. Mr. Mulvey has held various offices of trust in Negaunee, having been president of the village, a member of the common council, city assessor, school



trustee, and a member of the board of supervisors for ten years. He is a contractor by occupation, and owner of improved real estate in Negaunee. He was elected as a Democrat to the Michigan legislature of 1881-2. In April, 1886, he was unanimously elected mayor of Negaunee. Mr. Mulvey was a Democrat until 1884.

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#### EDWARD MUNDY

Was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, August 14, 1794. He graduated at Rutgers college in 1812. He studied law and commenced practice in his native county. In 1819 he emigrated with his family to Illinois and engaged in practice, but after a time returned to New Jersey and became a merchant. In 1831 he removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he became a justice, and from 1833 to 1835 was associate territorial judge. In 1835 he was a delegate from Washtenaw county to the first constitutional convention, and was a leading member of that body. He was the first lieutenant governor of Michigan, and held that position from 1835 to 1840. He then resumed the practice of the law and was successful. From March, 1847, to April, 1848, he was attorney general. He was also prosecuting attorney, and regent of the University. In 1848 he was appointed by the governor and Senate judge of the sixth judicial circuit and associate justice of the Supreme Court. By this appointment his residence was changed from Ann Arbor to Grand Rapids. He continued as judge until his death, March 13, 1851, when he was succeeded by Judge Martin. He was a dignified presiding officer and an able judge. He was a man of fine personal appearance, and well liked both in public and private life. In religion an Episcopalian, in politics a Democrat.

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#### ORRIN W. MUNGER

Was born November 17, 1837, in Huron county, Ohio. He came to St. Johns, Mich., in 1856. By occupation a merchant. During the war was U. S. assessor for the first division of the sixth district. He was a Representative in 1865. A Republican until 1872, now a Democrat. He is president of the state bank at St. Johns.

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#### WILLIAM MUNGER,

Representative from Wayne county in 1837-45-57, was born at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1810. With his mother he came to what is now the village of Flat Rock in the spring of 1823. Died at Flat Rock, May 5, 1884. Occupation, farmer; politics, democratic.



## JOHN MURPHY,

Representative from Allegan county in 1853, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1794, and was brought up in Penfield, N. Y. His education was limited, and mostly obtained by reading. He was a farmer at first, but became a contractor on Ohio and Pennsylvania canals. In 1835 he bought a farm in Allegan county. He was the first supervisor in Gun Plain township, was also justice, and was the first sheriff of Allegan county. In politics a Democrat. Died June 19, 1874.

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## SEBA MURPHY,

Senator from Monroe county in 1840-41, was born at Scituate, R. I., July 25, 1788. When quite young he was connected with the large mercantile house of De Graff, Walton & Co., of Schenectady, N. Y. He removed to Ovid, Seneca county, N. Y., in 1817, where he held the office of county clerk for two successive terms, and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1835 he removed to Monroe, Michigan, where he held the offices of county commissioner, register of deeds, regent of the state University, and county treasurer, each for the term of two years. He was also cashier of the River Raisin bank. Died Nov. 16, 1856. In politics a Democrat.

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## WILLIAM W. MURPHY,

Representative in 1844, was born at Ernestown, Canada, April 3, 1816, but removed to Ovid, N. Y., at an early age. He came to Monroe, Michigan, in 1835, and was a clerk in the government land office, studying law in leisure hours. In 1837 he removed to Jonesville, and in company with William T. Howell opened the first law office in Hillsdale county, continuing in practice until 1861, the firm from 1848 being that of Murphy & Baxter. He was a Democrat, then a Free Soiler until 1854, acting with the republican party thereafter. In 1861 he was appointed consul general at Frankfort-on-the-Main, which position he held for nine years, after that continuing his residence in Germany as the financial agent of several American railway companies. It is to him very largely that the country is indebted for its credit during the darkest hour of the war of 1861-5. He induced wealthy German capitalists to invest largely in government bonds to meet the financial emergency, and from that time the credit of the country stood high. He became quite as well known in Germany as in Michigan, and lived there until his death at Heidelberg, June 8,



1886. He was a partner of E. O. Grosvenor at Jonesville in the banking business for a time, and started the Jonesville *Telegraph*, now the *Independent*.

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ANDREW MURRAY,

Representative from Berrien county in 1848, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., in Nov., 1813. He graduated at Yale college, studied medicine, settled at Berrien, Mich., in 1835, and commenced practice as a physician. He removed to South Bend, Ind., then resided at St. Joseph, Mich, and finally at Niles, where he died Oct. 13, 1854.

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ARCHIBALD Y. MURRAY

Was born in Walkill, N. Y., March 12, 1795. Removed to Michigan in 1826, settling in Canton, Wayne county, where he resided during life. Was a Democrat in politics, by occupation a farmer, miller and lumberman. Held various town offices, and was coroner of Wayne county. Was Representative in 1843-5. Died May 23, 1866.

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LYMAN MURRAY,

Senator from Kent county in 1875, was born in 1820, in New York: received a common school education, removed to Michigan in 1845, and settled in Kent county. He was supervisor, and a Representative in the legislatures of 1867-69, also of the constitutional convention of 1867. His occupation farming, politics republican.

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DEXTER MUSSEY,

Representative from Macomb county in 1855-7-9-61-2, and speaker in 1861-2, was born in Rutland, Mass., Jan. 12, 1811. With a common school education became a teacher, then a clerk, then in business for himself. He settled at Romeo, Mich., in 1837, where he still resides. Has been in business as a merchant, blacksmith, wagon maker, farming, foundry, etc. Since 1845 a justice of the peace. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867. In politics a Republican.

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NEWTON N. MUSCOTT,

Representative from Ingham county in 1857, came to Leroy, Ingham county, Michigan, in 1844, from Madison county, New York, and



cleared up a large farm, where he lived until his death in 1869. In politics a Republican. He was several times supervisor.

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#### JOSEPH MUSGRAVE

Was born in Lancaster county, Pa., May 20, 1811. When young became a resident of Ohio, a teacher, then clerk, then a merchant at Nashville, O. He was a Representative to the Ohio assembly 1846-7, and Senator in 1855-6. Removed to Charlotte, Mich., in 1857; was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867; and long president of the national bank at Charlotte. Aided largely in securing railroad communication. A Democrat until 1854, then a Republican. Deceased.

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#### FRANKLIN MUZZY

Was born in Maine in 1816, and was a graduate of Bowdoin college. He came to St. Joseph, Berrien county, in 1842, and in 1843 removed to Niles, where he resided until his death in 1878. He was admitted to the bar of Maine, and was at one time a law partner of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin. He was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1846, and practiced his profession during life. He was Senator in 1859, and mayor of Niles in 1873. He lived and died a bachelor. He was a man of many eccentricities, but as a lawyer had great influence with the court and jury. Deceased.

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#### JOHN L. NEAR

Was born at Middlebury, N. Y., April 4, 1808. He received a common school education, at the age of twenty commenced teaching winters, and at the same time studied medicine. He attended medical schools at Albany and at Castleton, Vt., and graduated in 1833. In 1834 he located in the southern part of Wayne county, Michigan, where he still resides, and had an extensive practice. He was Representative in 1839 and Senator in 1857-8-61-2. He was consul for some time at Sarnia, and also at Windsor from 1873 to 1876. In politics a Republican. Resides at Flat Rock.

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#### JAMES M. NEASMITH

Was born Sept 26, 1823, in Manchester, England, and came to the United States with his parents in 1829. Having spent two years in New York city and Philadelphia, they removed to Pembroke, Gene-



see county, N. Y. While there, in 1850, he was elected township clerk, and in 1853, township supervisor. Having come to Michigan in 1854, he purchased a farm in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county, where he still resides. In 1856 he was elected supervisor, holding the office for seven successive years. In 1862 he was elected treasurer of Kalamazoo county, and re-elected in 1864 and '66. During three years of that period he was treasurer of Kalamazoo village. Having returned to his farm, he interested himself principally in its development and in the improvement of sheep, of which he owns about 300. His farm is one of the finest in that county of fine farms. In 1870 he was elected state Senator from Kalamazoo county, and was re-elected in 1872, serving in 1871-2-3-4. In 1878 he was elected as commissioner of the state land office on the republican ticket, and re-elected in 1880, serving from 1879 to 1883. In politics a Republican.

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CADY NEFF,

Representative from Wayne county, in 1875, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y. He received a common school education, removed to Michigan in 1855, and settled in Wayne county. He is a carriage maker by occupation. In politics a Republican.

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CHAS. D. NELSON,

Senator from Muskegon and Ottawa counties in 1875-7, was born at Newbury, Vt., May 12, 1824. He received a common school education and attended college at Boston. He removed to Muskegon in 1857. He has been alderman, supervisor and chairman of the board of supervisors three terms, president of the board of education, and city treasurer of Muskegon. He is extensively engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber. In politics a Republican.

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EDWARD D. NELSON,

Representative from Marquette county in 1881-2, was born at Canal Dover, Ohio, August 27, 1846. Most of his youth was spent on a farm. He removed to Ishpeming in 1873, and was for five years cashier of the first national bank, but is now engaged in mercantile pursuits. He is a Republican.

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WILBUR NELSON,

Representative from Gratiot county in 1881-2, was born Jan 15, 1839, in Madison, Lenawee county, Mich., and removed with his parents to



Gratiot county in 1854. He served over four years in the union army during the rebellion, and held the rank of captain when mustered out at the close of the war. He has since been engaged in mercantile pursuits. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN M. NEVINS

Was born in Braintree, Vt., April 26, 1826. He removed to Michigan with his father in 1844, who settled at Richland. The son learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed summers and taught school winters. He removed to Hastings in 1853, and became a merchant. In politics a Whig until 1854, since a Republican. He was a Representative in 1857 and a Senator in 1865. He published the *Hastings Banner* from 1857 to 1866. He was a member of the state republican committee in 1860-2 and 1870-2, and a member of the county republican committee, and most of the time chairman from 1853 to 1876. He has been county superintendent of the poor eighteen years; twelve years secretary of the county agricultural society; and eighteen years a school trustee. From 1875 to 1883 he was post-master at Hastings.

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#### JOHN S. NEWBERRY

Was born at Waterville, N. Y., November, 1826, and was a descendant of Thomas Newberry, who emigrated from Devonshire, England, in 1605. He graduated from the Michigan University at the age of eighteen, and engaged in civil engineering for two years. He studied law and was admitted to the Detroit bar in 1853. He was distinguished in admiralty practice, and published a series of admiralty reports. In 1862 he engaged in manufacturing and became president of the Michigan car company and was largely interested in many other corporations. He was one of the corporation that built the Mackinaw & Marquette railroad. In 1862 was provost marshal of Michigan. Was a member of congress from the first district, from 1879 to 1881, when he declined to accept a renomination. First a Whig, a Republican after 1854. In religion a Presbyterian. Died in 1887.

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#### SENECA NEWBERRY,

Delegate from Oakland county to the constitutional conventions of 1835 and 1850, was born in Connecticut in 1802. He came to Rochester, Michigan in 1826, went into business as a merchant, and con-



ducted a flourishing business for years. In the convention of 1835 he was an influential and conspicuous member. He was Senator in 1853. He died at Rochester, May 13, 1877.

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GEORGE K. NEWCOMBE,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1867, was born in Westfield, N. Y., August 16, 1833. He came to Michigan in 1848. Studied law and located first at Owosso, then at East Saginaw, from whence he removed to Minneapolis, Minn., in 1885, where he is now practicing his profession. He went into the late war as captain 9th Michigan infantry, October 12, 1861. He became major of the 7th Michigan cavalry December 10, 1862. Was wounded in action at Gettysburg, Va., July 3, 1863. Resigned October 13, 1863, and was honorably discharged.

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ROLAND B. C. NEWCOMB

Was born in Williamstown, Vt., September 25, 1822. He lived with his father until twenty-one, received a good common school education, and in 1843 went to Madison, Ohio, where he taught school. He studied medicine and graduated as a physician at Starling medical college of Columbus in 1848, locating the same year at Palmyra, Mich., where he commenced practice. He moved to Blissfield in 1851. He served many years as trustee and inspector of schools, was supervisor, in 1865 a Representative, and in 1877, Senator.

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JOHN L. NEWELL,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1867, was born in England, in 1828. He came to Port Huron in 1856, and has resided in that vicinity ever since. Now resident at Fort Gratiot. Was a painter by trade, but is now in the service of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad, as silver plater of coach trimmings and lamps. He was mayor of Port Huron in 1868; supervisor in 1867 and 1881; treasurer of the town of Port Huron in 1879 and 1880; has been a member of the board of education of Port Huron; justice of the peace in 1864. Politically a Democrat.

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MINOR S. NEWELL,

State land commissioner from 1883 to 1887, was born in Bennington, N. Y., in 1823. Resides at Flushing, Mich., where he came in 1842. In 1847 served in the 1st Michigan through the Mexican war. In the



jate war commanded a company in the 16th Michigan infantry, and rose to the rank of major. Is a farmer, held various local offices, and served several terms as supervisor. Politically a Republican.

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#### ALMERON NEWMAN,

Representative from Ionia county in 1859, was born at Newfane, N. Y., February 26, 1804. He came to Portland, Michigan, in 1836, and built the first woolen mill in that part of the state. At the organization of the town in 1838, he was elected justice, and held that position thirty-six years. From 1844 to 1848 he was associate judge for Ionia county, was also town clerk, and held other offices. He was interested in the building of the Ionia & Lansing railroad. By occupation a clothier, in politics first Whig, then Republican. Died November 13, 1876.

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#### GEORGE NEWTON

Was born in Preble county, Ohio, August 10, 1810. He was the son of Col. James Newton, who was a member of the Michigan constitutional convention of 1835, and of the legislature prior to 1840. The son came to Volinia, Michigan, in 1831, and became a successful farmer. He held many local offices, including that of supervisor, and as a Republican was Representative in 1859.

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#### JAMES NEWTON

Was born in England in 1777, and came to this country when a boy, first living at Morristown, N. J., then in Pennsylvania, moving to Ohio in 1804. He became a colonel in the Ohio militia, and was in active service in the war of 1812, serving under Gen. Harrison. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and Representative from Cass county in 1839-40. A Democrat in politics.

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#### WILLIAM NEWTON,

Of Flint, Michigan, now fifty-eight years of age, is a native of Maryland. He came to Michigan in 1848, studied law with Messrs. Lothrop & Duffield, of Detroit. After being admitted to the bar he removed to Flint in 1853, where he has since resided, with the exception of three years in San Francisco, California. He has been prosperous and successful while at the bar. Was elected judge of the



seventh circuit in the spring of 1881, by a majority of 1,321. He is also engaged in farming, having a farm of 240 acres which he has cleared from the stump. He was re-elected in 1887.

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#### LEWIS A. NICHOLS,

Representative from Barry county in 1881-2, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1833. He was brought up a farmer in western New York, and with a common school education became a teacher. Came to Battle Creek in 1854, and engaged in staging and the livery business, and then engaged in farming. In 1873 removed to Orangeville, Barry county, and became a miller. Has been a justice and supervisor.

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#### JOHNSON NILES

Was born May 2, 1794, at Richfield, N. Y. His father was a revolutionary soldier. He grew to manhood in New York, and was made paymaster of the state militia. In 1821 he came to Michigan and settled in Troy, Oakland county, in 1822, as a farmer. In 1823 he was appointed postmaster and held the position until 1840. He was again appointed by Tyler, and held it until 1856. He was a justice in 1823, and held that office long after Michigan became a state. He was Representative in 1835-6, and Senator in 1844-5. He was a leading Democrat. He died March 23, 1872.

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#### WILLIAM R. NIMS.

Senator from Sanilac and other counties in 1865, was born in Richmond, Vt., June 7, 1829. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Republican. Came to Michigan in 1853, and now resides at Lexington.

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#### THOMAS NINDE

Was born at Baltimore, Md., September 10, 1815. He removed to Lyons, N. Y., in 1823, and in 1847 to Palmyra, N. Y., and was postmaster of Palmyra from 1849 to 1853. In 1855 he removed to Ypsilanti, Mich., where he is still engaged in law practice. He was judge of probate of Washtenaw county from 1861 to 1865, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. He was mayor of Ypsilanti in 1878. By profession a lawyer, in politics a Republican.



## SAMUEL NIXON,

Representative from Eaton county in 1877, was born in Clarkson, Monroe county, N. Y., September 21, 1819. He came to Michigan in October, 1836, and has resided in Eaton county since that time. His education was principally obtained in the district school of the times. He has held the office of justice for twenty-seven years in Delta; also township treasurer five years, and other offices. He resides in Delta, is a farmer by occupation, and a Republican in politics.

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## FRANK A. NOAH,

Representative from Wayne county in 1879, was born at Rieneck in Baden, Germany, December 3, 1841. He emigrated to America in 1849, locating in Detroit. He received a common school education. He was clerk of the police court for several years. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar. In politics a Republican. Now in practice in Detroit.

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## CHARLES NOBLE

Was born July 4, 1797, at Williamstown, Mass. He graduated at Williams college in 1815, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1818. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, the same year, and after a short stay settled at Monroe, Mich., and engaged in practice. He remained a resident of Monroe until 1897, and during that time was a member of the legislative council from 1829 to 1830, justice of the peace, register of probate, district attorney, county judge, and lawyer general of the United States for the country northwest of the Ohio river, and Representative in the legislature of 1855. He was one of the company that purchased the Michigan Southern railroad from the state, and was the first president of the company. He was also cashier of the bank of River Raisin. In 1867 he removed to Detroit and became one of the firm of George S. Frost & Co., engaged in the purchase and sale of pine lands, and continued in that business until his death, December 26, 1874. He was a Whig as long as that party had an existence, after that Independent.

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## DAVID A. NOBLE

Was born at Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 9, 1802, and died at Monroe, Mich., Oct. 13, 1876. He graduated with honor at Williams college in 1825, studied law, was admitted and opened an office in New York city for two years, during which time he was associated with Charles



O'Connor. He came to Monroe in 1831. He was active in his profession, and also in political life as a Democrat. He was recorder of Monroe in 1833, afterwards alderman and mayor in 1842. In 1845 he was elected to the lower house, and in the session of 1846 took a conspicuous part in the sale of the Michigan Central and Southern railroads. He was a member of the convention held at Chicago in 1847 in favor of river and harbor improvements, and as one of a committee of five drew up an elaborate report of the commerce of the lakes. In 1852 he was elected to congress from the second district of Michigan, defeating Joseph R. Williams, the republican candidate. In 1854 he made an exhaustive speech on tonnage duties, which has been regarded as standard authority on that subject. In 1858 he was appointed manager of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railroad, and held that position four years. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention of 1864. He was a polished gentleman and a fine scholar.

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#### FRANK NOEKER.

Representative from Clinton county in 1879-83, was born in Germany in 1834. Received a common school education in German and English; has resided in Michigan thirty-seven years, twenty-two in Wayne, and fifteen in Westphalia, Clinton county. He is proprietor of a flouring mill; has been justice of the peace fourteen years, and supervisor for two years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### EZRA B. NORRIS,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1877, was born July 16, 1845, in Manchester, Mich., where he still resides. He was reared as a farmer and received a common school education. In 1861 he enlisted as private in company E, first Michigan infantry. In 1862 he was discharged on account of disability at Fortress Monroe. He returned and attended for a season the state normal school and Ypsilanti high school, and in 1868 commenced the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1872, since which time he has continued in the practice of his profession in Manchester. In politics a Democrat.

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#### JASON B. NORRIS

Was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1823, and was brought up on a farm, where he lived until 1845, when he came to Michigan and settled on a farm, eight miles south of Hillsdale. He has been several



times supervisor and collector. In 1871-2 he was a Representative as a republican. He was a Democrat until 1864, a Republican until 1884, since a Prohibitionist.

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#### LYMAN D. NORRIS

Was born at Covington, N. Y., May 4, 1825. His father removed to Ypsilanti in 1828. The son, after a preparatory education, entered as the first student of the first class of the Michigan University. After nearly three years there he entered Yale college, and graduated in 1845. He read law with A. D. Frazer of Detroit, and was admitted in 1847. In 1848 he removed to St. Louis, Mo., and engaged in practice. He subsequently studied civil law at Heidelberg, Germany. In 1852 he was retained in the famous Dred Scott case, and effected a reversal of former decisions of the Supreme Court of Missouri. In 1854 he returned to Ypsilanti and practiced there until 1871, and has since been a prominent lawyer at Grand Rapids. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and in 1869-70 was Senator from Washtenaw county. He was the democratic candidate for supreme judge in 1875. He is a man of superior education and attainments.

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#### SETH D. NORTH,

Representative from Houghton county in 1877-81-2-3-5, was born April 9, 1823, in Middlesex county, Connecticut. Having received a common school education, he removed to Michigan in 1855. He resides at Hancock, and is engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in mining and lumbering. He is also president of the national bank. Has been interested in property at Mt. Clemens. In politics a Republican.

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#### TOWNSEND NORTH.

Senator from Bay and Tuscola counties in 1875, was born in Ulster county, N. Y., Sep. 24, 1814. He received a common school education, removed to Michigan in 1836, and for six years worked at his trade of carpenter, mostly in Washtenaw county. In 1846 he built a bridge across the Cass river, and was paid in Michigan internal improvement lands, which he located in Tuscola county, and removed to Vassar in 1850, and has since continued to reside there. He held the office of supervisor for many years, and has been register of deeds. He was assessor of internal revenue, 1862-66. He was re-appointed in 1871, and held the office until it was discontinued. His occupation



is miscellaneous, including lumbering, farming, manufacturing, merchandising, and real estate transactions. In politics a Republican. For many years a trustee of the state blind institute.

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#### DARWIN B. NORTHROP,

Representative from Wayne county, in 1875, was born January 19, 1834, at Perrington, N. Y. In 1859 he removed to Northville, Michigan, and pursued the trade of an iron moulder until 1858, when he went to California. He returned in 1866 to Northville, and formed a partnership with F. R. Beal in the general hardware line, which business he has since continued. He has held various township and village offices. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ELIJAH S. NORTHROP

Was born in Stafford, N. Y., in 1829. In 1859 he removed to Michigan, settling first at Saline, where he engaged in mercantile business. He removed to Houghton county in 1861, where he became an insurance agent, residing at Hancock. He was a Senator from the upper peninsula in 1863, and while serving in that capacity, died at Lansing on the 2d of March, 1863, of consumption. Politically a Democrat.

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#### JOHN NORTHWOOD,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1855, was born in London, England, July 17, 1838. In 1849 came to Ohio with his parents, who removed to Detroit in 1850. Attended school, and was three years a sailor. Settled on a farm in Maple Grove, Mich., in 1855, where he still resides. In 1861 enlisted in the 16th Michigan infantry, lost a right arm from wounds received at the battle of Gaines Mills, and was in Libby prison for a short time. Has been supervisor, justice, held other local offices, and been commander of the G. A. R. in Michigan. Politically a Republican.

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#### HENRY A. NORTON,

Representative from Oakland county in 1869-70, was born in Bristol, N. Y., August 29, 1826. Did not receive a common school education. Became a resident of Oakland county in 1830. Politically a Republican. He was a delegate to the republican national convention at Philadelphia in 1872. Moved to Duluth in 1881, and is now state weighmaster of Minnesota.



## JOHN D. NORTON,

Representative from Oakland county in 1875-7, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1842. He graduated at Hamilton college, N. Y., in 1867, and removed to Michigan in 1868. Mr. Norton married and took up his residence in Pontiac in 1869, and has ever since resided there. He is a director in the first national bank of Pontiac. His occupation is dealing in pine lands and lumber. In politics a Democrat.

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## JOHN M. NORTON,

Senator from Oakland county in 1883, was born in Richmond, N. Y., May 5, 1820. He settled with his father in Avon, Mich., in 1824. Had a limited education. A farmer. In politics first Whig, then Republican, later a Greenbacker. Has held several local offices, and served four years as deputy sheriff.

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## PLEASANT NORTON

Was born in Grayson county, Va., in 1806. When two years of age he removed to Champaign county, Ohio, and afterwards to Logan county in the same state. He moved into Jefferson, Cass county, Michigan, in 1832, and resided there until his death in 1877. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He was for nine years supervisor of Jefferson, and four years town treasurer. He was a Representative in 1850-53. He was a man of native ability and force of character, and left a large property, the result of persistent industry.

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## JOHN NORVELL,

United States Senator from Michigan, from 1835 to 1841, was born in Garrard county, near Danville, Ky., December 21, 1789. He was the son of Lipscomb Norvell, a Virginian, who served as an officer in the war of the revolution, and lived to enjoy a pension until he was over ninety years old. The son, on the advice by letter of Thomas Jefferson to learn a trade, went to Baltimore and learned the trade of a printer. He at the same time studied law, was admitted to the bar, and became a journalist and politician. He was a friend and correspondent of President Madison, gave him warm support on the stump and in his paper, especially his war measures. At the close of the war in 1816, Mr. Norvell became the democratic editor of a paper in Philadelphia, and resided there sixteen years. In May, 1832, he



came to Detroit, Michigan, having been appointed postmaster of that city by Andrew Jackson. He was a leading member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and was chairman of eight committees, and a member of several others. His work in that convention was of great value to the welfare of the state. He and Lucius Lyon were elected as the United States Senators, and went to Washington before the admission of Michigan to the union, and he, with his colleague, managed well in securing the mineral wealth and territory of a large portion of the upper peninsula, to compensate for the loss of a small strip of land on the southern boundary. After the expiration of his term as Senator in 1842, he resumed the practice of law at Detroit, and served as Representative in the legislature of 1842. In 1845 he was appointed U. S. district attorney of Michigan, which he held until 1849. He supported the administration in the prosecution of the Mexican war, and sent three sons to serve in the field. He died in 1850, at his home in Hamtramck, near Detroit.

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#### MOSES R. NOWLAND

Representative from Wayne county in 1865, is a native of New York, born in 1828, and came to Michigan in 1831, with his parents, who settled in the township of Huron, where he has ever since lived. He is a Democrat in politics, combines the professions of lawyer and farmer, and has served his township for many years as treasurer, clerk and supervisor.

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#### BETHUEL NOYES,

Representative from Wayne county in 1848 and 1850, was born in Chenango county, N. Y., November 12, 1813. He came to Michigan in 1833. He was a lawyer by profession, and a Democrat in politics. Died at Plymouth, October 30, 1873.

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#### HORACE A. NOYES

Was born in Preston, N. Y., February 29, 1810. He received a fair education, became a teacher, studied law, and was admitted to practice in 1833. He came the same year to Michigan, and began practice at Plymouth, where he remained until 1840. He then removed to Marshall. In 1835-6 he was a Representative from Wayne county. In 1844 he was elected judge of probate of Calhoun county, and held the position for twelve years. In 1857 resumed law practice and was regarded as an able counsel. He died April 20, 1877. In politics a Democrat.



## MICHAEL J. NOYES,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1873-4, was born in Washington, Mich., May 23, 1833. He finished his education at Romeo academy. In 1859 he went to Washington Territory, traveled extensively in Oregon and California, and passed over the gold fields of Montana and Idaho previous to their discovery. He afterwards spent six years in the silver mines of Nevada, and is interested in the silver mines of that country. In 1861-2 he served on the staff of Brigadier General Welty, with the rank of major, in the Indian campaigns. In 1859 he made a trip to California, over the plains, with an ox team, and again in 1866 by overland stage. He is a Republican. In 1867 he removed to Washtenaw county, and settled in Chelsea, where he now resides. He was engaged in the banking business in that village from 1868 to 1871.

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## JEREMIAH O'CALLAHAN,

Representative from Detroit in 1853, was a native of Ireland, born in 1823. Very little is known of him except that he was a grocer and trader, was a Democrat in politics, and died in 1856.

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## HORACE N. OCOBOCK,

Representative from Wayne county in 1875, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Feb 17, 1832. He received his education in the schools of Auburn, N. Y., and came to Wyandotte, Michigan, in 1860. He has been alderman and mayor of Wyandotte. By occupation a mechanic, in politics a Republican.

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## JAMES O'DELL

Was born in Virginia, July 20, 1779. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Ohio, and in 1831 came to Michigan, settling near Vandalia, Cass county, in 1832. He was by occupation a farmer and miller. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and a Representative in 1835-6-8. Died Aug. 23, 1845.

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## THOMAS O'DELL,

Representative from Cass county in 1873-4, was born in Porter, Michigan, June 30, 1831. He received a common school education, and



has held from time to time responsible town offices. He is a farmer by occupation.

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### JAMES O'DONNELL

Was born at Norwalk, Conn., March 25, 1840; removed with his parents to Michigan in 1848; enjoyed no educational advantages, but after commencing to learn the printer's trade in 1856 made up this deficiency by study after working hours; at the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private in the first Michigan infantry, and served out his time, participating in the first battle of Bull Run; was elected recorder of the city of Jackson for four terms 1863-1866; established the Jackson *Daily Citizen* in 1865, and has owned and edited the same since; was presidential elector in 1872, and was designated by the state electoral college as messenger to convey the vote of Michigan to Washington; was elected mayor of Jackson in 1876, and was re-elected in 1877; was appointed in 1878 as aid-de-camp on the staff of Governor Croswell, with the rank of colonel; was elected to the forty-ninth and re-elected to the fiftieth congress as a Republican, receiving 20,215 votes, against 15,499 votes for Hankerd, Fusionist, and 3,594 votes for Allen, Prohibitionist.

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### CORNELIUS O'FLYNN,

Representative from Detroit in 1857, was born in 1810, at Tralee, county Kerry, Ireland, and came to America about 1823. He was admitted to the bar in Detroit in 1834. He was a classical scholar, a man of comprehensive views of things, and a Democrat. He was city attorney of Detroit in 1842, judge of probate two terms, 1844-52, and postmaster at Detroit during a portion of Buchanan's term. As judge of probate he gave a system of practice to the state through the blank forms that he prepared. He died in Detroit in 1869.

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### ROBERT Y. OGG,

Representative from Detroit in 1857, was born in Dundas, Ontario, July 20, 1860. He received a common school education, was a news-boy, became a printer, and a resident of Detroit in 1878, and has worked there continuously at his trade. Has been president of the Detroit typographical union. In politics a Labor Republican.



## JAMES O'GRADY

Was born December 18, 1822, in Shelburn, Vt., was educated there, was admitted to the bar in 1848, and in 1849 went to California. He was register of probate in San Francisco, and subsequently register and recorder of the city and county. From 1852 to 1864 he resided on his farm in Shelburn, Vt. In 1864 he came to Marquette, and engaged in law practice. He was Representative in the legislature of 1865. In 1866 he removed to Houghton, and in 1869 was elected judge of the 12th circuit, and held that position until his death, Dec. 24, 1878. His judicial decisions were rarely reversed. In politics a Democrat.

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## GEORGE A. O'KEEFE,

Representative from Detroit in 1843, was a typical Irishman, born in Cork in 1792. He was a graduate of Trinity college, Dublin, and was educated for the bar. He came to New York in 1816, spent three years in the study of American law and practice in the office of Judge Brady, and in 1820 came to Detroit, his future home. He was judge of probate, 1837-40, and was an alderman. He was a finished lawyer and profound jurist. He was an Irish gentleman in the truest and fullest sense, learned, cultured, brilliant and witty. In stature, tall and massive, with large blue eyes, large head, and curly hair. Died June 16, 1853. In politics a Democrat.

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## RICHARD D. O'KEEFE,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1885-7, was born in Tilsonburg, Ontario, March 19, 1855. In 1868 became a resident of Michigan, worked on his father's farm, taught several years, was superintendent of schools in Delaware township, and for years station agent and telegraph operator at Minden, where he now resides engaged in law, loan and insurance business. Politically a Republican.

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## MARTIN OLDS,

Representative from Branch county in 1843, was born in Bolton, Mass., resided in New York and Ohio, and settled as a farmer in Batavia, Mich., in 1838, and was the first supervisor and held the office seven years, also other local offices. He was judge of probate eight years, and president of the company that started the first paper in Branch county. Removed to Oregon in 1851, where he was post-



master, probate judge, and delegate to the constitutional convention. Died in 1873.

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#### CHARLES OLIN,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1841, was born at Coventry, R. I., March 4, 1802. Removed from his native state to Bedford, Calhoun county, in 1833, and was one of the earliest settlers. He was the first supervisor in 1836, and was associate county judge in 1839-40. A farmer, and politically a Democrat. Died July 4, 1860.

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#### JOHN F. OLIVER,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1879-81-2, was born in Springfield, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1820, and removed with his parents to Niagara county in 1826, and in 1843 to Portage, Mich. He received a common school education. He is a farmer by occupation, and has held the offices of school inspector, town clerk, supervisor for five years, and justice of the peace for several terms. He is a Republican.

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#### CHARLES M. O'MALLEY

Was born in Dorrada, county Mayo, Ireland, and came to this country in 1834, and to Michigan in 1835. He held several offices in Mackinac county, and was Representative in 1846-7-9. He was educated for a priest, but became a merchant at Mackinac. In politics a Democrat.

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#### BERNARD O'REILLY,

Senator from Wayne county in 1887, was born in Westmeath county, Ireland, May 20, 1832. By occupation a ship carpenter and caulker: has been a resident of Michigan thirty-two years. He came with his parents to Kingston, Canada, in 1847, and to Oswego, New York, in 1848. He received a limited education in the public schools. In 1859 he shipped on a vessel and followed the lakes until 1852, when he entered a ship-yard and continued to work at his trade up to date. He has been alderman of the twelfth ward of Detroit. Politically a Democrat.

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#### JOHN M. OSBURN,

Senator from Hillsdale county in 1875, was born in Monroe county, N. Y., March 9, 1819. He received a good education in the district



and select schools of that state, and removed to Michigan in 1840 locating at Hudson. In 1847 he purchased a farm in Hillsdale county, upon which he has since continued to reside. He has been engaged in various occupations, teaching, mercantile, produce and lumber operations, and in banking. He is the head of the banking firm of Osburn, Perkins & Co., of Hudson. He has held several township offices, and was a Representative in 1869-70-71-2. In politics a Republican.

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#### LEANDER D. OSBURN

Was born December 27, 1825, in Wayne county, Ind., and in 1835 removed with his father to Calvin, Michigan. He was educated by his mother. At the age of twenty-one he became a teacher, afterwards read medicine with Dr. Bonine, attended Rush medical college in 1851 and 1852, and commenced practice at Vandalia, Mich., in 1853. He became justice in 1856 and held the position many years, was supervisor and Representative in 1867.

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#### REUBEN H. OSBURN,

Senator from Houghton, Ontonagon, Keweenaw and Isle Royal in 1877, was born in Bloomfield, Ohio, June 27, 1823. He was educated in common schools, supplemented by academical instruction. He studied medicine and graduated from the Western reserve college, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1849. He moved to the Upper Peninsula in 1852, where he has since resided. He has held various township offices. He is the oldest practicing physician in the Upper Peninsula. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM H. OSBORN

Was born in Ovid, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1814. He received an academical education, and taught several winters. In 1839 he settled on a farm in Macon, Lenawee county, Michigan. He held many town offices, and was Representative in 1865 and 1867. In politics a Republican.

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#### CHARLES Y. OSBURN

Was born in Meadville, Pa., in 1842; moved to Owosso, Michigan, in 1857. He enlisted in the 5th Michigan cavalry in 1862; was discharged therefrom on account of wounds in 1864. Was a Representative in 1871-2. He removed to Marquette in 1873, and was collector of cus-



tons, district of Superior, from 1877 to 1885. He is a Republican in politics, and still lives at Marquette.

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GILBERT R. OSMUN

Was born in Newark, New Jersey, October 8, 1845. He was left fatherless at the age of seven years. In early boyhood he did "chores" on farms and in shops for his board and clothes, and got his schooling as best he could, his longest continuous term at school being one year at the Chester, N. Y., academy, where he did the janitor work to pay his bills and buy books. He enlisted in the 69th New York volunteers, one of the regiments of the famous Irish brigade. After much hard service he was severely wounded at Petersburg, Va., March 25, 1865, and was honorably discharged July 5, 1865, coming home on crutches. He then worked at his trade of tinsmithing until the following year, when he enlisted in the 43d U. S. infantry; did garrison duty in this regiment at Fort Wayne and Fort Gratiot, Mich., for about two years, and was again discharged for disability arising from his old wounds. Engaged in various occupations in Port Huron, and eventually became city editor of the *Port Huron Times*. Later he went to East Saginaw, where he was city editor of the *Saginaw Republican*, and thence to Detroit, where for ten years he was state editor of the *Detroit Evening News*. Governor Alger selected him as private secretary, which place he filled until he assumed the duties of secretary of state. He has been a resident of Michigan since 1867. As the republican candidate for secretary of state, he received 182,335 votes against Philip Wachtel, 172,628, and John Evans, 25,852. He is also one of the editors of the *Detroit Journal*.

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ASA H. OTIS,

A member of the first constitutional convention in 1835, and a Representative from Wayne county in 1850, was a native of the state of New York, and a farmer by occupation. He was a county auditor of Wayne county in 1845, and supervisor of Greenfield 1847-52, and again in 1854. Died in 1855. Was democratic in politics.

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GEORGE OVIATT,

Representative from Lake and Wexford counties in 1885-7, was born at Newton Falls, Ohio, March 12, 1849. He removed to Michigan in 1860 and settled in Lake county in 1865. Mr. Oviatt was a real estate



dealer and publisher of a newspaper, and had been sheriff of Lake county two terms. Politically a Republican. Died in 1888.

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JOHN OWEN,

State treasurer from 1861 to 1867, was born in Toronto, Canada, March 20, 1809. He removed with his mother to Detroit in 1818, and received a limited education. He then became a clerk in the drug store of Dr. Chapin, subsequently a partner, the house finally becoming the wholesale drug house of John Owen & Co., the precursor of the present house of T. H. Hinchman & Sons. But the connection of Mr. Owen with the financial and shipping interests of Detroit, and with philanthropic enterprises, has left a permanent impress. He has been an alderman several times; was a member of the board of water commissioners, 1865-79; served a term as regent of the University; president of the fire department, 1841-3; and trustee of the Detroit medical college. In 1845 he became president of the Michigan insurance bank and held it for twenty years, until it was merged in a national bank. It was the only bank in Michigan which did not suspend in the panic of 1857, and his financial ability placed him at the head of the finances, which he managed with great ability during the war. He is still active and is president of the Detroit dry dock co., and the merchants' navigation company. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and identified with its progress in Michigan.

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JOHN G. OWEN,

Senator from Oakland county in 1831, was born at Woodchurch, England, March 28, 1824. He came to this country in 1842, and to Michigan in 1843. He was at Armala one year, two years a clerk in Detroit, in 1846 settled at Clarkston as a merchant, and also became a farmer in 1854. In 1860 owned and operated the flouring mills at Waterford in connection with a store. Since 1865 became a leading merchant at East Saginaw, and since 1872 has been extensively engaged in lumbering. In politics first a Whig, then a Republican.

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TUBAL C. OWEN,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1870, was born at Caledonia Springs, N. Y., March 24, 1819. Came to Newport (now Marine City), Michigan, in 1845, resided there till 1852, then on a farm in China till 1859, then at St. Clair up to 1871, when he removed to Detroit, now



his home. He was clerk of St. Clair county from 1857 to 1863: mayor of St. Clair 1864; supervisor four years; clerk of draft commission, and war census taker for St. Clair county. First a Whig, since a Republican, and by profession a lawyer.

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#### ALBERT PACK,

Representative in 1865 from Sanilac county, was born in Chittenango, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1842. Came to Lexington, Mich., in 1849, and moved to Alpena in 1870. Was mayor of Alpena in 1872. Has for many years been engaged in lumbering with great success. Is a Republican in politics.

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#### FRANK S. PACKARD,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1875, was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., February 10, 1838. He received an ordinary common school education, removed to Michigan in 1840, and settled at Sturgis. His occupation is that of a lumber dealer. In politics a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM PACKARD

Was born in Plainfield, Mass., July 23, 1808. He received a common school education. In early life a farmer. He removed from the state of New York to Chatham, Ohio, in 1836, where he cleared a farm and remained until 1859, when he removed to Allegan county, Mich., and in 1870 to Covert, Van Buren county. Occupied all prominent offices of his township while living in Ohio, and was a Representative from Allegan county in 1865-7. In politics a Republican. In Michigan he was for many years engaged extensively in lumbering, owning thousands of acres of timber, and operating four saw-mills.

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#### WM. O. PACKARD,

Senator from Van Buren and Cass counties in 1877, was born Sept. 14, 1832, in Rensselaer county, N. Y. In 1836 he removed with his father's family to Chatham, Ohio, where he received a common school education. In 1859 he moved to Ganges, Michigan, where he subsequently held the office of postmaster for several years. In 1870 he moved to Deerfield (Covert postoffice), Van Buren county, Mich. For the last six years he has been engaged in lumbering, farming, manufacturing, merchandising and real estate transactions. In politics a Republican.



## HENRY PACKER,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1845, was born in Colchester, Conn., November 1, 1800. He received an academical education and taught school several years; then moved to western New York and engaged in getting out staves; then for five years was selling books in the southern states. In 1835 settled at Jonesville, Mich., and became a farmer. He was four years judge of probate. A Democrat until 1856, then a Republican until 1872, then a Democrat.

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## ALFRED PADDOCK

Was born in Litchfield, N. Y., January 30, 1805. By occupation a merchant and farmer, in politics a Whig. He settled in Concord, Mich., about 1844, and resided there until his death, March 29, 1870. He commenced business life as a merchant, was afterwards a farmer and miller. He was Senator in 1853.

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## CHARLES J. PAILTHORP,

Representative from Emmet and other counties in 1879, was born December 25, 1848, in Mt. Morris, Michigan. He received a common school education, and graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1875. He then removed to Petoskey and commenced the practice of law. He has been prosecuting attorney, also United States commissioner for the western district of Michigan. In politics a Democrat.

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## RODNEY C. PAINE

Was born in New Milford, Conn., in 1806. When young he removed with his parents to Auburn, N. Y. He left home at seventeen, passed several years in the state of New York, and came from Albany to Michigan in 1836. He settled at St. Joseph and took charge of the Farmers and Mechanics' bank. He removed to Niles in 1842, and was there engaged in private banking until his death in 1882. He was county treasurer of Berrien county from 1836 to 1838; Senator in 1855; president of the village of Niles in 1855; mayor in 1873, and trustee of the union school from 1854 to 1874. He was actively interested in every work that promised to benefit the growth of Niles.



## CHARLES H. PALMER

Was born at Lenox, N. Y., in 1814; graduated from Union college in 1837; was principal of Fredonia and Geneseo academies; in 1847 became principal of Romeo, Mich. academy, and conducted it successfully many years; was elected regent of the University in 1851, and through his exertions the services of Dr. Tappan were secured. From 1853 until his death in April, 1887, he was a resident of Pontiac. He was largely interested in mines in the upper peninsula, also in building canals and railroads in that part of the state. He was a trustee of the Michigan military academy. A man of culture and great business ability.

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## JOHN R. PALMER,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1853, was born in the state of New York, June 27, 1809. He came to Michigan in 1844. He was a farmer, and a Democrat. Died May 1, 1877.

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## LEWIS G. PALMER,

Senator from Mecosta and Montcalm counties in 1887, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1852, and came to Michigan in 1857. At the age of thirteen he became a drummer boy in the army and served three years. He was educated at Detroit schools and the state agricultural college. Has been a resident of Big Rapids since 1869. He was a teacher and county superintendent of schools. He studied law, was admitted in 1877, has been three times prosecuting attorney, and held other positions. Now in practice at Big Rapids. In politics a Republican.

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## OSCAR PALMER,

Representative from Crawford and other counties in 1883, was born at Westfield, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1841. Moved to Hudson, Mich., with his parents in 1849, received an academical education and graduated at Georgetown medical college, D. C. He was in the service as soldier, hospital steward, and assistant surgeon nearly three and a half years. Then was in business several years at Jonesville, Mich., also edited the *Independent*, but in 1881 removed to Grayling, engaged in farming and manufacturing, and publishing the Crawford *Avalanche*. Politically a Republican.



## SAMUEL H. PALMER

Was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1801. He was by trade a carriage maker, and in politics a Democrat. He came to Michigan in 1835, moved to Jackson in 1841, and was a Representative in 1848. Deceased.

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## THOMAS WITHERELL PALMER

Was born in Detroit, January 25, 1830. He remained there until the age of twelve, when he entered Mr. Thompson's academy, at St. Clair. He afterwards spent a year and a half at the University, at Ann Arbor. His eyesight failing, he, with five others, left for a voyage to Spain in the fall of 1848. He landed at Cadiz, and for two months traveled on foot through the country, visiting the Alhambra at Granada, and other points. He then took ship for South America, landing in Rio Janeiro in 1849. After remaining three months in South America, he returned home *via* New Orleans, spending two months in the southern states. In 1850 he went to Wisconsin and spent one year as agent of a transportation company on the river. In 1851 he went into the mercantile business at Appleton, Wisconsin, where he was burned out and financially ruined. Returning to Detroit in 1853 he engaged in the real estate business. In 1855 he embarked in the lumber trade, which, with the purchase and sale of pine lands, has been his vocation since. Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Lizzie P., daughter of Charles P. Merrill, in 1855. He has been an active member of the republican party since the date of its organization. He was nominated by acclamation for state Senator in 1878, and elected by a handsome majority. The legislature of 1883, after a protracted struggle, elected him United States Senator, to succeed Hon. Thomas W. Ferry. His term will expire March 3, 1889.

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## WALTER H. PALMER,

Representative from Osceola and other counties in 1877-79, was born Aug. 30, 1815, in Oakland county, Michigan. He is a graduate of the state normal school, and of the law department of Michigan University. He has held the offices of circuit court commissioner, justice, superintendent of schools, and supervisor. He is by profession a lawyer and in practice at Reed City. In politics a Republican.

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## HEMAN PALMERLEE,

Representative from Kent county in 1881-2, was born in Washington county, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1820, and came to Michigan in 1832, settling in



Bruce, Macomb county. During six years of his early manhood he lived in Rochester, Oakland county, and was engaged in mercantile business. He then, in 1850, removed to Walker, Kent county, where he followed farming for about twenty-two years. Since that time has been employed as an accountant and collection agent. His education, beyond that of the common schools of the new state, was obtained in the Romeo academy. Politically a Republican.

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AMAZIAH B. PARDEE,

Representative from Ionia county, was born in 1834 in Jackson county, Michigan. By occupation, a farmer; by political persuasion, a Fusionist, on which ticket he was elected Representative for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,843 to 1,691 for Levi J. Barnard, Republican, and 297 for Emory A. Richards, Prohibitionist.

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BURTON PARKER,

Representative from Monroe county in 1883, was born in Dundee, Mich., April 24, 1844. He served a few months in the Michigan mechanics and engineers, being discharged from ill health. He was a justice of the peace in 1867, and graduated from the law department of the University in 1870. Has been circuit court commissioner, mayor of Monroe, and president of the school board. Politically a Republican.

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JAMES H. PARKER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1855, was born in Masonville, N. Y., September 2, 1803. He received a common school education, became a teacher, then for ten years a carpenter. He settled in 1833, on a farm at Rome, Mich. He was a supervisor six years, and six terms a justice. He and his wife were long conductors on the "underground railroad." Deceased.

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JOHN PARKER,

Senator from Kalamazoo county in 1859, was born in Cavendish, Vt., February 7, 1813, and died November 20, 1880. By occupation a farmer, a Democrat until 1854, then a Republican. He settled in Portage, Kalamazoo county, in 1832 where he was supervisor several years; was also United States marshal.



## LEONARD B. PARKER,

Senator from St. Clair county in 1863-4, was born at Moses, N. Y., July 19, 1818. He received a common school and academical education. Taught school, then studied medicine, graduating at Castleton, Vt., in 1842. Practiced at Cambridge, Vt., but in 1845 settled at Newport, now Marine City, and built up a large practice. Has filled several local positions.

## LEROY PARKER,

Representative from Genesee county in 1874-5, was born December 15, 1844, at Flint, Mich. He graduated at Hamilton college, N. Y., in 1865, and attended the law department of the Michigan University in 1865-6. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1867, and has since continued practice in Flint. He was elected Representative in 1874, to fill a vacancy. In politics a Republican. Has been a member of the state board of health.

## SAMPSON PARKER

Was born in Otsego county, N. Y., November 22, 1818. He was reared on a farm and came west with his parents, who settled in Lima, Mich., in 1833. He has served as justice several times, and was Representative in 1867. He cultivates a large farm, and is in politics a Democrat.

## WARREN PARKER.

Representative from Macomb county in 1879-81-2, was born in Greig, N. Y., November 15, 1829. His father removed to Michigan in 1833, and settled in Chesterfield, Macomb county. He obtained most of his education in the primary schools. He is a farmer. The public trusts he held were township only: justice, superintendent of schools and supervisor. Politically a Democrat.

## CHARLES P. PARKHILL

Was born in Niagara county, N. Y. Came to Michigan at the age of nineteen, and to Owosso in 1841. He was a printer by trade and worked a year on the *Owosso Argus*. He was afterwards a teacher, but finally studied medicine and graduated from the Willoughby medical college, Ohio, in 1846. After practicing at Bennington, Mich., twenty years, he removed to Owosso and opened a drug store. He was a Representative in 1857.



## JONATHAN G. PARKHURST,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1885, was born in Hastings, N. Y., in 1828. Coming to Detroit he entered upon the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. With the exception of five years spent in Kansas (1870 to 1875), where he served as district judge, he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession in this state. He is now a resident of Decatur, and in addition to law business is extensively interested in fruit growing and stock raising. In politics a Republican.

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## NATHAN C. PARKHURST

Was born in Darien, N. Y. After the age of ten was a resident of Ohio, and later came to Michigan. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. A Representative in 1849 and 1853.

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## BYRON F. PARKS,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1883, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1829. He received a common school education and worked on a farm until 1862, then became a lieutenant of infantry, and after expiration of service was engaged in recruiting, and later in farming and the sale of agricultural implements. Has been deputy sheriff, justice, and held other town and county positions. Politically a Democrat.

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## ABNER C. PARMALEE,

Representative from Barry county in 1844, was born in Benson, Vt., Jan. 3, 1806. He settled in Hastings, Mich., in 1837, and built the second log house. He was six years register of deeds and four years deputy county treasurer. He was one of six whig members of the House, the Senators being all democrats. He is now a clerk at Washington, D. C. In politics a Republican.

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## LINUS S. PARMALEE

Was born August 20, 1815, at Spofford, N. Y., removed to Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1823, and in 1840 to Wisconsin. In 1856 he came to Reading, Hillsdale county. Has been a clergyman forty years, and in thirty years has officiated at 501 weddings and 1,351 funerals. Was a trustee of Hillsdale college fifteen years and a Representative in 1867. Was postmaster of Reading some ten years, under Johnson and



Grant. Has also been justice of the peace. At first a Whig, but a Republican since 1854.

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#### ANDREW PARSONS,

Governor of Michigan from March, 4, 1853, to Dec. 31, 1854, was born in Hoosick, N. Y., July 22, 1817, and died June 6, 1855. He traced his ancestry back to Walter Parsons, born in Ireland in 1290. Gov. Parsons came to Michigan in 1835, at the age of seventeen, and taught school a few months at Ann Arbor, then was a clerk at Prairie Creek in Ionia county. He settled in Shiawassee county in 1836, and was soon elected register of deeds, which he filled by reelection for six years. He was a Senator in 1847-8. In 1848 he was prosecuting attorney; in 1851 was elected regent of the University; and in 1852 was elected lieutenant governor by the democrats. By the appointment of Gov. McClelland to the position of secretary of the interior, March 4, 1853, he became governor. In 1854 he was elected a Representative to the legislature, and retired from the executive chair to serve in the session of 1855, dying three months after the close of the session. He was a man of spotless character, a fluent and persuasive speaker; as a politician, candid, frank and free from bitterness, and as an executive officer firm, constant and reliable. Politically a Democrat.

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#### FAYETTE PARSONS

Was born in Benson, Vt., Aug. 12, 1812, and received an academical education. He came to Burr Oak, Michigan, in 1857. By occupation a physician, in politics a Republican. In 1862 he was appointed an examining surgeon for St. Joseph county, a position he held many years. He was a Representative from St. Joseph county in 1867 and 1873-4.

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#### JONATHAN PARSONS,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1877-9-81-2, was born in West Springfield, Mass., Oct. 7, 1820. He settled at Marshall, Mich., in 1835, removing to Kalamazoo in 1844. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Republican. Has been a trustee of Kalamazoo several times, for many years trustee and treasurer of the Michigan female seminary, also president of the Kalamazoo paper company and a bank director.



## LUKE H. PARSONS

Was born in western New York, Feb. 12, 1812, was liberally educated, and was admitted to the bar at Ann Arbor, Mich., about 1835. He removed to Corunna about 1839, and became a law partner of his brother, Gov. Andrew Parsons. He held the positions of register of deeds, judge of probate, prosecuting attorney, and regent of the University, serving in the last office until his death, Feb. 10, 1862.

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## ORRIN PARSONS,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1846, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., in 1794, and settled on a farm in Saline, Mich., in 1826. The next year, with his brother, he built the first saw-mill in the town. He was supervisor in 1831, and held that office eight terms. He was also a justice and held other offices. He erected and managed a grist mill. Died in 1851.

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## S. TITUS PARSONS,

A brother of Governor Andrew Parsons, came to Michigan when a young man, and studied law with his brother at Owosso. He was admitted to the bar in 1854, and located at Corunna, where he practiced for more than twenty years. He was prosecuting attorney six years, and was a Representative in 1863-4 and 1867. He was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and was a man of power and influence. He removed to Detroit in 1877, and engaged in practice, but died several years since. He was a Republican in politics.

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## AZARIAH S. PARTRIDGE,

Representative from Genesee county in 1881-3, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1834. A farmer and fruit grower, in politics formerly a Republican, now a Prohibitionist. He came to Flushing, Mich., about 1856. As a young man was a teacher for several years.

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## BENJAMIN F. PARTRIDGE,

Commissioner of the state land office 1877-8, was born in Shelby, Mich., April 19, 1822. He received a common school and academical education; was a teacher, was engaged a year in the study of law, was a surveyor and civil engineer, then a lumberman until 1857. He was appointed sheriff of Bay county, and followed surveying several



years. In 1861 he went into the army, and by regular promotion reached the rank of brevet brigadier general. He was in the U. S. revenue service, 1867-71, has been supervisor eight years and chairman of the board six years. Is a farmer near Bay City, and in politics a Republican.

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#### JARED PATCHIN

Was born in Yates county, N. Y., in 1828, and came to Nankin, Mich., when young. He graduated at the State University in 1853, and was admitted to the Detroit bar in 1854. He has been deputy county clerk, county clerk, prosecuting attorney. He was judge of the third circuit from 1870 to 1877. He was interested in an orange plantation in Florida, and was a member of the legislature of that state in 1878. Now resides in Detroit. Politically a Democrat.

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#### LEVI PATCHEN,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1848, was born in the state of Connecticut, Jan. 5, 1804, and died Sept. 25, 1851. He lived in Yates county, N. Y. from 1808 until 1843, when he settled in St. Joseph county, Mich., and was a nurseryman and farmer by occupation, and politically a Whig.

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#### ORLANDO R. PATTENGILL,

Representative from Wayne county in 1871-2, was born in Stow, Vt., Feb. 24, 1828. He came to Michigan in 1845, and has resided at or near Plymouth. He received a common school education, worked as a farm laborer, and from 1849 was a teacher for twelve years, in winter. Is a farmer, politically first an Abolitionist, later a Republican. Has been secretary and deputy treasurer of the farmers' mutual insurance company of Wayne and Monroe counties since 1871.

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#### JOHN C. PATTERSON,

Senator from Calhoun county in 1879-81-2, was born in Eckford, Mich., March 27, 1838. He graduated at Hillsdale college in 1864, and from the law department of the Albany, N. Y., university in 1865. He commenced practice at Marshall in 1867, where he now resides. Has been a trustee of Hillsdale college and a lecturer there before the senior class on constitutional law. Politically a Republican.



## JOSEPH H. PATTERSON

Was born in Ireland in 1801, came to America in 1819 and located at Lockport, N. Y. In 1828 he removed to Adrian, Michigan, where he settled on a farm. He was prominent in early Michigan politics, was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and Representative in 1839 and 1848. He is said to have given the names to four counties in the state: Antrim, Wexford, Roscommon and Clare. In politics a Democrat.

## MICHAEL A. PATTERSON,

Representative 1846, and Senator from Lenawee county in 1844-5, was born in Easton, Pa., March 11, 1804, and was educated there until early manhood. He studied medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated with honor at the age of nineteen. He practiced in western New York for four years, and settled in Tecumseh, Michigan, where he continued in active practice until 1875. He then sought a southern climate for health, and died at Westham Locks, Va., April 17, 1877. He was a regent of the University six years, and held many local offices. Politically a Democrat.

## RUSSEL R. PEALER

Was born at Greenwood, Pa., Jan. 1, 1842, received an academical education, and served in the 16th Pennsylvania cavalry over three years, rising to the rank of 1st lieutenant. He studied law, was admitted in 1867, and the same year settled in practice at Three Rivers, Mich., still his home. Has been prosecuting attorney, circuit court commissioner, and held other offices. He was elected judge of the 15th circuit in 1881. Politically a Republican.

## STEPHEN PEARL

Was born in Livingston county, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1817. He came to Michigan in 1838 and settled as a farmer in Ovid, Clinton county. Now lives in Greenbush, same county. He has been supervisor, county treasurer ten years, Representative in 1867, and Senator in 1869-70. Formerly a Republican, now independent in politics.

## WILLIAM H. PEASE,

Representative from Jackson county in 1845, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., June 7, 1804. He came to Michigan in 1829, and



settled on a farm in Grass Lake, where his widow and son still reside. Died Nov. 13, 1866.

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#### EDWARD W. PECK

Was born at West Bloomfield, N. Y., March 19, 1807. He received a common school education and was a teacher. He settled in Troy, Mich., in 1831, and was a merchant there for 20 years. Now resides at Pontiac. Has held many offices, including county clerk, postmaster, etc. He was a member of the first convention of assent in 1836, and was a delegate to the national whig convention in 1848, which nominated Taylor. Now a Republican.

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#### GEORGE W. PECK,

Representative in congress 1855-7, Representative in the Michigan legislature 1846-7, and speaker of the House in 1847, was born in New York city, June 4, 1818. He received an academical education, studied law, came to Michigan in 1839, was admitted to the bar in 1842, and commenced practice at Brighton. He removed to Lansing in 1847, and was the first postmaster. He was appointed by Gov. Ransom, secretary of state in 1848, and held the position two years. He was proprietor of the *State Journal* and state printer from 1852 to 1855. In 1864 went into practice at East Saginaw. Removed to St. Louis, Mo., in 1875, and has been attorney of the St. Louis & Iron Mountain railroad. Politically a Democrat.

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#### EDGAR PEIRCE,

Representative from Mecosta county in 1883, was born May 6, 1841, in Erie county, Pa.; was educated in common schools and an academy; followed milling until 1862; enlisted in the 14th Pennsylvania cavalry, and served through the war, and rose to the rank of lieutenant. In 1871 settled in Mecosta county and engaged in making shingles. Has been four years county treasurer. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES P. PENDILL,

Representative from Marquette county in 1863-4, was born near Batavia, N. Y., in 1812. He was a resident of Niles, Mich., as early as 1837, and was often seen there driving his four-in-hand, in broadcloth suit and white gloves. He was engaged at the Sault in mercan-



tile business from 1845 to 1855, when he engaged in the same business at Marquette. In 1867 he became a resident of Negaunee, and was mayor in 1872-3. He returned to Marquette and was mayor from 1879 to 1882, and many years supervisor and chairman of the board. He long served as a school trustee. Died March 9, 1885.

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EDWARD W. PENDLETON,

Senator from St. Joseph and Branch counties in 1879, was born at Broadalbin, N. Y., December 13, 1825. He received a common school education. In 1844 he removed to Orleans county, N. Y., where he engaged in farming until 1849, when he went to California. In 1851 he returned to Orleans county, and in 1852 settled at Sturgis, Mich., where he now resides. He has been engaged in mercantile, manufacturing and agricultural pursuits. He has held many offices of trust, and has been justice for seven years. In politics a National.

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OLIN PENGRA,

Representative from Huron county in 1883, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., October 19, 1847. He received such education as the common schools afforded. Was in the army during the last year of the war as a member of the 93th Pennsylvania regiment. Removed to Michigan in 1867. Taught school for ten years in the counties of Tuscola and Huron. Was admitted to the bar in January, 1878; has held many township offices. He is a Republican.

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ORRIN G. PENNELL,

Senator from the counties of Ingham and Clinton in 1885, was born in Cortland county, N. Y., in 1827. After receiving a thorough academical education he engaged in teaching. Relinquishing this pursuit he purchased a farm. Deciding to go west, he sold his farm and bought one in Washtenaw county, Mich., to which he removed in 1861, remaining there until 1869, when he removed to DeWitt, where he still resides. Was elected supervisor of DeWitt in 1883 and 1884. Is now U. S. marshal for the eastern district of Michigan.

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EBENEZER J. PENNIMAN

Was born at Lansingburg, N. Y. At the age of thirteen he was apprenticed to the art of printing at Keene, N. H.; went to New York



at the age of eighteen and engaged in mercantile pursuits; removed to Plymouth, Mich., in 1835 and engaged in business; was elected a member of congress, serving from December 1, 1851, to March 3, 1853; receiving 10,741 votes to 8,909 votes for Buell, Democrat. Still resides at Plymouth.

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#### HENRY F. PENNINGTON,

Senator from Eaton and Barry counties in 1883, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1842. In 1852 he removed with his parents to Eaton county, Mich. He received an academical education, and became a farmer. He studied law and graduated from the law department of the University in 1868, and is now engaged in practice at Charlotte. In politics a Democrat.

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#### HENRY PENNOYER,

Representative in 1849, and Senator in 1859, from Ottawa county, was born in Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 9, 1809. He received a common school education, and removed in 1819 to Cayuga county, N. Y., where he worked on a farm. From 1834 to 1836 he lived in Chicago, Ill., when he removed to Muskegon, Mich., and was elected the first sheriff of Ottawa county, of which Muskegon county then formed a part. In 1838 he was appointed postmaster of Muskegon, and held the office until 1843. He removed to Grand Haven in 1843, where he kept a hotel until 1856. He then became a farmer in Crockery township, where he died April 30, 1836. Always a Democrat. He was justice, supervisor, county treasurer, and deputy collector at Grand Haven. He was a political leader, and among the foremost in the promotion of every enterprise; agricultural, moral, social and educational.

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#### JOHN B. PERHAM,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1881-2-3, was born in Mayfield, N. Y. He came to Spring Lake, Mich., in 1860, and for several years was principal of the public schools, was for many years a member of the board of education, also a supervisor. By occupation a merchant, in politics a Republican.

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#### EDWIN Z. PERKINS,

Representative from Cheboyan and other counties, was born in June, 1849, in Oxford county, Ontario. Has been a resident of Michigan



ten years. His occupation is attorney at law. Is a graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1878. Mr. Perkins has held the office circuit court commissioner, judge of probate two terms, and county treasurer, all in Cheboygan county. He is a Republican, and was elected Representative for 1887-8 by a vote of 2,111 to 2,010 for Charles S. Hampton, Fusionist, and 125 for Burbanks, Prohibitionist.

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#### JABEZ PERKINS,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1859, was born at Defiance, O., Oct. 26, 1820. He received an academical education at Delaware, studied medicine, and graduated at Cleveland in 1849. He practiced medicine at Springville, Mich., for ten years, but at Owosso since 1860. He took charge of a hospital at Nashville in 1862, became a surgeon of Kentucky volunteers, medical director of the 2d army corps, and then medical director of the cavalry corps, army of the Cumberland. In politics first a Whig, then a Republican.

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#### HENRY M. PERRIN

Was born at Berlin, Vt., July 23, 1829. He was educated at Dartmouth college, graduating in 1853. He removed to Michigan in 1855, residing two years in Detroit, when he settled at St. Johns, still his home. He was admitted to the bar of Clinton county in 1858. Was judge of probate from 1861 to 1865, and Senator from Ingham and Clinton counties in 1865. He has successfully followed his profession, and is also a dealer in real estate. He indulges in farming as a diversion.

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#### PORTER K. PERRIN,

Senator from Ingham and Clinton counties in 1877, was born Sept. 13, 1833, in Berlin, Vt. He received a common school and academical education, and was a graduate of the law university of Albany, N. Y., in 1856-7. He removed from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Michigan in 1860. He has held the positions of first lieutenant, company I, and captain of first company sharpshooters, twenty-seventh Michigan infantry, and was commissioned major of the second Michigan infantry. He was also judge of probate for Clinton county from 1869 to 1872 inclusive; United States commissioner for about six and a half years, and has held some minor positions. He is by profession an attorney. In politics a Republican.



## AARON PERRY,

Representative from Oakland county in 1873-4, was born in Oakland, Mich., Nov. 11, 1848, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1870. He is an attorney in practice at Pontiac, and in politics a Democrat.

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## EDWIN PERRY

Was born in Franklin county, N. Y., July 9, 1810. He removed to Michigan in 1837. He then removed to Wisconsin, where he lived until 1841. He returned to Jackson county and lived at Parma and Concord until 1851, when he removed to Union City, since his home. He was sergeant-at-arms in the state senate of 1855; Representative from the western district of Branch county in 1857 and 1859; post-master of Union City from 1861 to 1870; and has been justice of the peace for thirty-two years.

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## GIDEON D. PERRY

Was born in Palmyra, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1811. He was brought up to farming, left home at nineteen, became a scholar and teacher until 1833, when he commenced preaching, and was admitted to the Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He preached for eleven years, when from poor health he abandoned it, came to Michigan in 1843, and settled on a farm in Franklin, Lenawee county. He was supervisor of the town; chairman of the board of supervisors; Representative in 1857; Senator in 1859. He has preached more or less every year.

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## ALONZO E. PERSONS,

Representative from Alpena county in 1861-2, was born at Smithville, N. Y., April 25, 1818. He received a common school education, became a sailor, and in 1840 was master of a vessel. He continued in that business until 1849, when he removed to Bay City and engaged in the fishing business. Removed to Alpena in 1859, and was town clerk. From 1861 to 1874 was keeper of the Thunder Bay Island light. Built the first steam tug for fishing. Now master since 1882, and part owner of the steamer Golden Eagle. Has been justice and coroner. In politics first a Whig, since 1854 a Republican.

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## GEORGE PETERS,

Representative from Monroe county in 1861-2, and Senator in 1867, was born in Delaware county, N. Y., September 22, 1822, and came



to Michigan in 1831. A farmer and a Republican. Resides at Peterburgh. He has been postmaster sixteen years, and supervisor nineteen years.

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#### JENS G. PETERSON,

Representative from Detroit in 1861-2, was a native of Germany, born in 1821. He was a retail grocer, and subsequently, in 1854, a co-partner in the cabinetmakers' association, a manufacturing firm in Detroit. He was register of the U. S. land office in Detroit, 1861-3, and probably died in the last named year. Politics Republican.

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#### WM. H. H. PETTIT,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1887, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1840, and has been a resident of Michigan since 1854. Mr. Pettit served three years as a private in company C, 1st Mich. infantry. He has served eleven years as supervisor of Ransom township. He was elected on the republican ticket by a vote of 2,199 to 1,365 for Albert J. Baker, and 354 for Albert J. McCutcheon, Prohibitionist.

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#### TIMOTHY H. PETTIT

Was a native of New York state, came to Tecumseh, Mich., in 1835, and in 1837 settled on a farm in Essex, Clinton county, where he remained until 1854, then went into business at DeWitt. Died in 1860. He was a Representative in 1855, justice, postmaster and town treasurer.

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#### FITCH PHELPS,

Representative from Mecosta and other counties in 1877-9, and Senator in 1883-5, was born at Guilford, N. Y., June 30, 1831. He received an academical education and was a merchant. In 1862 went to California, and was provost marshal of San Mateo county in 1863. In 1868 located at Colfax, Mich., built a mill, engaged in lumbering, also in farming. Resides at Big Rapids. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN W. PHELPS

Was born in Seneca county, N. Y., June 14, 1819. He came to Michigan with his father in 1829, and settled at Plymouth. He studied medicine and engaged in practice at Mason in 1841. He was also,



during the latter portion of his life, a hardware merchant. He was for several terms a justice, and was Representative in 1859. Died August 31, 1864.

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#### WILLIAM PHELPS,

Representative from Detroit in 1861-2, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., November 19, 1816. He received an academical education, and went into business at Detroit in 1835, which he continued until his death, July 24, 1879, being the head of the firm of Phelps, Brace & Co. In 1862-3 he was an "allotment commissioner" for Michigan, and became a paymaster in 1863, and in 1865 was made lieutenant colonel. He was on the military staff of Gov. Crapo, and was post commander and adjutant general of the G. A. R. for Michigan. A leading Mason and Odd Fellow, politically a Republican, in religion a Methodist, and an ordained preacher.

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#### NATHAN S. PHILBRICK,

Representative from Oakland county in 1841, was born in Maine, June 12, 1789. He was a farmer and hotel keeper, and a Democrat. He settled in Farmington, Mich., in 1826. Was commissioned a justice by Gov. Mason in 1834, and held that office several terms. Died in 1854.

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#### DELOS PHILLIPS

Was born in Hamburg, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1839. He came to Ypsilanti in 1845, graduated at the public schools, taught two years, and was a student in the University from 1859 to 1862. He enlisted in 1862 as a private in the 17th Michigan infantry, and was promoted through all the grades to captain in 1863. In 1864 he was taken prisoner at Spottsylvania court-house, but escaped from the cars at night and, after 300 miles' travel, reported for duty. He became lieutenant colonel of the 28th Michigan infantry, but resigned before the close of the war, and graduated from the University in 1865. He was Senator from Kalamazoo county in 1869-70, a presidential elector in 1876 and messenger to carry the vote to Washington. He was for six years a member of the board of supervisors. His life was that of a manufacturer and business man. In politics a Republican. He died at Kalamazoo, Feb. 23, 1887.



## GEORGE W. PHILLIPS

Was born in Livingston county, N. Y., July 17, 1829. He came with his father to Armada, Michigan, in 1831, who settled upon a farm. The son was raised a farmer. He was a charter member of the county agricultural society, many times its president, and almost continuously an officer. For eleven years he was a member of the state board of agriculture; an officer of the state agricultural society twenty-two years, and its president in 1880 and 1881. He is a Republican in politics.

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## JOHN I. PHILLIPS,

Representative from Genesee county in 1871, was born in Canada, Sept. 3, 1833. He removed to Monroe county, N. Y., with his parents the next year, where he lived until 1844, when he settled in Vienna, Michigan. He held several town offices, and was engaged in several kinds of business until August 13, 1861, when he enlisted as sergeant of company "G," 8th Michigan infantry. He served with the regiment in South Carolina and was promoted to 2d lieutenant Jan. 1, 1863. He resigned on account of ill health Dec. 15, 1863, and returned to his home. He died before the close of his legislative term. In politics a Republican.

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## NATHANIEL G. PHILLIPS,

Representative in 1865 from Shiawassee county, was born at Preston, Conn., Nov. 20, 1825. He attended an academy at Norwalk, O., for three years, and came to Shiawassee county with his widowed mother and settled on a farm in 1840. From 1851 to 1853 was in California. His present farm forms the location of the village of Bancroft.

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## PITTS PHILLIPS,

Representative from Oakland county in 1837, was born in the state of New York April 24, 1792. Lived in Stafford and Sempronius, N. Y., and married Mary Daniels at the latter place. He settled in Southfield, Mich., in 1830. Was supervisor in 1836, and held the office of justice both in New York and Michigan. By occupation a farmer and cooper, in politics first a Whig, then an Abolitionist. Died April 10, 1842.

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## EDWIN R. PHINNEY,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1883, was born at Bangor, Me., Aug. 3, 1816. When young lived in New York city and Penn-



sylvania, removing to Richmond, O., in 1855. Came to Michigan in 1872, engaged in the manufacture of boat oars at Carson City, removing the business to East Saginaw in 1876, also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, shingles and salt. In politics a Republican.

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#### ANSEL B. PIERCE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1887, was born at Canton, New York, in 1836. He at the age of fifteen years entered the St. Lawrence academy, remaining there four years and teaching three terms in the meantime. At the age of twenty-one he came west and settled in Redford, Wayne county, where he has resided ever since, teaching school during the winter and working on his farm in the summer. Mr. Pierce has held the offices of supervisor, town clerk, school inspector and justice of the peace. He has been president of the Redford agricultural society since its organization, and is a practical and thorough agriculturist. Mr. Pierce is a Democrat.

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#### DARIUS PIERCE,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1846 and 1847, was born Sept. 2, 1801, at Farmington, N. Y. Came to Michigan in 1832, and was a farmer of the town of Lima. He was justice of the peace four years, county commissioner, and ten years a supervisor. Looking to the future of the state, he voted to remove the capital from Detroit to Lansing, although Ann Arbor was a contestant. Deceased.

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#### JOHN D. PIERCE.

Superintendent of public instruction from 1836 to 1841, was born at Chesterfield, N. H., Feb. 18, 1797. From the age of two to twenty he lived with an uncle at Worcester, Mass., having only eight weeks' schooling. He then went to work and earned one hundred dollars, his grandfather gave the same amount, and in 1817 he walked fourteen miles to take his first lesson of Rev. Enoch Pond, who fitted him for college. He graduated at Brown University in 1822; was principal of Wrentham academy in 1823; the same year entered Princeton theological seminary; in 1824 was licensed to preach as a Congregational minister, and became pastor of a church at Oneida, N. Y. He came as a home missionary to Marshall, Mich., in 1831, and held the first religious meetings in Jackson, Calhoun and Eaton counties. Gov. Mason appointed him the first superintendent of public instruc-



tion, and he proved to be the right man in the right place, and his plans were adopted by the legislature of 1837 without a dissenting vote. A full sketch of his labors can be readily found. He was a Representative from Calhoun county in 1847-8. Died at Medford, Mass., April 6, 1882.

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#### JOSEPH B. PIERCE,

Representative from Jackson county in 1850, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 20, 1812. His parents removed to western New York in 1814. He came to Grass Lake, Michigan, in 1837, but removed to Leoni in 1839, where he kept a hotel. Later removed to Jackson and was a justice for eight years. He had a genial, happy disposition, was a great humorist, and delighted in entertaining friends with stories and anecdotes. Died July 17, 1862.

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#### NATHAN PIERCE

Was born in Cheshire, Mass., Sept. 27, 1790. In 1795 he removed with his parents to Ontario county, N. Y., where he was brought up on a farm, and received a common school and academical education. He served in the war of 1812. In 1832 he located thirty eighty acre tracts in Calhoun, St. Joseph and Washtenaw counties, and settled on a farm in Sylvan, Washtenaw county, removing twelve years after to Marengo, Calhoun county, where he remained through life. He was a member of the constitutional conventions of 1835, 1850 and 1867, and a Representative in 1839-40-1-50-1. A Whig until 1854, then a Republican. He was a man of gigantic stature, strong will, noted for his integrity, and one of the ablest of the farmer pioneers.

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#### ONESIMUS O. PIERCE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1873-4, was born in Potsdam N. Y., Aug. 16, 1809. He was educated at the Potsdam academy. In 1833 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Redford, Wayne county, where he still resides. He has held various township offices. By occupation a farmer.

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#### PETER R. L. PIERCE,

Senator from Kent county in 1869-70, was born in Geneseo, N. Y., May 25, 1823. As a boy, attended common schools, but in 1836 came to Detroit, there attending night schools and reading law. In 1840



he removed to Grand Rapids and kept a book store, reading law with Judge Martin. From 1843 to 1850 was in mercantile business at Cincinnati, Ohio, and wrote a history of the Sons of Temperance, which had a circulation of 100,000 copies, and also wrote for several papers. From 1850 to 1857 was a merchant at Grand Rapids. In 1854 was city clerk; mayor in 1873-5-6; several terms clerk of Kent county, and postmaster of Grand Rapids from 1877 until his death, about 1880. In politics a Republican. A man of wit and humor, kind and genial. Few men had warmer friends, or better deserved them.

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#### BENJAMIN PIERSON

Was born October 4, 1802, near Cayuga Lake, N. Y. When young he moved with his parents to Victor, N. Y. He worked on a farm until fifteen years of age, then at carding wool and dressing cloth until 1826, when he came to Michigan and purchased land in Plymouth. He returned to New York and remained until 1836. He then settled on a farm in Livonia, Wayne county. He was a justice, and held various town offices, and was Representative in 1871-2. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ELIJAH H. PILCHER,

Regent of the University from 1845 to 1851, was born in Athens county, Ohio, June 2, 1810. He was a student at the Athens University, and was ordained a Methodist minister in 1829. From 1830 until his death, he was a resident of Michigan, preaching at Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, and other places. He was ten years secretary of the conference, and for nearly twenty-five years a presiding elder. He was one of the founders of Albion college. He received several degrees, including D. D., and was admitted to the bar in 1846. He was the author of "Protestantism in Michigan."

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#### WASHINGTON PITCHER,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1835, was born in Norwich, Conn., December 28, 1816, and received a fair education. Removed to Parma, N. Y., in 1831, was two years a clerk at Rochester, N. Y., and came to White Pigeon, Mich., in 1836. In 1844 removed to Constantine. He was a merchant, and the late Gov. Bagley was for one year his clerk, when a boy. In 1858 removed to Illinois, residing at



Franklin Grove, then Wall Lake, Kansas, where he now resides. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ZINA PITCHER,

Regent of the University, by appointment, several terms from 1837 to 1852, was born in Washington county, N. Y., April 12, 1797, and died at Detroit, Mich., April 5, 1872. He received an academical education, and graduated as a physician in 1822. He served as an army surgeon until 1836, then became a resident of Detroit. The medical department of the University was essentially his work. He was mayor of Detroit in 1840-1-2, and the whig candidate for governor in 1843. He was physician of St. Mary's hospital from 1848 to 1867; surgeon of the marine hospital under Buchanan; trustee of the Kalamazoo asylum; a member of many scientific and medical societies, and one of the ablest and most widely known physicians in Michigan.

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#### FREDERICK PITT,

Representative from Ionia county in 1853, was born in London, England, June 10, 1824, and came to Ionia county, Mich., in 1850. When young worked at engraving, making of pianos, was later a carpenter, and is now a farmer. Has been several terms a supervisor, and held other offices. In politics a Republican.

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#### CHARLES M. PITTS,

Representative from Monroe county in 1865, was a farmer and for a number of terms supervisor in Monroe county. He was a man of considerable influence in the town where he resided. Died several years ago.

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#### ZEPHANIAH PLATT,

Attorney general of Michigan from 1841 to 1843, was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1797. He graduated at Hamilton college, studied law, practiced in western New York and New York city, and settled at Kalamazoo in 1837. In 1839 he removed to Detroit. In 1850 he resumed practice in New York city, and was commissioner to adjust claims of the United States on the Pacific coast. He was then appointed United States judge for the second district of South Carolina. He acquired distinction in that position, and died at Aiken, S. C., April 19, 1872.



## EMERY M. PLYMPTON,

Representative from Berrien county in 1869-70, was born in Canton, Ohio, June 1, 1826. His father was a pioneer Methodist minister in Ohio and preached for fifty-five years. The son received a good education and commenced teaching when eighteen, and taught in several states for nine years. He was a Whig until 1854, later a Republican. He came to this state in 1849, was in railroad business two years, and taught school at Niles from 1851 to 1853. He was admitted to the bar in 1853, and was a justice and prosecuting attorney. He went into the service as captain in 4th Michigan cavalry, but resigned in 1863, from ill health. He was deputy provost marshal in 1863-5, circuit court commissioner 1871-2, and held other offices. Died March 26, 1888.

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## ENOS A. POMROY,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1881-2, was born in Bristol, N. Y., March 16, 1832. He came with his father to Allen, Mich., in 1844, and removed to Litchfield in 1851. He has been six times a supervisor. A farmer, in politics a Republican.

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## ALFRED POND

Was born in Camden, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1806. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He settled in Clayton, Genesee county, in 1839, and lived there until 1880, but since that time has been a resident of Flushing. He was a Representative in 1847.

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## CORNELIUS V. R. POND,

Commissioner of labor 1885 to 1887, was born in Auburn, N. Y., May 39, 1836, and received an academical education. He was a clerk in New York and Hartford from 1852 to 1860, then a manufacturer. He was quartermaster of the 12th Connecticut from 1861 to 1863, and resigned from ill health. He then served in the provost marshal's office at Utica. He settled at Coldwater, Michigan, in 1865, and engaged in insurance. He went to Quincy in 1869. He was postmaster there from 1878 to 1885. He established the Quincy *Herald* in 1878, but sold it in 1884. He was commander of the G. A. R. for two years. A Republican. Now in Kansas.



## ELIHU B. POND,

Senator from Washtenaw county in 1859, was born in Wilmington, N. Y., July 15, 1826. Lived in Ohio from 1832 to 1835, when his father settled at Branch, then the county seat of Branch county, removing to Coldwater in 1843. He learned the trade of a printer, and worked as a young man at various points. He was in 1847 a student at Albion college. From 1848 to 1854 he owned and edited the Coldwater *Sentinel*; then removed to Ann Arbor and was editor and proprietor of the *Michigan Argus* until 1879. He has been county clerk, alderman, member and president of the school board, warden of the state prison, etc. He was president of the state press association in 1868-9. In politics a Democrat, and now a justice at Ann Arbor.

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## JARED POND,

Representative from Branch county in 1839, was born at Poultney, Vt., Sept. 26, 1790, and died at Ann Arbor, Mich., April 12, 1856. He served in the war of 1812. He was a surveyor and iron manufacturer at Wilmington, N. Y., and after a few years' residence in Ohio became a resident of Branch county, Mich., in 1835, and was a surveyor. He was register of deeds from 1843 to 1847. Later removed to Ann Arbor. He was father of E. B. and Ashley Pond.

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## ORRIN POPPLETON,

Representative from Oakland county in 1853, was born in Richmond, N. Y., April 22, 1817, and came to Troy, Mich., with his parents in 1825. He received a common school education and was a teacher in 1834-5 and 1839-40. In 1837-8 he attended Granville, O., academy, and then was a clerk in the postoffice at Pontiac. From 1840 to the present time has been a successful merchant at Birmingham, Mich., and was postmaster from 1853 to 1861. He was a member of the democratic congressional committee sixteen years. He is also a farmer. In politics a Democrat. A valuable member of the state pioneer society.

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## WILLIAM POPPLETON,

Representative in 1843 from Oakland county, was born at Poultney, Vt., in 1795, but removed to Richmond, N. Y., at the age of seventeen. He purchased a farm in Troy, Mich., in 1823, and settled upon it with his family in 1825. The small farm increased in size until in 1845 he



owned 1,200 acres. In 1856 he removed to a place near the village of Birmingham, where he died in 1869.

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#### AUGUSTUS S. PORTER,

United States Senator from Michigan, 1840-45, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1798. He was of a distinguished family, his father, Augustus Porter, subsequently removing to Niagara Falls, where he became the first proprietor of a property which he occupied. The son graduated from Union college in 1818, studied law, and was admitted to practice. After locating in Detroit he acquired a leading position at the bar, and was identified with the social, political and educational history of the city, serving as recorder in 1834 and mayor in 1838. The election of Senator for the term for which he was chosen should have been made at the legislative session of 1839, but the two houses, both democratic, failed to agree, and allowed the election to go by default. The whig party carried the state and the legislature in 1839, and at the session of 1840 elected Mr. Porter to the Senate for the term commencing March 4, 1839. He returned to Niagara Falls in 1848, after the death of his father. He has been dead some years, although members of the family still reside there.

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#### GEORGE B. PORTER,

Governor of the territory of Michigan from August 1, 1831, until his death, July 6, 1834, was a native of Lancaster, Pa., a lawyer by profession, and prior to his coming to Michigan had been United States marshal of the eastern district of Pennsylvania. He removed with his family to Michigan, bought a farm in Springwells, and began the construction of a fine residence. He was a man of executive ability and popular.

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#### JAMES B. PORTER,

Secretary of State from 1861 to 1867, was born at Marcellus, N. Y., in September, 1824. He came to Michigan in 1833, and removed to Allegan in 1840, and lived there until 1865, then removed to Lansing in 1866, where he still resides. He was county clerk and register of deeds of Allegan county from 1851 to 1861. Occupation, real estate and insurance; politics, republican.



## JOHN PORTER

Was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1819. He came to Michigan in 1838, in 1845 settled in Montcalm county, and on the organization of that county was elected county treasurer, holding the position four years. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. He was a Representative from Kent county in 1863-4, having removed there in 1855. Present residence, Wyoming, Kent county.

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## LEWIS PORTER,

Representative in 1857-8, and Senator from Kent county in 1859, was born in the state of New York, Nov. 4, 1823. He came to Michigan in 1838. He was engaged in the clothing trade at Grand Rapids, and was an active Republican in politics. Among other positions he was assistant postmaster at Washington, D. C., and was the first clerk of the U. S. district court for western Michigan. Died January 10, 1882.

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## MICAH PORTER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1844, was born in Weymouth, Mass., Aug. 2, 1793, his ancestors having settled there in 1635. He learned the trade of a mason at Rome, N. Y., working at it summers and teaching winters. During the war of 1812 he was a leading supporter of Madison. He built a parliament house at Little York, near Toronto, Canada. He then resided at Rochester, N. Y., until 1832, when he became a farmer at Sharon, Mich., and was many years a justice there and supervisor. Died July 7, 1870.

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## FLOYD L. POST,

Senator from Midland and other counties in 1887, was born at Belvidere, N. Y., in 1857, and is by occupation editor, lawyer and real estate dealer. He had school advantages up to thirteen years of age, was clerk in a drug store a year, then worked in a shingle mill, became foreman, then proprietor of a saw and shingle mill with his father, also was in lumbering and mercantile business. Has been supervisor, town clerk and treasurer, and was a Representative in 1885. In politics a Republican. Has been admitted to the bar.

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## SAMUEL POST,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1871-2, was born at Ypsilanti, Mich., November 9, 1834, which has always been his home.



He received a common school education, and became a clerk at the age of twelve. At the age of nineteen became a dry goods and clothing merchant, and continued it successfully for seventeen years. In 1873 he was appointed U. S. pension agent at Detroit, and held that position nearly thirteen years, until removed by President Cleveland. In politics a Republican. Now in business at Detroit.

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#### ALLEN POTTER

Was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., October 2, 1818; removed to Michigan in 1838, and located at Kalamazoo in 1845; engaged in manufacturing, mercantile pursuits and banking; was Representative in the legislature in 1857 and 1858; was elected president of the village in 1859, 1863, 1870 and 1872, and president of the board of education in 1870 and 1871. He was elected president of the Kalamazoo & South Haven railroad company in 1870, and was very efficient in securing the building of that road. In 1874, as the candidate of the democrats and liberals, he was elected Representative to congress, serving from December 6, 1875 to March 3, 1877.

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#### CALVIN B. POTTER,

Representative from Berrien county in 1875, was born July 15, 1837, at Brownville, N. Y. He removed to Michigan in 1838. A lawyer by profession, in politics a Democrat.

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#### FORDYCE H. POTTER,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1883-5, was born in Wayne county, N. Y., April 8, 1833. He received a common school education, and became a carpenter. In 1856 he removed to Shiawassee, Mich., and is now a contractor and builder. Has held many local offices. Elected as a Fusionist.

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#### GEORGE N. POTTER,

Senator from Eaton and Barry counties in 1887, was born at Ira, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1827. He came with his parents to Saline, Mich., in 1830, his father building the first frame house in that village. They removed to Eaton county in 1844. The son received a common school education, became a farmer, and is the founder of the village of Potterville; was one of thirteen that effected the organization of the



Peninsular railroad, now a part of the Grand Trunk, and was a director; has been engaged in manufacturing and lumbering. In politics a Republican.

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ANTHONY POUCHER

Was born Nov. 24, 1801, at Claverack, N. Y. He emigrated to Michigan in 1833, and settled on a farm in Bridgewater, Washtenaw county. He died October 7, 1870. As a Democrat, he was a Representative in 1838.

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MILO POWELL,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1848, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Oct. 3, 1809. He came to Michigan in 1835. Has been supervisor in Cass county, and justice both in Cass and St. Joseph counties. In politics a Democrat. Has been engaged in banking for years, but has retired from business, and resides at Constantine.

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NATHAN POWER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1855, was born in Farmington, N. Y., April 19, 1801. He settled in Farmington, Oakland county, in 1826. He taught the first school in 1826. He was a man of extensive reading, extraordinary memory, and well informed in regard to affairs of the state and nation. In politics a Free Soil Republican, by occupation a farmer, in religion, a Friend. Died in 1874.

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PLINY POWER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1844, and from Wayne in 1855, was born in Vermont in 1798. He became a physician, practiced for a time in Tioga county, Pa., and removed to Oakland county about 1840. He subsequently removed to Detroit and was county physician there in 1852. He was originally a Democrat, but became a Republican in 1854. He was active in the temperance cause, sometimes lecturing on that subject. Died in Detroit in 1861.

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ROBERT D. POWER,

Representative from Livingston county in 1844-5, was one of the earliest settlers of Brighton. The erection and opening of a public house by him in 1836, was the first step taken to give that place the



character of a village. He was sheriff from 1839 to 1843, and was also moderator and director of the public schools. He was a man of much force of character, intuitive shrewdness and exerted a strong influence in politics. Deceased.

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#### WILLIAM POWERS,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1885-7, was born in Tipperary county, Ireland, in 1842. He has been a resident of Michigan since 1859. Mr. Powers is a farmer, has held the office of township treasurer six years, the office of supervisor eight years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM H. POWERS,

Representative from Kent county in 1879, was born in Troy, N. Y., April 7, 1841. He received a common school education at Grand Rapids, Mich., to which place he removed in 1847. He is a member of the firm of Powers & Walker, manufacturers of undertakers' goods, also of the firm of Wm. T. Powers & Son, manufacturers of lumber, lath and shingles. He has held the office of city clerk, alderman, and a member of the board of fire commissioners of Grand Rapids. In politics a National.

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#### ABNER PRATT

Was born in Springfield, N. Y., May 22, 1801. He was brought up on a farm, had limited educational advantages, read law, and commenced practice, first at Rush, afterwards at Rochester, N. Y., where he remained until 1839, when he resigned the office of district attorney, and removed to Marshall, Mich. He was Senator in 1844-5, and Representative in 1863. In 1858 he went to Honolulu as U. S. consul, where he remained several years. He was a judge of the Supreme Court from 1850 to 1852, and circuit judge from 1852 to 1857, when he resigned. He was always a Democrat, and a prominent Mason. He was an able, fearless judge, and a man of great ability. He died March 27, 1863.

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#### DANIEL L. PRATT

Was born in Plainfield, Mass., June 24, 1820. In 1830 he removed with the family to Geauga county, Ohio. Having studied law, he was admitted to the bar in 1844. In 1845 he commenced the practice of law at Hillsdale, where he has since resided. He was elected



prosecuting attorney for Hillsdale county in 1856, and re-elected in 1860; has been twelve years a member of the board of trustees of the Michigan asylum for the insane; was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867; was elected circuit judge of the first circuit in 1869; was re-elected in 1875, no nomination having been made against him. He has been a trustee of Hillsdale college since its organization in 1853, and has contributed liberally of time, money and counsel to its support. He was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, with which he has since acted. He resides on a farm, just outside of Hillsdale, which he cleared and improved himself.

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#### FOSTER PRATT

Was born at Mt. Morris, N. Y., January 9, 1823. His ancestors landed at Plymouth in 1622. He received an academical education, at seventeen engaged in teaching, and was principal of an academy at Angelica, N. Y., and from 1844 to 1847 of one at Moorfield, Va. He graduated as a physician in 1849, from the University of Pennsylvania, and practiced his profession at Romney, Va., until 1856, when he removed to Kalamazoo, resuming his practice. In 1859 was a Representative. He aided in procuring appropriations for the asylum at Kalamazoo, of which he has been trustee. A Democrat in politics. Was surgeon of the 13th Michigan infantry from 1861 to 1865; president of Kalamazoo village in 1871; chairman of democratic state committee 1872 to 1876; postmaster of Kalamazoo 1866-7.

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#### WILLIAM A. PRATT,

Representative from Oakland county in 1843-4-5, and speaker *pro tem.* in 1845, was born in Vermont. By occupation a millwright. Came to Franklin, Michigan, at an early day. There he built several mills, and in 1838 built a flouring mill, of which he and Winthrop Worthing were proprietors. He was supervisor of the town of Southfield in 1842-3, and justice of the peace. Removed later to Sault Ste Marie, where he made money in land transactions, and finally removed to Detroit. Politically a Democrat. Deceased.

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#### ESEK PRAY,

Representative in 1838 from Washtenaw county, was born in East Killingly, Conn., Nov. 23, 1790; in 1814 removed to Angelica, N. Y. In May, 1825, he came to Michigan, and became a farmer in the town



of Superior. He kept a tavern many years at Dixboro. Gov. Cass appointed him justice, which position he held for twenty-four years. He was a Democrat. Died April 20, 1853.

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GEORGE PRAY,

Representative from Ionia county in 1879, was born Aug. 27, 1825, in Angelica, N. Y. He received an academical education, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1845, and from the medical department of Western Reserve college in 1849. He removed to Michigan in 1835 and settled in Superior, Washtenaw county. He commenced the practice of medicine in Salem in 1849. In 1856 he removed to Ronald, Ionia county, and invested his means in lands. From 1863 to 1867 resided at Ann Arbor, practicing his profession, but at the expiration of that time returned to Ronald. He has been a supervisor, and chairman of the board of supervisors for many years. Politics, republican.

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ALMON E. PRESTON,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1875, was born July 15, 1832, in Orleans county, N. Y. He removed to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1844. He was educated in common schools, and is by occupation a mechanic. He held the position of second lieutenant in 1861 in the Michigan engineer corps, and was captain of Co. "L" of the regiment of Merrill's horse, serving in the western department until 1864. He has been three terms a supervisor in Battle Creek, and also a member of the board of education. In politics a Republican.

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S. HORACE PRESTON,

Representative from Ingham county in 1887, was born in Oneida, Mich., Oct. 25, 1837. He was educated in common schools and at Olivet college. In 1865 he settled on a farm in the town of Lansing. Has always been a farmer, been a supervisor seven years, and two years chairman of the board. In politics a Democrat.

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FRANCIS J. PREVOST

came from New York to Michigan before 1830. After living some years in Washtenaw county he organized a company, known as the Byron company, and bought lands on which the village of Byron is located. He moved there in 1836, and was the principal man for



many years. He was the first postmaster, and was a Representative in 1843, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. Soon after removed to California, where he died many years since.

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LAYMAN B. PRICE,

Representative from Macomb county in 1847, was born at Rush, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1811, and came with his father to Shelby, Mich., in 1827, where the village of Utica now stands. His father built the first grist and saw mill in that part of the county. The son became a farmer, but has been a merchant since 1852. He was sergeant-at-arms of the Senate in 1837, and sheriff of Macomb county in 1840. He resides at Lakeville, Oakland county, and was Senator from that county in 1871-2.

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DELIVERANCE S. PRIEST

Was born in Arlington, Wt., Aug. 1814. His education was obtained in the common schools. He settled as a farmer in Ray, Macomb county, Michigan, in 1838. He was a Representative from the second district of Macomb county in 1871-2-3-4. In politics a Republican. Died in February, 1888.

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CLARENCE W. PRINDLE,

Representative from Kent county in 1877-81-2, was born in Rutland, Mich., Dec. 20, 1849, and was two years a student at Albion college. He studied medicine, and graduated from Hahnemann medical college of Chicago in 1871. Now in practice at Grand Rapids, also a member of the drug firm of Prindle Brothers. In politics a Republican.

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EUGENE PRINGLE,

Representative in 1861-2, and Senator in 1867, was born in Richfield, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1826, and received an academical education. He studied law, was admitted in 1849, and commenced practice at Jackson, Mich., in 1850, still his home. He has been circuit court commissioner, prosecuting attorney, city recorder, mayor, military secretary under Gov. Blair, member of the constitutional convention of 1867, register in bankruptcy, state insurance commissioner 1885-7, and democratic candidate for lieutenant governor in 1882. He has also been active in the building of railroads. In politics, a Whig until 1854, a Republican until 1872, now a Democrat.



## BENJAMIN D. PRITCHARD,

Commissioner of the state land office, 1867 to 1871, and state treasurer 1879 to 1883, was born in Nelson, Ohio, and educated at Western Reserve college. He came to Michigan in 1856, graduated from the law department of the University in 1860, and commenced practice at Allegan, his present home. He went into the war as captain in the 4th Michigan cavalry, and was promoted to the rank of brevet brigadier general, and a part of his war record was the capture of Jefferson Davis. He is a Republican, and president of the national bank at Allegan.

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## KINTZING PRITCHETT,

The first secretary of state under the state government, 1835-38, came to Michigan under the favor of Governor George B. Porter, about the year 1831. He was a favorite with Gov. Porter, also with Gov. Mason, by whom he was appointed secretary of state. He was a gentleman neat and exact in dress, above medium height, straight, clean shaven, and a pair of spectacles added to the dignity of his port. Richard R. Elliott, of Detroit, in a note, says of him: "I remember his personal appearance, which was certainly distinguished, and his peculiar name struck my childish imagination." He was a lawyer and an educated man, was appointed to the office of bank commissioner in 1833, and returned east after the close of Gov. Mason's administration. His nativity is unknown, but understood to have been Pennsylvania or New Jersey.

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## WILLIAM PROBERT,

Representative from Manistee county in 1879, was born in Gloucestershire, England, March 24, 1835, and was educated in common schools. He emigrated in 1850 and settled in Jefferson county, N. Y. In 1861 he enlisted in the first regiment of Wis. Vols., and participated in many engagements, and was mustered out at the expiration of enlistment. In 1864 he removed to Pleasanton, Mich. Has been supervisor, and has held minor offices. Occupation, farmer. Politics, democratic.

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## ABRAHAM C. PRUTZMAN

Was born in Columbia county, Pa., March 6, 1813. Received a common school education, and was employed as clerk in Dansville, Pa.,



for some years. In 1834 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled on Prairie Ronde. In 1838 he removed to Three Rivers, where he now resides. He engaged in the milling and merchandise business, in which he was concerned for a period of 27 years. He was appointed a member of the board of agriculture in 1862, a position he held for ten years. In 1868 he was elected Senator from St. Joseph and Cass counties, and was twice re-elected. A Republican in politics.

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#### NICHOLAS W. PULLEN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1845, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1803. He came to Michigan in 1831, first settling near Royal Oak, but subsequently removing to Romulus, where he resided for twelve years, serving much of the time as supervisor and justice. Failing health induced his removal to Detroit in 1847, and from thence he removed to Birmingham, where he died in 1863. He was by occupation a farmer, and politically a Democrat.

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#### HENRY H. PULVER,

Senator from Shiawassee and Livingston counties in 1855, was born Sept. 12, 1843, in Yates county, N. Y. He came to Michigan in 1844, served in the 8th Michigan infantry four years, studied law, was admitted in 1859, and went into practice at Laingsburg. In politics, first a Republican, later a Greenbacker.

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#### WILLIAM PURCELL,

Representative from Detroit in 1869-70, was a native of Ireland, born 1818. He died in 1880. Mr. Purcell was engaged in the foundry business, and was a man of character, conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He served his ward four consecutive terms, from 1861 to 1868, as alderman, was controller of the city June, 1870, to March, 1871, and was a member of the board of public works from 1876 to 1879. Was a Democrat politically.

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#### UZZIEL PUTNAM, JR.

Was born in Pokagon, Michigan, August 12, 1826. He was the first white child born in Cass county, and was the son of Uzziel Putnam, a pioneer farmer. He received a good education, and graduated from the State University in 1853. He read law with E. C. & C. I. Walker of Detroit, and was admitted to the bar in 1855, but practiced



only a short time. He held the offices of school inspector, justice, and circuit court commissioner. He was Representative in 1869-70, and Senator in 1871-2. In 1874 he was appointed a member of the state-board of charities, and held that position until his death, Feb. 10, 1879. He was president of the Cass county pioneer society, and took great interest in all matters of pioneer history. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN RAIRDEN,

Senator from Wayne county in 1887, was born in Ireland, June 24, 1831. Came when young to Canada, moved to Toledo, Ohio, and from there to Detroit in 1843. Attended public and private schools, and learned the trade of chair painting and furniture finishing. He continued his studies, and acquired the German, French and other languages. Opened a night school in 1856 and continued it for several years. Was a teacher in the German-American seminary in 1864; from 1865 to 1867 was a letter carrier; since taught in private and public schools, and since 1874 been principal of a private school. Elected as a Labor-Republican.

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#### STILLMAN RALPH,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1837 and 1855, was born at Reading, Vt., Nov. 7, 1803. He received a common school education, and taught school several terms. He commenced the study of medicine in 1827, graduating at Waterville, Maine, in 1830. The same year he commenced practice at Canandaigua, N. Y. In 1835 he removed to Moscow plains, Hillsdale county, which was his home at the time of his death. He resided in Jonesville from 1840 to 1847. He was first a Whig but became a Republican in 1854. Died at Lansing, Feb. 18, 1855.

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#### JONATHAN G. RAMSDELL

Was born at Plymouth, Mich., in 1830, and was educated at Plymouth seminary and Albion college. Studied law, was admitted in 1857, and settled in practice at Traverse City in 1860, his present home. He is now serving his fourth term as judge of the 13th circuit, and has taken a leading position in the state as a fruit grower, and done much develop the capacities of the upper western shore of the state for the profitable cultivation of fruit. In politics a Republican.



## NORTON R. RAMSDELL

Was a native of New York and removed to Ann Arbor in 1835. Before coming to Michigan he had been a licensed exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal church, but studied law, was admitted to the bar, and came west to practice. He was regarded by his colleagues as a good lawyer, and one who excelled as an advocate. He was Representative in 1844. In politics a Democrat. Deceased.

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## THOMAS J. RAMSDELL

Was born in Plymouth, Michigan, July 29, 1833. He worked on his father's farm summers, attending school winters until eighteen years of age, when he became a student at Plymouth seminary, then at the state normal school. Read law in Lansing, and graduated at the national law school at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1858. Was admitted to the bar in New York, returned to Lansing and opened a law office. In the winter of 1859-60 removed to Manistee, and engaged in practice. He was a Representative in 1861-2. In 1867 formed a law partnership with E. E. Benedict, and the firm of Ramsdell & Benedict is still in practice. In politics a Republican.

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## CALEB D. RANDALL

Was born in Conquest, N. Y., in 1831, and is a descendant of Wm. Randall, who settled in Scituate, Mass., in 1635. He removed with his father's family to Bronson, Mich., in 1835. He graduated at the Albany law school in 1855. He settled at Coldwater in 1857 and practiced law until 1871. He was Senator in 1871-2. It is largely through his efforts that the state school for dependent children was established at Coldwater. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1880. He has been president of the southern Michigan national bank of Coldwater since its organization in 1872, and for many years has been one of the state board of control of the public school at Coldwater. In politics a Republican.

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## HARVEY RANDALL.

Representative from Calhoun county in 1867, was born in Sweden, N. Y., June 10, 1819. By occupation an insurance agent, politically a Republican. He settled at Tekonsha, Mich., in 1841. Was justice of the peace fifteen years, supervisor three years, enrolling officer during the rebellion, clerk of the Baptist church over thirty years, and held other offices. Died April 1, 1887.



## FRANCIS H. RANKIN

Representative from Genesee county in 1861-2-3 4, and Senator in 1877, was born in Creymore, Ireland, Oct. 29, 1818, and was educated at private schools and Belfast academy. He came to Pontiac, Mich., in 1848, worked two years as a printer, and in 1850 established the *Wolverine Citizen*, now the *Flint Citizen*, at Flint, and has continued to publish and edit it until the present time. He was state prison inspector 1865-9; clerk and recorder of Flint 1871-7; and was post-master of Flint eight years. He was one of the commissioners appointed in 1867 to examine into the condition of the prison and reformatory institutions of the state and report, which resulted in establishing the state board of charities. In politics a Republican.

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## LEMUEL S. RANNEY,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1875, was born in Ashfield, Mass., Jan. 17, 1831. He removed to Phelps, N. Y., in 1833, received a common school education, and in 1843 emigrated to Allen, Michigan. In 1852 he crossed the plains to California, and again in 1859, and in all spent ten years in various states and territories on the Pacific coast. He has been supervisor, and is by occupation a farmer. In politics a Republican.

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## PEYTON RANNEY,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1883, was born in Westminster, Vt., Nov. 29, 1826, and became a resident of Kalamazoo in 1857. He had been a teacher in Vermont for eight years. Has been a wholesale and retail grocer, and lately largely interested in the grain trade. Has been alderman, and twice president of Kalamazoo. In politics a Republican.

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## EPAPHRODITUS RANSOM

Was born at Shelburne Falls, Hampshire county, Mass., February, 1797. He was the second son of Major Ezekiel Ransom, a revolutionary officer, his mother being a daughter of General Fletcher, a man that figured prominently in the early history of Vermont, and especially during the protracted controversy with New York that preceded the admission of the former state into the union.

He accompanied his parents while still a young lad to Townshend, Windham county, Vermont, where he was raised to manhood, work-



ing upon the rugged hillsides of the old Fletcher farm during the summers, and either attending or teaching school during the winters. With such preparation as he was able to make at the common district schools, he entered the Chester academy in Windsor county, Vt., then one of the most prominent literary institutions in New England. Graduating from the academy after four years' attendance, he entered the law office of Judge Taft, at Townshend, where he commenced the study of law, having for a fellow student the son of his preceptor, Alphonso Taft, now of Cincinnati, Ohio, and late attorney general of the United States. After two years' study with Judge Taft he entered the law school at Northampton, Mass., from which he graduated with distinction in 1823.

After graduating from the law school Mr. Ransom returned to Windham county, where he had a successful law practice for some years, meanwhile, although belonging to the minority party in politics, being returned several sessions as a member of the popular branch of the legislature of Vermont. In 1834, seeking a wider field of labor and better resources of soil and climate than his own state afforded, he emigrated to Michigan, then just beginning to attract considerable attention at the East. He reached the town of Bronson, now Kalamazoo, in October of the last mentioned year. The town was then merely a hamlet of not more than twenty houses of all descriptions, and a population not exceeding 100 souls.

He at once entered upon the practice of his profession, afterwards associating with himself the late Hon. Charles E. Stuart. The firm enjoyed a large and lucrative business until the admission of the state into the union in 1836, when he was appointed by Governor Mason judge of the 2d judicial circuit, and associate justice of the Supreme Court, being the first to receive a judicial commission under the constitution of the new state. The 2d judicial circuit at that time comprised all the counties of the state west of Jackson, and the new judge reached most of his courts on horseback, the only practicable mode of getting about the country at that early day.

In 1843 Judge Ransom was promoted to the chief justiceship by Governor Barry, and continued in that position until elected governor by a majority vote of every county in the state in 1847. He occupied the gubernatorial position but one term. Differing with the majority of his party upon the slavery question and taking strong grounds in his second message in support of the Wilmot proviso, he failed of re-nomination and was retired to private life. In 1853 he represented Kalamazoo county in the state legislature, and four years later, after serious reverses in fortune, emigrated to Kansas, having been



appointed receiver of the Osage land office in that territory by President Buchanan.

He died at Fort Scott, Kansas, in November, 1859, in the 63d year of his age, and his remains were subsequently brought to Kalamazoo, where they are buried in the Mountain Home cemetery at that place.

Governor Ransom was greatly interested in agricultural pursuits. The Michigan state agricultural society was organized during his gubernatorial term, and he was its first president. His farm, at one time among the finest in western Michigan, is now the site of the best portion of the city of Kalamazoo. He was among the first to interest himself in the introduction of blooded stock into the state, and to no one is the sheep and cattle interest more indebted than to Governor Ransom, whose flocks and herds were in an early day among the finest in the West.

In person Governor Ransom was tall and straight, of robust physique, and commanding and dignified presence. At all times approachable and simple in his habits of life he was popular with the people among whom he lived, and is still remembered by the old citizens of western Michigan with the kindest regard and esteem.

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#### FLETCHER RANSOM,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1845-6, was born in Vermont in 1800. By profession a physician. He came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1836. He was elected as a Whig to the legislature, but later was a Democrat. Died June 3, 1867.

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#### JAMES W. RANSOM,

Representative from Kent county in 1875, was born at Liberty, N. Y., May 29, 1829. He was educated at the Wilson collegiate institute, N. Y., adopting the profession of the law. He removed to Michigan in 1853, taking up his residence in Grand Rapids, of which place he has been city attorney.

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#### HENRY RAYMOND,

Representative from Bay county in 1859, was born at Woodstock, Vt. August 29, 1804, his ancestors coming to Massachusetts in 1654. He received a common school education. He came to Detroit in 1829, and resided there until 1850, when he removed to Bay City and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. From 1862 until the close of the war he was a commissioner on the provost marshal board of the



6th district. In 1868 he was appointed assessor of that district and served four years. From 1872 to 1884 he was a resident of southern California. He is now a resident of Detroit. A Whig until 1854, since a Republican.

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#### HENRY S. RAYMOND

Was born at Grosse Isle, Mich., February 23, 1838. His father settled in Detroit more than fifty years ago, removing thence to Grosse Isle, and then to Trenton, returned to Detroit, and in 1851 moved to Bay City, where he took up his permanent residence and engaged in the lumber business, in which Henry assisted. Henry S. held the office of postmaster of that city from 1861 until 1870. He entered the army as second lieutenant 23d Michigan volunteer infantry, becoming captain the same year, and in 1864 receiving his commission as lieutenant colonel, being in command of his regiment for a portion of the time until the mustering out of the same in June, 1865. Returning to Bay City, engaged in business as a bookseller, stationer, etc., in which he continued until 1884. Was aide de camp upon the staff of Governor Jerome, ranking as colonel, and was appointed commissioner of insurance by Governor Alger, and was reappointed in 1887 by Governor Luce.

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#### HIRAM RAYMOND

Was born in Cohocton, N. Y., January 4, 1819. His father settled on a farm in Raisin, Lenawee county, in 1833, where the son commenced the life of a pioneer. He was supervisor of Raisin two years. In 1868 he removed to Tecumseh, and engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements. He was justice in Tecumseh four years, and was Representative in 1863-4.

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#### MAHLON H. RAYMOND,

Representative from Jackson county in 1879, was born in Sharon, Mich., June 19, 1836. He received a good education. In 1859 he graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan. He removed to Grass Lake and commenced the practice of his profession. In 1862 he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the twenty-sixth regiment Michigan volunteers, and in 1863 was promoted to surgeon. He has been a member of the school board for twelve years, and was chosen president of the village. In politics a Republican.



## EBENEZER RAYNALE,

Member of the constitutional conventions of 1835 and 1850, and Senator in 1835-6-7, was born in Hartland, Vt., Oct. 21, 1804. He studied medicine, and received the degree of M. D., in 1826, and shortly after settled at Franklin, Michigan, and became a successful and distinguished practitioner. He married Eliza Cassidy in 1830. He was postmaster of Franklin under Jackson. He was the last surviving member of the first State Senate. He aided in organizing the first state medical society of Michigan. He settled at Birmingham in 1839, where he resided until his death, March 24, 1881. In politics a Democrat.

## GILBERT E. READ,

Representative in 1861-2-3-4-5, and Senator in 1877, was born in Ludlow, Vt., May 6, 1822. His father, Rev. Peter Read, was the first Congregational minister in that town, and its first representative in the legislature. He received a limited education, commenced teaching at the age of eighteen, and followed it for seven years in winter. In 1842 he came to Richland, Mich., which has since been his home. He is a prosperous farmer, and has also been engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber. He was first a Whig, a Republican since 1854. As a legislator he served on many important committees, and was the Speaker of the House in 1865. He has served several years as supervisor, and for three years was chairman of the county board. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and for many years superintendent of its Sabbath school.

## GEORGE H. READER,

Representative from Mason county in 1887, was born at Lyme-Regis, England, Nov. 4, 1853. He came with his parents to the state of New York in 1854, and with a high school education settled in Mason county, Mich., in 1874, taught school, worked in a factory, then in a store, and since 1882 has been a manufacturer of wooden bowls at Scotsville. In politics a Republican.

## ALEXANDER H. REDFIELD

Was born in Manchester, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1805. He was well educated, spending three years in Hamilton college, and his fourth year in Union college. He read law with Gen. James Lawrence, of Onon-



daga county, N. Y. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of New York in 1830, removed to Cass county, Michigan, in 1831, and engaged in the practice of law. He and Mr. Sherman were the only lawyers present at the first court held in 1832 by Judges Sibley and Woodbridge, under an oak tree near the public square in Cassopolis. He was interested with Sherman in the site of Cassopolis. He was the first postmaster in 1837. He was Senator in 1848-9 and 1857-8. He was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1844 to 1852. In politics a Democrat.

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#### GEORGE REDFIELD

Was born at Duffield, Conn., Oct. 6, 1796. He received a common school education and one term in an academy, and at the age of twenty-five had a fine farm under good cultivation at Clifton Springs, N. Y. In 1822 he leased his farm and spent four years teaching in Georgia. In 1826 he returned to his farm, and in 1834 purchased eight hundred acres of land in Cass county, Michigan, removing there in 1835. He owned at various times ten thousand acres of land, cultivating himself eight hundred. In 1841 he was Representative in the legislature; in 1842-3-4, Senator; in 1844, presidential elector; in 1845-6, state treasurer; in 1850, secretary of state, and the same year a member of the constitutional convention. Held no office after 1850. In politics a Democrat. Died in the winter of 1857-8.

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#### HEMAN J. REDFIELD,

Senator from Monroe county in 1875-7, was born in Leroy, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1823. He graduated at Canandaigua academy in 1836. His education was further continued under his father, who was a teacher and a fine classical scholar. He removed to Cass county in 1850 and came to Monroe in 1858. His occupation was farming, and at the same time he was largely engaged in real estate transactions. He was president of the Monroe board of education seven years, and for four years was mayor of Monroe. A Democrat in politics.

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#### CHARLES P. REED,

Representative from Muskegon county in 1883, was born in Ingham county, Mich., July 26, 1844, where he resided until 1861. Enlisted August 27, 1861, in the 2d Michigan cavalry; re-enlisted in 1864, and served during the war. Moved from Lyons to Berlin in 1866, and



from there to Ravenna, Muskegon county, in 1873, where he has since resided, engaged in milling and lumbering. Has held the offices of town clerk and supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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#### LUCIEN REED,

Representative from Ingham county in 1865, was born in Moriah, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1824. By profession a lawyer; politically, first a Republican, now a Prohibitionist. He was clerk of Ingham county in 1861-2. Now engaged in practice at Mason.

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#### MARSHAL REED,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1875, was born in Richmond, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1833. He received a common school education, removed to Michigan in 1855, and settled in Rome, Lenawee county. He has held the offices of school inspector and justice. His occupation is that of farming. In politics a Republican.

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#### RASSELAS REED,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1877-79, was born Oct. 8, 1826, at Dryden, N. Y. He removed to Michigan in 1836, and settled in Vernon, in which township he now resides. He received a common school education. He has been supervisor of Vernon five terms, and has held minor township offices. His occupation is farming. In politics a Republican.

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#### CORNELIUS J. REILLY,

Circuit judge of the third judicial district (Wayne county), was born in Wisconsin in 1848, received a common school and academical education, came to Detroit in 1867, was admitted to the bar in 1871, elected judge in 1875, and resigned in 1880, on account of the then insufficient salary. He was the youngest man ever holding the position. From 1884 to 1887 was in practice in Detroit. He was re-elected circuit judge in 1887.

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#### LAWRENCE T. REMER,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1873-4-5, was born in Benton, N. Y., May 22, 1810. He received an academical education at Ovid.



N. Y. In 1843 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in the township of China, afterward changed to East China. He was supervisor of the town many years. His occupation was that of a farmer. In politics a Republican. Deceased.

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#### GEORGE B. REMICK,

Representative from Wayne county in 1881-2, was born August 4 1846, in Lincoln, Maine. He removed with his father's family to this state in 1853, and has been ever since a resident of Detroit. He graduated in the classical department of the State University in 1866, and in the law department in 1868. He has, however, been in the active practice of his profession only since 1876. He is also interested in lumbering operations, having inherited some valuable pine lands from his father, the late Royal C. Remick, who died in the spring of 1878. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN RENO,

Representative from Detroit in 1853, was a native of the then French province of Lorraine, born in 1807, and became a resident of Detroit in 1832. He was by trade a tailor, but became a retail grocer in Detroit many years ago, continuing in the business until his death, December 8, 1880. He filled at various times the local offices of city assessor, collector, and member of the board of education. A Democrat in politics.

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#### THEODORE RENTZ,

Representative from Wayne county in 1887, was born in Switzerland, in 1837, and came to Detroit in 1850, attended the public school, and was subsequently employed as clerk. He then commenced business for himself and has continued it ever since, with the exception of two years—1860-62. In 1882 he was elected to the upper house, or board of councilmen, of the city of Detroit, in 1883 president and acting mayor of Detroit, term of office expiring in January, 1887. He is now engaged in general merchandise trade. In politics a Democrat. He was a delegate to the national convention at Chicago, when Cleveland was nominated for the presidency.

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#### GEORGE RENWICK

Was born in England, October 31, 1789, and came to America with his father's family in 1802. They settled in Gorham, N. Y. He



attended school in Canandaigua, and taught winters. He learned the trade of a carpenter, which with farming he followed through the early part of his life. He was in service during the war of 1812-15. In 1817 moved to Greece, N. Y., and in 1828 came to Michigan and located land in Salem, Washtenaw county. He was the first supervisor and justice, which offices he held several years. He was a member of the territorial council in 1834-5, and a Representative in 1839-40-1 and 1847. He was an old line Whig in politics. Died in June, 1863.

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#### JOHN RENWICK

Was born in Gorham, N. Y., May 2, 1803. He moved with his father's family in 1817, to Greece, Monroe county, N. Y. Attended school at Rochester, N. Y., and taught school winters. In 1824 he married Eliza Pratt, and in 1827 emigrated to Michigan, locating land in Salem, Washtenaw county. Two years later he sold out and located in Northfield, Washtenaw county. In 1833 he was elected the first supervisor, and held that office and that of town clerk for several years. He was captain of the first militia company organized in the town. He was Representative in 1850 and 1853. He was in politics a Whig. Died September 24, 1866.

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#### ASA REYNOLDS

Was born in Schenectady county, N. Y., November 25, 1810. He removed with his parents to Avon, N. Y., in 1817, remained on his father's farm until 1824, and taught school in Monroe county, N. Y. In 1836 he removed to Rose, Michigan, and became a farmer. He was supervisor ten years; justice of the peace sixteen years; and in 1855 was a Representative from Oakland county. Of late years he resided at Fenton. In politics a Democrat.

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#### EDWIN W. REYNOLDS

Was born in Shoreham, Vt., in November, 1820. He was left an orphan at the age of seven, but with self denial fitted himself for college, and graduated from the Western Reserve college at Hudson, Ohio, in 1846. He studied law at Akron, and practiced four years at Medina, Ohio. His health failing he removed to Mason, Cass county, Michigan, residing there until his death, October 15, 1863. He was first a Whig, but became a Republican, and was a Representative in 1859. He was also for many years supervisor of Mason,



## JOHN A. RICE,

Representative from Lenawee county, session of 1846, was born in Cambridge, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1806, and died Nov. 6, 1871. He settled on a farm in Tekonsha, Calhoun county, in 1836, where he lived until 1842, then removed to Adrian, where, with the exception of two years, he was connected with the Michigan Southern railroad as ticket agent, or general baggage agent, during life.

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## JUSTIN RICE,

Senator from St. Clair county in 1840-1, was born in West Brookfield, Mass., in 1798. A physician by profession. He came to Detroit in 1825, and practiced medicine for nine years, when he engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Port Huron, St. Clair, and Detroit, and was a pioneer in the lumber business. He died at Detroit in 1854. He was Indian agent at Mackinac in 1842-3-4. Was an active member and elder of the First Presbyterian church at Detroit. Politically first a Whig, then a Republican.

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## HAMPTON RICH,

Senator in 1867-9-70, was born in Sharon, Vt., Dec. 1, 1815. He removed with his father, first to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., then to Prescott, Canada. He received a common school and academical education and at the age of nineteen had entire charge of a store at Kemptville, Canada. He settled at Ionia, Mich., in 1837, now his home. He was three years a clerk; in mercantile business from 1846 to 1875; was town clerk in 1838, also justice; county clerk two terms; was director and president of the Ionia & Lansing railroad company, and active in building the line, and secured the railroad shops at Ionia; superintended the erection of the high school building; and was active in securing the location of the house of correction, of which he is a trustee. In politics a Republican.

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## JOHN T. RICH,

Representative in the legislature from Lapeer county in 1873-4-5-7-9, Speaker of the House in 1877-9, Senator in 1881, and Representative in congress from March 11, 1881, to March 4, 1883, was born in Conneautville, Pa., April 23, 1841. He received a common school and academical education, is a farmer, and in politics a Republican. When he was five years of age he removed with his parents to Addi-



son county, Vt., and from there to Elba, Mich., in 1848. He was strongly supported for governor in 1880, and was a leading candidate. He was defeated as a candidate for a second term to congress. He is now commissioner of railroads by appointment of Gov. Luce.

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### GABRIEL RICHARD

Was born at Saintes, France, Oct. 15, 1764, and was a descendant on his mother's side of Bishop Bossuet. He received a thorough classical and theological education, and in 1791 became a priest of the order of Sulpitians, a society devoted to the education of young men for the sanctuary. He came to Baltimore in 1792, and accepted the charge of the Catholics in Illinois, where he remained six years, coming to Detroit in 1798 as permanent pastor. Detroit and vicinity then contained about 1,800 Catholics, while many families were scattered along the lakes and rivers. He at once interested himself zealously in the causes of religion and education, and commanded the highest respect of both Catholics and Protestants. He was a profound theologian, a good speaker and mathematician, and a composer of music. In 1804 he opened a school for the education of young men, and an academy for ladies in 1805. He brought the first printing press overland from Baltimore, and in August, 1809, issued the first newspaper west of the Alleghany mountains, the *Impartial Observer*. The same year he published the first prayer book. Up to 1812 this was the only printing establishment in the northwest. In 1812 he was taken prisoner and confined at Sandwich, where by his eloquence and influence he saved many prisoners from the horrors of Indian torture. In 1823 he was elected delegate to congress, over Gen. John R. Williams and Maj. John Biddle, and received a large support from the Protestant population. Through his exertions grants were obtained for the Fort Gratiot, Pontiac, Grand River, and Chicago roads. He was defeated as a candidate in 1825. During the progress of the cholera in 1832 he stood at his post giving consolation to the sick and dying, until he fell a victim to the disease, September 13, 1832.

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### WILLIAM P. RICHARDS,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1859, was born in the state of Vermont in 1815. He came to Michigan in 1837, and settled in Hillsdale county. By occupation a farmer and lawyer, in politics a Republican. In 1860 he removed to Morenci, and engaged in mercantile business. Moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1867, and died in 1882.



## DAVID M. RICHARDSON,

Senator from Wayne county in 1873-4, was born Jan. 31, 1826, in Concord, N. Y. He received his education at the Springville seminary, N. Y. In 1856 he emigrated to Michigan and settled in Detroit, where he now resides. He was a member of the board of education in Detroit for two years. He has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of matches.

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## GEORGE F. RICHARDSON,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1885, was born in Jamestown, same county, in 1850. With a common school education he opened a general store in Jamestown Centre, which he carried on until 1883; now has a drug store. Has been a justice repeatedly, and four times town clerk. Elected as a Fusionist.

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## JOHN H. RICHARDSON,

Senator from Bay and Tuscola counties in 1883, was born at Randolph, Vt., Jan. 24, 1814. He removed to Ipswich, Mass., in 1832, and for seven years was overseer for a Boston firm, in the manufacture of cotton goods; then for eight years was at Palmer, Mass., as overseer of the first cambric cotton mill in this country. In 1847 settled at Tuscola, Mich., and engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1861 he enlisted, and was a captain in the 7th Michigan infantry; was promoted to major in March, 1862, and made lieutenant colonel in Feb., 1863. Saw much hard service and resigned from ill health. In 1864, as commissioner, took the soldiers' vote in Alabama. Has been supervisor fifteen years, and justice eighteen years. In politics an Independent.

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## ORIGEN D. RICHARDSON

Was born in the state of Vermont in 1795. He studied law and was admitted to practice in Vermont. He came to Pontiac, Mich., in 1826, and entered upon practice. He was prosecuting attorney of Oakland county in 1832; Representative in 1835-6-41; and lieutenant governor in 1842, 1843, 1844 and 1845. He continued in practice in Pontiac until 1854, when he removed to Omaha, Nebraska. He was a member of the first and second sessions of the legislature of that state, and took a prominent part in framing the laws now on the statute books. He was one of the three commissioners to codify the laws of Nebraska. He died Nov. 29, 1876. In politics a Democrat.



## PASCHAL RICHARDSON

Was born in Randolph, Vt., Dec. 29, 1808. He came to Michigan in 1842. In politics was a Democrat and by occupation a tanner. He was also engaged in lumbering. He was a Representative in 1853 and 1859. He was also postmaster, and served in other town offices during his residence in Michigan for thirty-five years. He died in Tuscola, Tuscola county, April 6, 1878.

## CHARLES H. RICHMOND,

Senator from Washtenaw county in 1883, was born in Aurora, N. Y., March 6, 1821. He received an academical education, and from 1837 to 1839 was book-keeper and teller in a bank at Grand Rapids, Mich., when he returned to Aurora from ill health. He was fifteen years engaged as a farmer and merchant, then chief clerk of the superintendent and Indian agent of Michigan in 1848-9. In 1858 removed to Ann Arbor, then engaged in banking in New York city, and in 1861 organized and was the first cashier of the first national bank at Ann Arbor, and afterwards vice president. In politics a Democrat. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867, and to the democratic national convention at Cincinnati.

## CHARLES L. RICHMOND,

Representative from Saginaw in 1845, was born in Woodstown, N. J., Feb. 6, 1800. He came to Michigan in 1836. Was a merchant at Saginaw City, and in politics first a Whig, then a Republican. Married Amanda M. Sibley, of Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1828. Died in Saginaw City, Sept. 6, 1857.

## WILLIAM A. RICHMOND

Was born at Aurora, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1808. He was brought up on a farm, educated at Cayuga academy, was for two years a clerk in Geneseo, and in 1828 visited Michigan. He was two years clerk in a New York silk house, and two years in business for himself. In 1836 he settled at Grand Rapids, and with Charles H. Carroll, Lucius Lyon and John Almy purchased the "Kent plat." In 1836 he was a member of the first convention of assent; in 1838 was appointed receiver of the Ionia land district; in 1844 and 1845 was Senator; in 1845 became superintendent of Indian affairs under President Polk; and in 1851 was the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. He was



twice brigadier general of the state militia, and for several years was director of the Michigan Southern railroad. In politics a Democrat, in religion an Episcopalian. He was a man of clear intellect and sound judgment. Died at Grand Rapids in 1870.

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#### IRA RIDER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1853, was a native of the state of New York, born in 1797. He came to Michigan in 1831, and settled in Salem, where he died Aug. 17, 1868. Was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics.

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#### ALMOND B. RIFORD

Was born in Orange county, Vt., Jan 31, 1839. He removed when young to Middlebury, Ind., was in Hillsdale college four years, and graduated from the law school at Ann Arbor in 1865. He located at Benton Harbor, where he was successful in law practice. He was Representative in 1869-70-1-2, and was postmaster at Benton Harbor for nearly eight years, until his death, July 10, 1884. In politics a Republican.

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#### HENRY H. RILEY,

Senator from St. Joseph county in 1850-1. and 1862, was born at Great Barrington, Mass., Sept. 1, 1813, and died at Constantine, Mich., Feb. 8, 1888. He received a common school education, and commenced to learn the trade of a printer at the age of seventeen. In 1837 he became the editor and publisher of the *Seneca Observer* at Waterloo, N. Y., where he remained five years, and studied law. He came to Kalamazoo in 1842, and after six months was admitted to the bar, and began practice at Constantine, always his home. He was four years prosecuting attorney. In 1873 he was one of the commissioners appointed to revise the state constitution. In later years he was a trustee of the insane asylum at Traverse City. For many years he was a contributor to the old *Knickerbocker Magazine*, and the "Puddleford papers" first appeared in that monthly, giving him a national reputation. It was published in book form by Derby & Jackson, and has lately been republished by Lee & Shepard, of Boston. These papers were striking and humorous pictures of pioneer life in Michigan. In politics a Democrat.



## CLAUDE N. RIOPELLE,

Representative from Detroit in 1869-70. is a descendant of a well known French family, of Detroit, his grandfather having come to this country with the forces of Lafayette during the revolution. He was born in Detroit in 1845, was educated and graduated at Notre Dame university, at South Bend, Ind., studied law, and was admitted to practice in 1866. He was the first scion of French stock admitted to the bar in Detroit, and was the youngest Representative during his term. He is still in active law practice in Detroit. Politics democratic.

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## HYACINTHE F. RIOPELLE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1883, was born in Wayne county, Mich., Aug. 8, 1836, and is a member of a pioneer French family. He received a common school and commercial college education, and became a teacher. Has been justice since 1863, supervisor since 1867, and held other local offices. A farmer, and a Democrat. Resides at Ecorce.

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## THOMAS C. RIPLEY,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1873-4, was born in the town of Easton, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1807. He received his education in a common school and commenced the study of law. He completed his studies with the late Judge Hurlburt of the state Supreme Court, and afterwards entered into partnership with him. He was a Representative in congress from the Troy district in 1846-7, to fill a vacancy. In 1854 he removed to Michigan and settled in Saginaw, where he now resides. His occupation is that of a farmer.

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## ORANGE RISDON,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1838, was born at Rupert, Vt., Dec. 28, 1786, and died Nov. 28, 1876. When young removed to Saratoga county, N. Y., studied surveying, surveyed 100,000 acres of land in Genesee and Alleghany counties in 1807, and in 1809 helped lay out the cities of Lockport, Brockport and Buffalo, N. Y. He settled at Saline, Mich., in 1824. He laid out the state road from Detroit to Pontiac in 1825, was chief surveyor of the military road from Detroit to Chicago, and from that time until 1856, in the employ of the government, surveyed 75 townships in Michigan, and resurveyed 45.



He was postmaster of Saline ten years and justice twelve years. At the time of his death he was the oldest living Knight Templar in the United States, having taken that degree in 1815. He officiated at the laying of the corner stone of the old capitol at Detroit in 1823, and was present at the laying of the corner stone of the new capitol in 1873. In politics a Democrat.

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#### JOEL RIX

Was born at Royalton, Vt., August 1, 1804. He came to Romeo in 1835, and was five years a merchant there; then went to Memphis, and built and used a saw and grist mill. He afterwards returned to Romeo, thence back to Memphis. He was a Representative in 1843-4 and Senator in 1846-7. In politics a Democrat. He built the first house in the village of Memphis. Died September 8, 1880.

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#### RICHARD B. ROBBINS.

Senator from Lenawee county in 1879, was born at Kingwood, N. J., April 27, 1831. He was admitted to the bar of Lenawee county in 1859. In 1862 he received a commission as second lieutenant, and raised a company for the fourth Michigan cavalry. He was gradually promoted and finally was brevetted lieutenant colonel, U. S. volunteers, March 13, 1865, "for gallant and meritorious services." He was mustered out July 20, 1865. He served three terms as justice in Adrian, and one term as mayor. He was chairman of the republican county committee for four years. He was elected to the House of Representatives for 1875 and 1877. In politics a Republican. Has served several years as consul in Canada.

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#### ELIJAH J. ROBERTS.

Representative from Keweenaw county in 1850, and Senator in 1851, was by profession a lawyer, and was in earlier life in professional practice at Detroit. He was master in chancery in 1839; justice in 1835-6; publisher of the *Craftsman* in 1838; merged it in the *Morning Post* and *Craftsman* in 1839 and 1840; school inspector, 1842; and adjutant general of Michigan, 1842 to 1844. He went to the upper peninsula in 1847. Died April 26, 1851.

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#### JOHN ROBERTS.

Senator in 1857-8, was born in Warwick, Bucks county, Pa., March 17, 1812. He came to Jonesville in 1840, and located at Hastings in



1845. By profession a physician and surgeon, in politics, first Whig, then a Republican. He was postmaster of Hastings from 1847 to 1851, and again from 1869 to 1876. He was appointed examining surgeon for Barry county at the close of the war, and held it until his death, December 18, 1886.

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#### ALEXANDER ROBERTSON,

Representative from Cass county in 1873-4, was born March 3, 1826, in Argyle, N. Y. In 1835 he removed to Spafford, N. Y. He received a high school education. In 1854 he removed to Michigan, and settled in Pokagon, Cass county, where he still resides. He has served in several offices of trust in his town and county. By occupation a farmer.

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#### ANDREW S. ROBERTSON,

Senator from Macomb county in 1863, was born in Brumley, England, August 12, 1822, and was educated at the University of Glasgow. He came with his parents to this country in 1836, who settled at White Lake, Michigan. The son became a teacher in Oakland and Macomb counties, studied law, was admitted in 1846, and commenced practice at Mt. Clemens. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850. Died while Senator in 1863, and a fitting eulogy was delivered by Gov. Croswell, then a Senator, December 20, 1864. In politics a Democrat.

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#### GEORGE ROBERTSON,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1879-81-2, was born in Dryden, N. Y., March 20, 1826. He came to Albion, Mich., with his parents in 1837, and was educated in public schools and Albion seminary. Since 1850, has been a farmer at South Albion. A Democrat until 1872, since a Republican.

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#### ELISHA S. ROBINSON,

Delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., March 2, 1801. He received a limited education and learned the trade of a tanner, which he followed, combined with harness and shoe making, for years. Settled as a farmer in Waterloo, Mich., in 1843. He was a supervisor for seventeen years, justice twelve years, and held other offices. In politics a Democrat.



## GEORGE J. ROBINSON,

Representative from Alpena and other counties in 1883, was born in Detroit, Mich., February 3, 1838, and was educated in the public schools. He has been engaged in mechanical, commercial and speculative pursuits; and was a commissary clerk during Sherman's march to the sea. He was a Republican until 1876, now a Democrat. Residence, Alpena.

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## GEORGE P. ROBINSON,

Representative from Branch county in 1875, was born June 7, 1827, at Swanton, Vt. Received a common school education and removed to Noble, Michigan, in 1863. He has held the office of supervisor, and is by occupation a farmer. In politics a Republican.

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## JAMES W. ROBINSON,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1887, was born near Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 11, 1854. He attended public schools, and at the age of twenty-one was clerk of Jonesfield, Saginaw county. He has been supervisor, and superintendent of schools, and later became a merchant and shingle manufacturer at Vestaburg, and has been supervisor there four terms. In politics a Fusionist.

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## RIX ROBINSON,

Senator from Kent and attached counties in 1846-7-8-9, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1792, and died in 1875. He became an Indian trader in the Grand river valley in 1821, and was the first white settler in Kent county. He established several trading posts, the central one at Ada, where he died. When lands were opened for settlement he became a farmer. In 1887 a monument was erected to his memory in Ada. He was supervisor; associate judge; delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850; and commissioner of internal improvements in 1846. In politics a Democrat.

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## ROBERT ROBINSON.

Representative in 1887 from Muskegon county, was born in Scotland, May 7, 1830. He came to this state in 1849, and was several years an employé in the lumber business in Saginaw county. Then until 1857 was a sawyer and log-scaler at Muskegon. Has been supervisor, justice, and held other local offices. In politics a Republican.



## SOLON E. ROBINSON,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1873-4, was born in Clarendon, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1820. He received a common school education. In 1842 he emigrated to Tekonsha, Calhoun county. In 1854 he removed to Battle Creek, and in 1867 to Eckford, where he now resides. He has been honored with several official positions in his town and county. His occupation is that of a farmer.

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## WALTER ROBINSON

Was born in Macedon, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1818. He worked on the farm until fourteen years of age, then was clerk in a store for four years, and clerk in the Erie canal collector's office for five years. He came to Adrian in 1846, was engaged in livery and staging for eight years, and then was a merchant for four years. Since that time he has been farming. He was deputy provost marshal during the war, and for one year deputy revenue collector. In 1867 he was a Representative. Politically a Republican.

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## ANDREW ROBISON

Was born in Phelps, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1800. He was apprenticed to the tanner's trade at Palmyra, N. Y. In 1822 he was married to Gertrude Hoag. Came to Michigan in 1841 and purchased a farm in Sharon, Washtenaw county. He filled various offices of public trust: was Representative in 1859; for several years justice and supervisor; and was appointed in 1864 one of the receivers of soldiers' votes in the south. He was a man of pronounced views on all leading subjects. In politics he was a Democrat until 1854. He assisted in the formation of the republican party, of which he remained a member to the close of his life. Died Jan. 27, 1879.

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## JOHN J. ROBISON,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1879, was born in Phelps, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1824. He received a common school education, removing to Michigan in 1843, settling in Sharon. Occupation, a farmer. He served as State Senator in 1863-4; was county clerk in 1868, and again in 1870; delegate to the democratic national convention in 1872; supervisor several terms. He has twice been nominated for congress in the second district. Politics, democratic. Now county clerk of Washtenaw county.



## CHANDLER H. ROCKWOOD

Was born in York, N. Y., May 17, 1825. He received an academical education, worked on a farm, and for two years at making fanning mills. He settled in Flint in 1848, and engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills. He purchased a farm, and since 1856 has lived in the town of Genesee. He was supervisor thirteen years; a Representative from Genesee county in 1867; was assistant assessor of internal revenue for Genesee, Shiawassee and Clinton counties from 1871 to 1873; deputy collector for eighteen months; and county treasurer from 1880 to 1885. In politics a Republican.

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## JEREMIAH M. ROGERS,

Representative from Barry county in 1887, was born in Hector, N. Y., March 17, 1832. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1836, settling at Carlton, Barry county, where he has since resided, with the exception of three years in Nebraska. He has been engaged in farming and stock buying principally, and three years ago began, in addition, buying grain and farm products and selling agricultural implements at Hastings. In politics a Republican.

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## JAMES W. ROMEYN.

Representative in 1869-70, and Senator in 1871-2 and 1883, was born in Detroit in 1839. He graduated at Columbia college, N. Y., in 1858, studied law, and was admitted to practice in 1860. He was senior aid of the staff of the general commanding the 1st division, 9th army corps, with a commission in the 4th Michigan infantry. He also held in this state the rank of major and colonel. In politics a Democrat. Now consul in Chili.

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## HORACE D. ROOD.

Representative from Lapeer county in 1871-2, was born in Barre, Vt., Dec. 13, 1819. He settled as a farmer in Lapeer county, Michigan, in 1836. He was treasurer of the township of Lapeer as far back as 1842, has been supervisor of Lapeer and of Mayfield, road commissioner, and a superintendent of the county poor for twenty years. In politics, a Democrat.

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## ALBERT K. ROOF,

Senator from Clinton and Ionia counties in 1887, was born at Lyons, Michigan, April 6, 1841. By profession, an attorney at law. He is a



graduate of the law department of the State University, at Ann Arbor. He has held the office of township treasurer, justice, register of deeds, was chairman of the board of supervisors in 1878 and 1886, and Representative in the legislature in 1871-2. He was elected on the fusion ticket by a vote of 6,763 to 6,688 for Alfred H. Smith, republican, and 935 for James S. Osgood, prohibitionist.

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#### ADAM L. ROOF,

Representative from Ionia county in 1845-9-50, and Senator in 1852, was born at Canajoharie, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1810. He graduated at Hamilton college, in 1832, was admitted to the bar in 1836, and settled in practice at Lyons, Mich., in 1836. He held the offices of register of deeds, prosecuting attorney, and judge of probate. In 1859 he retired from practice and devoted himself to farming. He was the first lawyer in Ionia county. In politics a Democrat. Education, temperance, morality and religion received his support, and he was a strong man in the early days of the Grand River Valley. Died Jan. 26, 1885.

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#### JOHN ROOST

Was born Oct. 9, 1823, in Harderwyk, Netherlands. He emigrated to this country in 1847, locating in Ottawa county, then a part of Kent. He followed his trade as a wagon-maker. He removed to Holland in 1854, and was supervisor in 1858-59-60. The "Holland colony" in 1859 appointed Mr. Roost financial agent to negotiate a loan of \$30,000 to open a harbor, connecting Black river and Lake Michigan, which he accomplished in the east. Gerrit Smith being the first one to invest in the bonds. Soon after he secured 11,000 acres of swamp land from the state for the same purpose. In 1860 he established "*De Grondwet*," a Holland republican paper, which had great influence in politics. In 1861 he became postmaster, and in 1862 U. S. enrolling officer and assistant assessor. In 1871-2 he was a Representative, and in 1883 a Senator. A Republican until 1876, then a Democrat. Died May 31, 1885.

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#### AMOS ROOT

Was born at Fort Ann, N. Y., April 8, 1816. With a common school education, at the age of sixteen, he became a clerk at Mohawk, N. Y., where he remained six years. He came to Michigan in 1838, and commenced business at Michigan Center. In 1841 removed to Jackson, which has since been his home. For sixteen years was a mer-



chant, when he sold out and operated in lands and city property. He also did much hard work to make Jackson a prominent railroad center. He was efficient in building the branch of the Michigan Southern from Jackson to Adrian. He was also one of the main supporters of the Grand River Valley road, from Jackson to Grand Rapids, and was president of the company for many years. He was Representative in 1853; for many years a trustee of the village, alderman of the city of Jackson; mayor in 1860, postmaster from 1861 to 1865, member and president of the board of public works, and nine years inspector of the state prison. First a Whig, from 1848 to 1854 a Free Soiler, since a Republican.

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#### ROLAND ROOT,

Representative from Branch county in 1850-51, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1813. He received a district school education, taught school, and at the age of eighteen became clerk in a store at Norwalk, Ohio. His employer, Judge Baker, sent him to examine property he had purchased in Branch county. He reported favorably, and was entrusted with \$1,600 worth of goods and opened a store in 1835 at Coldwater. He was for a long time the leading merchant of Branch county. He also built and operated a large flouring mill. In 1861 he enlisted in the celebrated Loomis battery, and became first lieutenant in October, 1861, but was obliged to resign from ill health in 1862. Married Harriet Chapin in 1837, and his wife and eight children survive him. Died Aug. 11, 1885.

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#### ROSWELL ROOT,

Representative from Wayne county in 1841, was born in New Hampshire in 1780, and settled in the township of Plymouth in 1825, locating land upon which he lived until his death in 1873. He was justice from 1826 to 1842, and postmaster of Borodino postoffice 1826 to 1860, when the office was discontinued. Was also supervisor for several terms. He was Whig and Republican in politics.

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#### WILLIAM W. ROOT,

Representative from Ingham county in 1881-2, was born in Cato, N. Y., June 28, 1837. He received a common school and academical education. He studied medicine, graduated as a physician from the Michigan University in 1862, became assistant surgeon of the 75th N.



Y. volunteers, afterwards surgeon, served until the close of the war, and was executive officer of the 19th army corps hospital during Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah valley. Afterwards attended and received a degree at Bellevue hospital college. Settled in practice at Mason, Mich., in 1866, and has held several terms as supervisor, served many years on the board of education, and been four years president of the county agricultural society. In politics a Republican, now a Prohibitionist.

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#### ASA D. RORK,

Representative from Barry county in 1877, was born Feb. 29, 1832, at Sheridan, N. Y. His parents removing to Wisconsin in 1841, he resided in that state until 1843, in which year they came to Rutland, Mich., where he has since continued to reside. He received a common school education, taught school several terms, and entered the state normal school in 1854, but on account of the death of his father left school to take charge of his business. He has held various county and township offices, including that of supervisor for five terms, county surveyor four years, and county treasurer four years. His occupation is farming, in politics a Republican.

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#### DAVID G. ROSE,

Senator from Washtenaw county in 1881-2, was born in Sharon, Conn., Jan. 24, 1826. His parents removed to Sharon in 1833, where he still resides. He received a common school education. Has held several township offices—school inspector, justice of the peace, and supervisor. He is a Democrat.

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#### ELIAS O. ROSE,

Representative from Mecosta and other counties in 1873-4, was born at Independence, O., Oct. 13, 1838, and was educated at Hillsdale college. He studied law and was admitted in 1859. Lived at Steuben, Ind., two years, then enlisted in the 44th Indiana, became a lieutenant, in 1862 was wounded and resigned. He removed to Big Rapids in 1863; was prosecuting attorney four years, and was a supervisor and chairman of the board four years. He started the *Big Rapids Independent* in 1870, afterwards the *Mayor*. In politics a Republican.



## JOHN ROBERTSON,

Adjutant General of Michigan from March 14, 1861, until his death at Detroit, March 19, 1887, was born at Banffshire, Scotland, Jan. 2, 1814; was well educated: became a clerk in the Edinburgh postoffice; came to this country in 1833: enlisted in the army and served until 1840: went into business at Detroit: and was appointed a lieutenant of state troops in 1855. To his zeal and energy is due the history of the "Flags of Michigan," the "Roll of Honor," deposited in the state library, "Michigan in the War," and other works. To his efficiency and zeal the state of Michigan is greatly indebted, especially from 1861 to 1865.

## WILLIAM H. ROSE,

Representative from Clinton county in 1881-2-3, was born in Clinton county, Mich, July 24, 1844. He received a business education, and when eighteen years of age, entered the union army. He commenced active business as an agriculturist, in connection with lumbering and real estate transactions, in which business he has been successful. He has held various official positions of his township. He is still owning and residing on the farm where he was born, which was located by his father in 1836. In politics a Republican.

## GILES ROSS,

Representative from Livingston county in 1871-2-7, was born in Dover, N. Y., March 23, 1816. His education was acquired in district schools. In 1826 he removed to Cayuga county, N. Y., where in 1846 he was a justice. He was appointed collector of canal tolls at Montezuma, N. Y., for two terms. In 1862 he removed to Hartland, Mich. In 1863 he was elected supervisor. He is a farmer by occupation. In politics a Democrat.

## JOHN D. ROSS.

Representative from Berrien county in 1854, came from Indiana in 1834, and settled on the present site of Buchanan, Mich., where he resided until his death in 1888. He was for many years a merchant, and in 1864 became a banker. He was president of the village of Buchanan in 1859, 1861-2-3, and 1879, also a member of the common council, and was a prominent citizen. In politics a Democrat. He was the first postmaster from 1848 to 1852.



## FRANK G. ROUNSVILLE,

Representative from Livingston county in 1887, was born in Unadilla, Livingston county, Feb. 18, 1848, has been a resident of Michigan all his life, except during the years from 1854 to 1862. By occupation he is a farmer and grain dealer. Mr. Rounsville has filled the offices of clerk three years, trustee two years of the village of Fowlerville, president four years, and supervisor of township two years. In politics a Republican.

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## SAMUEL H. ROW

Was born in Sharon, Mich., March 10, 1840. The first twenty years of his life were spent on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he was elected school inspector. In August, 1862, he left the Ypsilanti union seminary, and enlisted in company "B," twentieth Michigan infantry, and rose from the ranks to first lieutenant. Having resigned his commission in 1863, he removed to Lansing in 1864, and accepted a clerkship in the state department. In April, 1867, he was appointed deputy secretary of state, which position he held until April, 1871, when he resigned to accept the position of commissioner of insurance. To that position he was re-appointed by Governors Bagley, Croswell and Jerome. Since his residence in Lansing he has served as president of the young men's society, for three years as a member of the city board of education, and as alderman. Is now in the insurance business.

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## SQUIRE W. ROWE,

Representative from Oakland county in 1865, was born at Camillus, N. Y., June 1, 1815. He settled as a farmer in Highland, Mich., in 1835, locating twenty-five miles from a grist mill or postoffice. He was many years supervisor, and raised a company for the 13th Michigan, but ill health prevented active service. Died Nov. 19, 1866.

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## DAVID H. ROWLAND,

Born in Fairfield county, Conn., May 10, 1798, came to Michigan in the fall of 1833; was by occupation a merchant, and in politics a Democrat. He was for a time a teacher, also a local Methodist Episcopal minister, and a man of strict integrity. He was Representative in 1843-4. Died June 11, 1860.



## THOMAS ROWLAND,

Secretary of State, 1840 to 1842, was a native of Ohio, and served as a major of infantry under General Hull in 1813-14. He was secretary of the territory; United States marshal for the Detroit district; postmaster of Detroit under President Harrison, 1843 to 1845; and secretary of state under Governor Woodbridge. He was a man of culture and highly esteemed. A paper of his on "Hull's Campaign," read before the Detroit lyceum in 1819, has been quoted with commendation. He was secretary of the corporation of Detroit from 1815 to 1820, and his private seal was made the seal of the corporation; was clerk of the county court from 1815 to 1820; United States pension agent, 1824 to 1831; probate judge of Wayne county, 1833-4; editor of the Detroit *Journal* from 1832 to 1834; vice president of the Michigan historical society, and held many other positions. He was a leading citizen of the territory and state for more than half a century. Died at Detroit in 1848.

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## HARVEY B. ROWLSON,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1869, was born at Duanesburg, N. Y., July 15, 1825. He received a common school education, and in 1843 spent several months in the printing office of the *Adrian News*, which in 1844 was removed to Hillsdale, and became the *Hillsdale Gazette*. In 1846, with S. D. Clark, started the *Hillsdale Whig-Standard*, and in 1851 became sole proprietor, and has been editor and proprietor ever since, the paper now being the *Hillsdale Standard*. He has been eight years county treasurer, was collector of internal revenue for first district in 1869 to 1873, and of third district 1873 to 1883, and in 1885 was appointed member of the board of control of the state reform school for six years. Politically a Whig until 1864, since a Republican.

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## JOHN V. RUEHLE

Was born at Langensteinbach, Baden, Germany, Sept. 4, 1812. He attended school until 14, then learned the trade of a baker. He emigrated with his parents to Detroit in 1832. He was captain of the Scott guards of Detroit from 1841 to 1846; Representative in 1844; alderman of the 6th ward, Detroit, in 1840 and 1841; water commissioner 1859 to 1861; greenback nominee for congress in 1876; boulevard commissioner of Hamtramck in 1880. In 1847 Michigan furnished a regiment of volunteers for the war with Mexico, which went out under Colonel Stockton. A. S. Williams was lieut. col.; J. V. Ruele,



major; and J. E. Pittman, adjutant. The regiment was mustered out in 1858, having seen little service before the close of the war. In 1861 he became lieutenant colonel of the 16th Michigan infantry, but after eight months' service resigned and was honorably discharged. In politics a Democrat.

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#### JOHN G. RUMMELL,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1883, was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 13, 1843, and came to this country with his parents in 1851, when they settled in Frankenmuth, Mich. He received a common school education, and has since resided there, except two years in Illinois, working at his trade as carpenter. He has been engaged in farming for many years. He has held the office of justice seven years, and the office of school inspector three terms, and has been secretary of the German relief society for ten years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### MARSHALL E. RUMSEY,

Representative from the second district of Ingham county, was born in Bethany, N. Y., Jan 17, 1840. He received his education at the academy in Bethany Center, and at the high school in Geneseo, Livingston county, N. Y.; worked at farming during the summers and taught school winters, from 1857 to 1862. In 1862 he removed to Illinois, doing business in Chicago most of the time until 1867, when he came to Leslie, Michigan, where he has engaged in farming, lumbering, real estate business, and banking; was for several years a member of the village council and twelve years member of the school board; was elected president of the first national bank of Leslie in August, 1883, which position he now holds. He was elected Representative from the second district of Ingham county, on the republican ticket, for 1885-6, and re-elected in 1886 to the same position for 1887-8. He received 2,111 votes to James H. Shafer 2,009, and 386 for R. H. Davis, prohibitionist. During both sessions he was chairman of the committee of ways and means.

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#### HIRAM D. RUNYAN

Was born in New Jersey, October 10, 1827. He came with his father to Michigan in 1834, who settled on a farm near Utica, but soon sold out, and removing to Utica, engaged in brick making. On the death of his wife his children were placed among strangers, and the subject



of this sketch went to live with a farmer in Disco, with whom he remained until he was twenty-three. He has followed farming as an occupation. He was Representative in 1871-2, and has held several positions of trust.

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#### PHILIP E. RUNYAN,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1844, was born in the state of New Jersey, July 14, 1799. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He removed from the state of New York to White Pigeon, in 1835. Was supervisor and town clerk of White Pigeon. Died June 24, 1845.

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#### FREDERICK J. RUSSELL

Was born at Orion, Mich., October 7, 1811, and removed to Oceana county with his parents in 1857. Was educated at common schools, with two terms at the Normal school. He was admitted to the bar in 1866, and commenced practice. He has served both as United States and circuit court commissioner, was nine years judge of probate, and has been judge of the 14th circuit since 1881. Is also interested in stock raising, agriculture and banking.

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#### HENRY C. RUSSELL,

Senator from Kent county in 1881-2, was born in Plainfield, Mich., in 1842. He received a common school education, resided in Grand Rapids several years, became a merchant in 1864 at Cedar Springs, and afterwards a druggist. Has also been extensively engaged in lumbering in Lake county, and in banking and farming. Has been a supervisor, town treasurer and president of the village.

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#### JAMES I. RUSSELL,

Representative from Monroe county in 1848, was a farmer and a Democrat. He held many offices of trust in the town of Summertield, Monroe county.

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#### JOSIAH RUSSELL,

Senator from Montcalm and other counties in 1853, was born in Neary, Maine, April 25, 1804. He settled in Oakland county, Mich., in 1835, removed to Ionia county in 1842, and in 1845 to Greenville.



where he was elected county judge, and opened the first court of record in Montcalm county. He became a resident of Oceana county in 1859, and was probate judge, county surveyor, and several times supervisor. Died at Hart, Mich., April 25, 1874.

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#### DAVID SACKETT,

Representative from Wayne county in 1850, was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics, born in Steuben county, N. Y., in 1817. He came to Michigan in 1831, settling in Redford, where he died July 2, 1880. He was supervisor 1852-56, county auditor 1857-60, and county drain commissioner in 1866. Also held the office of justice and other local positions.

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#### GEORGE W. SACKRIDER,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1877, was born near Grass Lake, Mich., September 8, 1842, and received a liberal education at the district and union school of that township. In 1867 he removed to Mason, and engaged in the furniture and lumber trade, and held the offices of township clerk and under-sheriff. He removed to Oakley, Saginaw county, September, 1871, and engaged in lumbering, farming and general merchandising. He has held the office of supervisor of Brady. In politics a Democrat.

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#### NATHAN SALYER

Was born in Hopewell, N. J., March 15, 1804. In 1832 he removed to Romulus, N. Y., and was there engaged in various pursuits, among them farming and carriage making. He also held various public offices. He married in 1837, and in 1839 removed to Northfield, Mich., where he engaged in farming. He was supervisor in 1846 and 1847, and a Representative in 1849. In politics a Whig.

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#### CUMMINGS SANBORN,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1842, was born at North Haverhill, N. H., January 15, 1799. In politics a Democrat, in business a lumberman. He came to Michigan as early as 1835, and was a prominent business man. Was postmaster of Port Huron in 1846. Died September 17, 1852.



## JAMES W. SANBORN

Was born at Falmouth, Maine, in April, 1813. He was the son of a physician, one of eleven children. He was in early life a sailor and often crossed the Atlantic. He left the sea at the age of twenty-one, and came to Port Huron in 1835, in company with Abner Coburn, since governor of Maine; Charles Merrill, late of Detroit; and Joseph L. Kelsey. Together they located 25,000 acres of land in St. Clair and Sanilac counties, and Mr. Sanborn, at the age of twenty-two, was left in charge of the purchase. In 1836 he established himself at Metamora, Lapeer county. In 1840 and 1846 he was Representative in the legislature from Lapeer county, and in 1855 from St. Clair county. In 1847 he engaged in the dry goods and lumber business at Port Huron, with Alvah Sweetzer, the partnership being dissolved by the death of the latter in 1864. He had large lumber interests on the Muskegon and its tributaries, the Au Sable, Thunder Bay river, Pine river, on the Cheboygan, and in the upper peninsula. He also owned real estate and personal property in Port Huron and Fort Gratiot. In 1858 he was elected commissioner of the state land office and held the office for two terms. He was first a Whig, and was one of the founders of the republican party at Jackson, in 1854. He died at Port Huron several years since.

## WILLIAM SANBORN,

Senator from St. Clair county in 1867, was born in Belgrade, Maine, November 2, 1824, and died at San Diego, California, June 23, 1876. By occupation a lumberman, in politics a Republican. He was deputy commissioner of the state land office from 1859 to 1861. He was commissioned major of the 22d Michigan infantry, August 8, 1862; lieutenant colonel, January 5, 1863; wounded in action at Chickamauga, Tenn., September 20, 1863. Discharged for disability June 7, 1864. Brevet colonel U. S. volunteers, March 13, 1865, "for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Chickamauga, Tenn." Brevet brigadier general U. S. volunteers, March 13, 1865, "for conspicuous gallantry and meritorious services during the war." His residence was at Port Huron for many years.

## RUDOLPHUS SANDERSON

Was born in Milton, Chittenden county, Vt., May 30, 1818. He was brought up on a farm and received a common school education. He was first a clerk then a merchant in Milton, Vt., and served two



terms in 1849 and 1850 in the Vermont legislature. On coming to Michigan he purchased a farm in Newton, Calhoun county, where he resided twenty-one years, afterwards moving to Battle Creek. He was supervisor of Newton for nine years, also alderman of Battle Creek. He was a Representative in 1865, also in 1873-4. At first a Whig, since 1854 a Republican.

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#### GEORGE P. SANFORD,

Representative from Ingham county in 1869-70, was born at Eyrone, N. Y., July 6, 1835, and came with his parents to Saline, Mich., in 1837. He worked at farming, learned the trade of a carpenter, and taught school. Graduated at the Normal in 1856, and from the University in 1861. The same year entered the service as captain in the 1st Mich. infantry, resigning from ill health in 1862. In 1864 became paymaster, with rank of major. Resigned in 1866 and was brevetted lieutenant colonel. Since resided at Lansing. Was a Republican until 1872, since a Democrat. Owned and edited the *Lansing Journal* from 1872 to 1883; four years member of board of education and one-year president; democratic candidate for regent in 1879, and for auditor general in 1884; postmaster, member democratic state committee, president state press association, and of the alumni of the State University.

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#### HARRY SAUNDERS,

Representative from Wayne county in 1839-44, was born at Whitehall, N. Y., in 1802. He removed to Michigan with his family in 1832, locating in Monguagon, where he continued to reside until his death in 1872. He filled the office of supervisor for several terms, and was county auditor, 1849-52. He was a prominent officer of militia in New York before coming to Michigan, and in Michigan began with a captaincy, and was advanced by promotions to the rank of brigadier general. A farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics.

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#### ANDREW J. SAWYER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1877-79, was born in Caroline, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1834. He received an academical education, and engaged in teaching from the age of eighteen to twenty-five. He removed to Michigan in 1857; was admitted to the bar in 1860, and has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of his profession. He



has held various township offices. In politics a Republican. Now in practice at Ann Arbor.

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#### FRANKLIN SAWYER, JR.,

A graduate of Harvard University, came to Michigan about 1830, and studied law with Gen. Charles Larned. He was for a short time a law partner of Hon. Jacob M. Howard. He practiced but a few years. He was an editor of the *Detroit Courier*, and afterwards an editor and one of the proprietors of the *Detroit Daily Advertiser*. He was one of the founders of the Detroit young men's society, and its first president. He had literary taste and was a brilliant, forcible writer, and withal a man of public spirit. He was appointed by Gov. Gordon superintendent of public instruction, and held the office from April 8, 1841, to May 8, 1843. He gave his whole energy to the work, with important results to education. Soon after leaving office he went to New Orleans and was there several years superintendent of public instruction. He finally went back to his old home in Massachusetts, and died many years since.

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#### JACOB C. SAWYER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1877, was born Dec. 26, 1822, in Manchester, N. Y.; removed to Ashtabula county, Ohio; was admitted to practice law in that state in 1848; removed to Lenawee county, this state, in 1853, and engaged in farming in the township of Medina; is a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan of the class of 1861; was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867.

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#### PETER SCHARS

Was born in Germany, October 24, 1812. Occupation a farmer. He came to Michigan in 1853 and resides at New Baltimore, Macomb county. In politics a Republican. He was a Representative in 1865-7.

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#### CASPER F. SCHATTLER,

Representative from Macomb county in 1875, was born in Germany in 1838, and received an academical education. He removed to Michigan in 1848, and settled in Wayne county. He has held the office of justice, and other positions of trust. He is a farmer. In politics a Democrat.



## BARTHOL. W. SCHERMERHORN

Was born in Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1823. He came to Michigan in 1851, lived at Niles one year, removed to Cass county, and now resides at Dowagiac. He followed at first the occupation of a farmer, and held many official positions. He was alderman of his native town, twelve years supervisor, justice sixteen years, two years president of Dowagiac, sheriff of Cass county, and Representative in 1857. In politics a Democrat.

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## HENRY R. SCHOOLCRAFT

Was born in Albany, N. Y., March 28, 1793, and was educated at Middlebury college. In 1817 he visited the west and published "A view of the lead mines of Missouri." In 1820 was geologist of the exploring expedition, under Gen. Cass, to Lake Superior and the head of the Mississippi, and published a report in 1821, and the next year made a second tour and published his travels in the Mississippi valley. In 1822 was appointed Indian agent for the northwest: from 1828 to 1832 was a member of the Michigan territorial council; in 1822 founded the Michigan historical society at Detroit; and in 1831 the Algic society. In 1832 discovered the source of the Mississippi; in 1834 made an Indian treaty that secured 16,000,000 acres. In 1841 removed to New York city and published valuable works for the state of New York, and for the general government, his various works numbering thirty-one. He was also a fine poet. He died at Washington, Dec. 10, 1864.

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## JOHN E. SCHWARZ

Was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1799. He received a finished scientific education, part of which was military. His first years in America were spent in Philadelphia. He came to Michigan in 1828, having business connections with John Jacob Astor in the northwestern fur trade, which took him to the distributing points for that trade, and familiarized him with the language and customs of the Indians. He held the office of adjutant general of the territorial militia in 1831, and the same office under the state government 1836-9, and 1844 to 1855. Gen. Schwarz's chief civil positions were as a member of the "second convention of assent" in 1836, Representative in 1844, and Senator in 1847-8. In 1852 he purchased a considerable tract of land and platted what is now the village of Schwarzburg, in Wayne county, where he built a family residence, which continued the home of the family until the death of Mrs. Schwarz, in 1879. During his later



years, Gen. Schwarz lived the life of a retired farmer until his death in February, 1858. He was buried at Detroit with marked civic and military honors. In politics, democratic.

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JOHN SCOTT,

Representative from Detroit, session 1842, was born in Peterboro, N. H., in 1798, and came to Detroit in 1829. He was a mason and builder, and built the old city hall and market in Detroit in 1834. He subsequently became a wholesale grocer. He held at various times the local offices of city assessor, city marshal, and alderman. Was a Democrat in politics. Died in 1846.

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SAMUEL M. SCOTT,

Representative from Clinton county in 1846-8-50, was born at Stoddard, N. H., June 29, 1814. He was a resident of Keene, N. Y., from 1815 to 1833, then coming to Michigan. He settled in the town of Essex, Clinton county, in 1841, and died in 1850. He held the offices of sheriff, county clerk, and register of deeds. He was also in early life a teacher, both in New York and this state.

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WINFIELD SCOTT,

Representative from Wayne county in 1873-4, was born September 22, 1819, in the town of Ovid, N. Y. He was educated at the Ovid academy. In 1842 he emigrated to Michigan and settled in Fairfield, Lenawee county. In 1845 he removed to the village of Plymouth, where he now resides. He was supervisor, and held other responsible offices. By occupation a farmer.

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GEORGE SEDGWICK

Was born in Great Barrington, Mass., and came to Ann Arbor, as a lawyer, about 1835. He was judge of probate of Washtenaw county from 1840 to 1844, and was a Representative in 1850. He was a brainy lawyer, active and industrious, and as a man stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He was the head of the law firm of Sedgwick, Gott & Walker. He went to Chicago early in the sixties and became a leading lawyer there. He was a Whig in politics. He died in Chicago.



## ELIJAH B. SEELEY,

Born in 1795, came from Warren, N. Y., in 1835, and settled on a farm in Pittsford, Hillsdale county. He was frequently called upon to fill town offices. He was the first supervisor in 1836, 1837 and 1838, and also held it in 1840 and 1849. He was a Representative in 1839. He was a founder of the "First Presbyterian church of Bean Creek," afterwards the "Congregational church of Hudson," and an elder or deacon for forty years. He died April 10, 1876.

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## L. MCKNIGHT SELLERS,

Representative from Kent county in 1833-5, was born in Franklin county, Pa., July 2, 1849. He received an academical education, learned the trade of a printer, and settled at Cedar Springs in 1869, and founded and now owns the Cedar Springs *Clipper*. He was speaker *pro tem.* in 1885. In politics a Republican.

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## ALONZO SESSIONS

Was born in Marcellus, Onondaga county, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1810. He received a fair education, and became at first a teacher, then a clerk for two years in Bennington, Genesee county. In 1833 he came to Michigan, locating land in Ionia county. He clerked at a store in Ohio one year, and afterwards taught school at Dayton, Ohio, until 1835. He settled on a farm in Berlin (then Cass), Ionia county, which always remained his home. He built the second log cabin in the town, and the first bridges across the streams between Saranac and Ionia. In 1837 he married Celia, daughter of Samuel Dexter, the pioneer of Ionia county. He was the first supervisor in 1833 of Cass (Berlin), and the chairman of the board of supervisors. He was supervisor eighteen times, and often chairman of the board. He was also justice several years, and sheriff of Ionia county in 1841 and 1842. He was Representative in the legislature from 1857 to 1863; then assessor of internal revenue for the fourth district for four years. In 1872 he was a presidential elector; and in 1876 was elected lieutenant governor, and was re-elected in 1878. He helped organize a national bank in Ionia, and was a director and president from 1866. His farm comprised eight hundred acres, and was well cared for and valuable. He had a family of thirteen children. In politics a Republican. He died July 3, 1886.



**WILLIAM SESSIONS,**

Representative from Ionia county in 1873-4, was born in Marcellus, N. Y., May 2, 1821. He received a common school education. In 1837 he removed to Michigan and settled in North Plains, Ionia county. In 1871 he removed to Ionia, where he now resides. He has held several positions of trust in his township. By occupation a farmer.

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**JULIAN M. SEWARD**

Was born in Alexander, N. Y., in 1829. His father settled in Bertrand, Michigan, in 1836. The son in early life worked at the clearing of land, farming, and cooperage, and had small opportunities for an education. He remained at home until 1854, afterwards married, and was postmaster of Bertrand for several years. He was sheriff of Berrien county from 1865 to 1869; Representative in 1869-70; twice assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Senate; and when sheriff was deputy U. S. marshal for western Michigan. In 1886 was engaged in the grocery trade at Jackson. Republican in politics.

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**JARED A. SEXTON,**

A member of the House of Representatives in 1867 from Wayne county, was born in Dearborn, Mich., Sept. 29, 1838. His primary school education was supplemented by a term at the Normal school at Ypsilanti. His business has been that of farmer, merchant, and banker. He has held many local offices, and was sheriff of Wayne county in 1875-6. His present residence is Dearborn. Politics, democratic.

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**ELISHA G. SEYMOUR,**

Representative from Chippewa county in 1847, was born in Camillus, N. Y., May 25, 1817. By profession a lawyer. He settled at Detroit in 1840, where he was socially very popular. Later went to Sault Ste. Marie. Died June 18, 1850.

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**HENRY SEYMOUR**

Was born at Camillus, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1821. He came to Grand Rapids in 1842, where he resided until his death, June 7, 1877. He was engaged in wool buying. In politics a Republican. He was a



prominent officer in the Congregational church and Sabbath school at Grand Rapids. He was a Representative in 1865, and Senator in 1867.

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#### HENRY W. SEYMOUR,

Senator in 1885-7 from Chippewa and other counties of the northern peninsula, was born in 1834 in Brockport, N. Y. He graduated at Williams college in 1855, studied law, attending the Albany law school, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. He settled at Sault Ste. Marie in 1873, where he built a saw mill and cleared a farm. He is a prominent officer of the national bank, and president of the St. Mary's falls water power company. In February, 1888, he was nominated and elected to congress to fill vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Seth C. Moffatt. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES SEYMOUR,

Representative from Genesee county in 1853, and Senator in 1857-8, was born in Litchfield, Conn., April 20, 1791. From 1829 to 1846 he was a resident of Rochester, N. Y., and was a merchant and banker. In 1836 he bought part of the land where North Lansing now stands, and also the site of Flushing, Genesee county. Removed to Flushing in 1846, where he resided until his death, December 30, 1864. He was active in securing the location of the capital at Lansing, and in promoting its growth and improvement. The Seymour house at North Lansing, the first hotel in the city, was built by him. He was a polished gentleman of culture and refined manners. Politically a Republican.

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#### EDWARD SHANAHAN

Was born in Sussex county, Delaware, in 1806, and lived in that state until 1832, when he came to Michigan, settling at Beardsley prairie, Cass county, where he lived until 1855, when he removed to Jefferson, same county. By occupation a farmer on a large scale. He was a Representative from Cass county in 1861-2.

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#### HULBERT B. SHANK,

Representative from Ingham county in 1861-2, was born in Springport, N. Y., May 31, 1820. He became a teacher at the age of eighteen. He graduated as a physician from Geneva medical college in 1846.



practiced two years in New York, then settled at Lansing, Mich., where he still resides. As a physician and surgeon he enjoyed a large and successful practice. A Whig until 1854, since a Republican. He was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1856. He was surgeon of the 8th Michigan infantry until compelled to retire from ill health, and then became examining surgeon for the 3d district until the close of the war. He was several years a member of the board of control of the state reform school; many years a member, and president of the Lansing board of education; president of the state medical society; and delegate to the national medical society.

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### JOHN C. SHARP,

Senator from the counties of Hillsdale and Jackson in 1887, was born in Scott, N. Y., July 18, 1843, where he resided until May, 1863. He received his education at Cortland academy, Homer, New York, and at the normal school at Albany. In 1863 he removed with his parents to Brooklyn, Jackson county, Mich., where he remained upon his father's farm for four years, spending the winters in teaching school. In the spring of 1867 he commenced the study of law in the city of Jackson, was admitted to the bar in 1869, and practiced his profession in that city until 1884, since which time he has been extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was city attorney of Jackson in 1877, supervisor of census for the southern district of Michigan in 1880, and prosecuting attorney for Jackson county for 1881-2. He is a Republican, and received 9,132 votes to 7,104 for Abel N. Howe, fusionist, and 1,547 for Albert H. Stillwell, prohibitionist.

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### PETER SHARP,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1859, was born at Willsborough, N. Y., May 14, 1812. His father removed to the Genesee valley, and later to Franklin county, Ohio, and the son became a traveling minister in 1832, by admission to the Ohio conference of the M. E. church, then including nearly all the territory of Michigan. After twenty-one years' service as a minister, he settled at Ridgeway, Mich., as a retail dealer in drugs and groceries. A Whig until 1854, since a Republican. He was thirty years postmaster, also a justice. He still lives at Ridgeway.



## DERWIN W. SHARTS,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1877-79, was born in Oxford, N. Y., August 31, 1830. He graduated from Madison university, Hamilton, N. Y., in 1854, and from the Auburn theological seminary in 1857. Soon after the close of the war, having spent a portion of the last year at the front, he moved into Ohio, thence in 1871, to his present residence. He is a Presbyterian clergyman; was ordained by the Catskill presbytery in 1857, and has preached in the state of New York, in Cleveland, Ohio, and several years for the Congregationalist church in Owosso. Having pursued the ministry for seventeen years, he retired from the work several years since for rest and recuperation. In politics a Republican.

## GILBERT SHATTUCK,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1837, was a resident of Ypsilanti. He was one of the stockholders of the "Huron River bank," a "wild cat" bank, started in 1838, which after a career of 18 months went down. No other information has been obtained of him.

## WILLARD SHATTUCK,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1879, was born in Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 21, 1845. He received a good education and graduated from Goldsmith's Bryant & Stratton commercial college, of Detroit. He has held several township offices, has been justice, and county superintendent of the poor for several years. In politics a Democrat.

## BRACKLEY SHAW,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1869, and Senator in 1881-2-3, was born in Plainfield, Mass., May 21, 1818, and removed with his parents to Ira, N. Y., in 1825, and in 1835 to Dover, Mich., where he still resides. Educated in common schools, and a farmer. Has held various political positions, and is a prominent agriculturist. Politically a Republican.

## HENRY A. SHAW

Was born in Benson, Vt., June 21, 1818. He received an academical education, studied law in Ravenna, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1839. In 1842 he removed to Eaton Rapids, Michigan, where



he now resides. He was twelve years judge of probate for Eaton county, and has several times been president of the village of Eaton Rapids. He has always been a leading member of the bar in Eaton county. He was a Representative in the legislative sessions of 1857-9-73-4. In 1859 he was speaker of the house, and was a recognized leader of the republican party. In 1861 he went into the army as major of the 2d Michigan cavalry, and served two years. He was for some years a director of the Grand River Valley railroad. For many years a Republican, but of late has acted with the greenback party.

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#### JAMES SHAW

Was born in Berlin, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1813. He married in 1839, and in 1840 settled on a farm in Howard, Michigan, where he now resides. Was supervisor in 1844 and 1846, and Representative in 1845-7. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat.

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#### JAMES SHEARER

Was born at Albany, N. Y., May 12, 1823, received a common school education, and when young became a clerk. In 1833 came to Detroit, and served as an apprentice six years to a builder, studying architecture, etc., under competent instructors. He then attended an academy at Albany, N. Y., went south, and in 1846 supervised the building of the state capitol at Montgomery, Alabama. In 1848 went into business at Detroit, as an architect and builder, and continued in that business until 1863, and was twice an alderman. Removed to Bay City in 1865, where he has been largely interested in manufactures. He has been president of the first national bank; president of the board of water works; from 1871 to 1878 one of the three commissioners for the building of the capitol at Lansing; and regent of the University from 1881 to 1888. In politics a Republican.

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#### JONATHAN SHEARER

Was a native of Coleraine, Mass., born Aug. 23, 1796. His early education was academical, with a partial study of medicine, law, and business. He settled in Plymouth, Wayne county, in 1836, and was a leading citizen of the county, serving many terms as supervisor, and as county commissioner, 1838 to 1841. He was Senator in 1842-3-4, during the time of annual sessions and elections. He was a Rep-



representative in 1851, and of the constitutional convention of 1867. He was a leading agriculturist, an efficient member of the state pioneer society, and its president in 1876. He was politically a Democrat, but favored the greenback party in his later years. Died Sept. 26, 1881.

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#### FRANCIS W. SHEARMAN

Was born at Vernon, N. Y., June 20, 1817, and died at Marshall, Michigan, Dec. 7, 1874. He graduated from Hamilton college at the age of nineteen. He was employed by Hon. H. R. Schoolcraft to assist him in negotiating treaties with the Indians, and in that capacity first came to Michigan. He settled at Marshall in 1837, and soon found employment as editor of the *Michigan Journal of Education*, the official organ of the state department of public instruction. In 1840 he became chief editor of the *Democratic Expounder*, published at Marshall, and that paper soon took a leading position as a democratic organ. He was associate judge of Calhoun county in 1843-44. He was appointed superintendent of public instruction by Governor Ransom, March 28, 1849, and held the office under that appointment until 1851. He was elected to that office twice, and held it continuously until January 1, 1855, and made an able public officer. His report for 1852 attracted great attention, was widely distributed, and often quoted by educators. He returned to Marshall, became editor of the *Marshall Expounder*, which he held through life. He was also an acting magistrate for sixteen years. As a writer he was forcible, polished, independent, and aggressive.

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#### CHARLES P. SHELDON,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1853, was born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1817. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He moved to Hartford, Michigan, in 1841, and was supervisor and justice for most of the time for ten years. In 1854 moved to Cedar county, Iowa. Held various offices there, and was a member of the Iowa legislature in 1868. He died at Tipton, Iowa, about 1879.

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#### HORACE J. SHELDON

Was born in Kinderhook, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1812. At the age of eleven he was sent to learn the tanners and curriers' trade, which he followed for many years. He prospected Michigan in 1833, and opened a boot and shoe shop at Blissfield in 1836. After a few months he



went to Grand Haven and established a tannery. After four years he returned to Blissfield, purchased a farm, opened another boot and shoe shop, and made that place his home. He was justice some thirty years. In 1867 he was a member of the state constitutional convention as a Republican.

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#### JAMES SHELDON,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1844, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., April 4, 1800. He moved to Michigan in 1833, selecting and locating lands in Calhoun county. Settled at Albion in 1835 on lands which he owned and occupied up to 1860. He held the positions of state prison inspector, justice, school director, and other minor offices. Business, farmer and general merchandise, politically a Democrat. Died Nov. 9, 1866.

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#### NEWTON SHELDON

Was born at Brutus, N. Y., July 9, 1810. Received a common school education. He settled on a farm in Lodi, Michigan, in 1832, where he remained until 1871. He was a Democrat, and held some public trust nearly all his life. He was supervisor, town clerk, justice and treasurer, and for many years secretary of the Washtenaw county agricultural society. He was a Representative in 1842-69-70. For nine years, from 1871 to 1880, he was secretary of the Washtenaw county mutual insurance company. He died at Ann Arbor, January 12, 1883.

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#### TIMOTHY F. SHELDON,

Representative from Wayne county in 1839, was born in New York, July 31, 1797. He came to Michigan in 1826 and settled in Canton, Wayne county, where he continued to reside until his death, Sept. 15, 1869. He was prominent during the thirty years of his residence there, and was honored with the more responsible local offices. Was a Democrat until the time of the civil war, when he became a Republican.

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#### ALANSON SHELEY

Was born at Albany, N. Y., August 14, 1809. His early life was spent on his grandfather's farm in Jefferson county, N. Y., and attending common schools. As a boy he took a timber raft down the St. Lawrence river to Quebec, and at 16 was apprenticed three years to learn



the trade of a mason, and became a foreman on the Rideau canal, Canada. He came to Detroit in 1831, and in 1832 built a stone lighthouse on Thunder bay, Lake Huron, the oldest now standing. He was a builder and contractor at Detroit several years, and later was interested in lumbering for the Black river steam mill company. In 1859 he became a partner with J. S. Farrand in the drug trade, and is still one of the firm of Farrand, Williams & Co. He was an active Whig in politics, but helped organize the republican party in 1854. He was an alderman five years, and Senator in 1867-71-2. He is a leading Presbyterian, and has acted as superintendent of a Sunday school for many years. He has always been a strong temperance man. He possessed great strength, and many stories are told of his prowess in his younger days. He still lives at Detroit, and is active mentally and physically.

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#### JAMES M. SHEPARD,

Senator from Van Buren and Cass counties in 1879, was born in North Brookfield, Mass., Nov. 24, 1842, but soon afterwards removed to Boston. He received a classical education at Wesleyan University, Conn., and studied medicine and dental surgery in Boston. During the war he served in the medical department of the U. S. navy. In 1868 he located at Cassopolis, Michigan, where he engaged in publishing the *Vigilant*. In politics a Republican. For several years was private secretary of Senator Palmer.

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#### LUMAN SHEPARD,

Representative from Eaton county in 1883, was born June 17, 1819, at Skaneateles, N. Y. He attended school until twenty-one years of age. He married in 1841, and the following year began farming upon land of his own, continuing until 1855, when he sold out and removed to Chelsea, Michigan, and engaged in farming one mile south of that village. Disposing of his farm he removed to Olivet, Eaton county, in 1872. In politics a Republican.

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#### THOMAS SHEPHERD

Was born in Arygle, N. Y., May 19, 1821, and came to Martin, Allegan county, in 1844, where he has since resided. By occupation a farmer. A Republican until 1834, when he joined the prohibition party. For five years supervisor, and for twenty years justice. Was a Representative in 1867. Has also been the prohibition nominee for that office.



## BENJAMIN SHERMAN,

Representative in 1835-6 from St. Joseph county, was born in Conn., in 1792. He settled in Genesee county, N. Y., and came to Nottawa Prairie, Michigan, in 1825. Before coming to Michigan he was a contractor on the Erie canal. In politics a Democrat. He was register of the U. S. land office at Ionia under the administration of Van Buren and also of Pierce. Died in 1872.

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## ALONZO SHERWOOD,

Representative from Berrien county in 1879, was born in Lima, Ohio, April 22, 1832. His parents removed to Michigan the following January, settling in Berrien county. Occupation, farming. He has held the offices of justice, supervisor, and school director. In politics a Republican.

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## GEORGE SHERWOOD

Was born in Amenia, N. Y., April 2, 1819. He moved to Cass county, Michigan, in 1833, and engaged in mercantile business with his brother at Edwardsburg. He was town clerk of Ontwa, county clerk 1844 to 1850, and Representative in 1851. He removed to Elkhart, Indiana, in 1852, where he was a merchant until 1862, and was county treasurer of Elkhart county. In 1865 he removed to Chicago, where he has been in business as a general commission merchant, and dealer in coal and wood.

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## HARVEY C. SHERWOOD,

Senator from the counties of Cass and Berrien in 1885, was born at Jamesville, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1835. He received a thorough academical and scientific education, with reference to making farming his vocation; he graduated in 1853. In 1870 Mr. Sherwood and his family came to Michigan, and settled in Watervliet, Berrien county, on an unimproved tract of land which is now his home and called Lake View farm, containing 400 acres, and classed among the finest fruit and grain farms of western Michigan. Mr. Sherwood devotes his whole energies to farming and is enthusiastic in its pursuit. He was the democratic candidate for congress in 1886, but was defeated.

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## THOMAS RUSSELL SHERWOOD

Was born at Pleasant Valley, N. Y., March 28, 1827. Removed with his parents to Monroe county, N. Y., in 1831, and received an aca-



demical education. Studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1851. Practiced his profession at Port Jervis one year, and removed to Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1852, where he now resides. He was in active practice until his election as justice of the Supreme Court in 1883. He was twice city attorney of Kalamazoo, and was repeatedly a nominee for prominent offices, including congress in 1878. In politics a Democrat, of late years a National. Received the support of the democratic and national parties as a candidate for judge.

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#### SETH K. SHETTERLY,

Representative from Macomb county in 1867-77, was born in Union county, Penn., October 15, 1820. He came to Utica, Mich., with his parents in 1833, where he still resides. By profession an attorney, in politics a Democrat. Has been a justice since 1854, and has been for ten years a circuit court commissioner.

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#### CHARLES SHIER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1855-65-9-70, was born in the state of New York, January 30, 1805. He was for over twenty years a resident of Patterson, N. J., where he was engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods. He came to Ypsilanti in 1845, engaged in farming, and resided near there until his death, January 29, 1883. In politics first a Whig, a Republican from 1854. He was a member and class leader in the Methodist Episcopal church for many years.

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#### JOHN B. SHIPMAN

Was born in Saybrook, Conn., and can trace his descent from 1639. His father soon removed to Livingston, N. Y., where he received a common school education. Thence he came to Ypsilanti, Mich., where his father died, leaving him dependent upon his own resources. He studied law in Centreville with Chester Gurney, the abolition candidate for governor when Birney ran for president. Having been admitted to the bar in St. Joseph county, he has since been engaged in practice. He was prominent as counsel for the defendant in the Edmonds impeachment trial. In 1878 he was elected circuit judge by a combination of democrats and nationals. February 28, 1879, he was nominated by those parties as justice of the Supreme Court, and was defeated by Hon. James V. Campbell, the present incumbent. Resides at Coldwater.



## JOSEPH P. SHOEMAKER,

Senator from Ionia and Montcalm counties in 1879, was born Aug. 30, 1820, at Mohawk, N. Y. He received a common school education. In 1837 he removed to Joliet, Ill. In 1840 he removed to Sandusky, Ohio, and remained one year, helping in locating railroads. In 1842 engaged in merchandise and buying grain at Republic, Ohio, and in 1852 went to Covington, Ky., and engaged in manufacturing iron, having charge of a rolling mill. In 1855 he came to Jackson, this state, and engaged in farming. He was postmaster at Jackson two years, and in 1861 removed to Montcalm county and engaged in farming and lumbering. He was elected justice in 1866. In politics a National.

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## MICHAEL SHOEMAKER,

Senator from Jackson county in 1848-9-50-1-77-83-5, and president *pro tem.* in 1851, was born at German Flats, N. Y., April 6, 1818. Attended school until fourteen, then was a clerk at Albany. At the age of seventeen located at Joliet, Ill., was seven years a partner in the mercantile business, and filled contracts in building the Illinois and Michigan canal. In 1852 he purchased the mills at Michigan Center, which he owned for 28 years. Resides at Jackson and owns large farms near that city. He held many offices, including inspector of state prison; collector of customs at Detroit; president of the state and county agricultural societies; several terms Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons; and chairman of the democratic state committee. In January, 1862, he was appointed colonel of the 13th Michigan infantry, took part in many engagements, with honor to himself and his command, and was for a short time an inmate of Libby prison. Has long been an active member of the state pioneer society, and has served as president.

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## DAVID SHOOK,

Representative from Macomb county in 1851, was born in Milan, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1804. He located at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, in 1836. He was a government contractor and civil engineer, a Democrat in politics up to 1861, then a Republican, and a prominent politician in Macomb county. While a resident of the state of New York he was a lieutenant in the state militia. In 1864 he emigrated to Central City, Colorado, where he died, Aug. 2, 1865.



## JACOB SHOOK,

Representative from Macomb county in 1847, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1779. In 1841 he settled on a farm one mile from Mt. Clemens, where he resided until his death, April 11, 1862. He was a prominent democratic politician, and a leading business man in the state of New York, owning and controlling an ashery, woolen factory and general store. Was a captain of N. Y. militia.

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## PHILIP P. SHORTS,

Representative from Mason county in 1885, was born in Ontario, Canada, August 4, 1845. He came to Michigan in 1873, and has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession, which is that of a physician. His residence is in Ludington, of which city he has been alderman for two terms.

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## SOLOMON SIBLEY

Was born in Sutton, Mass., Oct. 7, 1769. He studied law and removed to Ohio in 1795, establishing himself first at Marietta, and then at Cincinnati, in the practice of his profession. He removed to Detroit in 1797, and in 1799 was elected a delegate from Wayne county to the territorial legislature of the northwest territory. In 1815 he was appointed by President Madison United States district attorney of Michigan, which position he held until 1824, when he was appointed one of the United States judges of the territory, holding it until 1838, when he resigned. He was the territorial delegate in congress from Michigan from 1820 to 1823. He was interested in a company which erected the first saw and flouring mills in Pontiac. He was a Democrat in politics. As a lawyer, judge and citizen he was universally respected. He died at Detroit April 4, 1846. He left three sons, all of whom became prominent as public men. One was Henry H. Sibley, first governor of Minnesota, and a general in the late rebellion.

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## AARON SICKLES

Was born at Palmyra, Wayne county, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1817. He came with his parents family to Plymouth, Michigan, in 1836. In 1838 the son moved to Howell, and began life as a farmer, which he followed until 1856, when he removed to Elsie, resuming his calling as a farmer. He filled various positions of public trust, and in 1869-70



was a member of the Michigan House, as a Republican. Since that time he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits, first at Walton, Grand Traverse county, and at the present time at Elmira, Otsego county.

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#### JOHN M. B. SILL,

Regent of the University of Michigan from 1867 to 1869, by appointment to fill vacancy, was born at Black Rock, Nov. 24, 1831. His parents died when he was eleven, and he came to Jonesville, Mich., where he attended school. He was a graduate of the State Normal school in 1854. He became a teacher in the school, and wrote an English grammar, published in New York. He was president of the Michigan state teachers' association in 1861. In August, 1863, he became superintendent of the Detroit schools, but resigned in 1863, and for ten years was principal of the Detroit female seminary. In 1875 he became again superintendent of the Detroit schools, which position he held for many years. He is now president of the State Normal school, and everywhere recognized as an able educator.

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#### ABIEL SILVER

Was born in Hopkinton, N. H., in 1797. He removed to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., first teaching, and afterwards becoming a merchant. In 1831 he came to Cass county, Michigan, and opened a store with his brothers at Edwardsburg, and a branch the next year at Cassopolis. He was a man of ability and culture, and had great influence among the early pioneers. He was a member of the second convention of assent in 1836, and was an associate judge in Cass county. In 1846 he was appointed commissioner of the state land office, and held that position until 1850. Under his administration the seat of government was laid out at Lansing, and the various state lands there were cut up into lots and placed in market.

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#### JAMES B. SIMONSON,

Representative from Oakland county in 1857, was born at Roxbury, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1805, and received a common school education. Was a merchant at Roxbury from 1825 to 1835, then in trade at Royal Oak, Mich., for six years, at Birmingham two years, and at Springfield for sixteen years. He removed to Holly in 1860, was in trade until 1866, then organized and became president of the first national bank of



Holly. He was for five years supervisor of Springfield. Politically a Republican. Deceased.

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#### EMERY H. SIMPSON,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1887, was born in Carlton, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1828, is a farmer, and has been a resident of this state twenty-three years. He is a Republican, and was a member of the House of 1873-4. He has held the office of supervisor and township clerk, and was elected Representative for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,909 to 1,347 for Sullivan Cook, and 439 for John W. Free, prohibitionist.

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#### DANIEL D. SINCLAIR,

Senator from Lenawee county in 1848, was born at Broadalbin, N. Y., April 16, 1805. While young was a clerk at Albany, then learned the trade of a tailor, and was in the clothing trade in western New York. He settled in Adrian, Mich., in 1835, where he now resides. He was in the clothing trade for several years. Has been justice: county treasurer six years; brigadier general of state militia; superintendent of the Michigan Southern railroad from 1850 to 1858; supervisor for eighteen years, and a school trustee.

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#### ELIAS M. SKINNER,

Lawyer, was born at Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 28, 1798, and died Aug. 6, 1859. After an academical education he entered Brown University and graduated in 1820. Studied law with Governor Stoddard, spent a few years teaching, came to Ypsilanti in 1826, and commenced the practice of his profession. He took an active part in favor of temperance and Sabbath school instruction. He served several years as prosecuting attorney, and was elected judge of probate in 1845. In 1850 he was a democratic member of the constitutional convention.

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#### DAVID G. SLAFTER

Was born in Norwich, Vt., Jan. 1, 1817. In 1849 he removed to Tuscola, Michigan. With the exception of one year has held the office of justice since 1852. Has been judge of probate for Tuscola county four years, and was enrolling officer and deputy provost marshal from 1863 to the close of the war. He was a Representative in 1863 and 1864. Principal business real estate and lumbering. At



first a Whig, now a Republican. Is vice president of the national bank at Vassar.

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THOMAS J. SLAYTON,

Representative from Kent county in 1867-9-70, was born in Middlesex, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1837. In 1847 removed with his parents to Grattan, Michigan. He graduated at Hillsdale college in 1862, and from the University law school in 1864. Was for a short time at Vicksburg, Miss., in the Freedmen's bureau service, but commenced law practice at Lowell, Mich., in the fall of 1864. He retired to a farm in Grattan in 1874. In politics a Republican. Died July 15, 1875.

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DANIEL D. SLOAN,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1850, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1799. By occupation a millwright, in politics first a Whig, then a Republican. He came to Michigan in 1844, built the first large mill at Grand Rapids, also one at Ann Arbor, and one at Dover Mills, which he operated until his death, Jan. 29, 1861. He was several times supervisor and assessor of the town of Dexter, and was a man of sterling worth and integrity.

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ALBERT B. SLOCUM

Was born in Macedon, N. Y., March 19, 1818. He moved to Michigan in 1842 and settled in Wheatland, Hillsdale county. He was a supervisor, and president of the Hillsdale county agricultural society. Was a Democrat in early life, became a Republican in 1854. He was a Representative in 1865. By occupation a farmer. Died May 14, 1883.

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ELLIOTT T. SLOCUM,

Senator from Wayne county in 1869-70, was born at Trenton, Mich., in 1839. He graduated at Union college in 1862, and is now a resident of Detroit, and since 1886 a park commissioner. In politics a Republican. His time is given to the management of a large estate inherited from his father.

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ABNER C. SMITH,

Senator from Macomb county in 1845-6, was born in Vermont, Feb. 14, 1814. A lawyer and a Democrat. He came to Michigan in 1839,



and was a postmaster, judge of the county court, and judge of probate. Edited the Macomb county *Gazette* some years, and published the *Ancient Landmark*, a Masonic magazine. Died at Litchfield, Minn., Sept. 20, 1880.

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#### ABRAM SMITH,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1863-4, was born in Clay, Mich., Sept. 8, 1819. Received a common school education, worked four years in a saw mill, and then sailed a vessel between Algonac and Sandusky. In 1844 engaged in lumber business which he continued for many years. He owned a large farm and valuable timber lands. Has held various offices, including supervisor, president of the village of Algonac, and moderator of the school board for more than twenty years.

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#### AMOS SMITH,

Senator from Cass county in 1869-70, was born at Springfield, Pa., Aug. 7, 1829, where he received an academical education, and also graduated from a business college at Pittsburgh. He taught school in Cass county, Mich., in 1848, then in Yazoo county, Miss. Settled in Vandalia, Mich., 1852, taught school several years, owned and managed a farm, and gave much time to locating lines and corners in Cass county. Several years secretary of the Cass county farmers' institute; supervisor several terms; county surveyor eighteen years; and has held many other offices. In politics a Republican.

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#### ANDREW J. SMITH,

Attorney General of Michigan in 1875-6, was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1818. Removed with his parents to Indiana in 1825, and to the present site of Valparaiso in 1835. Since 1840 has been a resident of Cass county, Mich. Was several years a clerk, then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1857. He was prosecuting attorney twelve years, and held other local offices. In 1878 he was appointed judge of the second circuit to fill vacancy, and was elected to that office in 1881, without opposition, serving until the close of 1887. In politics a Republican. Resides at Cassopolis.

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#### AURA SMITH,

Representative from Branch county in 1863, was born in the state of New York. Came to Michigan in 1844. Settled on a farm in the



township of Girard. Was supervisor from 1850 to 1855. In 1864 he removed to Missouri, and is still living in that state. He was a farmer by occupation, and in the latter years of his residence in Michigan, a dealer in stock.

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#### C. CLIFFORD SMITH,

Representative from Wayne county in 1867, was born in New Hampshire in 1828. He graduated as a physician from Portsmouth medical college, (N. H.) in 1852, and the same year came to Michigan, locating at Redford, where he has since resided. He was a surgeon in the late war, and a member of the jury commission for Wayne county in 1884. Politics, democratic.

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#### DAVIS SMITH,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1839, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1808. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He came to Tecumseh, Mich., in 1830. Held several public offices, and took part in the Black Hawk and Toledo wars. Bore the title of general. Died March 26, 1868.

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#### EZEKIEL C. SMITH,

Representative from Cass county in 1850, was born in Erie county, N. Y., June 6, 1811. He settled in 1835 on a farm in Pokagon, Cass county, and has lived there ever since. He has held the office of supervisor nine years, and been a justice for 36 years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### FRANK L. SMITH,

Representative from Jackson county in 1871-2, was born at Stafford Springs, Conn., July 8, 1830. In 1842 removed with his parents to Armada, Mich. As a young man worked in the railroad shops at Adrian, came to Jackson in 1855, and was manager of the American, afterwards the Marion house, then clerk of the Hibbard house until 1864. He was quartermaster of the 29th Michigan until that regiment consolidated with the 28th, then took charge of the Tremont house 1865-8. He had charge of the Hurd house from 1869 until the fall of 1886. Served as alderman and supervisor. Died Dec. 5, 1886.



## GEORGE A. SMITH,

Senator from Branch and Hillsdale counties in 1867-85, was born in Danbury, Conn., March 8, 1825, and settled at an early day as a farmer in Somerset, Mich. Has also been a merchant. He was Representative in 1863, and was a member of the board of control of the reform school from 1879 to 1884, when he resigned. Has also been a supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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## GEORGE M. SMITH,

Representative from Muskegon county in 1877, was born March 16, 1841, at Springfield Centre, N. Y. He was educated at Alfred University, N. Y., and removed to Michigan in 1867. He was president of the village of Whitehall, and a member of the lumbering firm of J. Alley & Co. At the age of nineteen he engaged with the Atlantic & Great Western railroad at Salamanca, N. Y., as telegraph operator, from which position he was subsequently promoted to that of superintendent of telegraph and train dispatcher, and afterward to a similar position on the Blossburg, Corning & Tioga railroad at Corning. In politics a Republican. Died several years since.

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## HENRY SMITH

Was a native of the state of New York, and graduated at the United States military academy in 1815. He was made a lieutenant and served in the army until 1836, when he resigned. From 1836 to 1849 was a civil engineer, superintending harbor improvements on Lake Erie, and resided at Monroe. He was a Representative in 1838-41; was major general of Michigan militia from 1841 to 1846; mayor of Monroe in 1846. In 1847 he was re-appointed to the army with the rank of major. He died while on duty in the Mexican war, at Vera Cruz, July 24, 1847.

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## HENRY C. SMITH

Was born at Scituate, R. I., Jan. 9, 1804. He worked on a farm until of age and enjoyed fair opportunities for an education. He was a mason by trade and worked at it until 1836, when he came to Michigan. Was engaged both in merchandising and lumbering, and finally became a farmer in Plainfield, Kent county. He held various town and county offices and was a Representative in 1849 and 1853.



## HIRAM SMITH,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1848, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., May 24, 1804. By occupation a merchant and miller, in politics a Democrat. He came to Homer, Michigan, in 1837, and was a prominent business man and leading Democrat for many years. Was a good neighbor and of a social nature. Was moderator of school board, took great interest in schools, and often presided at public meetings. Died May 4, 1874.

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## HIRAM H. SMITH,

Representative from Ingham county in 1843, was born at Malone, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1809. When young was a resident of Brandon, Vt. He received an academical education; was five years a clerk at Castleton, Vt.; from 1830 to 1835 a merchant at Granville, N. Y.; in 1836 became a farmer in Ingham county, Mich.; was county treasurer in 1838, and county clerk in 1841: a merchant at Mason; removed to Lansing in 1847, built the first flour mill, and carried on the milling and mercantile business; in 1851-2 was engaged in building the plank road from Lansing to Howell; was the first mayor of Lansing in 1852; was vice president and managing director of the J., L. & S. R. R.; removed to Jackson in 1864, and from 1868 to 1870 was president of the Fort Wayne & Jackson railroad: in 1871-2 superintended the building of the D., L. & N. and the Detroit & Bay City railroads. Now resides in Jackson: has large property interests, and is president of the Ingham county savings bank. A Democrat until 1856, since a Republican.

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## JAMES L. SMITH.

Representative from Sanilac county in 1851, was born in Kilconquhar, Scotland, May 11, 1813. He came to Tecumseh, Mich., in 1838, then to Sanilac county in 1840. Business, varied; in politics a Republican. He removed to Toledo in 1853, and to Minneapolis in 1882, where he now resides.

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## JEREMIAH R. SMITH,

Was born in Lyme, Conn., June 19, 1795. He came to Michigan in 1828. He was a blacksmith by trade, and carried on the business at Avon, N. Y., before coming to Michigan. Settling in Genesee county he became a farmer. He was associate county judge of Genesee county, justice for twenty years, and supervisor for several years of



Grand Blanc. He was a Representative from Genesee county in 1838 and 1842. Died March 23, 1868.

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#### JOHN S. SMITH

Was born March 26, 1822, at Dighton, Mass. His father removed to Ontario, N. Y., where the son studied medicine, and graduated from Cleveland medical college in 1844; practiced medicine in Ontario county, N. Y. for two years; removed to Armada, Mich., in 1847, and was engaged in medical practice until 1860. In 1858 he commenced the study of law, graduated from the law department at Ann Arbor, and went into practice. In 1863 he entered the army as quartermaster and served one year. He then engaged in farming and dealing in hops, buying large quantities and sending to distant markets. As a Democrat he was Senator in 1853. Died September 19, 1868.

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#### JOSEPH SMITH

Was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, April 11, 1809. He removed with his parents to Ohio, in 1812, and settled in Calvin, Michigan, in 1831. He bought a mill property and ran it until 1835, when he sold out and bought one thousand acres of land in Jefferson, Cass county. In 1847 he engaged with partners in the mercantile business, after three years carrying it on alone. In 1855 he removed to Cassopolis and continued his business. In politics a Democrat. He was Representative in 1835-6-7, also of the second convention of assent in 1836.

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#### LE GRAND J. SMITH,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1873-4, was born in Bethel, Conn., Jan. 8, 1827. He received a common school education. In 1839 he settled in Somerset, Hillsdale county. In 1859 he removed to Woodstock, Lenawee county, where he still resides. In business a merchant.

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#### MORGAN L. SMITH,

Representative from Oakland county in 1855, was born at Charlton, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1810. Learned the trade of a hatter and carried on that business at Eaton, N. Y. Removed to Milford, Mich., in 1837, where he was justice eighteen years, and postmaster four years. Was associate judge of Oakland county four years. Removed to Branch county and farmed it ten years. In politics a Republican. Died in Chicago, Oct. 12, 1866.



## NATHAN D. SMITH,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1861-2, was born in the state of New York in 1803. He came to Michigan in 1833. His business has been miscellaneous; politically a Republican. Now resides at Algonac, Michigan.

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## PERRIN M. SMITH

Was born in Middlebury, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1811; received an academical education; became a lawyer, and practiced at LeRoy, N. Y., and was also postmaster there; in 1849 settled at Constantine, Mich., and was a law partner of Hon. Charles Upson until 1856. He was elected judge of the 4th circuit in 1863, and served until his death, Feb. 12, 1866.

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## ROBERT B. SMITH,

Representative from Ionia county in 1867-9-70, was born at Fairfield, N. Y., April 21, 1834; was educated as a physician and graduated from the University of New York in 1854; practiced four years at Fairfield, then became surgeon on an ocean vessel; in 1863 settled at Ionia, Mich., purchased a mill and engaged in the manufacture of flour; was president of the village, and for years a director of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad. In politics a Republican. Now resides in Chicago.

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## SAMUEL L. SMITH,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1859, was born at Algonac, Mich., in 1830. For many years he was a leading merchant at Houghton, Michigan. Has always resided in Michigan, and is now a resident of Lansing. He is a Democrat in politics, and was their candidate for commissioner of the state land office in 1862, and was the democratic nominee for congress in the 6th district in 1864.

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## SYDNEY T. SMITH,

Representative from Jackson county in 1857, was born in Chenango county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1809. He received an academical education, taught school two winters, and engaged in mercantile business at Pulaski, N. Y. He also with others built a vessel to transport grain from Chicago to Oswego. In 1836 they bought a schooner and went into the lumber trade on Lake Michigan. In 1839 he settled on a



farm in Grass Lake, Michigan, opened a store and bought and sold produce on a large scale. He sold out in 1855 and retired to his farm. He was for a long time secretary of the farmers' insurance company, and acquired a competence. In politics a Republican. Died April 25, 1878.

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#### SAMUEL W. SMITH,

Senator from the county of Oakland in 1885, was born in Independence, Michigan, August 23, 1852. Commenced to teach school at the age of sixteen years, and during the three years he was principal of the Waterford school, was elected superintendent of schools for the township of Waterford. Commenced to study law in 1876, and was admitted to the bar in 1877, and graduated in the law class of 1878 at the University of Michigan. Commenced the practice of law in Pontiac in 1878. In 1880 was elected prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, and was re-elected in the fall of 1882, and resigned said office Nov. 3, 1884.

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#### THADDEUS G. SMITH

Was born at Cato, N. Y., April 12, 1828. Receiving an academical education, he studied law and was admitted at Albany in 1852. He practiced his profession in Troy and New York city until 1861, when he removed to Fentonville, Michigan, where he practiced law until 1877. He was a Representative in 1863-4. He was a commissioner under Gov. Blair to take the votes of the soldiers in the field. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and Senator in 1869-70. In 1876 was elected probate judge, and removed to Flint. A Republican in politics.

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#### VERNON H. SMITH

Was born in Canada, Dec. 29, 1838, received a common school education, and since 1858 has been a resident of Ionia county, Mich. Studied law, was admitted in 1872, and went into practice at Ionia. Served as circuit court commissioner one term. A Republican until 1872, since a Democrat. He was elected judge of the eighth circuit in 1881, and re-elected in 1887.

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#### WILLIAM H. SMITH,

Representative from Jackson county in 1875, was born April 15, 1832, at Gorham, N. Y. He received an academical education, removed to



Michigan in 1854 and settled in Grass Lake, Jackson county. Has been supervisor of Grass Lake, and is by occupation a farmer.

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#### WILLIAM T. SMITH,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1865, was born in Scott, N. Y., June 26, 1829. Received an academical education and became a teacher. Was in the recruiting service for two years. Came to Centreville, Mich., in 1862, taught several years, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He was for two terms superintendent of schools in Kalamazoo county. Is now a justice, and engaged in furnishing school supplies. Politically a free trader.

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#### WILLIAM SNELL,

Representative from Oakland county in 1843 and 1844, was born in the state of Rhode Island in 1796. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He settled as a farmer in Oakland, Oakland county, in 1828. Died July 28, 1870.

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#### BYRON A. SNOW,

Representative from Saginaw county, was born in Jackson county, August 21, 1850. Has been a resident of the state all his lifetime, and is by profession a lawyer, by persuasion a Democrat. Mr. Snow has held the office of supervisor. He was elected Representative for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,349 to 1,158 for John Northwood, Republican, and 87 for Magoffin, Prohibitionist.

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#### FIELDER S. SNOW,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1843, and Senator in 1849-50-3, was born in Ashford, Conn., May 17, 1814. He became a clerk at the age of fifteen, and settled in Clinton, Mich., in 1837. He was a merchant and miller, in politics a Democrat. He was a leader in public enterprises, and was administrator of many estates. For twenty-five years a justice. Deceased.

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#### WILLIAM T. SNOW,

Representative from Oakland county in 1850, came from the state of New York, and settled on a farm in Addison, Oakland county, in 1835. He was a clergyman, an excellent man, and was highly



esteemed by the Indians, many of whom became christians under his preaching. He was town clerk in 1838-9, and supervisor from 1847 to 1854.

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#### STEPHEN F. SNYDER,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1833-5, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., December 27, 1829, and received a common school education. He settled as a farmer at Homer, Mich., in 1866. He was a supervisor several years, and was county register of deeds six years. In politics a Republican.

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#### MILO SOULE

Was born in Madison county, N. Y., July 3, 1804. He had fair schooling, and from 1820 to 1830 taught winters, working on his father's farm summers. He married in 1830 and was a farmer in Murray, N. Y., for five years. In 1835 he came to Michigan and bought a farm in Marengo, Calhoun county, which he cultivated until 1869. He was a justice for 38 years; county treasurer six years; supervisor four years; town clerk several years, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. In politics a Democrat.

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#### CHARLES SPAFFORD,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1838, was a merchant and miller at Tecumseh, and a Whig in politics. Deceased.

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#### LEVI SPARKS,

Senator from Berrien county in 1873-4, was born October 3, 1823, in Centre, Indiana. He emigrated to Michigan in 1828, and settled in Niles township, Berrien county, where he now resides. He was educated in common schools. In 1864 he was appointed by Governor Blair to go to Arkansas and receive the vote of the twelfth Michigan infantry. He has held various offices of trust in his township. By occupation a farmer, politically a Democrat.

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#### ERASTUS SPAULDING

Was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., July 1, 1818. He grew to manhood in that state, studied medicine, removed to Michigan in 1845.



settled in Oakland county, and followed his profession there for 24 years. He was a Whig, but in 1854 became a Republican. Representative from Oakland county in 1867. He removed to Grand Rapids in 1879, and is still engaged in medical practice. Now votes the national greenback union ticket.

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### OLIVER L. SPAULDING

Was born at Jaffrey, N. H., August 2, 1823, and was the son of Lyman and Susan (Marshall) Spaulding. He prepared for college at Melville academy in Jaffrey, working on the farm during the time. In 1851 he entered Oberlin college and graduated in 1855. He then spent three years in teaching in the union schools at Medina, Ohio, and Hillsdale, Mich., and in the academy at Medina, Mich., giving leisure time to the study of law. In 1858 he was admitted to the bar and opened an office at St. Johns. In 1862 he enlisted as captain in the 23d Michigan infantry and passed through all the grades to colonel, commanding the regiment in 1863. In 1865 he was in command of the second brigade of the second division, twenty-third army corps, and was brevetted "brigadier general." In 1858 he was elected regent of the State University and held that position for six years. In 1866 he was elected secretary of state and was re-elected in 1868, serving from 1867 to 1871. In 1875 he was appointed special agent of the treasury department, which he held until his nomination by acclamation, by the republican convention at Owosso, for congress. He served efficiently in congress from 1881 to 1883. He was renominated in 1882 but was defeated by 32 votes, although the average democratic majority was 800. In 1885 he again filled the position of special agent for the treasury. He has been a prominent Mason, and filled the highest positions in the order. He is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal church. He married the daughter of Hon. John Swegles, former auditor general of Michigan, and they have four children. He was chairnan of a commission sent by the government to the Sandwich Islands in 1883, to investigate alleged violations of the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. In 1887 he was the Republican candidate for circuit judge. Resides at St. Johns.

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### JOHN J. SPEED

Was born in Ithaca, N. Y., January 14, 1839. In 1848 came to Detroit; graduated at the State University; studied law in Detroit; was admitted to the bar in 1861; practiced his profession in Detroit; was a Rep-



representative in 1873-4; was appointed one of the two additional judges to the 3d circuit in 1881, and was elected judge in 1882. His term expired in 1887. In politics a Republican. Is now engaged in practice at Detroit.

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#### THOMAS R. SPENCE,

Representative from Detroit, session 1867, was a native of Scotland, born in 1825. He was a druggist and physician, but went to Cincinnati, Ohio (where he is supposed to be still a resident), soon after the close of his legislative term, to engage in the tobacco business.

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#### ASA SPENCER,

Representative from Ionia county in 1863-4, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., in 1807. He settled at Ionia, Mich., in 1845, where he kept hotel two years, when he moved to Smyrna, Ionia county, went into mercantile business, continuing his residence there until his death in 1876. Held various town offices and was a justice. In politics a Republican.

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#### GROVE SPENCER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1840-1-8-50, was born at West Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 3, 1806. Came to Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1826. By profession a lawyer, but health failing, he removed in 1844 to his farm near Ypsilanti, which he managed successfully until his death Aug. 29, 1854. He was for years a director of the state agricultural society; was twice a candidate for member of state board of education; was president and recorder of Ypsilanti; and deeply interested in locating the Normal school. In politics a Whig.

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#### HORACE C. SPENCER,

Senator from Genesee county in 1885, was born at Cortland, N. Y., July 27, 1832. Removed when young to Springville, N. Y. Was educated at an academy, clerked for years, was then a merchant until 1866, when he settled at Flint, Mich., in the hardware trade. Bought a stock farm in 1876, and is now devoted to farming, and especially interested in raising fine horses. Politically a Republican.



## JAMES W. SPENCER,

Representative from Tuscola county in 1837, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1827, and was a resident of Pennsylvania from 1849 to 1861, when he settled in Indian Fields, Mich., his present home. Has been supervisor nine terms, twice chairman of the board, town treasurer, village president, county register two terms, and has held other offices. For nine years a merchant, now a farmer and real estate dealer.

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## MICHAEL SPENCER,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1841, was born at East Hartford, Conn., Nov. 5, 1804. Came to Calhoun county, Mich., in 1831, and located on a farm in Emmett, on which he resided until his death Oct. 10, 1854. In religion a Baptist, in politics a Democrat.

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## ROLLIN SPRAGUE,

Representative from Oakland county in 1840, was born in East Bloomfield, N. J., in 1806. By occupation a merchant, politically a Republican. He came to Michigan about 1830. Died in August, 1872.

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## ROGER SPRAGUE,

Member of the territorial council in 1824 and 1832, was born at Lebanon, Conn., in 1769. He settled first at Bloomfield, N. Y., and was for seven years sheriff of Ontario county, which then included nearly all of western New York, and was a member of the assembly in 1816-17. In 1821 he settled at Avon, Michigan. Died in July, 1848.

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## WILLIAM SPRAGUE

Was born in the state of Rhode Island; removed to Michigan and settled at Kalamazoo. In 1848 he was elected a Representative to congress, serving from December 3, 1849, to March 3, 1851. He was a Free Soiler in politics. Died soon after the close of his term at Kalamazoo.

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## WILLIAM B. SPRAGUE,

Representative from Branch county in 1846, was born in the state of New York, Feb. 23, 1797. He graduated as a physician at Fairfield



medical college. He practiced in New York until 1835, then settled in practice at Coldwater, Mich., and resides on the same spot which he first made his home, his second house being the first brick residence in that city. He gave up medical practice thirty years ago. In 1836 he formed a partnership and built a saw-mill and flouring mill, now the largest roller mill in the county. He was the first town clerk of Coldwater in 1836; in 1837 was elected associate judge of the county court; in 1842 was elected judge of probate, which he held until 1845. At the age of ninety-one he is in good health, has good sight, enjoys books and society, and is often seen on the streets. He married in 1831 a daughter of Rev. Francis Smith, and has three daughters and one son living. In religion a Methodist. He is held in universal respect and esteem.

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#### HENRY H. STAFFORD.

Representative from Marquette county in 1877, was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 6, 1833. He received an academical education. He came to Michigan in 1855, and took up his residence in Marquette in 1856, where he now resides. He has held numerous public offices. He was receiver of the United States land office at Marquette five years, the first mayor of Marquette, town treasurer, member of the school board, etc. By occupation a druggist, in politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN H. STANDISH.

Senator from Newaygo and other counties in 1867-9, was born in Benson, Vt., February 10, 1816, and is a direct descendant of Captain Miles Standish, of Puritan fame. Receiving a common school education, at the age of fifteen taught school in Orleans county, N. Y., and in Ohio, and the next year was a clerk in Chicago. From thence he traveled through Iowa, and down the Mississippi, and at the age of seventeen was in the Texan service, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant. He spent a year in Louisiana, came north, and taught school in Mt. Carmel, Ill., where he married Hester A. Courter. He became a lecturer on psychology, and traveled extensively. He was admitted to the Illinois bar, and in 1839 settled at Middleville, Mich. In 1852 he became a resident of Newaygo, which is now his home. Has been register of deeds, county clerk and prosecuting attorney of Newaygo county. In 1863 he became captain of company "A," 10th Michigan cavalry, and rose in service to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1869 he was appointed U. S. district attorney for western



Michigan, and held that position eight years. For some years was engaged in practice at Muskegon, but in 1881 returned to Newaygo. In politics a Republican.

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#### OLIVER O. STANCHFIELD.

Representative from Mason and Lake counties in 1877-79, was born in Washington county, Maine, August 16, 1836. He was educated in the academies of his native county, and studied law in the office of Hon. F. A. Pike, in Calais, Maine. In 1857 he came west and located at Cedar Rapids Iowa, and was admitted to practice by the Linn county district court, of Iowa, in 1860. In 1861 he was appointed sheriff and was subsequently re-elected twice to the same position. In 1871 he was a member of the Iowa legislature from Linn county, and was appointed one of the trustees of the Iowa state agricultural college, which office he held until his removal to Michigan in 1874. In politics a Republican.

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#### ABIEL S. STANNARD,

Representative from Ionia county in 1867-69-70, was born in Newport, N. H., December 28, 1823. A farmer by occupation, politically a Republican. He came to Michigan with his father in 1837, who located a farm in Boston, Ionia county, now occupied by his son. They were among the first pioneers of that section of the state. Mr. Stannard has been four terms supervisor of Boston.

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#### ERASTUS H. STANTON,

Senator from Ionia and Montcalm counties in 1881-2, was born in Durham, N. Y., November 13, 1816, and received an academical education. He was four years a clerk, then became a merchant at Greenville, N. Y., and was also engaged in farming, banking and lumbering. He settled at Ionia, Mich., in 1867. He was a supervisor six years, and president of the village and mayor of the city of Ionia. In politics a Republican.

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#### HIRAM E. STAPLES.

Representative from Muskegon county in 1885, was born in the state of New York, June 1, 1836. He has been a resident of this state for thirty-seven years, with the exception of the time he served in the war as a member of the fifth Wisconsin volunteer infantry, having



been engaged in business as a lumberman, which he still carries on, residing at Whitehall, where he has held the office of president of the common council for six years. He has also served as a supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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#### GEORGE P. STARK,

Senator from Kent county in 1887, was born at Stow, Ohio, August 19, 1832, and received a common school education, with a term or two at Hiram college. He learned the trade of a cooper, followed it until 1853, when he became a farmer. Was for one year, 1866, in the drug trade at Palestine, Ill., then was a farmer until 1871, when he removed from Hudson, Ohio, to Cascade, Mich., where he is a merchant and farmer. He was a Representative in 1885. In politics a Fusionist.

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#### LEWIS F. STARKEY,

Senator from Kalamazoo county in 1843-4, was born in the state of New Hampshire, in 1801. He studied medicine at Norwich, N. Y., and at Philadelphia. Practiced as a physician and surgeon in a Philadelphia hospital, in Otsego county and Binghampton, N. Y. He came with his family to Detroit in 1836, and settled at Kalamazoo in 1837, where he practiced his profession until his death in 1848. By appointment of the governor he was one year a visitor to the State University.

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#### GEORGE A. STARKWEATHER,

Representative from Wayne county in 1859, was born in Plymouth, Mich., Feb. 26, 1826, of New England parentage, and still resides there. He was the second white child born in the township, as his mother was the first white woman to settle there. His early education was such as the time and the locality afforded, and his pursuits have been farming and mercantile. He is now president of the first national bank of Plymouth, and has held various local offices. Was originally a Whig, and subsequently a Republican in politics.

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#### FRANCIS C. ST. AUBIN,

Representative from the second district of Wayne county in 1855, was of French descent, and a native of Hamtramck, born in 1831. After the annexation he represented his ward at different times as alderman



in the common council of Detroit. He was a carpenter and builder by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and died Feb. 15, 1872.

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#### WILLIAM M. ST. CLAIR

Was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1809, and moved to Ohio with his parents in 1814. Became there a merchant. Came to Michigan in 1839, and resided at Algonac, St. Clair county, when elected as a Whig Representative to the legislature of 1849.

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#### JOHN B. ST. JOHN,

Representative from Macomb county in 1848, was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1804. He came to Michigan in 1830, and settled on a farm three miles west of Utica, which he had purchased in 1827, and where he now resides. In politics a Democrat.

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#### BENTON R. STEARNS,

Representative from Berrien county in 1879, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1842. He received a common school education, and removed to Berrien county, Mich., in 1848. In 1861 he enlisted in company E, twelfth regiment Mich. vols., receiving commissions as second and first lieutenant in same regiment, serving four years and a half. Occupation, druggist, which he engaged in at Galien, Mich. He has filled the offices to township treasurer five years, and supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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#### AMOS E. STEELE,

Representative from Ingham and Livingston counties in 1840, was born in Queensbury, N. Y., June 28, 1806. He settled in Onondaga, Mich., in 1836, and was elected associate judge of Ingham county in 1838; took the county census in 1840; removed to Mason in 1844, and was elected judge of probate in 1848; was justice 27 years, and filled many local offices. In politics a Republican after 1854. Died March 15, 1878.

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#### GEO. E. STEELE,

Representative from Antrim and other counties in 1877, was born in West Andover, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1842. He removed to Kingsville, Ohio,



in 1845, and in 1861 to Benzonia, Mich. He received an academical education. In 1864 he removed to Homestead; attended the state agricultural college; was county surveyor of Grand Traverse county, then including Benzie, and supervisor; removed to Elk Rapids, Antrim county, in 1872, since which time he has been county surveyor of Antrim county, and supervisor of Elk Rapids, and largely engaged in examinations of lands, estimates, civil engineering and surveying, and in a small way in farming. In politics a Republican, later a Prohibitionist.

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#### JOSEPH H. STEERE.

Of Sault Ste. Marie, was born May 19, 1852, at Addison, Lenawee county, Michigan. Removed to the state of Minnesota with his parents in 1854. Returned to Adrian, Michigan, in 1861, worked on a farm and taught school, attended Raisin Valley seminary and Adrian high school winters, until 1872, then entered literary class of Michigan University, graduated from there in classical course in 1876. Studied law with Messrs. Geddes & Miller, of Adrian. Admitted to the bar in 1878. Removed to his present place of residence and began the practice of law in the last named year. Elected prosecuting attorney of Chippewa county in 1880. He was elected judge of the eleventh circuit in the spring of 1881.

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#### WILLIAM M. STEPHENS,

Representative from Ingham county in 1875, was born in Chittenden county, Vt., in 1825, where he resided until 1832, when his father's family removed to Niagara county, N. Y. In 1835 the family removed to Michigan and settled in Stockbridge, Ingham county, where he has since resided, with the exception of four years spent in California. He received a common school education, and is a farmer by occupation. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ROBERT STEPHENSON,

Representative from Delta and Menominee counties in 1881-2, was born in New Brunswick in 1836. He removed to Delta county in 1846, and to Menominee county in 1849, where he has resided ever since. He received a common school education; has been engaged principally in lumbering, in which he is now largely interested; is superintendent of the Ludington, Wells & Van Schoick Lumber Co., in which he is a large stockholder. He is also closely identified with



several other important business enterprises in that section of the country. In politics a Republican.

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#### SAMUEL M. STEPHENSON,

Senator from the 31st district, comprising the counties of Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft, Chippewa, and Mackinaw, in 1879-85, was born in New Brunswick in 1831. He received a common school education, and in 1846 located in Delta county, Mich., where he engaged in lumbering. In 1858 he removed to Menominee, where he built the second saw mill on the river. He has been chairman of the board of supervisors most of the time since that county was organized. He is largely interested in "The Kirby Carpenter Co.," of Menominee, and the "Stephenson Banking Co.," of Marinette, Wis., being an officer of both. He is also engaged in real estate, lumber, and general mercantile business, and owns several large farms. He was a Representative in the legislature of 1877 and a member of the Senate in 1879. In politics a Republican, and was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1888.

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#### EZRA STETSON,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1851, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1811. Settled as a physician at Galesburg, Mich., in 1837, and was in practice there for twenty years. He was a graduate of Fairfield medical college, N. Y. He was supervisor of Comstock, and a public spirited, active and influential citizen. In 1857 he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where he became a farmer and stock raiser, giving much attention to the Percheron breed of horses, and was among the first to bring them to this country. Has acquired a fortune.

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#### AMOS STEVENS,

Representative from Wayne county in 1849, and a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1835, was born in Sangerfield, N. Y., May 31, 1801. He removed to Steuben county in 1806, and to Canton, Mich., in 1831, where he died in 1876. He filled many local offices. A farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and a Presbyterian in religion.



## APPLETON STEVENS,

Representative from Bay county in 1861-2, was born at Moodus, Conn., August 17, 1818. He settled at Portsmouth, Bay county, in 1856, and was the first supervisor of that town. Died August 29, 1878.

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## FITZ H. STEVENS,

Senator from Van Buren county in 1853, was born in Tyngsboro, Mass., May 27, 1817. He came to Michigan in 1837, and resided in Berrien and Van Buren counties nearly the entire period from that date until his death, which occurred at St. Joseph, Sept. 7, 1870. In politics a Democrat. He was register of deeds in Van Buren county from 1840 to 1843. Also postmaster of St. Joseph. He was active in raising troops for the 12th Michigan infantry, and went out as the chosen quartermaster of the regiment, but did not finally receive his commission.

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## HERMAN W. STEVENS,

Of Port Huron, is a native of Michigan. Mr. Stevens graduated from the literary department of the Michigan University in 1866, and from the law department of that institution in 1868, and at once began the practice of his profession at Port Huron, and was so engaged without interruption until January 1, 1882, when he assumed the duties of circuit judge of the sixteenth judicial circuit.

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## HESTOR L. STEVENS

Was born at Lima, New York, October, 1803; received an academical education; studied law, was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in Rochester, N. Y., where he was also connected with the press. He attained eminence as an attorney, removed to Michigan in 1845, and locating at Pontiac engaged in practice. He was prosecuting attorney of Oakland county in 1847 and 1848. He was elected Representative to congress in 1852, as a Democrat, receiving 10,746 votes against 8,948 votes for Bradley, Whig, and 1,048 votes for Calkins, Free Soil. He served from December 5, 1853 to March 3, 1855. In 1854 he was defeated as a candidate for re-nomination. Soon after the expiration of his term he removed to Washington, where he practiced before the court of claims. He was an able lawyer, and a man of high social position. He died in Georgetown, D. C., May 7, 1864.



## HORACE STEVENS,

Representative from Oakland county in 1845, was born in Sharon Conn., August 29, 1799. He came to Michigan in 1835, was in business a mill owner and speculator, in politics a Democrat. Was a prominent local politician, and a man of wealth and position. Was one of the commissioners that located the state prison, and was also a judge. Was prominent in securing the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal. He gave the casting vote in the congressional convention which nominated Kinsley S. Bingham to congress the first term. He died in March, 1849.

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## JOHN J. STEVENS,

Representative from Monroe county in 1867, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1823. By occupation a builder, in politics a Republican. He came to Monroe, Michigan, in 1834, where he now resides. Has been alderman and supervisor. He was captain of Co. K, 18th Michigan infantry, from June 18, 1862, until the regiment was mustered out in June, 1865.

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## STEPHEN R. STEVENS,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1877-79, was born near Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1826. He received an education at Hobart college, Geneva. He was engaged in teaching for a number of years. He removed to Michigan in 1863, and became a citizen of Greenville in 1866. He has filled various offices of trust. He is by occupation a merchant, in politics a Republican.

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## WILLIAM C. STEVENS.

Auditor General from 1883 to 1887, was born at Plymouth, Mich., Nov. 14, 1837, and from 1846 to 1861 resided at Whitmore Lake. He entered the service as a lieutenant in the 3d Michigan cavalry in 1861, was discharged in 1862 for disability, but in the fall of that year became a captain in the 9th Michigan cavalry, and was promoted to major, serving until the close of the war. Studied law and graduated from the University law class of 1868, went into practice at East Tawas, served as prosecuting attorney, and ten years county treasurer. In politics a Republican. Now resides at Ann Arbor.



## WILLIAM N. STEVENS

Was born at Elizabeth, N. J., April 29, 1813. He learned the trade of a carpenter and worked at it for several years. He moved from New York city to Plymouth, Mich., in 1834, and from there to Whitmore Lake in 1847. He was engaged in mercantile business from 1847 to 1872. He was a Representative from Washtenaw county in 1861-2. He was county clerk in 1872. In 1882 removed to Ann Arbor, where he now resides.

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## EDWIN STEWART

Was born at Cambria, N. Y., August 28, 1819. He came to Michigan in 1837. In 1839 he taught school in Pine Lake, Oakland county. He attended the branch of the State University at Kalamazoo, graduated as a physician at Rush medical college, Chicago, in 1850, and since that time has been a practicing physician. He resides at Mendon. He was a Representative in 1861-2-3-4-5, as a Republican. He was postmaster at Mendon during President Arthur's administration.

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## JAMES STEWART,

Representative from Wayne county in 1869-70, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1830. His early occupations were machine work and railroading. He came to the United States in 1851. After a year spent in Penn Yan, N. Y., he removed to Michigan, settling in Van Buren, Wayne county, where he engaged in lumbering. He is still in the same business in the village of Belleville, although for several years he carried on a flouring mill at New Boston. He has always been a Democrat. He has been honored with various offices, and is now a justice.

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## WILLIAM W. STICKNEY,

Judge of the 6th circuit from 1881 to 1888, was born in Shoreham, Vt., January 30, 1832, received an academical education; taught school; graduated from the Poughkeepsie law school in 1855, and studied elsewhere. He was admitted in 1856, and commenced practice at Lapeer, where he now resides. He was two years prosecuting attorney, and served on the school board many years, and was its president. In politics a Democrat. Resides on a farm. He was defeated for re-election in 1886.



## ELI L. STILLSON,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1845, was born in Scipio, N. Y., May 20, 1804. When young he removed with his father to Rochester, N. Y., and was in the mercantile business in early life. In 1836 he came to Battle Creek, Mich., and devoted himself to the profession of law. He held the offices of master in chancery and justice. His court was regarded as a model in point of dignity, precision and practice. Died November 11, 1862.

## JOSEPH W. STINCHCOMB,

Representative from Barry county in 1877, was born in Perry county, Ohio, July 2, 1838. He removed to Seneca county, Ohio, in 1830. Received a common school education. In 1860 he removed to Michigan and settled in Sunfield, Eaton county, removed again to Woodland, Barry county, where he now resides. He has held the offices of school inspector, highway commissioner, and justice. In politics a Republican.

## FRANCIS B. STOCKBRIDGE,

Of Kalamazoo, was born in Bath, Me., April 9, 1826. Became a clerk at Boston at the age of sixteen, and remained there until 1847, then became a lumber dealer in Chicago. In 1850 engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Allegan county, which he continued until 1874. With O. R. Johnson as partner has been heavily engaged in lumbering in the upper peninsula, is largely interested in silver mining, and in southern pine. He was a Representative in the Michigan legislature of 1869-70, and Senator in 1871-2. He was a Whig, but a Republican since 1854. He declined the position of minister to the Hague in 1867. He is largely engaged in the breeding of fine horses with S. A. Brown of Kalamazoo. In 1887 was elected United States Senator and his term will expire in 1893.

## JOHN STOCKTON

Was born in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 24, 1798, and when young removed with his parents to Chillicothe, O., became a clerk, and served in the war of 1812, and was in command of Fort Malden when peace was declared. In 1815 was the private secretary of Gov. Cass, and in 1816 became a Detroit merchant. Removed to Mt. Clemens, and was postmaster there three years, also county clerk and register of Macomb county. He was a justice of the peace from 1819 to 1874. He was a



member of the territorial council from 1834 to 1839, and again in 1834; Senator in 1835; Representative in 1840-1-50, and speaker *pro tem.* in 1850. In 1824 he was government superintendent of the Lake Superior copper mines. He raised the 8th Michigan cavalry in 1862, and escorted it to the field, two of his sons being captains in the regiment. Deceased.

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MARTIN P. STOCKWELL,

Member of the constitutional convention of 1867, was born in Cato, N. Y., and located a farm in Dover, Lenawee county, in 1837. Has held the offices of justice and supervisor, and for eight years was county superintendent of the poor. Politically a Republican.

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CAMERON C. STODDARD,

Representative from Tuscola county in 1861-2, was born in Essex county, N. Y., in February, 1830. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican. He came to Michigan from western New York in 1858. Enlisted as a private in company A, 29th Michigan infantry, in 1864, and returned home in September, 1865, with a commission as 1st lieutenant. He was supervisor several terms, and clerk of Tuscola county from 1872 to 1876. Died January 24, 1876.

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JESSE STODDARD

Was born in Litchfield, Conn., July 3, 1792. He married in 1814, removed to Genesee county, N. Y., in 1816, and from there to Hillsdale county in 1836. By occupation a farmer. He was a Representative in the legislature of 1849.

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WILLIAM STODDARD

Was born August 31, 1821, in Sheldon, N. Y., received a common school education, came to Michigan in 1836, and settled as a farmer in Litchfield, Hillsdale county. He was a Representative in 1857, and Senator in 1871-2-3. A Republican in politics. He died in 1873.

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CHARLES W. STONE.

Representative from Newaygo county in 1883, was born in the county of Warren, N. Y., June 2, 1833, and received his education in the common schools. He came to Michigan in 1854, and settled in



Newaygo county, where he has resided since. He is a farmer and breeder of short horn cattle, and has lumber interests. He has been nine times elected supervisor of his township, and twice elected county treasurer. Was a National in politics.

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#### CLEMENT W. STONE,

Representative from Roscommon and other counties in 1877, was born May 30, 1840, in Gloucester, Mass. In 1843 he removed to Michigan and located in Kalamazoo. He received an academical education. In 1861 enlisted as commissary sergeant in the sixth regiment, Mich. volunteers, and was promoted to the captaincy of Co. D of that regiment. At the close of the war he held the position of inspector general of the district of south Alabama and west Florida. In 1866, in connection with his brother, he purchased the Kalamazoo weekly *Telegraph*, and afterwards established the daily *Telegraph*. In 1872 he located at Houghton Lake. In 1874 he was elected supervisor of Roscommon township, at that time being attached to Midland county. In 1875 he was elected county treasurer of Roscommon county. He was engaged in farming and real estate. In politics a Republican. Deceased.

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#### HIRAM STONE,

Representative from Monroe county in 1844-5-8, was a lawyer in fine practice at Monroe. Died while on his way to California.

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#### JOHN W. STONE,

Representative in congress from 1877 to 1881, was born in Wadsworth, O., July 18, 1838. He received a common and select school education, came to Michigan in 1836, and taught school four winters. He was clerk of Allegan county two terms. Studied law, was admitted in 1862, and was prosecuting attorney of Allegan county from 1865 to 1871. Was elected circuit judge in 1873, resigned in 1874, and went into practice at Grand Rapids. After the close of his second term in congress was U. S. district attorney for western Michigan until 1885. Now in practice at Houghton, Mich. A Republican in politics.



## WALES F. STORRS

Was born at Westport, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1816. He received the education of common schools, moved with his parents to Portage county, Ohio, in 1834, worked on a farm until 1836, and then taught school for several years. In 1859 he removed to Grand Haven, Michigan, and engaged in lumbering. In 1867 he was a Representative, and in 1871-2 a Senator. A Whig until 1854, then a Republican.

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## WILLIAM L. STOUGHTON,

Attorney General 1867-9, and Representative in congress 1869-73, was born in Bangor, N. Y., March 20, 1827. Received an academical education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He was prosecuting attorney of St. Joseph county, 1855-9, and for some time U. S. district attorney for Michigan. He resigned, became lieutenant colonel of the 11th Michigan infantry, became colonel April 1, 1862, lost a leg in battle, was made brigadier general, and at the close of the war major general, "for gallantry in the field." He practiced law several years at Grand Rapids, then resumed practice at his old home in Sturgis, where he died in the spring of 1888.

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## BYRON G. STOUT,

Representative from Oakland county in 1857-9, speaker in 1859, and Senator in 1861-2, was born near Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1829, and became a resident of Oakland county, Mich., in 1831. He graduated from the State University in 1851. Studied law one year, devoted eight years to teaching, and since has given most of his time to agriculture and real estate. In 1862 he was the union-democratic nominee for governor, but was defeated. A Republican until 1862, since a Democrat. Was the democratic nominee for congress in 1868 and 1870, and for State Senator in 1883, was a delegate to the republican national convention in 1856, and to the democratic national conventions of 1868, 1880, and 1888. Resides at Pontiac.

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## DAVID B. STOUT,

Representative in the legislature of 1838, settled at Allegan, Michigan, in 1836. In politics a Whig. He removed to New Jersey in the forties, was a Free Soiler in 1848, became a preacher, and died in that state.



## ISAAC STOW,

Representative from Livingston county in 1875, was born in Weybridge, Vt., Dec. 10, 1830. In 1836 he came with his parents to the western part of Livingston county. He had the advantage of a good high school for some months. He has filled nearly every position in the gift of his township, and with the exception of three years has held the office of supervisor since 1865. He is engaged in agriculture. In politics a Democrat.

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## ALEXANDER H. STOWELL,

Senator from Wayne county in 1853, was born in Vermont in 1808. He came to Michigan at an early day, and was a bookbinder by trade. He identified himself with the business of Detroit, and became a trader in a general way, especially in real estate. He was alderman 1850-3, and served as assessor and city marshal at various times. Was a Democrat in politics. Deceased.

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## JAMES J. STRANG

Was born at Scipio, N. Y., March 21, 1813, and was the son of a farmer. He received a common school education, followed by a short term at Fredonia academy. When young he became a conspicuous debater in the rural clubs, and had a morbid desire for distinction. At the age of twelve he joined the Baptist church, and was for some time an active member. He was restlessly active, taught school, delivered temperance addresses, worked on his father's and other farms, and at the age of twenty-one commenced the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1836, and soon after married Mary Perce. He practiced law at Mayville and Ellington, N. Y., and was postmaster at Ellington. In 1843 he emigrated to Burlington, Wisconsin, and formed a law partnership with C. P. Barnes. In 1844 he visited Nauvoo, Ill., the Mormon headquarters, was speedily converted and baptized into that faith. He was authorized by Joseph Smith, as an elder and minister, to establish a Mormon colony in Wisconsin. Strang founded his colony at Voree, (now Spring Prairie) Wisconsin, and published the *Voree Herald*. The colony grew. In May, 1847, he explored the Beaver Islands, and made it his headquarters. St. James was named from him, and in 1850 the colony elected him king. He then published the *Northern Islander*, and the saints became the owners of homesteads. In 1849 his first wife left him, and he had another wife in 1851, a second in 1852, and



two others in 1855. In July, 1856, he was murdered on Beaver Island, and was buried at Spring Prairie, Wis. He was a Representative in 1853-5, as a Democrat. He was a man of ability, and aside from polygamy, of upright character, scholarly life and studious habits, and a good writer and speaker.

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#### SAMUEL STREET,

Representative from Berrien county in 1850, was a native of North Carolina. He located a farm in Bertrand, Berrien county, in 1835, and built a double log house, where he lived until his death in 1861. He was a supervisor of Bertrand.

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#### RANDOLPH STRICKLAND

Was born at Dansville, N. Y., February 4, 1823, and died May 5, 1881, His grandfather was a revolutionary soldier. His education was obtained under great difficulties, mostly at night by the light of burning pine knots. From sixteen to twenty-one he was employed in a saw-mill, working sixteen hours a day. In 1844 he taught school in Ingham county, Michigan. For five years he was engaged in studying and working, and was admitted to the bar in 1849. After a short time spent in practice at Detroit, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Clinton county, and held that position for eight years. He first resided at Dewitt, after that at St. Johns. He was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1856; a Senator in 1861-2; provost marshal, 1863-5; and Representative in congress 1869-71. He was a Republican in politics.

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#### DANIEL STRIKER,

Secretary of State from 1871 to 1875, was born in Rose, N. Y., April 9, 1835, and came with his parents to Concord, Mich., the same year. In 1851 they moved to Baltimore; Barry county. He became a clerk at Hastings from 1855 to 1858. He was clerk of Barry county six years; deputy county clerk three years; supervisor and chairman of county board; was admitted to the bar in 1870; has been engaged in the drug and hardware trade, and a national bank director. He is chairman of the Albion college endowment fund committee, and devotes his time to that and to banking. In politics a Republican.



## GILBERT STRIKER,

Representative from Barry county in 1873-4, was born in Washington, N. Y., October 13, 1811. In 1818 his parents removed to Wayne county, N. Y. He received a common school education. In 1835 removed to Michigan and settled in Concord, Jackson county. In 1852 he removed to Baltimore, Barry county, where he now resides. He has served in several responsible positions in his township. A farmer by occupation, and a Republican in politics.

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## OLIVER P. STROBRIDGE,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1850, was born in Claremont, N. H., June 1, 1818. By profession a physician. He came to Michigan in 1840, and lived at Farmington until 1845, when he removed to Almont, and practiced his profession until 1873. Then went to California for his health and did not return to Almont until a short time before his death, Feb. 1, 1880.

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## JOHN STRONG,

Representative from Wayne county in 1835-6, was a native of England, born 1799. He came to Michigan in 1822, was a farmer by occupation, and died March 25, 1881. His son (of the same name) has since held seats both in the House and Senate, from Wayne and Monroe counties.

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## JOHN STRONG, JR.,

Was born in Greenfield, Michigan, April 7, 1831. He received a common school education and followed farming until 1863, when he removed to South Rockwood, Monroe county, and engaged in milling, in manufacturing staves, heading, and lumber, in merchandise, farming and raising short horn stock. In 1861-2 he was a Representative from Wayne county, in 1879 in the same position from Monroe county, and in 1881-2-3 was a Senator from Monroe county. In politics a Democrat.

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## MYRON STRONG

Was born and brought up in Rochester, N. Y. He removed to Cass county, Michigan, in 1835, and settled on a farm near Edwardsburg. In 1838 he was elected an associate judge of the county. He was a Representative in 1841. He sold his farm in 1847 and returned to Rochester, N. Y., where he lived until the close of the late war, when he removed to Florida, and died there about 1872.



## SYLVESTER A. STRONG,

Representative from Jackson county in 1879, was born Sept. 10, 1833, in St. Lawrence county, N. Y.; removed to Michigan in 1835, and became a resident of Jackson county in 1840. He received a common school education, and chose a farmer's life. He has held many offices, including treasurer, highway commissioner, and justice. Politics, national.

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## JOHN STRUBLE,

Representative from Cass county in 1875, was born in Union county, Pa., Feb. 9, 1823, removed to Michigan in 1846, and settled at Three Rivers, St. Joseph county. He received a common school education, and held the offices of supervisor and justice. His occupation is farming. In politics a Democrat.

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## CHARLES E. STUART

Was born at Canaan Corners, Columbia county, New York, November 25, 1810. His father soon removed to Waterloo, N. Y., where he received the education of common and grammar schools. At the age of nineteen he commenced the study of law, and was admitted to the bar of Seneca county. In 1835 he settled at Kalamazoo, Mich., and began his distinguished career as a lawyer and politician. In 1842 he was Representative in the state legislature; from 1847 to 1849, and from 1851 to 1853 he was Representative in congress; and from 1853 to 1859 was United States Senator from Michigan. He attained high reputation as a lawyer, speaker and legislator. His personal appearance was faultless: he was at once commanding and graceful; just above the medium height, and compactly built. A fine eye lighted up a classic head and face. In his legal contests he never lost poise or temper, never used manuscript or notes, and never abused a witness or opponent. As a public speaker he was always in demand. In words, look, tone and gesture he carried art to the highest finish. With great intellectual endowments, keen perception and courage, he attained high position at the bar, and in the political arena. In the Senate he was a fine presiding officer. On account of ill health, he retired from practice and public life many years ago. He was a delegate at large from Michigan to the democratic national convention in 1860, and was the leader of the Douglass delegates. He was also a delegate at large to the democratic national convention in 1868, and was a delegate to the union convention at Philadelphia in 1866. For



the last seventeen years of his life he was an invalid, but never lost his interest in public affairs. He raised the 13th Michigan infantry in 1862. He died at Kalamazoo May 19, 1887.

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#### DAVID STUART

Was born in the state of New York; removed to Detroit, Michigan; was elected a Representative from Michigan in the thirty-third congress as a Democrat, receiving 10,125 votes against 9,370 votes for Howard, Whig, and 605 for Dexter, Free Soiler, serving from Dec. 5, 1853, to March 3, 1855.

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#### PATRICK STUART,

Representative from Wayne county in 1887, was born at Tulnagingay, Fermanagh county, Ireland, March 17, 1820. His father was a mechanic, and died leaving a widow and four children, of which Patrick was next to the youngest. In a few years their means were exhausted, and when the subject of this sketch was but seven years old he was compelled to help make his own living. Afterwards he traveled through Ireland, Scotland and England, and finally, in 1843, sailed for America, where he learned the brass molder's trade, married and settled in Detroit, where he has resided about thirty-seven years, working at his trade until three years ago, when he was made sewer inspector. Mr. Stuart is a Democrat, and was elected Representative by a vote of 12,255.

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#### ROBERT STUART

Was born at Callander, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1785. He received a fair education, and at the request of his uncle, David Stuart, then an agent of the northwest company, he came to Montreal, Canada, when twenty-two years of age. There he made himself master of the French language, and subsequently entered the office of the attorney general of the province. He, with his uncle, John Jacob Astor, and others, in 1810 became partners in a scheme for establishing trading posts on the Pacific coast and its rivers. In September, 1810, the Stuarts with a crew of fifty-one sailed for the mouth of the Columbia river, where they founded Astoria, and established several trading posts on the Columbia and its tributaries. The war of 1812 compelled them to sell out to the northwest fur co., and Mr. Stuart with a party of six traveled overland from Astoria to New York. In 1817 he removed to the island of Mackinac as the general agent of the



American fur company, which he successfully managed until 1835, when the business was closed out and he removed to Detroit, investing largely in real estate. He became a director in the old bank of Michigan, and was appointed state treasurer in 1840, which position he held nearly one year. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. In all religious matters his place was in the front rank. He died October 29, 1848.

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#### DAVID STURGIS,

Senator from Clinton county in 1851, was born in Brant county, Ontario, March 10, 1810. By occupation a merchant; in politics a Democrat. Came to Detroit in 1837 and engaged in peddling for the wholesale house of Beecher & Abbott, making his trips by the way of Pontiac and De Witt to Grand Rapids, which gave him an opportunity to find a place to settle. Commenced mercantile business at Portland, then removed to De Witt in 1840, and remained there merchandizing and milling until the founding of St. Johns, in which he took an active part with Auditor General Swegles and others in 1853-4. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850; associate judge in 1842; supervisor of De Witt in 1850 and 1853; and trustee of the union school at St. Johns. Fond of pioneer life he took pride in the advancement of the state, and was a great favorite of the Indians, speaking their language fluently. Died in February, 1864.

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#### JAMES SULLIVAN

Was born in Exeter, N. H., Dec. 6, 1811, and was of illustrious ancestry, his grandfather being General Sullivan of the revolution, who was governor of New Hampshire from 1786 to 1789, and representative in congress. His father, George Sullivan, was an eminent lawyer, and was attorney general of New Hampshire, and representative in congress. James Sullivan graduated from Dartmouth college at the age of eighteen, studied and practiced law at Concord, N. H., in 1837 came to Niles, Michigan, soon after removing to Edwardsburg and thence to Cassopolis. He was a practitioner at the bar of Cass county from 1838 to 1878, and was an able lawyer. He was prosecuting attorney from 1852 to 1854. In 1853 he removed to Dowagiac, where he resided until his death in August, 1878. He was Senator in 1855, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. He there made a speech on the grand jury system which was regarded as a masterpiece of eloquence and logic.



## JACOB SUMMERS

Was born in the state of New Jersey, Jan. 7, 1787. He was by occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. His father became a judge of records in Philadelphia. The son settled in Shelby, Macomb county, in 1831. He was supervisor in 1836; Representative in the legislature of 1835 and 1833; Senator in 1837-8-9-40-9 and 1850, and associate judge of Macomb county. He was a man of strong mind, but uneducated, indolent and eccentric. But as a legislator he had great influence, and often defeated the strongest men of the State in legislation. He was familiarly known as "Uncle Jake." He died July 25, 1863.

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## JOHN J. SUMNER

Was born April 17, 1832, in Sodus, N. Y., and received the education of common schools. In 1847 he emigrated with his parents to Bedford, Monroe county, where he now resides. Has been postmaster at Lambertville twenty-two years; justice eight years; supervisor five years; Representative in the legislature in 1871-2; and Senator in 1873-4. Occupation general merchant and farmer. A Republican until 1884, since a Prohibitionist.

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## JAMES B. SUTHERLAND

Was born in North Castle, N. Y. He became a clerk in the dry goods with T. Peck, on Cedar street, New York city. He went to Missouri in 1840, and in 1841 engaged in mercantile and lumber business at St. Joseph, Michigan, had a lumber yard at Chicago, and was in the trade for twenty years. He was a member of the legislature in 1855 as a temperance democrat, spoke and voted for the Maine law and free railroads. Married the daughter of J. B. Lane in 1853; an independent Democrat up to 1884, now a Prohibitionist. A deacon in the Congregational church at St. Joseph, which is still his home.

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## JABEZ G. SUTHERLAND

Was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1825; removed with his father to Genesee county in 1836. He studied law and was admitted in 1848. In 1849 he began practice in Saginaw City, and became prosecuting attorney of the county. In 1850 he was a member of the state constitutional convention. In 1853 he was a Representative in the state legislature. After that he devoted himself to his practice with signal success. In 1858 he was the democratic candidate for



attorney general. In 1863 he was elected circuit judge of the tenth circuit, and was re-elected in 1869 without opposition. He acquired distinction as a judge. In 1867 he was a delegate to the state constitutional convention. In 1870 he was elected to the 47th congress, serving one term. He is now practicing law with success at Salt Lake City.

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#### EDWIN SUTTON

Was born in Ulster county, N. Y., April 1, 1831. He settled in Mason township, Cass county, Michigan, in 1846. He was a farmer and district school teacher, and town clerk and school inspector. Was a Democrat until 1854, then a Republican. He was Representative in the Michigan House of 1857. Died June 12, 1862.

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#### GEORGE SUTTON.

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1875, was born in Warren county, N. J., February 17, 1810. He came with his father to Michigan in 1830, and settled upon a farm of five hundred acres, on which he now dwells, in Northfield, being now and always having been a farmer. He received his education in the common schools. He has held office in his township ever since it was organized, having filled the positions of supervisor, justice of the peace, and other offices. In politics a Democrat.

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#### NATHAN E. SUTTON,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1885, was born in Northfield, January 17, 1842, upon the farm purchased in 1824 of the United States, by his father's family, who were the first settlers in the township. Here he still resides and follows the occupation of a farmer and dealer in live stock. In early life Mr. Sutton received a good education, passing through the common schools and graduating at the Ann Arbor commercial college in 1861. He has filled the office of supervisor for two terms, and was elected as a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM C. SUTTON,

Senator from Wayne county in 1873-4, was born December 3, 1811, in Warwick, N. Y. He was educated in the common schools. In 1857 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Battle Creek. In 1865 he removed to the town of Dearborn, Wayne county, where he now



resides. He has served in several responsible offices in the town where he has resided, and where he now resides, and before leaving New York held various public offices. His occupation is of a miscellaneous character.

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#### JOHN B. SWEETLAND,

Representative from Cass county in 1875. was born July 4, 1834, in Tompkins county, N. Y., and removed to Michigan in July, 1861. He was educated at the district schools and New York central college, and is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Buffalo. He enlisted as a private in the fourth Michigan cavalry, serving thirteen months, when he received an appointment upon the medical staff in the regular army. In politics a Republican.

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#### JAMES A. SWEEZEY,

Representative from Barry county in 1863-4-7, was born at Brook Haven, Long Island, N. Y., September 19, 1828. A lawyer by profession; a Republican in politics. He came to Michigan in 1834, and lived with his parents at Napoleon, Jackson county, until June, 1851, when he settled in Hastings, and was admitted to the bar at Grand Rapids in 1853. He has been prosecuting attorney of Barry county for six years, and was regent of the University of Michigan from 1864 to 1872. Is still in the practice of his profession at Hastings. Has been twice elected and for two years filled the trust of grand chancellor of the order of Knights of Pythias of Michigan.

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#### JOHN SWEGLES

Was born in Hector, N. Y., April 10, 1819. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of eighteen, and abandoned it to become purser's clerk on the brig Porpoise of the Atlantic coast survey. In 1840 he removed to Jonesville, Michigan. He was clerk of Hillsdale county from 1845 to 1849. In 1850 he was elected auditor general, and served for two terms from 1851 to 1855. In 1853 he selected for a company of which he was a member the site of the present village of St. Johns, the land purchased comprising 920 acres. He built a saw-mill and stave house the next year, and employed men to clear the land. The village was named St. Johns as a mark of honor to him. He died many years since.



## JAMES H. SWEENEY,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1846, was a physician. He came from the state of New York about 1835, and lived many years at the village of Morenci. Deceased.

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## GEORGE W. SWIFT

Was born in Palmyra, N. Y., May 21, 1817. In 1825 he came with his father, Rev. Marcus Swift, to Michigan, the family settling on a farm in Nankin, Wayne county, where he remained until twenty years of age, receiving his education largely at home. In 1837 he went to New York and enjoyed for four years good educational advantages. As a speaker he early distinguished himself in debate, especially upon the subjects of temperance and anti-slavery, and delivered many public addresses. He removed to Lansing with his family and was state librarian from 1857 to 1859. In 1859 he had charge of the state fund for the relief of destitute settlers in Gratiot, Montcalm, Isabella and adjoining counties, and purchased over 120 tons of provisions and supplies, which were loaned, notes being taken in over 2,000 cases. For this work he received the thanks of the state officers. In politics he was a Republican. He was a Representative from Wayne county in 1867-9-70. He was sergeant-at-arms of the House in 1865. In 1869 he was appointed consul at Windsor, which he held for four years. He died at Northville, Michigan, April 28, 1885.

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## JOHN M. SWIFT

Was born in Nankin, Mich., February 11, 1832, and was the youngest son of Rev. Marcus Swift. His early life was that of a farmer's son, and his education was largely obtained at home, with one year at common schools and a short academical course. He commenced the study of medicine in 1851, and graduated in 1854 at the eclectic medical institute of Cincinnati. He has attained distinction as a physician, and has been elected a member of various medical societies both in this country and in England. He is also a fine tenor singer, has taken great interest in music, and through him, largely, Northville has a wide reputation as a musical town. In politics a Republican, in religion a Presbyterian. In 1865 he was a Representative, and was one of the commission who located the house of correction at Ionia in 1876.



## ORSON SWIFT,

Representative from Barry county in 1885, was born in Huntington, Vt., August 3, 1838. He came to Michigan in 1862, and located in Leroy, Calhoun county. Five years later he removed to Maple Grove, Barry county, where he has since resided. He has always been engaged in the business of farming. He has held the office of supervisor of his township six years. In politics a Fusionist.

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## WILLIAM F. SWIFT,

Senator from the thirty-first district, comprising Mackinac, Chippewa, Schoolcraft, Delta, Menominee, Marquette and Baraga counties in 1881-2, was born in the town of Sharon, Litchfield county, Conn., July 10, 1848. He removed to Ishpeming, Mich., in 1873. As the Republican candidate for Senator he received 5,257 votes, to 3,001 for Alfred; P. Swineford, Democrat.

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## ALBERT P. SWINEFORD

Was born in Ashland, Ohio, September 14, 1836. A printer by trade, in politics a Democrat. He came to Michigan in 1867, and published the *Mining and Manufacturing News*, the first paper at Negaunee. He started the *Mining Journal*, at Marquette, in 1868, and is still part owner of that paper. Prior to coming to Michigan he had published the *Star*, at Albert Lea, Minn.; *Banner*, at La Crescent, Minn.; started the first daily at La Crosse, Wisconsin; published the *Daily Enquirer* at Milwaukee, in 1860, and the *Democratic Press* at Fond Du Lac, in 1864-5-6. Then was in the oil business in Canada, then an express messenger, thence to Lake Superior. He was a Representative in the legislature of 1871-2, and was a commissioner to the New Orleans exposition. He was appointed early in the administration of President Cleveland, governor of Alaska, and now fills that position, residing at Sitka.

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## ALEXANDER TACLES,

Representative from Macomb county in 1835-6-9, came to Michigan in 1822, and settled at Romeo. He was a farmer by occupation, politically a Democrat. Died April 12, 1855.



## MOSES TAGGART

Was born at Wilson, N. Y., February 27, 1843. Is by profession an attorney at law. Mr. Taggart's early life was spent on a farm. He prepared for college at Wilson collegiate institute. He was graduated in the class of 1867, from the law department of the University of Michigan, and was admitted to the bar at Buffalo, N. Y., December, 1867. In the fall of 1884, he was elected on the republican ticket attorney general of the state of Michigan, and was re-elected for the same office in 1886, receiving 181,266 votes, to 172,982 for John C. Donnelly, Fusionist, and 25,439 for the Prohibition candidate.

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## LEVI B. TAFT

Was born at Bellingham, Mass., August 6, 1821. He came to Michigan in 1834. He graduated at Dartmouth college in 1843, and was admitted to the bar in 1845. He practiced law in Chicago for sixteen years, when he removed to Pontiac, Mich. He practiced there until 1873, when he was elected judge of the 6th circuit. He retired from the bench in 1875, and is still in practice at Pontiac.

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## HENRY P. TAPPAN

Was born at Rhinebeck, N. Y., April 18, 1805. His father, Major Peter Tappan, was an officer of the revolution, and took part in the siege of Yorktown. The son at fourteen was left dependent on his own resources, and with great effort and self denial, graduated with high honor at Union college in 1825. Later he received from that college the degree of D. D., and of LL. D. from Columbia college. He studied theology at Auburn, and for three years was pastor of a Congregational church at Pittsfield, Mass., resigning on account of a throat affection. At the age of twenty-seven he was called to the chair of moral and intellectual philosophy in the New York University, where he remained until 1838. He then devoted himself to the study of mental philosophy, and in 1839-40-1 published works which gave him high rank as a thinker throughout the civilized world. He published other works in 1841-51-2-3. He spent two years traveling in Europe, and in 1851 resumed his professorship in the University of New York. In 1852, by a unanimous vote of the regents, he was made president of the University of Michigan, and most ably filled that position until 1863, when he became a resident of Berlin, and afterwards of Vevay, where he closed his life in November, 1881.



## HORACE S. TARBELL

Was born at Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 19, 1838. He graduated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1859. For three years was professor of natural sciences in Bellville seminary, Canada; from 1862 to 1865 was principal of Farmerville county grammar school; in 1865 principal of central academy, McGrawville, N. Y.; from 1866 to 1871 principal of schools in Detroit, and in 1869 organized the evening school in Detroit house of correction; and was superintendent of the East Saginaw schools from 1870 to 1877. Elected superintendent of public instruction in 1876, he served from January 1, 1877, until Aug., 1878, when he resigned to accept the position of superintendent of schools at Indianapolis, Ind.

## TIMOTHY E. TARSNEY

Was born at Ransom, Mich., Feb. 4, 1849; was educated at the common schools; served seven years as a marine engineer, meantime reading law; entered the law department of Michigan University in 1870, and graduated in the class of 1872; was a justice in 1873-74; was city attorney in 1875-6-7-8, when he resigned, serving as *ex-officio* member of the board of supervisors at the same time; was elected to the forty-ninth, and re-elected to the fiftieth congress as a Fusionist, receiving 18,301 votes against 17,615 votes for Horr, Republican, and 1,930 votes for Abbey, Prohibitionist.

## CHARLES H. TAYLOR

Was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1813. He was educated at an academy, and settled in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1837. He was clerk of Kent county for eight years. In 1847-8 was a Representative in the legislature. He was one of five commissioners who selected sites for the insane asylum at Kalamazoo, and the deaf and dumb asylum at Flint. He was the first secretary of state elected under the constitution of 1850, and served from 1851 to 1853. From 1847 to 1855 he edited the Grand Rapids *Enquirer*. Later he was chief editor and part proprietor of the Detroit *Free Press*, but ill health compelled him to retire. In politics a Democrat. Is in business at Grand Rapids.

## DANIEL W. TAYLOR,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1845, was born in the state of New York, Oct. 5, 1804. By occupation a farmer and carriage



maker; politically a Democrat. He was one of the earliest pioneers in Lapeer county. Was postmaster seven years, and justice of the peace several terms. He was a prominent Mason. Died October 10, 1860.

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#### GEORGE E. TAYLOR,

Senator from Genesee county in 1883, was born in Oakland county, Michigan, March 21, 1838. He received a common school and academical education. He commenced teaching at the age of seventeen, and continued in that occupation until twenty-eight years of age. He has held the office of school inspector six years, supervisor eight years, register of deeds six years, and been one of the aldermen of the city of Flint for three years. In politics a Republican.

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#### HENRY W. TAYLOR,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1847, was born in Deerfield, Mass., February 2, 1796. By occupation a lawyer; politically Whig and Republican. He graduated at Yale college in 1816, and received the degree of LL. D. from that institution in 1849. He went to Ontario county, N. Y., in 1816, studied law and practiced until 1840, when he removed to Marshall, Michigan, to practice his profession. He took high rank as a lawyer, and was learned and eloquent. He returned to Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1848, was a member of the legislature of that state four years, and judge of the county and Supreme Court. He was appointed judge of the court of appeals in 1850. He was made a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M. in 1846. He now resides at Canandaigua, and in a letter written in July, 1887, at the age of 91½ years, he says: "Am waiting for the end of life to come."

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#### LORISON J. TAYLOR,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1874-5, was born at North Raisinville, Mich., June 30, 1842. He fitted for and entered the University at Ann Arbor, but in 1861 enlisted in the 2d Michigan infantry, serving until Nov., 1863, when he was discharged from wounds received at Fort Saunders. He re-enlisted in 1865, and became a captain in the 11th Michigan infantry, serving until September of that year. Resides at Laingsburg, and is a farmer. He was a Senator in 1877.



## WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1865-7, was a native of the state of New York, born Feb. 9, 1816. Was a resident of Michigan in 1837-8, but returned to New York, kept hotel two years, then for two years was in business at Harrisburg, Pa. Then sold patents until 1846, then moved to Ontario, Canada, engaged in lumbering and ran grist and woolen mills. Made his home at Saginaw, Mich., in 1856, was a lumberman until 1865, then kept the Taylor house until 1870. He removed to St. Louis, Mich., built the Eastman house and kept it until 1874. Deceased.

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## CONRAD TEN EYCK

Was a name identified with the history of Michigan for more than half a century. Mr. Ten Eyck was of Dutch extraction, born in Albany N. Y., July 17, 1782. He came to Detroit in 1801. His early occupation was that of a merchant, to which he added farming by the purchase of a farm in Dearborn, which was his family residence during the greater part of his life, although his own time was largely spent in Detroit. Mr. Ten Eyck's first record is as one of the protestants against the brutal expulsion order of the British General Proctor in 1813. He was county treasurer from 1817 to 1825, and a member of the first constitutional convention in 1835. He was Senator in 1835-6-7, resigning in the latter year to accept the appointment of U. S. marshal under President Van Buren, which office he held until 1841. He was a Representative in 1846. He was a Democrat of undoubted orthodoxy, was a man of energy and purpose, of decided character, and by reason of these traits, of marked influence during his active life. Died Aug. 21, 1847.

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## PETER TERNES,

Representative from Wayne county in 1869-70, was born in Germany in 1831, and came to America with his parents during his minority. His occupation was that of a farmer in Greenfield for many years, during which he held various local offices, including that of supervisor for six years. He removed to Detroit in 1870, and has since been more or less in the service of the city, being now assistant receiver of taxes. Politics, democratic.

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## HARRIET A. TENNEY,

State Librarian from April, 1869, until the present time, was the eldest daughter of John L. and Delia (Doud) Edgerton, and was born in



Essex, Vt., April 1, 1834. She was educated at Franklin academy; taught several terms; married J. Eugene Tenney in 1854, and they removed to Homer, Mich., where they both engaged in teaching. They had charge of the union school at Marshall from the fall of 1855 until April, 1859, when she removed to Lansing with her husband, and succeeded him as state librarian in April, 1859, to which position she was appointed by Gov. Baldwin: believed to be the first appointment of a woman to such a position in this country. She still holds the office by successive appointments of Governors Baldwin, Bagley, Croswell, Jerome, Begole, Alger and Luce. During the war she was the president of the Lansing military aid society; several years president of the ladies soldiers' monument association; also of the Lansing woman's club; director of the Lansing library and literary association, and the able and efficient recording secretary of the state pioneer society since its organization, April 22, 1874, and still holds that position.

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#### JESSE E. TENNEY,

State Librarian from 1859 to 1869, was born at Orwell, Vt., July 23, 1816, and received his education at Brandon academy and Middlebury college, where he graduated in 1838. He went south and was admitted to the bar of Alabama in 1839. He traveled extensively in Europe and acted as a commercial agent at Padua, Venice, Marseilles and Lyons, returning in 1849. He practiced law at Franklin, Vt. In 1854 married Harriet A. Edgerton, and the same year became principal of the schools at Homer, Mich.: was there two years, then for four years was superintendent of the schools at Marshall. Now resides at Lansing. Has been recorder and acting mayor, member of the board of education, U. S. circuit court commissioner, and engaged in law practice, real estate and insurance business. Has delivered many addresses and orations, and is a man of literary taste, fine cultivation and extensive reading. A Republican in politics.

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#### HENRY D. TERRY,

Representative from Macomb county in 1848, was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1814. By profession a lawyer, politically first Whig, then Republican. He came to Michigan in 1842, and located at Mt. Clemens, where he practiced his profession until 1855, when he removed to Detroit and practiced law there until 1861. June 15, 1861, he was commissioned colonel of the 5th Michigan infantry, and took the field in September. The regiment took part in many battles, and made



the first successful bayonet charge at Williamsburg, taking the enemy's works, and leaving sixty-three rebel dead in the enemy's rifle pits, all killed by the bayonet. Generals McClellan, Kearney and Barry all wrote highly complimentary letters in praise of the regiment. Colonel Terry was wounded in this action. He was made a brigadier general July 18, 1862, and continued in service until Feb. 7, 1865, when he resigned. He located at Washington, D. C., and practiced law until his death, June 29, 1869. While a resident of Detroit he was prosecuting attorney of Wayne county. He was a man of brilliant talent, and of fine personal bearing.

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#### GEORGE W. THAYER

Was born in Heath, Mass., Dec. 19, 1809. He came to Michigan in 1849, and is a resident of Flint. Is a Republican, and was a Representative in 1863-4 and 5.

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#### NAHUM P. THAYER,

Representative from Wayne county in 1837-8-40, was born at St. Thomas, Ontario, July 31, 1802, and died on his farm near Detroit, Oct. 26, 1851. He came to Greenfield, Mich., in 1820, and located a farm still occupied by his descendants. He built the first three miles of the Chicago turnpike, now Michigan avenue, Detroit. He held various local offices, and was a colonel of the state militia. In politics a Democrat.

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#### SIMEON M. THAYER

Was born January 17, 1841, in Halderman county, Ontario, Canada. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1852, and settled in Sanilac county. He was Representative in 1871-2. In the spring of 1872 he removed to the northwestern country, where he was a sheriff in 1885-6. In politics a Republican, in business a real estate dealer.

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#### GEORGE THOMAS

Was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1812. He emigrated to Michigan in 1837, and settled on a farm in Ross, Kalamazoo county. He was a Whig until 1854, and served several times as supervisor. As a Republican he was a Representative in 1859-63-4, Senator in 1851-69-70. He became a resident of Barry county in 1855. Now acts with the greenback party.



## HENRY F. THOMAS,

Representative from Allegan county in 1873 and Senator in 1875, was born in Jackson county, Mich., Dec. 17, 1843. He entered Albion college in 1859, and remained two years. In 1862 he enlisted in the 7th Michigan cavalry, and rose to the rank of first lieutenant, serving through the war. He graduated from the medical department of the Michigan University in 1868, and is in practice at Allegan.

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## JOHN THOMAS,

Representative from Oakland county in 1846, was born in Alleghany, Pa., 1802. When young he removed with his parents to Penn Yan, N. Y., and from there to Farmington, Mich., in 1835. He was a partner of Daniel S. Lee in a large mercantile business, which he continued after his partner removed. In company with Charles P. Bush and Daniel S. Lee, he purchased in 1847 a tract of land in Lansing, just south of the school section on which the capitol was located, now a part of the city. They opened a store on the east side of Grand river, and sold goods for six years. They also built the Benton, now Everett house. The first postoffice was in their store. He returned to Farmington in 1852, and died March 18, 1863.

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## WILLIAM THOMAS,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1875, was born in Washington county, N. Y., March 20, 1815. He became a resident of Michigan in 1843. He is a farmer by occupation, in politics a Liberal. Has been supervisor of Hartford seven years, town clerk and treasurer eight years, justice four years. He was active in securing \$15,000 from the town to aid in building a railroad connection. Resides at Hartford.

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## ZIMRI D. THOMAS,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1865, was born at Rowe, Mass., Sept. 16, 1809, and removed to central New York in 1820. He was for six years postmaster at Hamburg, N. Y. Came to Michigan in 1835, and was three years supervisor of Allen. Has been coroner, and a justice for many years. Now resides at Hillsdale. A Republican in politics.



## ALMON A. THOMPSON,

Representative from Eaton county in 1869, was born in Richmond, Vt., March 26, 1829, and removed to Avon, O., in 1840. He graduated from Oberlin college in 1854, and from the medical department of the Michigan University in 1856. He was assistant surgeon of the 12th Michigan infantry and afterwards of the 11th cavalry. Practiced as a physician at Vermontville. From 1870 until 1878 was consul at Goderich, Canada. Now in practice at Flint, is physician to the deaf and dumb institute, and a member of the local pension board. In politics a Republican.

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## ALBERT THOMPSON,

Senator from Van Buren county in 1875, was born in Waterbury, Vt., April 23, 1831. He was educated at Oberlin college, and graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan. He removed to Michigan in 1860, and enlisted in the third Michigan cavalry when it was organized in 1861; was made hospital steward; afterwards promoted to lieutenant, next as assistant surgeon, and finally surgeon, and was mustered out with his regiment in 1866. He has held the office of supervisor of South Haven for two terms. He is a practicing physician. In politics a Republican.

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## CHARLES C. THOMPSON,

Representative from Muskegon county in 1873-4, was born in Beekmantown, N. Y., June 4, 1831. He received a common school education. In 1857 removed to Michigan, and settled in Whitehall, Muskegon county, where he still resides. He has been president of the common council, trustee of the village, and held other responsible offices. By occupation a lumberman.

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## GEORGE W. THOMPSON,

Representative from Kent county in 1883, was born March 3, 1844, in the township of Florida (now Jefferson), Hillsdale county, Michigan. Received his education at the schools of Hillsdale, and at Oberlin college. Admitted to the bar in 1869, at Hillsdale. Has resided in Grand Rapids since 1874.

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## HENRY W. THOMPSON,

Representative in 1887 from the counties of Delta and Iron, was born in Brooklyn, Mich., July 14, 1847, but soon removed with his parents



to Tyrone, Livingston county. Educated in common schools. In 1864 enlisted as a private in the 10th Michigan infantry, and served until the close of the war. At the age of twenty-four became a minister and has preached in Ingham, Shiawassee, Baraga and Delta counties. In politics a Republican.

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#### JEREMIAH D. THOMPSON

Was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1790. He settled on a farm in Madison, Lenawee county, in 1834. He was several years supervisor, and justice many years. He was Representative in 1848 and 1853. He died at Hudson, February 16, 1873.

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#### ROBERT THOMPSON,

Representative from Macomb county in 1859, came into Macomb county when a boy and taught school some years in Mt. Clemens, and then sold goods several years. He removed to New Baltimore, and was book-keeper for Hiron Hathaway several years: then was in the employ of F. B. Merrill, then removed to Marine City. Later he was elected county treasurer of St. Clair county, and died while holding that office. First a Whig, then a Republican.

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#### ROBERT R. THOMPSON

Moved into Washtenaw county at an early day. He settled on a farm in Caledonia, Shiawassee county, in 1837. He was connected with A. McArthur in a saw-mill, and also engaged in commercial ventures in Corunna. He was Representative in the legislature of 1845. He afterwards sold out and removed to Saginaw, where he died several years since.

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#### EDWARD H. THOMSON

Was born at Kendall, England, June 15, 1810, and came when young, with his parents, to Boston, Mass. He received an academical education, studied law with Millard Fillmore, and commenced practice at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1832. He located at Atlas, Mich., in 1837, then in Lapeer county, and was appointed prosecuting attorney. He removed to Flint in 1838, and became one of the firm of Bartow & Thomson. He was prosecuting attorney of Genesee county in 1845-6; Senator in 1848-9; Representative in 1859; commissioner of emigration under Gov. Ransom, a portion of the time residing in Germany.



U. S. deputy commissioner to the London exposition in 1851: member and president of the state military board during the war: mayor and member of the school board of Flint: and the democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in 1880. He was a polished gentleman, well known everywhere, and his splendid Shakesperian library is now in the possession of the Michigan University. Died February 2, 1886.

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JOHN S. THOMSON,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1877-79, was born at Manchester, England, August 28, 1833. He was educated at the Scotch sessional school at that place, and emigrated to Michigan in 1850. He is a merchant and salt manufacturer. In politics a Republican.

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CALVIN J. THORPE,

Representative from Branch county in 1879, was born Sept. 14, 1834, in Warrensville, Ohio. In 1838 he removed to Volinia, Cass county. In 1859 he graduated from the Michigan Normal school. In 1862 he became principal of the graded schools at Union City. He has also been principal at Eaton Rapids, Paw Paw, Sturgis, and Manchester. In 1875 he bought a controlling interest in the *Coldwater Reporter*, which he sold in 1876, and became connected with *Truth for the People*, in Detroit. In 1877 he removed to Sherwood, Branch county, and became a druggist. In politics a National.

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GEORGE B. THROOP,

Representative from Detroit in 1847, was a native of New York, and came to Detroit as a bank officer during the flush times of 1836-8. He had previously been a member of the New York legislature. He was a brother of Enos B. Throop, once governor of New York. He died Feb. 23, 1854, at the age of sixty-two. He was a member of the Detroit bar. He was a Democrat politically.

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JEFFERSON G. THURBER,

Representative and Speaker from Monroe county in 1851, and Senator in 1844-5-6-7, was born in 1807, and settled at Monroe Mich., in 1833. In politics a Democrat. He was a lawyer by profession, and earnestly devoted to the practice. He held the offices of prosecuting attorney and judge of probate of Monroe county, and was a presi-



dential elector in 1849. He filled all positions with honor to himself and the state. Died at Monroe, May 6, 1857.

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#### JOHN S. TIBBITTS,

Representative from Wayne county in 1861-2, was born in Arcadia, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1821. He came to Plymouth, Mich., with his father's family in 1825, the first white settlers in that town. He was educated at common schools, taught at the age of sixteen, and winters thereafter for 25 years. He was elected supervisor at the age of twenty-one, and was subsequently supervisor, school inspector, post-master, etc. He was some time superintendent of the agricultural college farm; three years auditor of Wayne county, and one year horticulturist at the Colorado agricultural college. He published the "Free Guide," for the benefit of officials. He is a Republican. Now resides at Santa Rita, California.

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#### ALEXANDER R. TIFFANY

Was born in Niagara, Canada, Oct. 16, 1796. His father, Sylvester Tiffany, was a native of Massachusetts and one of four brothers who graduated at Dartmouth college. His father published a paper at Canandaigua, N. Y., and the son when small used to sit on a high stool and set type for the paper. He learned the art of printing, and when a young man studied law with John C. Spencer, a distinguished lawyer, and afterwards chief justice of the state of New York. When admitted to the bar he commenced practice at Palmyra, N. Y. He was soon elected a justice and held that position several years. About 1823 he was appointed first judge of the county court of Wayne county, N. Y., and held the place until compelled to resign from ill health. In 1832 he settled at Palmyra, Michigan, then having the promise of becoming a large city. In 1834 he was appointed prosecuting attorney of Lenawee county; in 1836 was elected judge of probate, and held that office eight years; in 1850 was a leading member of the state constitutional convention; and was a Representative in the legislature of 1855. He was the author of "Tiffany's Justice Guide" and "Tiffany's Criminal Law," of mestimable value in the early days of Michigan, and still standard works, as enlarged and revised by Judge Andrew Howell. Judge Tiffany was a territorial associate judge for Lenawee county in 1833, was re-appointed in 1834, and was county judge from 1846 to 1850. He was a man of small stature, a lawyer of learning and ability, with a candor and sincerity



that carried great weight with court and jury. With poor health he worked incessantly. He died at Palmyra, January 14, 1868.

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### JUNIUS TILDEN

Was born in Yarmouth, Mass., Nov. 28, 1813. He lived in that state until 1838, when he removed to Dundee, Mich. By profession a lawyer, in politics independent. A Representative in 1849.

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### PHILO TILLSON,

Representative from Macomb county in 1844, was born in Winfield, N. Y., in 1810. By profession a physician, in politics a Democrat. Came to Mt. Clemens, Mich., in 1833, where he practiced medicine ten years, then removed to Romeo, where he continued practice until his death, June 25, 1882.

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### JEFFERSON K. TINDALL,

Representative from Oakland county in 1887, was born in Sussex county, N. Y., November 25, 1829; and came with his parents to Oakland county in 1833. Received a good education, served as clerk in a store, then a partner, selling out in 1861, and became a farmer. He served through the war in the 8th Michigan cavalry. Has been eight years supervisor of the town of Rose, and six years secretary of the Monitor insurance company. In politics a Republican.

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### ALEXANDER TINHAM,

Representative from Wayne county in 1863-4-83, was born in Middlesex county, England, in 1819. He came to Monroe, Mich., in 1829, in 1830 removed to Detroit, and has been a brick maker by occupation. In politics a Democrat.

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### RUFUS TINNEY,

Representative from Oakland county in 1841, settled in Highland, Mich., in 1833, coming from Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y. He was a farmer, and resided where he first located until his death in 1858. He was the first supervisor of the town in 1835, and filled that office for six terms.



## BRACEY TOBEY

Was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., March 26, 1802, and died in April, 1886. He settled with his family in Burr Oak, Mich., in 1855, but removed to Sturgis in 1861. He had the confidence of the people, and in New York and Michigan held office of some kind for half a century. He was an associate district judge in New York, and was a Representative in the Michigan legislature of 1871-2. In politics a Democrat, a Republican after 1861. He was justice for many years, also director in the national bank at Sturgis.

## ISAAC D. TOLL

Was born at Schenectady, N. Y., December 1, 1818, on the family homestead of two centuries. Both of his great-grandfathers were killed by the French and Indians in 1748. His grandfather served in the revolution, and his father in the war of 1812. Mr. Toll was educated in the academy at Ovid, N. Y., settled with his father at Centerville, Mich., in 1834, and engaged with him in manufacturing and real estate. He was thirteen years supervisor of Fawn River, where his father built flouring and saw mills. He has held military offices by regular promotions, from lieutenant colonel to major general of state militia. In the Mexican war, he was captain of company E, 15th U. S. infantry, and distinguished himself at Contreras and Churubusco. He was a Representative in 1846; Senator in 1847; chief of division in pension office in 1853-4; examiner of patents, 1854 to 1861; and commandant of the interior guard in 1861. He settled at Petoskey in 1880, and was president of the village in 1881-2. His wife was the daughter of Judge Charles Moran, of Detroit. In politics a Democrat. He is now postmaster at Petoskey.

## JAMES B. TOMPKINS,

Representative from Branch county in 1855, came from Schoharie county, N. Y., and settled in Girard, Mich., the first white settler in that township. He was a surveyor by profession, and surveyed the ground upon which the city of Coldwater now stands. He was distinguished for his energy and for his fidelity to convictions in the performance of the varied duties imposed upon him. He was the first



supervisor of his township in 1834, serving in that capacity many years afterwards. He was also a justice. Died about 1878.

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#### WILLIAM M. TOMPKINS,

Representative from Eaton county in 1867, was born in New Rochelle, N. Y., March 6, 1820. He came to Michigan in 1844, went into the mercantile business at Eaton Rapids in 1845, was successful, and retired to go into the banking business in 1858. Died in 1868.

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#### JOHN S. TOOKER,

Senator from Ingham and Clinton counties in 1879-81-2, was born in Tyrone, N. Y., July 7, 1836. He removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., with his parents in 1838, thence to Woodhull in 1840, and to Lansing in 1847. Received a common school education, purchased a foundry at North Lansing at the age of eighteen, and manufactured farming implements for 14 years. Served one year in the 6th Mich. cavalry, but was discharged from ill health; was in both the drug and boot and shoe trade. Was three times mayor of Lansing. He was secretary of Montana under Arthur, and is now in business at Helena, Montana. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOSEPH W. TORREY,

Member of the fifth legislative council from Wayne county in 1832-4, was a native of Connecticut and a lawyer by profession. He was at one time a law partner with Col. Chas. Larned, and stood high at the bar. He was judge of probate 1829-33, and recorder of Detroit in 1829. He returned to Connecticut, and died there in 1844. Politically he was an administration or Jackson man, during his residence in Detroit.

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#### OSMOND TOWER,

Senator from Ionia county in 1859-61-2, was born in Cummington, Mass., Feb. 16, 1811. He received a common school and academical education, became a carpenter, and taught school winters. He came to Michigan in 1834, and settled in Ionia in 1835. He built the first school-house in the Grand River Valley; was engaged in building until 1844; then for twenty years manufactured and sold fanning mills; was for seven years a partner in the dry goods house of J. S. Cooper & Co.; speculated in real estate; was in the foundry and hardware



trade; was a director of the Ionia & Lansing railroad, and its first treasurer; was director and president of the Ionia & Stanton railroad; clerk of Ionia county, and several times supervisor; was U. S. Marshal of western Michigan from 1863 to 1866; member of the board of education many years, and its president. A Whig until 1854, then a Republican. Died Aug. 4, 1886.

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#### OKA TOWN,

Representative in 1851, was born in Stoddard, N. H., July 2, 1806. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. He came to Michigan in 1831, and has resided in Allegan county since 1834. Now lives at Allegan. He received two commissions from Governor Mason when Michigan was a territory, one as justice of the peace in 1834, and one as judge of probate in 1835. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850.

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#### WILLIAM B. TOWN,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1885, was born in Norwich, Ontario, July 23, 1830. Became a resident of Michigan when eight years old; received a thorough education, and entered upon the study of medicine, receiving his diploma as a physician and surgeon. He has since been continuously engaged in the practice of that profession, residing at Rollin. In 1854 he was appointed postmaster at Geneva, the office near his residence, a position which he held for seventeen years. Politically a Democrat.

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#### AMOS C. TOWNE,

Representative from Barry county in 1875, was born in Bakersfield, Vt., April 10, 1818. From 1843 up to 1848 he resided in the southern states. In 1850 he engaged in farming in DeKalb county, Illinois. In 1854 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, in Prairieville, Barry county. He has held the office of justice, and been a supervisor for several consecutive terms. For thirty-five years he has been identified with the insurance business and conveyancer. In politics a Republican.

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#### URIEL TOWNSEND,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1875, was born Dec. 4, 1830, in Hunter, N. Y. He received a common school education. In 1834



emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Bruce, Macomb county. In 1859 he removed to Almont, where he now resides. He has been supervisor. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican.

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#### JARVIS C. TRAIN,

Representative from Kent county in 1883, was born in Tunbridge, Vt., July 8, 1834. Came with his parents to Boston, Mich., in 1840. Lived in Whiteside county, Ill., ten years as a farmer, then settled at Lowell, Mich., and engaged in buying and selling farm products. Served as a Fusionist.

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#### WILLIAM R. TRAVER .

Was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1818. By occupation a harness maker; in politics a Republican. He came to Litchfield, Michigan, in 1844, and has always resided there. He was a Representative from Hillsdale county in 1853, and has held other offices of trust.

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#### LOREN L. TREAT,

Senator from Oakland county in 1865, was admitted to the Oakland county bar in 1844, and located at Canandaigua, now Orion, where he had a good practice. He was an effective lawyer before a jury. Later he removed to Oxford, and followed farming. He was a justice and several times supervisor.

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#### CHARLES TRIPP

Was born in Epsom, N. H., December 2, 1812. Came to Ann Arbor in 1840, and engaged in the foundry business. He resided there until his death. He was railroad commissioner under Gov. Bingham, and Senator in 1855. He was always interested in public affairs, was a man of strong convictions, and in politics a Republican.

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#### CHARLES C. TROWBRIDGE,

Regent of the University from 1837 to 1841, was born in Albany, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1800, and died at Detroit, April 3, 1883. He was trained to the mercantile business, and came to Detroit in 1819. He was the first secretary of the board of regents; filled positions at Green Bay and Detroit as Indian agent and interpreter; was cashier or



president of the bank of Michigan from 1825 to 1843, except three years; president of the Michigan state bank from 1844 to 1853; then became secretary and afterwards for many years president of the Oakland & Ottawa railroad co., afterwards the Detroit & Milwaukee. He held many local positions, and was the Whig candidate for governor in 1837, and was only defeated by 237 votes. He was an alderman, and mayor of Detroit in 1834. He was a perfect type of the old school gentleman, and on his 82d birthday was given a public banquet at the Russell house, by the most distinguished men of the city and state.

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### ROWLAND E. TROWBRIDGE

Was born at Horseheads, N. Y., June 18, 1821, and was brought the same year to Troy, Oakland county, Mich., by his father, S. V. R. Trowbridge, who settled in that town upon a farm. The son graduated from Kenyon college, Ohio, in 1841. Unable to follow his chosen profession of the law, from failure of eyesight, he became a farmer, and settled in Barry county in 1848, and cleared up a farm. In 1849 he was supervisor of the town of Thorndale. In 1851 he exchanged his farm for one in Bloomfield, Oakland county, settled upon it, having married that year Miss Mary E. Satterlee. He worked the farm until 1860, then exchanged for milling property, and removed to Birmingham. He was supervisor of Bloomfield in 1855. He was a Senator in 1857-8-9; was elected to congress in 1860 from the 4th district, and served from 1861 to 1863; was defeated by a small majority for that position in 1862; was again elected in 1864, serving from 1865 to 1867. He again became a farmer, and in 1873 took charge of the Chandler farm near Lansing, where he was successful. In 1880 he was appointed commissioner of Indian affairs by President Hayes, and died while holding that office, April 20, 1881. He was president of the central Michigan agricultural society, and was recognized throughout the state as a leading agriculturist, and an honest, incorruptible man. In politics first a Whig, a Republican after 1854.

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### STEPHEN V. R. TROWBRIDGE.

Member of the legislative council in 1828, and Senator in 1839-40-1-2. was born at Albany, N. Y., July 4, 1794, and died March 1, 1859. He was married to Elizabeth Conkling at Horseheads, N. Y., in 1815, and came to Michigan in the fall of 1821. He settled for life on a farm, purchased of government, in Troy, Oakland county. He was



the first supervisor of Troy in 1827, and held that position in 1828 and four terms afterwards. His home was headquarters for early emigrants coming to Troy. His services for the town and state were of a high order, and he identified himself with every project calculated to benefit society. The family of eleven children imitated his example. Among them were Charles A., a New York merchant; Rowland E., long in congress; William P., professor in Yale college; General Luther S., of Detroit; and Guy M., of Pontiac. One of the daughters was the wife of Rev. Mr. Goodell, long a distinguished missionary in Turkey. He helped organize the Presbyterian church in Troy, and was an elder. He was always a staunch friend of temperance, and an active christian. In politics, Whig and Republican.

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#### MORGAN TUPPER,

Representative from Ionia county in 1865, was born in Monroe county, N. Y., May 19, 1816. He came to Michigan in 1838, and made the first entry of land in Odessa, Ionia county, upon which he remained until his death, March 3, 1880. By occupation a minister and farmer.

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#### MYRON TUPPER,

Representative from Ionia county in 1865, was born in Monroe county, N. Y., May 19, 1816. He was a clergyman and farmer, politically a Republican. He came to Michigan in 1838. He was ordained a Free Will Baptist minister in 1848. Held the positions of postmaster and supervisor. Died March 4, 1879.

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#### WILLIAM S. TURCK,

Representative from Gratiot county in 1877-79, was born in Port Hope, Ontario, in 1839. He received a common school education. He came to Michigan in 1860, and entered the service in the twenty-sixth Michigan infantry in 1862, and was mustered out with the regiment in 1865 as captain of Co. D. He was treasurer of Gratiot county for six years, supervisor four years, and president and treasurer of the farmers' mutual fire insurance company of Gratiot and Isabella counties. He is a farmer by occupation, and a Republican in politics.

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#### JAMES D. TURNBULL,

Representative from Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle counties in 1879, '81-2, was born in Harvey, New Brunswick, Feb. 5, 1843. He



received a good common school education, removed to Chelsea, Mich., in 1858, entered in 1862 in the 20th Michigan infantry, and served through the war, becoming a lieutenant. He took a full course at the State Normal school, was principal of the schools at Memphis three years, studied law and was admitted in 1871. He commenced practice at Alpena in 1872. Has been comptroller of Alpena two terms, two years chairman of board of supervisors, and chairman of democratic county committee for six years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### GEORGE B. TURNER

Was born in Franklin county, N. Y., in 1822. His parents, named Brunt, left him an orphan at the age of three years, and being adopted by Sterling A. Turner, a Virginian, he took his name. In 1835, at the age of thirteen, he became a clerk in an auction and commission store in Detroit. In a few months he went to Cassopolis, and until 1840 was occupied as pupil, teacher and clerk. He studied law with A. H. Redfield and was admitted to the bar in 1844. In 1848-9 he was a Representative from Cass county. In 1850 he abandoned practice from ill health and became a farmer. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention of 1876. As a Democrat he has been the candidate of his party for probate judge, also for Senator, and in 1856 ran on the defeated ticket for secretary of state. He was editorially connected with the Cass County *Advocate*, the first paper published in that county.

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#### JAMES TURNER

Was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., April 1, 1820, and was a descendant of Humphrey Turner, who settled at Plymouth, Ct., in 1628. With a fair education, self obtained, he came to Leoni, Mich., in 1840, and acted as clerk in a store. In 1841 he removed to Mason, engaging in mercantile business until 1847, when he came to Lansing, continuing the mercantile business, and engaged in the construction of the Lansing and Howell plank road, of which he was treasurer. In 1860 he became deputy state treasurer, which he held for six years. In 1864 he became treasurer and land commissioner of the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroad, holding it until his death. He was also director and treasurer of the Lansing & Ionia railroad, was agent for non-resident Michigan land-holders, and loaned money largely for the New Lebanon Shakers. In 1867 he was Senator, and was a member of the Lansing board of education for nine years. A Republican in politics, a Methodist in religion. He died Oct. 10, 1869.



## JAMES M. TURNER,

Representative from Ingham county in 1877, was born in Lansing, Mich., April 23, 1850. He is the oldest son of the late Hon. James Turner, one of the pioneers of Ingham county. He received a common school education, and afterwards spent two years at Oneida conference seminary, Cazenovia, N. Y. In 1863 he was elected paymaster and assistant treasurer of the Ionia & Lansing railroad. In 1869 he was elected treasurer of the same company, being the successor of his father. In 1871 he organized the real estate and loan agency of Turner, Smith & Co., of Lansing, which dissolved by the retirement of D. S. Smith. On the organization of the Chicago & Northeastern railroad company, in the year 1874, he was elected president. He was the youngest member of the legislature of 1877. He is extensively engaged in manufacturing, mining and real estate, and resides at Lansing. Has a large farm well stocked with horses, cattle and sheep.

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## JEROME W. TURNER

Was born at Sheldon, Vt., January 25, 1836. He is by occupation a lawyer, in politics, formerly a Republican, now a Democrat. He came to Michigan with his father, Judge Josiah Turner, in 1839, who settled in Howell, and afterwards moved to Owosso. He graduated from the University in 1857. He studied law, and is now actively engaged in his profession at Owosso. As a Republican he was Senator in 1869-70, and at that time wrote a series of humorous articles, that attracted great attention, and were published in the *Detroit Tribune*. As a Democrat he was mayor of Owosso in 1879; delegate to the democratic national convention at Cincinnati in 1880; also to the convention at Chicago in 1844. He was adjutant of the 30th Michigan infantry, and was the democratic candidate for member of the state board of education in 1886. He has written short poems of great merit.

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## JESSE F. TURNER

Was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1810. He came to DeWitt, Mich., in 1838, and engaged in mercantile business. Afterwards studied law with Joab Baker. He was county commissioner of Clinton county in 1841; register of deeds; supervisor of DeWitt; Senator in 1844-45; and county judge in 1846. In politics a Democrat. He went to California in 1851, and was collector of the port of Sacramento under President Pierce. He was circuit judge of the Sacramento judicial circuit for twelve years. He died at Oakland, California, in 1880.



## JOHN W. TURNER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1847-9, was born in Putney, Vt., in 1818. By profession a lawyer. He came to Hudson, Mich., in 1841, later removed to Coldwater, his present home. He was a Democrat until 1854, since a Republican. He was the first Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, but declined in favor of Coe. As a public speaker and legal advocate has always stood high in southern Michigan. Has published a volume of poems of considerable merit.

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## JOHN W. TURNER,

Representative from Clinton and other counties in 1851, was born in Oneida county, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1800. He was several years a clerk. Resided at Oswego, N. Y., from 1819 to 1846, and a part of the time was deputy collector at Oswego. Settled at DeWitt, Mich., in 1848, and engaged in milling and mercantile business. Was five years a supervisor, and was sheriff in 1858-9. Removed in 1863 to Vermillion, Dakota, was for eleven years a member of the territorial council, and from 1869 to 1873 was superintendent of public instruction in Dakota. While in Michigan a Democrat. Died at Turner, Dakota, April 11, 1883.

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## JOSIAH TURNER

Was born in New Haven, Vt. Sept. 1, 1811. He received his education at St. Albans and Middlebury, studied law, and was admitted to the bar of Vermont in 1833. After a short practice in that state, he came to Michigan and settled in Howell. In 1842 he was elected county clerk by the democrats, and served six years, also holding the positions of justice, township clerk, and master in chancery. On the adoption of the county court system he was elected judge of Livingston county, and held the position until 1850, when the office was abolished. In 1856 he was elected probate judge on the republican ticket. In 1857 he was appointed by Gov. Bingham to a vacancy on the supreme court bench, and the same year was elected judge of the seventh judicial circuit for six years, and received three successive re-elections, the fourth time being elected without opposition, serving from 1857 to 1881. In 1860 he removed from Howell to Owosso, and was mayor of that city in 1864-5. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. Since he retired from the bench has been U. S. consul at Amherstburg, Canada.



## MILO H. TURNER

Was born at Albany, N. Y., in 1812. Came to Michigan in 1837, and was the pioneer merchant of DeWitt, Clinton county. He was elected register of deeds in 1839, and was a Representative in 1842. In politics a Whig. He removed to California in 1851, and is now living at Oakland.

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## STANLEY W. TURNER,

Representative from Ingham county in 1877, was born in North Fairfield, Ohio, July 15, 1843. In 1852 he removed to Reading, Mich., and in 1860-1 was a student at Hillsdale college. During the war he enlisted as a private in the first Michigan sharpshooters. At the close of the war he was promoted to captain, but was never mustered in. In 1865 he went to Mason, Mich., and entered the law office of H. L. Henderson. In 1866 he was elected clerk of Ingham county, and re-elected in 1868, and served twice as chairman of the Republican county committee. Now in business at Roscommon, Michigan.

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## JAMES TURRILL

Was born in Shoreham, Vt., Sept. 24, 1797. He removed to Michigan in 1842, and settled on a farm in the town of Lapeer, Lapeer county. He was also engaged in mercantile business. He was a Representative in 1849. In politics a Whig.

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## JONATHAN B. TUTTLE

Was born August 15, 1841, at Lodi, Ohio. He received a fair education in the common schools and at Oberlin college. At the age of eighteen he began the study of law, graduating at the Ohio state and Union law colleges in 1862, and was admitted to practice the same year. Soon afterward he entered the army, and was promoted until he reached the rank of captain in the infantry service. He was honorably discharged in 1864, for physical disabilities. He then removed to Alpena, where he has since resided and practiced law. He has held the offices of judge of probate, prosecuting attorney, U. S. commissioner, school inspector, etc. In 1877, on the organization of the 23d judicial circuit, he was elected circuit judge, and re-elected April 4, 1881, serving until 1887.



## WARREN TUTTLE,

Member of the "second convention of assent," 1836, and Representative from Wayne county in 1849, was born in Poultney, Vt., Dec. 24, 1804. He came to Michigan in 1826, and located a farm in Livonia. As a pioneer he made the wilderness to bud and blossom as the rose, and died Sept. 17, 1849, on the farm that he had made. He served his town as justice for many years, and the county as superintendent of the poor, 1847-49. Politics, democratic.

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## RODNEY K. TWADELL,

Representative from Branch county in 1877-79, was born in Marion, Wayne county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1827. He received a common school education, and removed to Quincy, Michigan, in April, 1851. He is a farmer by occupation. In politics a Republican.

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## ROYAL T. TWOMBLY,

Senator from Berrien county in 1853, was born at Portland, Maine, in 1813. He settled in Niles, Michigan, in 1837. In business a merchant; politically a Democrat. He was for several years a trustee of the union school at Niles, was mayor of Niles in 1877, and a candidate for presidential elector on the Douglass ticket in 1860. Died October 14, 1885.

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## COLUMBUS V. TYLER,

Senator from Alcona, Alpena, Bay, Iosco, Ogemaw and Presque Isle counties in 1877 and 1879, was born in Auburn, Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1825, and in 1836 removed to Genesee county, Michigan. He received a common school education, in 1846 commenced the study of medicine, in 1850 settled in the village of Flushing, Genesee county. He practiced medicine nineteen years in that place. He removed to Bay City in 1869, and in 1870 graduated from the Detroit medical college, and from that time has continued the practice of his profession. In politics a Democrat.

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## COMFORT TYLER

Was born in Marcellus, N. Y., March 7, 1801, where his parents had removed from Connecticut in 1788. He received a common school education, and assisted his father in farming, milling and carding



wool and dressing cloth until he was twenty-four. In 1834 he removed to Colon, St. Joseph county, Michigan, and bought a large farm, where he resided until his death, January 16, 1873. He was twenty-five years a supervisor. In 1841 was a Representative, in 1859 Senator, and in 1867 a member of the constitutional convention. He was first a Whig, but a Republican from 1854.

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MADISON J. ULRICH,

One of the Representatives from Kent county in 1885, was born in Park, Mich., Dec. 5, 1835; was reared upon a farm, and for a time followed the occupation of a farmer, finally engaging as a tea and coffee merchant in Grand Rapids, where he now resides. He has been school inspector, collector, school trustee, and supervisor, and was elected on the fusion ticket.

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DANIEL K. UNDERWOOD,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1840, was born at Enfield, Mass., June 15, 1803, and died at Adrian, Mich., May 6, 1875. He prepared for college at Amherst academy, was two years at Williams college, then went to Dartmouth, graduating as a physician in 1826. Practiced two years at Yarmouth, Mass., then was a druggist at Amherst until 1836. He settled that year at Adrian, Mich., and was in the drug trade until 1849. With the exception of a short time in the banking business, the rest of his life he gave to reading, study and horticulture. He made a study of fruits and varieties best adapted to the climate, and was employed by the United States pomological society to prepare a work, published by government. He gave the land for the site of Adrian college, and was liberal in other directions.

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A. I. UPSON,

Senator from the upper peninsula in 1855, was for a few years a merchant at Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw county. Nothing further known of him.

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CHARLES UPSON,

Attorney General of Michigan, 1861-3, Representative in congress, 1863 to 1869, and State Senator, 1875, '81-2, was born at Southington, Conn., March 19, 1821. He received a common school and academical education. In 1834 commenced the study of law, and was for one



year in the Yale law school. He came to Constantine, Mich., in 1845, and the next year removed to Centreville. He taught school, and in 1847 was deputy county clerk, and was admitted to the bar in 1847. Engaged in practice at Centreville, was county clerk two years, and two years prosecuting attorney of St. Joseph county. Removed to Coldwater in 1856, and from 1857 to 1861 was a railroad commissioner. He continued in practice until 1869, when he was elected judge of the 5th circuit, which he resigned Dec. 31, 1872. In 1871 he was one of two commissioners to examine the compilation of the laws, made that year. In 1873 he was one of eighteen commissioners to revise the state constitution. In 1876 he declined the position of commissioner of Indian affairs. He was first a Whig, a Republican from 1854. He practiced his profession until his death at Coldwater, Sept. 5, 1885.

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#### DANIEL UPTON,

Representative in 1867 from Jackson county, was born at Fishkill, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1818, and came with his father's family in 1835 to Jackson county, Michigan. Bred a farmer, he became a clerk, was a merchant at Parma, also a farmer. He was eight years clerk of Jackson county. Removed to Muskegon in 1868, and purchased a fruit farm on Lake Harbor, where his family resides. He is one the firm of Upton & Webb, dealers in real estate. Has held the offices of supervisor, town clerk and treasurer.

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#### WILLIAM W. UPFON,

Representative from Clinton county in 1847, was born in Victor, N. Y., and was educated at the Lima seminary. He was a surveyor employed on railroads and canals. He located a farm in Victor, Mich., studied law, was admitted in 1845, and practiced first at De Witt, then at Lansing from 1847 to 1852. Then removed to California, was in practice twelve years, was a member of the California legislature in 1856, and district attorney of Sacramento county in 1861 to 1863. Removed to Portland, Oregon, in 1864, practiced law until 1868, was then appointed a judge of the supreme court to fill vacancy, and was elected to that position for six years in 1872. From 1872 to 1874 was chief justice. In 1877 he was appointed second comptroller of the treasury department, a position he held for many years.



## WILLIAM S. UTLEY,

Representative from Newaygo county in 1865, was born in Richmond, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1827. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1828, was educated in the common schools, learned a trade at Lansing, and settled in Newaygo county in 1850. He was county clerk 1859 to 1863; delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867; justice nearly all the time since 1852; and school inspector except one year since 1863. Built the first bridge across the Muskegon river, at Croton, in 1850; put up the first mail ever sent from the county; and claims to have married more couples than any other magistrate in northern Michigan. Has been for 23 years town clerk of Big Prairie, also town treasurer. A Whig until 1854, a Republican until 1876, now a Green-backer.

## JOSEPH L. VALADE,

Representative from Monroe county in 1877, was born at Dover East, Ontario, March 28, 1822. He attended school in Detroit from 1833 to 1837, then at Dundas, Ontario, until 1844. He then taught a French school at various places in the province until 1848, when he commenced to read medicine with the late Dr. Pitcher. In 1850-1 he attended medical lectures at Trinity college, Toronto, also at Ann Arbor in 1852, from which place he removed to Vienna, Monroe county, where he has since resided, and has established for himself a respectable medical reputation.

## GEORGE W. VAN AKEN,

Representative from Branch county in 1873-4-5, was born in Clarkston, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1828. In 1835 he removed to Michigan and settled in Lenawee county, near Adrian. In 1838 he removed to Girard, Branch county, where he still resides. He received a common school education. He has been supervisor of his township for four years. By occupation a farmer.

## LAWRENCE VAN DUSEN,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1883, was born at Fort Edward, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1826, and in 1832 removed with his parents to Ovid, N. Y. He was seven years clerk in a store, three years superintendent of the poor in Seneca county, and door keeper of the New York senate in 1863-4. For four years was deputy provost mar-



shal, also a deputy collector. Removed to Owosso, Mich., in 1869. Has been engaged in the lumber business, and been a justice and deputy sheriff. Elected on the fusion ticket, but in politics a Greenbacker.

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#### ZACHARIAH VAN DUSER,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1847, was born in Catskill, N. Y., November 26, 1803. By occupation a farmer and druggist, politically a Democrat. He settled in Moscow, Hillsdale county, in 1834, and in 1835 was the first supervisor of that town. He was also supervisor in 1841, 1845 and 1849. He died at Hillsdale, March 10, 1852. He took an active part in the politics of the day.

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#### PETER VAN EVERY,

A member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and a Representative from Wayne county in 1835-6, was born near Hamilton, Canada, January 3, 1795, coming with his parents to Michigan when an infant. He served as a private in the war of 1812-15, and was advanced to the position of quartermaster of a regiment for faithful and meritorious services. After the close of the war he was commissioned by the governor as colonel of militia. He resided in Hamtramck on a farm of 400 acres bordering the river, on a portion of which the present Detroit water-works are located. He held at various times the offices of supervisor and justice of the peace. Besides being a farmer he was a miller and general business man, and in 1837 removed to Franklin, Oakland county, where he engaged in farming, milling and general merchandise, besides operating a distillery and ashery, giving employment to a large number of men, continuing in active business until near the close of his life, December 22, 1859. He was democratic in politics up to 1837, and thereafter Whig and Republican.

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#### CALEB VAN HUSAN,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1844, was born in Manchester, N. Y., March 13, 1815, and died August 20, 1884. He lived at home until the age of thirteen, and became an apprentice to a cabinet maker. In 1836 he married Catharine Jackson, and became interested with her father in mercantile business. He settled as a merchant at Saline, Mich., in 1838, which he continued until 1853, when he removed to Detroit, was a merchant there until 1855, when



he retired. He was a director in the Detroit locomotive works, also in the Michigan insurance company bank, and was president of the Detroit fire and marine insurance company from its organization until his death. Under his management the company prospered. His second wife was Emily C. Burr, whom he married in 1866. He was long a trustee of Madison university, N. Y., was greatly interested in Kalamazoo college, and was a member of the Baptist church from the age of fourteen. He left a large fortune to his wife and six children.

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#### JAMES VAN KLEECK

Was born September 26, 1846, at Exeter, Michigan. He enlisted as a private in the 17th Michigan infantry in June, 1862. He was severely wounded at the battle of Antietam, from which wound he still suffers. He graduated from the law department, Michigan University, in 1870. Removed from Monroe county and settled in Midland county in 1870, and began the practice of law at Midland City, moved to Bay City in 1884, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession. Has held various offices under the village government; also the office of prosecuting attorney of Midland county for six years. He has always been a Republican, was a member of the House of Representatives of 1883-4, and was commissioner of emigration under Gov. Alger.

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#### CORNELIUS VAN LOO,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1881-2-3, was born in the Netherlands, August 7, 1838. He settled in Ottawa county with his parents in 1849. Attended the agricultural college in 1858-9, also Albion college before and after that time. Taught school in 1860-1, enlisted in 1862 in the 21st Michigan infantry, and served through the war, rising to the rank of first lieutenant, and was twice wounded. After the war was a student at Albion college for eighteen months. Has been six years register of deeds for Ottawa county; four years superintendent of schools; supervisor and chairman of board two years. In politics a Republican.

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#### AARON A. VAN ORTHWICK,

Representative from Branch county in 1887, was born in Covert, New York, December 19, 1829. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, attending school. He came to Michigan in 1852. He worked by the month one year in Lenawee county, when he removed



to Branch county and purchased wild land in Coldwater township. In 1864 he sold his farm and purchased one in the township of Butler, where he has since resided. Mr. Van Orthwick has held the offices of constable, highway commissioner, township superintendent of schools, coroner, and supervisor ten terms. He was elected Representative on the republican ticket for 1857-8 by a vote of 3,505 to 2,760 for Oliver C. Campbell, and 571 for Benjamin Culver, Prohibitionist.

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#### JACOB J. VAN RIPER,

Attorney General of Michigan from 1881 to 1885, was born at Haverstraw, N. Y., March 8, 1838. He received an academical education, removed to Cass county, Mich., in 1837, but for many years has resided at Buchanan. Attended the law department of the University, and was admitted to the bar in 1862. Held the offices of deputy collector and assistant assessor of internal revenue. He was the youngest delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867. Was prosecuting attorney of Berrien county four years, and by appointment of Gov. Croswell regent of the University from March, 1880, to Dec. 31, 1885. In politics a Republican.

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#### DIRK B. K. VAN RAALTE,

Representative from Ottawa county in 1875-7, was born in the Netherlands in 1845. He removed with his parents to Holland, Michigan in 1847, where he has since resided. In 1862 enlisted in the 25th Michigan infantry, and served two years. In one of the engagements before Atlanta, Georgia, he lost his right arm, and received a bullet which, passing through his cheek, came out just below the eye. He is a graduate of Hope college, and by occupation a merchant. In politics a Republican.

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#### ROWLAND S. VAN SCOY

Was born in Kent, N. Y., November 22, 1814. He received a common school education, and was a teacher several winters. In 1839 he came to Michigan and bought a farm in De Witt, Clinton county. In 1854 he sold his farm and removed to Essex, Clinton county, where he now resides on a farm of 1,200 acres. He owns several other farms, in all about 2,000 acres, a large number of village lots in Maple Rapids, and a large brick block, and carries on a banking business. He has held many town offices, including supervisor, treasurer and



justice; has been president of the village of Maple Rapids, recruiting officer during the rebellion, and was a Representative from 1871 to 1875.

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### JAMES VAN VLEET

Was born in Romulus, N. Y., July 28, 1818. He was brought up on a farm, received a common school education, married Mary Ann Cooley in 1841, and in 1844 settled on a farm in Gaines, Michigan. He endured great hardship as a pioneer, but eventually his eighty acre farm was increased to 320 acres, with fine farm buildings. He was school inspector twelve years: justice sixteen years: supervisor eighteen years, holding the latter office from 1847 to 1868, when he left it to accept that of county treasurer, and was also deputy treasurer three years. He was a Representative in 1865 and 1867. In 1869 he removed to Flint, where he has served as alderman, and been engaged in real estate and insurance business. He was a Democrat until 1854, since a Republican.

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### PHILIP T. VAN ZILE

Was born in Osceola, Pa., July 20, 1844. He received his education in that state, and graduated at Alfred university, Alleghany county, N. Y., in 1863. He taught school in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and became a resident of the latter state in 1863. He enlisted as a private in battery E, 1st Ohio field artillery, and went into service. He served until the close of the war, refusing a commission as captain in the 32d Ohio infantry. He then removed to Charlotte, Mich., and graduated from the law department of the University in 1867. He was four years prosecuting attorney of Eaton county, and served as judge of probate until 1875, when he was elected circuit judge for Eaton and Calhoun counties, which he resigned in 1878. He served several years as United States district attorney to Utah, then returned to Charlotte and resumed practice. He was chairman of the state Republican committee from 1884 to 1886.

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### JAMES C. VAUGHN,

Representative from Wayne county (Van Buren township), in 1843, was a native of the state of New York, and came to Michigan in 1832. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and represented his township for a number of years on the board of supervisors. Died March 29, 1880.



## GEORGE F. VEENFLIET,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1879, was born in Wesel, Prussia, April 2, 1813. He received an academical education, and graduated from the University of Bonn as professor of mathematics and physical sciences in 1839. In 1849 he emigrated to the United States, and came to Michigan in 1849. In 1850 he removed to Blumfield, Saginaw county. He was appointed commissioner of immigration by Gov. Wisner during the seasons of 1859-60. In 1860 he was elected register of deeds for Saginaw county. In 1870 he was elected county treasurer, which office he held for six consecutive years. In politics a Republican.

## WALTER VICARY,

Representative from the second district of Marquette, was born in Devonshire, England, January 31, 1836. He is by occupation an engineer, is a Republican, has been a resident of the state fifteen years, was supervisor of the second ward of Ishpeming in 1885 and 1886. He was elected to the house of 1887-8 by a vote of 1,329 to 1,157 for Patrick J. McGinty.

## STEPHEN VICKERY,

Representative from Kalamazoo county in 1838-42-45-8, was born in the state of New York, removed to Ohio at the age of sixteen, taught school in that state several terms, then became a teacher at Monroe, Mich. He removed to Prairie Ronde in 1829, was the first county clerk and treasurer of Kalamazoo county 1834-6, and was register of deeds 1836-8. A prominent Whig, and once the candidate of that party for governor. He was a practical surveyor and laid out the village of Schoolcraft, where he died Dec. 12, 1857. A man of remarkable memory, strong in his convictions, and positive in character.

## JAMES VIDETO

Was born in Hawksbury, Upper Canada, July 27, 1804. When young his parents removed to the state of New York. At the age of eleven he went to live with an uncle at Shelburn, Vt., and remained there until he became of age. He came to Detroit in 1828, and was engaged for fifteen years in surveying government lands in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. After 1832 his home was in Jackson county. He located land in Concord in 1833. He was several terms supervisor of Spring Arbor. He was Representative in 1843-4.



and Senator in 1845-6. In later years he followed farming. In politics a Democrat. He died at Spring Arbor, July 18, 1886.

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#### EDWARD VINCENT.

Representative from St. Clair county in 1883, was born in Lower Canada, October 31, 1825, and removed with his parents to Clyde, Michigan, in 1836, and has resided in that town since that time. He received a common school education, and is by occupation a farmer. Has held the office of county treasurer for four years, and has served twenty-two terms as supervisor of the town. Has always been a Republican.

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#### DAVID VINTON, JR.,

Representative from Grand Traverse and Manitou counties in 1883, was born in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, September 16, 1828. At the age of ten years he was placed at work on a farm, and remained to the age of fourteen, when he was apprenticed to learn the tanning business at Newark, Ohio. He remained there until 1852, removed to Steuben county, Indiana, continuing in the same occupation until 1870, when he removed to Williamsburg, Grand Traverse county, and engaged in mercantile business. He has been a Republican since 1860.

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#### EMORY B VORHEES,

Representative from Clinton county in 1885, was born in Ovid, Michigan, October 22, 1853. He received a common school education. Has been secretary of the Ovid union agricultural society for eight years in succession. He has always been a farmer by occupation. He was elected as a Democrat on the fusion ticket. Has been a supervisor.

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#### HIRAM VOORHIES

Was born in Belvidere, N. Y., February 5, 1809, and died December 24, 1878. He came to Orion, Michigan, in 1836. By occupation a farmer; in politics a Democrat. He resided in Orion thirty-four years and held the positions of supervisor, school director, justice, and in 1851 was a Representative. In 1870 he was elected county treasurer, removed to Pontiac, and served two years in that office. He was a member of the common council of Pontiac at the time of his death.



## ISAAC I. VOORHIES,

Representative from Oakland county in 1835-6-48, was born in Somerset, N. Y., in 1799. He removed to Pontiac, Michigan, in 1824. He was supervisor of Pontiac in 1833-4, and held other town offices, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835. He removed to Lapeer in 1866, where he died August 2, 1886. In politics a Democrat.

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## SEBRING VOORHEIS,

Was born in Fayette, N. Y., January 7, 1815. He came to Michigan in 1836, and for three years lived near Ypsilanti. In 1839 he settled on a farm in White Lake, Oakland county, where he resided until his death, February 8, 1882. In politics a Republican. He was supervisor in 1843, and held that office seven times, the last in 1876. Was town clerk in 1851. He was a Representative in 1863-4. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of White Lake, of which he became a member in 1840.

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## GEORGE VOWLES

Was born in Westbury, England, November 10, 1818. He came to this country with his parents in 1829, who settled in Onondaga county, N. Y. He came to Michigan in 1835, and resided in Independence, Oakland county, until 1840, then at Milford until 1855, from that time living in the town of Lyon until his death, Nov. 4, 1878. In politics a Republican. He was a Representative in 1869-70.

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## JOHN J. VROMAN,

Representative from Wayne county in 1887, was born in Orleans county, New York, August 5, 1840. Has been a resident of Michigan thirty years. By occupation, formerly a farmer, at present a merchant. He has held the following offices: township clerk, treasurer and supervisor, and superintendent of the poor of Wayne county three years. He was elected Representative on the democratic ticket by a vote of 1,741 to 1,703 for George W. Coomer, Republican, and 158 for Richard Bird, Prohibitionist.

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## SILAS A. WADE,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1857, was born in the state of New Jersey, September 4, 1797. By occupation a millwright and



miller, in politics a Republican. Came to Rome, Michigan, in 1835. Removed to Jefferson, Hillsdale county, in 1850, and was supervisor in 1862. Died February 19, 1869.

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#### RALPH WADHAMS,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1838, was born in Goshen, Conn., in 1798, and died in April, 1877. When young his parents removed to Leicester, N. Y. He received a good normal education, and became a clerk in a store. He landed at Detroit in 1823, and for several years was a member of the firm of Reese & Wadhams, general merchants. They occupied the first brick store built in Detroit, corner of Jefferson and Woodward avenues. Later the firm became Howard & Wadhams. He came into possession of a tract of pine on Black river, and commenced lumbering. In 1829 he located in St. Clair county, and in 1830 built the first grist-mill in the county, and did an extensive business, employing many men. He was supervisor of the town of Desmond in 1832, then comprising all the territory from Macomb to Saginaw. He was a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1835. President Jackson appointed him postmaster at Clyde Mills, which he resigned in 1874, after thirty-six years' service. Politically a Democrat.

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#### JOHN WAGNER

Was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 18, 1818. He came to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1838, and remained there until 1845. He then removed to Leroy, Calhoun county, Michigan, and bought a farm. He was supervisor for six years, and in 1869-70 was Representative in the legislature. He filled other town offices. In politics a Republican. Died December 13, 1876.

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#### JONATHAN G. WAIT,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1851, and Senator in 1863-4-5-7, was born in York, N. Y., November 22, 1811. He traces his ancestry back to 1075, and is a descendant of Richard Wait, who settled at Watertown, Mass., in 1637. He removed with his father to Perry, Ohio, in 1825, and taught school when seventeen. He settled at Sturgis, Mich., in 1835, where he now resides. He engaged in lumbering, building, and has been a drover, grain dealer, merchant and manufacturer. He built many houses and saw-mills, and a cabinet and chair factory. As agent of the Michigan Southern, he made



many contracts for railroad material. In 1857 he was one of the organizers of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad, and is still a director. He was ten years a justice, and many years supervisor. In 1860 he started the *Sturgis Journal*, and was its editor and publisher until 1872. He was postmaster of Sturgis from 1872 to 1886. He married Susan S. Buck in 1832, and they had nine sons and three daughters. For many years a leading man in southwestern Michigan.

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#### BENJAMIN W. WAITE

Was born in Aurelius, N. Y., October 13, 1811. In 1839 he settled on a farm in Seio, Michigan. He was for about twenty years superintendent of the poor in Washtenaw county, and for four years president of the Washtenaw mutual fire insurance company. He was Representative in the legislature of 1849, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. In politics a Whig. In 1868 he removed to Dexter, where he now resides.

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#### DANIEL B. WAKEFIELD,

Representative in 1838, and Senator in 1842-3, from Genesee county, was a lawyer and farmer, and a Democrat in politics. He died some years since at his home in Grand Blanc, Genesee county.

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#### MARCUS WAKEMAN,

Born in Connecticut, March 17, 1795, moved with his parents to Batavia, N. Y., in 1810. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought in the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. He came to Michigan in 1837, and settled as a farmer in Jackson county. He was elected by the democrats a Representative in the legislature of 1846, and filled various township offices. Died Jan. 17, 1869.

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#### DAVID S. WALBRIDGE

Was born at Bennington, Vt., July 30, 1802. He received a common school education. He removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1842, and was a farmer, a merchant and a miller. He was Senator in 1849 and 1850. He was nominated and elected to congress in 1854, as a republican, receiving 12,865 votes against 10,178 votes for Samuel Clark, democrat; was re-elected in 1856, receiving 23,550 votes against 16,046



votes for F. J. Littlejohn, democrat, serving from Dec. 3, 1855, to March 3, 1859. He was first a Whig, a Republican after 1854. He died at Kalamazoo, June 15, 1868.

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#### CAMPBELL WALDO,

Senator in 1848-9 from Calhoun, Eaton, Branch and Kalamazoo counties, was born in Middletown, Vt., Dec. 25, 1786, and was brought up on a farm. He became a physician, and practiced many years in Cayuga county, N. Y., and was a member of the N. Y. assembly in 1825. In 1833 he became a merchant at Port Byron, N. Y. In 1837 he settled at Albion, Mich., built mills at various points, and was a leading man. He died at Albion, Nov. 6, 1876, at the age of 98. He was a man of fine personal appearance, courteous and affable in his manners, a good physician, and a christian.

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#### HENRY WALDRON

Was born at Albany, N. Y., Oct. 11, 1816; graduated at Rutgers college, N. Y., in 1836; removed to Michigan in 1837; settled at Hillsdale in 1839; built the first warehouse on the Southern railroad; and from that date was engaged in manufacturing and banking. In early life a civil engineer. He was a director of the Michigan Southern railroad; president of the Detroit, Hillsdale & Indiana railroad; and president of the first national bank of Hillsdale. He was a Representative in 1843; presidential elector in 1848; a Representative in congress from 1855 to 1861 from the second district, also from 1871 to 1877 from the first district, in all twelve years. He was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1868. He was a Republican in politics, a good speaker, a successful business man, and a political power, especially in southern Michigan. He died several years since.

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#### ARNOLD WALKER,

Representative from Ingham county in 1873-4, was born in Gibson, Pa., in 1821. He removed to Seneca county, N. Y., in 1837, and to Ingham county, Mich., in 1844. He received a common school education, and was a practical business man. He was a director of the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroad for many years, and filled large railroad contracts. He lived in Vevay until 1860, then became a resident of Leslie until his death, Dec. 5, 1884. He was long president of the Leslie national bank. In politics a Republican.



## ALVAH H. WALKER

Was born in Rhode Island, February 15, 1802, and removed to Chautauqua county, N. Y., with his parents in 1805, where he resided until 1855, when he removed to Detroit. For many years, at Fredonia, Chautauqua county, he was one of the trustees and treasurer of the Fredonia academy, and was supervisor of Pomfret. He was on the whig electoral ticket in 1852, and in 1854 was a member of the New York Senate. In 1855 he removed to Detroit. In 1857 he became interested in village property in St. Johns, and removed there in 1861; for several years was engaged in mercantile business; in 1867 was elected to the constitutional convention for Clinton county. He has been an active Whig or Republican all his life.

## BENJAMIN WALKER,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1873, was born in Whitingham, Vt., March 7, 1814. He received a common school education. In 1847 removed to Michigan and settled in Perry, where he still resides. Held the office of justice 24 years; supervisor two years, town clerk three years, and school inspector. He has been treasurer of the Shiawassee mutual insurance company ten years. He was president of the Shiawassee agricultural association, two years. By occupation a farmer.

## CHARLES I. WALKER,

Representative from Kent county in 1841, was born in Butternuts, N. Y., April 25, 1814, his parents moving there from New England. He received a common and select school education. At sixteen he was a teacher, and then a clerk. At twenty-one he was a merchant at Cooperstown, N. Y., but sold out in 1836, and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., as agent for eastern capitalists in the buying of Michigan lands. The panic of 1837 closed out land speculations, and he took an interest and became editor of the *Grand River Times*. He commenced the study of law, went to Vermont to complete his studies, and was admitted to the Vermont bar at Brattleboro in 1842. He practiced in that state until 1851, and then settled at Detroit. He was circuit judge for about a year, but resigned, and was professor in the law school at Ann Arbor from 1859 to 1874. He was for several years president of the board of state charities. He has always taken an active interest in the early history of the northwest, and has written able papers on that subject. Has been president of the state pioneer society. Is an able lawyer, politically a Democrat. He was



a member of the second convention of assent in 1836, and has held several honorable local positions.

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DEWITT C. WALKER,

Representative in 1840-44-46, and Senator from Macomb county in 1841-2, was born in Vermont in 1812. He was a graduate of Middlebury college, studied law at the Yale law school, and was admitted to the bar in 1836. He then came to Romeo, Mich., and continued there in law practice for twenty years. He was prosecuting attorney of Macomb county; a regent of the State University in 1845; a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850; and four years judge of probate. He laid out the village of Capac in 1857, having settled there in 1857, and still resides there. He built a grist and saw mill, donated land for churches, and for many years was president of the village.

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EDWARD C. WALKER,

Representative from Detroit in 1867, was born July 4, 1820, at Butter-nuts, N. Y. He graduated from Yale college in 1842, studied law, attended law school, was admitted to the Detroit bar in 1845, and was long a partner of his brother, C. I. Walker, then of Walker & Kent, and lately with his son, of the firm of Walker & Walker. He was a regent of the University from 1864 to 1882, and during the whole term was chairman of the executive committee. In religion a Presbyterian. Politically whig and republican.

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FREDERICK WALKER,

Representative from Genesee county in 1872-3-4, was born in York-shire, England, in 1809. By occupation a farmer and lumberman, politically a Republican. He emigrated to New York city with his parents when two years of age. Settled on a farm in Genesee county, now part of Mt. Morris village, in 1836. He was a justice for twenty years, for thirty-six years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and twelve years Sabbath school superintendent. Died January 20, 1879.

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HENRY N. WALKER

Was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1813, and was educated at the Fredonia academy. He came to Detroit in 1834 or 1835, and was



admitted to practice as an attorney, and was thereafter a leading member of the bar for many years. During his life he held the following official positions: 1837, master in chancery; 1843 to 1845, attorney general of the state; 1844, Representative in the legislature, same year Supreme Court reporter; April, 1859, to September, 1860, postmaster at Detroit; 1883, state immigration agent. In business life he had extended relations. In 1836 he was state agent of the Protection insurance company; in 1849, one of the founders and vice president of the Detroit savings fund institute; 1858 to 1863, president of the Detroit & Milwaukee railroad company; 1861 to 1875, proprietor and editor of the *Detroit Free Press*, and during the later portion of this period, was president of the western associated press. In 1845, while attorney general, he was largely instrumental, in a semi-official capacity, in organizing the Michigan Central railroad company, which in 1846 purchased the Central railroad from the state. He was influential in securing the building of the Great Western railway of Canada; also in voluntary enterprises, first in the temperance cause in the early days of the movement, 1835-6; as historiographer of Detroit, 1843 to 1845; and when the building of the Detroit observatory at Ann Arbor was first agitated he made a liberal contribution for the building, and also purchased the transit instrument at a cost of \$3,500. In politics a Democrat, in religion a Episcopalian. He married Miss Emily Norvel, daughter of the late Senator John Norvel, and left two sons and a daughter. Died Feb. 24, 1886.

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#### HENRY T. WALKER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1842-5, was born in Bristol, N. Y., April 29, 1808. By profession a physician, in politics a Democrat. He came to Michigan in 1836, and settled in Washtenaw county in 1837. For several terms a justice of the peace. Died October 2, 1871.

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#### JAMES B. WALKER,

Senator from Benzie and several other counties in 1865, was born at Philadelphia, Pa., July 29, 1805. He became an operative in a factory at Pittsburg, and subsequently a printer; was clerk to M. M. Noah in New York, and principal of an academy at New Durham, N. J.; studied law at Ravenna, Ohio; graduated at Western Reserve college, Hudson, Ohio, in 1831; edited successively religious papers at Hudson, Cincinnati and Chicago; was also engaged in the book trade; studied theology and was licensed to preach in 1841; was principal of a private



orphan asylum at Mansfield, Ohio; lectured on the harmony of science and revealed religion at Oberlin college and Chicago theological seminary. He held pastorates at Mansfield, Sandusky and Chicago, and preached several months at Lansing, Michigan. He was author of many theological works published from 1855 to 1870, also of poems published in "Poets and Poetry of the West." His first work, "The Philosophy of the plan of Salvation," had a very large circulation in English, and was translated into several other languages. He was a trustee and interested in the prosperity of Benzonia college, at Benzie, Mich., and resided for some time in Benzonia. He received the degree of D. D., was the first president of Benzonia college, and gave largely to its support. Died several years since at Wheaton, Illinois.

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#### JOHN WALKER

Was born in Deerfield, N. Y., May 12, 1818. He received a common school education. Settled in Kalamazoo in 1836, and removed to Cooper in 1840. He represented the 3d district of Kalamazoo county in the House in 1869-70-1-2-3-4. In politics a Republican, by occupation a farmer.

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#### LEVI WALKER,

Representative from Genesee county in 1873, was born in Granville, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1813. He received an academical education, studied law and was admitted to the New York bar in 1835. In 1847 he removed to Michigan and settled in Flint. He held several important and several minor offices in the town and county. He died before the extra session of 1874.

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#### SAMUEL S. WALKER

Was born at Fredonia, N. Y., June 11, 1841, and removed with his father to Detroit in 1855. He was educated at the Fredonia academy, and subsequently at the Barstow union school in Detroit, graduating at the University of Michigan in the class of 1861. He removed to St. Johns in 1861, and engaged in the mercantile business until 1865, when he established a banking office at St. Johns, under the firm name of S. S. Walker & Co., continuing that until September of the same year, when, with others, he organized the first national bank of St. Johns, of which he was cashier until August, 1877. He was a Representative in 1875, and was regent of the University from 1875 to 1883.



## SYLVESTER WALKER,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1847, was a hatter in Norwich, N. Y., in 1813. He settled in Cambridge, Mich., in 1838, opened a hotel at the junction of the Chicago and La Plaisance Bay turnpikes, erected fine buildings, where many a weary traveler found a genial place of rest. In politics a Democrat. Died Dec. 23, 1863. His widow was living in Cambridge in 1887, at the age of ninety.

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## JAMES WALKINSHAW,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1877, was born in the parish of Boithwick, Mid Lothian, Scotland, July 10, 1810. He was educated in the common schools. He emigrated in 1842 to Marshall, Mich., and was employed by the state railroad authorities as warehouseman there, and also in the same capacity at Kalamazoo, until the Michigan Central company bought the railroad. He then settled in Convis on a farm. He was supervisor for twelve years. In politics a Republican.

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## JOHN B. WALLACE,

Representative from Wayne county in 1859, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1809, and came to Michigan in 1832. By occupation a farmer and lumberman. He ran the first saw mill in Wayne county propelled by water. He served many years as postmaster at Wallaceville (to which he gave his name), and has held most of the responsible local offices of his township. After a residence of more than fifty years on the farm which he located, removed to Detroit in 1885, where he now resides. Politics, republican.

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## FRANKLIN B. WALLIN,

Representative from Allegan county in 1861-2, was born in Nelson, Pa., March 25, 1832. By occupation a tanner; in politics a Republican. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1836, who located at McCoys Creek, Berrien county. He learned the tanner's trade. In 1853 he removed to Saugatuck, where with his father and brother, he operated three tanneries under the firm name of C. C. Wallin & Sons, the store being in Chicago. He built a tannery in Grand Rapids in 1882, where he now resides.



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 GEORGE W. WALTREW,

Representative from the first district of Wayne county in 1885, was born at St. Thomas, Ontario, May 30, 1860. His parents removed with him to Detroit in 1862. He drifted to Colorado when eighteen years of age, returned to Detroit when twenty-one, and shortly afterwards became manager of the firm of A. Walthew & Sons, scenic artists of Detroit. In October, 1883, he took up the study of the law; was admitted to the bar in 1884; became the candidate of the labor party of Detroit for the legislature; was afterwards put upon the democratic and greenback ticket and elected.

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 ANDREW WALTON,

Representative from Bay county in 1875-9, was born at Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1826, but removed to Ohio when young. He received an academical education. In 1863 he removed to Bay City. Occupation, lumber merchant. He was a member of the board of education, and a commissioner of the Bay City water-works for many years. He was one of the original proprietors of the state bank of Bay City, and one of the directors until its consolidation with the second national bank, and then was elected a director. Politics, democratic.

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 JACOB WALTON,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1869-70-1-2-3-4, was born in Buckingham, Pa., Feb. 10, 1818. He received a common school education. In 1834 emigrated to Michigan and settled in Saline. In 1851 removed to Raisin, Lenawee county, where he still resides. By occupation a farmer. In politics a Republican.

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 JOSEPH WALTZ,

Representative from Wayne county in 1879-85, was born in Detroit, May 24, 1814. He received his education in the public schools, receiving also a full commercial education. Mr. Waltz is a merchant, but deals extensively in lumber and real estate. He has filled various township offices, having been for two years township clerk, and for two terms justice, also supervisor of the township of Huron, in which he resides. Politically a Democrat.

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 EDGAR B. WARD

Was born in Castleton, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1835, and removed with his parents to Washtenaw county, Mich., in 1836. He was educated at



Lodi academy, and in 1854 taught school near Millersburg, Ky. In the fall of 1854 he began the study of medicine at the University of Michigan, and graduated in 1858. He went to Centreville, Iowa, and engaged in medical practice. In 1859 he returned to Owosso, Mich., to practice, and in 1862 removed to Laingsburg, where he now resides, and continues the practice of his profession. He is a Republican. In 1869-70 he was a Representative.

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- LYMAN M. WARD,

Representative from Berrien county in 1879-81-2, was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1836. He removed to Wisconsin in 1850, and thence to Michigan in 1866. He was educated in common and high schools. He is a fruit grower by occupation. In 1861 enlisted in the three months' service and was appointed orderly sergeant of company I, first regiment Wisconsin Vol. Inf. After the expiration of that term re-enlisted for three years, receiving a captain's commission. He was successively promoted to major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel of the fourteenth regt., Wis. V. V. Inf. He was in command of a brigade for two years and received the brevet rank of brigadier general.

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ROBERT E. WARD,

Representative from Berrien county in 1837, was born in Albany, N. Y. He came to the village of Berrien Springs in 1835, and was a merchant, the partner of Pitt Brown. On a petition drawn by him to the postoffice department, the village name was changed from Berrien to Berrien Springs, so named from valuable medical springs. He was a county commissioner in 1837. Removed to Detroit, where he died in 1847.

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ROBERT WARDEN

Emigrated from Greenock, Scotland, in 1832, and after a brief residence in Onondaga county, N. Y., purchased with Governor Bingham a large tract of land in Green Oak, Mich., upon which they settled in 1833. Gov. Bingham had two wives, both of whom were sisters of Mr. Warden, while his wife was a sister of Governor Bingham. He was a farmer and was supervisor of Green Oak, first in 1838, and served six times afterwards in that capacity. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850. First a Democrat, a Republican after 1854. Deceased.



## GUERNSEY P. WARING,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1881-2, was born August 31, 1852, in Ridgeway, Mich. He attended school until of age; afterwards taught a few terms; and has since mingled farming with mercantile business in the land of his adoption.

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## EDWARD A. WARNER,

Senator from Branch county in 1842-3, was born in 1812 or 1813. He is said to have been in Marshall, Mich., in 1837. Settled at Coldwater in 1838, and engaged in practice as a lawyer. He was an agreeable and intelligent young man, and had obtained a good practice at the time of his death, February 1, 1844.

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## HARVEY WARNER

Was born at Glens Falls, N. Y., April 5, 1809. In 1830 he came to Michigan, soon settled at Coldwater, and built the first frame house and the first frame store and the first church in that city. He was postmaster in 1832, and held the office many years. He was justice in 1834, and held that position 24 years. He was a delegate to the first convention of assent at Ann Arbor, was judge of probate from 1849 to 1857, and for several years president of the village of Coldwater.

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## P. DEAN WARNER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1851, 1865-7, and speaker of the House in 1867, was born in Hector, N. Y., August 18, 1822. He came with his father to Farmington, Mich., in 1835. At fourteen he was a clerk in a country store, where he remained nine years. In 1845 became a merchant at Farmington, and still resides there, in the same business. He had a fair education. In politics, first a Democrat, since a Republican. He was deputy postmaster three years; three times town clerk; supervisor five terms, and fifteen years a member of the board of control of railroads by appointment of the governor. He was Senator in 1869-70.

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## WILLIAM WARNER,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1851, was born in Connecticut in 1806. He settled as a farmer in Dexter, Mich., in 1826.



He owns several large farms and has been engaged in the lumber and hardware trade. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM WARNER,

Representative from Detroit in 1863-4-7, was born at Pittsford, Vt., Jan. 28, 1812. He graduated at Middlebury college, and studied for the ministry, but abandoned it from health considerations. He was several years treasurer of the University of Vermont at Burlington, and subsequently connected with the Vermont Central railroad, until he came to Detroit in 1855. He was there engaged in the lumber business until, in 1860, he became connected with the Detroit bridge and iron works, of which he was president at the time of his death in July, 1868.

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#### WILLIAM E. WARNER

Was born in 1820, in New York, and came to Michigan in 1837. His early occupations were those of teacher and clerk in Rawsonville. He was a justice in 1845, and held the office of supervisor for many years. He was Representative in 1853, Senator in 1859-63-4, was register of deeds 1865-69, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1867. He died at Belleville, Sept. 6, 1879. He is listed as a lawyer, though combining the qualities of farmer, politician and general business man in about equal degree. He was a Democrat.

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#### ASA K. WARREN,

Representative from Eaton county in 1873-4, and Senator in 1875, was born in Eden, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1830. He is a graduate of Oberlin college, of the class of '53. He is also a graduate of the medical department of the University, of the class of '56. He became a resident of Michigan in 1859, and settled in Olivet, where he still resides. He has been a member of the common council of the town ever since its organization. He still continues in the practice of his profession. In politics a Republican.

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#### ROBERT L. WARREN,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1883, was born in Bennington, Mich., January 2, 1842. He removed to Flint when a boy, residing there till 1869. He entered Michigan University in 1860, leaving there to enter the military service in the late rebellion, serving until



the close of the Vicksburg campaign, when he was discharged by reason of disability. Entered law department Michigan University in 1864, and graduated in 1866, began the practice of law, continuing about one year, then assuming the duties of local editor on the *Wolverine Citizen*. Subsequently removed to Bay City, taking control of the *Journal* of that city, which he converted into a daily, and conducted it until sold to Hon. James Birney. Also published Saginaw *Daily Enterprise*. Removed to Van Buren county in 1875, and published the *Lawrence Advertiser*, and was editor and publisher of the *Decatur Republican*. He now resides at Albion, and is editor and publisher of the *Albion Recorder*.

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SAMUEL N. WARREN,

Representative from Genesee county in 1848, was born in Orwell, Vt., Sept. 15, 1813. Attended district school and Shoreham academy; taught school in Benson, Vt., in 1829; came to Michigan in 1833, and taught school; at the age of twenty-two was a justice and supervisor, holding the latter office most of the time for forty years; was post-master at Fentonville; director of schools in Flint for ten years; for many years chairman of the congressional committee in the sixth district; and collector of internal revenue for that district under Lincoln. Married Anne R. West in 1834, and celebrated his golden wedding at Albion, where he now resides. Was a Whig until 1854, since a Republican.

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STEPHEN H. WARREN,

Senator from Montcalm and other counties in 1857-8, was born in Esopus, N. Y., in 1806. Left an orphan at the age of seven, he went to live with his brother at Herkimer, N. Y., where he remained until 1843, when he settled in Eureka, Montcalm county, as a farmer. In politics a Democrat until 1854, then a Republican. He held the office of justice. Died April 29, 1878.

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NORMAN B. WASHBURN.

Representative from Lenawee county in 1887, was born in Adrian, Mich., Aug. 13, 1849, where he has since resided. He received a common school education, and at the age of seventeen learned telegraphy, but in the following year became an iron molder, which occupation, with the trade of bricklayer, he has since followed. He was a charter member and commissioned officer in the Adrian light



guard, and served from 1870 to 1876. He was elected Representative as a labor candidate and on the democratic ticket, receiving 1,732 votes to 1,724 for Capt. J. H. Lee, Republican, and 245 for C. E. Mitchell, Prohibitionist.

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#### JOHN C. WATERBURY,

Representative in 1861-2, and Senator in 1871-2-7, was born Nov. 27, 1815, at Andes, N. Y. He received a common school education, and removed to Leroy, Mich., in 1838. From 1840 to 1847 resided at St. Clair, then removed to Lexington, where he still resides. He has held many offices, including justice, judge of probate, assistant assessor of internal revenue, and deputy U. S. marshal. In politics first a Whig, a Republican since 1854. He for years dealt in bonds and mortgages, and did much to develop the resources of the Huron shore.

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#### CHARLES W. WATKINS,

Representative from Allegan county in 1871-2-3, was born in East Salem, N. Y., March 5, 1844. He received an academical education. In 1856 removed to Leighton, Mich. He entered the 6th Michigan cavalry as a private in 1861; was transferred to the 10th Michigan cavalry in 1863, was commissioned as lieutenant; served as adjutant of the regiment for a brief period, and was made a captain by brevet for gallant and meritorious services. He followed the mercantile business in Allegan county, but removed some years since to Grand Rapids, where he is engaged in the insurance business. In politics a Republican.

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#### ERWIN C. WATKINS,

Representative from Kent county in 1873-4-5, was born in Middlebury, N. Y., January 15, 1839. He received a common school education. In 1844 emigrated to Michigan and settled in Grattan, Kent county, and subsequently removed to Rockford. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. In the same year he enlisted in a company of cavalry, and when the company was incorporated in the first New York regiment of cavalry, was commissioned lieutenant, and subsequently received a commission as captain. In 1863 he was appointed assistant adjutant general of the department of West Virginia, and subsequently assigned to the staff of Gen. W. H. Seward, where he served until the war ended. He has held several local positions. By occupation a lumber merchant. He is now warden at the house of correction at Ionia. He was an Indian agent in the west for some years.



## FREEMAN C. WATKINS,

Representative from Jackson county in 1861, and delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867, was born in Surry, N. H., March 29, 1811. Taught primary schools in New Hampshire and Michigan from 1829 to 1834. Located his farm in Napoleon in 1833, and was an early pioneer of Jackson county. Was supervisor and justice. A Democrat until 1854, then a Republican. Died June 10, 1880.

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## MILTON C. WATKINS,

Representative in 1859, and Senator in 1863-4-5, from Kent county, was born in Rutland, Vt., in 1806. He received a common school and academical education. After the age of eighteen was engaged several years in teaching. In 1830 he married Susan Joy, and settled on a farm in Covington, N. Y., where he taught winters, and worked as a carpenter summers, and was also justice and school inspector. In 1844, settled on a farm in Grattan, Mich., where he resided until his death, May 16, 1836. He was the first supervisor of Grattan, and held that and the office of justice, nearly twenty-five years. He was U. S. assistant assessor until the office was abolished. In politics a Whig until 1854, then a Republican.

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## FRANK H. WATSON,

Representative from Shiawassee county in 1887, was born in Shiawassee, same county, November 14, 1857. He received his education at district and union schools and worked on his father's farm summers and taught winters, until twenty-one years of age, when he entered a law office in Corunna, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He went to Colorado, but remained only about one year, when he returned to Corunna and commenced the practice of his profession, remaining there until the spring of 1885, when he removed to Owosso, where he still resides. He has been twice elected circuit court commissioner, and is a Republican.

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## HENRY WATSON,

Representative from Montcalm county, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, January 29, 1836. By occupation a lumberman and farmer. He has filled the office of justice of the peace fifteen years, township clerk two years, has been a school officer twenty years, and Representative for 1885-6. He is a Republican, and was



reëlected for 1887-8 by a vote of 1,806 to 1,616 for Henry Sharp, and 227 for Frank Fuller, Prohibitionist.

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#### JOHN WM. WATTS,

Representative from Jackson county in 1887, was born at Leoni, Mich., Jan. 13, 1838, and has always been a resident of that county. He is a farmer. He has held the office of supervisor six years, clerk of his township seven years, and filled other town offices. He is a Republican, and was elected Representative by a vote of 2,547 to 2,135 for Daniel Boynton, Fusionist, and 653 for Lester E. Palmer, Prohibitionist.

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#### CHARLES W. WEATHERBY,

Representative from Branch county in 1861-2, was born in Washington county, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1810. By occupation a mechanic; in politics a Republican. He settled at Bronson, Mich., in 1836, where he held several local positions, and was a justice. He removed to Missouri in 1865, was a resident of Kansas City for two years, and now resides at Shelbina, Mo.

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#### NATHAN WEBB

Was born in Middlesex, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1808. He received a good education, mostly from private teachers, and in 1836 received his diploma as a physician, and practiced at Rushville, N. Y. In 1846 removed to Pittsfield, Mich., and purchased a farm, where he resided until his death, Dec. 3, 1884. For many years he was supervisor, also justice. In 1861-2 he was Senator. He was first an Anti-Mason, then a Democrat, and from 1854 a Republican. He sent three sons to the war, and served as a surgeon for several months. His wide information, literary tastes, firm principles and ready wit, made him a man of mark and influence.

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#### ANDREW J. WEBBER,

Representative from Ionia county in 1885-7, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1831. He received a good common school education, removed to Michigan in 1852, and for four years was engaged in lumbering on the west shore, then for ten years was a farmer and merchant. Has been largely interested in lumbering in Mecosta county. He has been mayor of Ionia, twice president of the county agricultural society, director and vice president of the second



national bank, and president of Ionia farmers' insurance company. In politics a Republican.

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#### GEORGE W. WEBBER,

Of Ionia, was born in Newburg, Vt., Nov. 25, 1825. He removed to Steuben county, N. Y., in 1828; received a public school education, and worked on his parents' farm until his twentieth year, when he engaged in lumbering and mercantile business for himself. He married in 1850 and removed to northern Michigan in 1852, where he continued the lumber business until 1858. Since then he has been a resident of Ionia county. He has been interested in farming, and in building in Ionia, where he has had the management of a mercantile business. He has also carried on lumbering operations in Mecosta county since 1866. He was one of the founders of the second national bank of Ionia, and has been its president. He has also been mayor of the city two terms. He was elected Representative in congress by a vote of 22,824, to 11,435 for L. H. Randall, Democrat, and 9,506 for J. C. Blanchard, National, and served one term, declining a re-nomination. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM L. WEBBER,

Senator from Saginaw county in 1875, was born in Ogden, N. Y., July 19, 1825. He removed with his father to Hartland, Mich., in 1836. He received a common school education, taught school, studied medicine two years, then taught select school at Milford two years. Studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He became a resident of East Saginaw in 1853, where he now resides. He practiced law until 1869. In 1857 he became the attorney of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad company, and still holds that place. He was land commissioner of the road from 1870 to 1885. A director of the road since 1864. Has also been president of the Tuscola & Huron railroad; trustee and executor of the estate of Jesse Hoyt; circuit court commissioner of Saginaw county, 1854-5; prosecuting attorney; mayor of East Saginaw; democratic candidate for governor in 1876, and president of the state agricultural society in 1878. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ALANSON J. WEBSTER

Was born in Pontiac, Mich., Aug. 21, 1827. He lived in Pontiac until 1851, then removed to White Lake, Oakland county. He was super-



visor seven years, township treasurer and justice, and in 1871-2 a Representative. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Democrat. Died in 1875.

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#### JAMES WEBSTER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1846, was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1811. He came to Michigan in 1838. Was by trade a blacksmith, but became a Methodist preacher; politically a Democrat. He removed to Fairfax, Va., in 1858.

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#### JOSEPH WEIER,

Representative from Monroe county in 1869-70, was born in Wackernheim, Germany, March 4, 1822. He came to Monroe, Mich., in 1849, where he now resides. He kept a grocery store and boarding house for years with success. Has been an alderman. About 1868 he became interested in the planting of vineyards and the making of wine, his trade extending over many states. For some years has been retired from business. In politics a Democrat.

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#### JAMES D. WEIR,

Senator from Wayne county in 1879, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 20, 1832. He received his education from private teachers. In 1847 removed to Detroit, and in 1848 apprenticed himself to the foundry business, which he followed up to 1859. He then studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He has been collector of fourth ward, school inspector, alderman, county clerk, judge of probate, and member of the board of education. In politics a Democrat.

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#### HENRY W. WEISS,

Representative from Gratiot county in 1885, was born in Champion, Ohio, in 1843. Came to Michigan in 1873, and for some years followed the occupation of lumberman, when purchasing the land upon which he now resides, in Sumner, he engaged in farming, which occupation he still continues. He was a member of the 84th Ohio volunteer infantry, serving his full time of enlistment; has been supervisor, and was elected as a candidate on the fusion ticket.



## HENRY B. WELCH,

Representative from Monroe county in 1873-4, was born in Augusta, Mich., Aug. 2, 1833. He was educated in common schools. In 1866 he removed to Monroe county, and settled in Exeter, where he now resides. By occupation a farmer.

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## JOHN WELCH,

Senator from Saginaw county in 1881-2, was born in Augusta, Me., Sept. 5, 1825. He received a common school education, and at thirteen was apprenticed to a blacksmith. After one year he became a sailor, and followed it six years, rising to the position of second mate. In 1846 he went into the lumber business, and in 1863 settled at White River, Mich., where he remained until 1872, since that time has resided at East Saginaw. Is a successful lumberman, and also a farmer. Has been twice mayor of East Saginaw, and held positions as alderman and supervisor. In politics a Republican.

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## JOHN B. WELCH,

Representative from Ionia county in 1863-4-5, was born in the state of New York, March 22, 1816. He came to Michigan in 1836. He cut the timber on the public square at Ionia. He was commandant to raise the 21st Michigan infantry, and recruited 2,000 men for various regiments at a great sacrifice of time and money. He was a Republican while a legislator, now a Greenbacker, living at Ionia.

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## ERASTUS J. WELKER,

Representative from Branch county in 1873-4-7, was born in Walnut, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1825. In 1832 he removed with his parents to Seneca county, Ohio, they being the second family on the Seneca reservation. He was educated in common schools. In 1866 he removed to Kinderhook, Branch county. By occupation a blacksmith. For several years has been an officer at the Ionia house of correction. In politics a Republican.

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## CHARLES WELLMAN,

Representative from St. Clair county in 1885-7, was born in Canada, Jan. 18, 1847. Came to Michigan with his parents in 1853; been engaged in various occupations, now in the milling and mercantile



business at Port Huron. He has been an alderman and member of the board of estimates. Elected as a Fusionist.

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#### FRANKLIN WELLS

Was born at Salem, N. Y., April 19, 1823. He came to Constantine, Mich., in 1837, and is a merchant and farmer. He has been a member of the state board of agriculture since 1873, and his present term will expire in 1891. Has served several years on the state republican committee.

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#### FREDERICK L. WELLS,

Senator from St. Clair county in 1873-4-5, was born March 24, 1833, in Stanford, N. Y. He received a common school education, and was instructed in the classics by a private tutor. In 1838 he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Port Huron, where he now resides. He has served as mayor, city clerk, chief engineer, and alderman. He was also a member of the House in 1871-2. By occupation a lumber merchant. Politically a Republican.

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#### HENRY B. WELLS

Was born at Hartwick, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1829. In 1835 removed with his father to Charleston, Mich., where he received a common school education. In 1848 bought a farm in Wayne, Cass county, which has since been his home. For a time was in mercantile business in Dowagiac. In company with Z. Jarvis he built a grain elevator, and was extensively engaged in the produce business. He was supervisor several years, and was a Representative in 1867. In politics a Republican.

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#### HEZEKIAH G. WELLS

Was born June 16, 1812, at Steubenville, Ohio, and was educated at Kenyon college. He studied law and settled at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1833. In 1835 was a delegate in the constitutional convention, and the youngest member of that body. From 1845 to 1849 he performed circuit court duties as judge. He was a delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850. In 1862, largely by his efforts, the 25th Michigan infantry was mustered into service. He was a member of the state board of agriculture from 1861 to 1883, and most of the time its president. In 1873 he was one of eighteen appointed to revise the state constitution, In 1874 he was appointed presiding judge of "the



court of commissioners of Alabama claims," and that court distributed over \$9,000,000 of the "Geneva award" to claimants. The court was re-established in 1882, and he was again its presiding officer. For many years he was an active member of the historical committee of the state pioneer society, and was president in 1880. He was a man of commanding form, fine personal appearance, and a recognized leader in the republican party. First a Whig, a Republican after 1854. Died at Kalamazoo, April 4, 1885, leaving a wife, but no children.

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#### HENRY H. WELLS.

Representative from Detroit in 1855, was born in Rochester, N. Y., September 17, 1813, and came to Detroit at the age of twenty-one, where he studied law and was admitted to practice. He entered the military service as lieutenant colonel of the twenty-sixth Michigan infantry, in October, 1862, was promoted to the colonelcy of the same regiment March 30, 1864, and was brevetted brigadier general in 1865. In April, 1868, he was appointed provisional governor of Virginia, holding the position until 1869. Was U. S. district attorney for Virginia, 1869-71, and U. S. district attorney for the district of Columbia, from September, 1875, to January, 1880. Politics Republican; present residence, Washington, D. C.

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#### MARSHALL M. WELLS

Was born in Genesee, N. Y., in August, 1822. His father settled at an early date on a farm in Lyon, Oakland county, where the son was reared. In 1845 he became a clerk in the office of the auditor general. He was a Representative from Oakland county in 1850, as a Democrat. Under Buchanan he was a deputy U. S. marshal. For eighteen months he was sutler of the 11th Michigan infantry.

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#### WILLIAM P. WELLS,

Representative from Detroit to the legislature of 1865, was born at St. Albans, Vt., February 15, 1831. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1851, from Harvard law school in 1854, was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1855, and settled in practice at Detroit in 1856. He was a partner of Judge J. V. Campbell until 1858. He was a member of the Detroit board of education in 1863-4; law lecturer at the University in 1874-5, and Kent professor of law from 1876 to 1886, when he resigned. In politics a Democrat.



## GEORGE T. WENDELL

Was born at Albany, N. Y. He was a resident of Mackinaw Island at an early day. In politics a Democrat, and a Representative in 1857-9. He was a merchant, and held many local positions, and was probate judge of Mackinac county at the time of his death, October 10, 1879, then about sixty.

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## JOHN A. WENDELL,

Representative from Oakland county in 1842, was born in Charlton, N. Y., October 19, 1788. He settled as a farmer in Rose, Oakland county, in 1836, and in 1837 was elected the first supervisor, and was re-elected in 1838-9-40-1-3-4. He was also town clerk and justice of the peace, and was postmaster of Rose from 1837 until his death, in 1858. He was a soldier of the war of 1812.

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## JACOB A. T. WENDELL.

Representative from Mackinac county in 1855, 1865-9-70, was born in Albany, N. Y., April 12, 1826, and died November 25, 1879. He became a resident of Mackinaw Island in 1829. Had a good education and was a merchant, doing much to develop the commerce of northern Michigan. He was a Democrat, and once candidate for lieutenant governor.

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## WILLIAM B. WESSON,

Senator from Wayne county in 1873-4, was born March 20, 1820, in Hardwick, Mass. He received an academic education. He has extensive business relations, is president of the Wayne county savings bank; president of the trust and security and safe deposit company, of Detroit; president of the Hamtramck street railway; a director of the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan railroad, and is one of the trustees of the Detroit medical college. His business is that of a dealer in real estate.

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## ANSEL W. WESTGATE,

Senator from Cheboygan and other counties in 1887, was born in Lenawee county, Mich., Aug. 24, 1841; he resided in Michigan twenty-three years; was educated at Hillsdale college. He then went to Massachusetts, where he remained until 1879; then removed to Alpena and was pastor of the Congregational church in that city



four years. He is at present a merchant and insurance agent; has been a resident of Cheboygan three years. Has been school inspector, county examiner and supervisor. Politically a Republican.

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#### THOMAS J. WEST,

Representative from Berrien county in 1873-4-5, was born in Williamston, N. Y., May 22, 1831. He received a high school education. In 1835 he removed to Michigan and settled in Charleston, Kalamazoo county. In 1864 removed to Berrien county and settled in Bainbridge, where he still resides. By occupation a farmer.

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#### LUTHER WESTOVER,

Representative in 1869-70, from Bay county, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., April 24, 1817, and received an academical education. In 1845 shipped a cargo of lumber to Connecticut, which proving profitable, he went to Canada and engaged in lumbering. Removed to Bay City in 1865; was engaged in lumbering until 1874; established the exchange bank, which in 1873 was merged into the state bank. He was active in the completion of the J., L. & S. railroad, and was three years a director. A Democrat until 1861, since a Republican.

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#### HEZEKIAH WETHERBEE,

Representative from St. Joseph county in 1857, was born in Washington county, N. Y., in 1802. By occupation a miller and farmer, in politics first whig then republican. He settled in Three Rivers in 1833, helped build the first flouring mill in that place, worked as a miller in that mill until 1836, when the Emery mill was built, where he worked for twelve years, and also one winter at the Hoffman mill. In 1836 he entered land five miles from Three Rivers which afterwards became his farm home. He was for fourteen years supervisor. Died in 1873.

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#### AMOS R. WHEELER,

Representative from Oceana county in 1873-4-5, was born in Cavendish, Vt., Sept. 12, 1815. He received a common school education, emigrated to Kane county, Ill., in 1835, and in 1853 to Benoa, Oceana county, Mich. Has been county treasurer, and held several offices in town and county. By occupation a lumberman.



**CALVIN WHEELER,**

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1851, was born in Livingston county, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1806. He settled as a farmer in Salem, Washtenaw county, in 1830. He held every town office except constable; was postmaster at Salem several years, and station agent on the D., L. & N. R. R. for eight years.

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**HARRISON H. WHEELER**

Was born at Hadley, Mich., March 22, 1839. He was brought up on a farm and attended school winters. Taught school winters from 1857 to 1861. He enlisted as a private in the 10th Michigan infantry, and rose to the rank of captain. He was wounded three times, the last crippling his left arm for life. He served in the army over three years. In 1867 he commenced the study of law with Judge Marston, at Bay City, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He served as Senator from Bay county in 1871-2-3. He then removed to Ludington, was appointed circuit judge in 1874, and was afterwards elected by the support of both parties. He resigned in 1878, and has since been engaged in the practice of law. In politics a Republican.

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**ISAAC P. WHEELER,**

Representative from Jackson county in 1875, was born at Sudbury, Mass., Aug. 10, 1817. He received a common school education. In 1836 came to Michigan and located where he now resides, on a farm in Pulaski, Jackson county. He has been supervisor seven terms, postmaster for twenty years, and held other township offices. By occupation a farmer.

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**JAMES WHEELER,**

Representative from Lenawee county in 1835-6, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., March 21, 1793. Later he lived in Wheeler, Steuben county, N. Y., a town named from the family. He settled in Tecumseh, Michigan, in 1834, and was a justice from 1837 to 1841. A farmer, in politics a Democrat. Died at Tecumseh, February 20, 1854.

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**LYCURGUS J. WHEELER.**

Representative from Barry county in 1883, was born in Wheeler, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1830. He came with his father to Washtenaw county.



Mich., in 1835, removing to Woodland, Barry county, in 1842. He received an academical education, and taught several years. Served three years in the war, then located at Nashville as a merchant, and is still in that business. Has held several local offices. Politically a Republican.

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#### CHARLES W. WHIPPLE,

Representative from Detroit in 1835-6-7, and speaker of the House in 1837, son of Major John Whipple, of the United States army, was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1805, was educated at West Point, subsequently studied law, and began practice in Detroit. He was principal secretary of the constitutional convention of 1835. He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court in 1838, and chief justice in 1848, and in 1852 was elected judge of the circuit in which the county of Berrien was then situated. Judge Whipple died while in office, October, 1855, after a continuous service of seventeen years on the bench. He was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1850, as a delegate from Berrien county. He was secretary of the sixth legislative council in 1835, was county register in 1836, a master in chancery, and school inspector in Detroit. Was a Democrat in politics.

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#### HENRY L. WHIPPLE.

Auditor General of the state during a short interregnum in that office in 1842, was a son of Major John Whipple, born in Detroit in 1816. His pursuits were official in connection with the state departments at Detroit and Lansing. He was connected with the auditor general's office after the removal of the capital to Lansing. He died in Detroit in 1849. His politics will be inferred as democratic from his official connection.

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#### ALPHEUS WHITE,

Member of the constitutional convention of 1835, from Detroit, was a native of Ireland. He was lieutenant of a company of which his brother was captain, which did gallant service in the defense of New Orleans, under Gen. Jackson. He became an architect, and in 1830 was a resident of Cincinnati. He came to Detroit in 1834, and the provision of the constitution giving suffrage to the then alien residents of the state was the result of his efforts in the convention. He had command of the artillery arm of the Michigan forces during the Toledo war. He was a Democrat, and a devout Catholic, and was the founder of Trinity church.



## DARWIN O. WHITE

Was born Sept 8, 1835. He was a farmer, a Democrat, and resided at Southfield, Oakland county. He held the local offices of town clerk, treasurer, school inspector, and supervisor, the last several times. He was a Representative in 1869-70-1-2. Died July 8, 1885.

## FRANK G. WHITE,

Senator from the upper peninsula in 1871-2, was born in Massachusetts in 1832. Came to Houghton, Michigan, in 1853, and was engaged in mining until 1884. Since that time has been a resident of Leadville, Colorado. Politically a Republican.

## GEORGE H. WHITE,

Representative from Kent county in 1863-4, was born at Dresden, N. Y., September 9, 1822. Received a common school education, and was a clerk in Indiana until 1842, when he removed to Grand Rapids. He was a clerk there two years, and was, in 1844, elected register of deeds, and was also partner of Amos Rathbun. He conducted a store at Rockford for five years, returned to Grand Rapids; was a supervisor, and mayor in 1861-2. He was a lumberman from 1863 to 1865; then engaged in the manufacture of plaster. He has built, with Amos Rathbun, many stores, and has been a director of the G. R. & I. railroad, and of the Continental Improvement company. A Whig until 1854, since a Democrat.

## JAMES E. WHITE,

Representative from Oceana county in 1881-2-3, was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., April 8, 1839. He attended Albion college in 1857-8. He went into the army in 1861, as lieutenant in the 13th Michigan infantry, and became a captain in 1863. After leaving the army was engaged in mercantile business at Wayland until 1875, when he removed to Pentwater, engaged in the hardware trade, and the manufacture of shingles. In politics a Republican.

## JAMES H. WHITE.

Representative from St. Clair county in 1879-81-2, was born at Whitesboro, N. Y., April 28, 1822. He received an academical education; was in business in Utica two years, the same time at Ann Arbor



Mich , and at Yonkers, N. Y. In 1849 settled at Port Huron, and engaged in farming, insurance, banking and real estate. From 1855 to 1859 was sheriff, was an alderman four years, deputy collector of customs 1867 to 1876, and has held other offices. Politically, a Republican.

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#### JONATHAN R. WHITE,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1855, was born in South Hadley, Mass., Sept. 10, 1806. By profession a lawyer; politically a Republican. He came to Michigan in 1831, and was commissioned a colonel of state militia in 1835 by Gov. Mason. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850. Died July 12, 1881.

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#### OLIVER K. WHITE,

Representative from Oceana county in 1877, was born in Clinton county, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1831, removing three months subsequently to Erie county, where he received a common school education. In 1852 he removed to Cattaraugus county, where for two years he held the positions of township superintendent of schools and justice. In 1857 he removed to Michigan and settled in Grant, where he still resides. He has been supervisor six years, and was sheriff of Oceana county during 1875-76. In politics a Republican.

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#### ORRIN WHITE,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1842, was born in Palmyra, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1796. He received a fair education, served in the war of 1812, and was for several years engaged in mercantile business at Palmyra. He settled as a farmer in the town of Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1824. He was a supervisor, judge, justice, and sheriff, also a member of the constitutional convention of 1835. He was a colonel of militia. Died in 1864.

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#### PETER WHITE

Was born at Rome, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1831, and has been a resident of Michigan since 1835. He went to Marquette in 1849, before a tree had been felled upon the site of that beautiful city, still his home. He was five years register of the U. S. land office at Marquette;



eight years county clerk and register of deeds; deputy collector of the port of Marquette six years; postmaster ten years; for many years assessor and treasurer of the union school; cashier or president of the national bank of Marquette since 1864; and has held other positions. He was a Representative from Marquette and Chippewa counties in 1857, and was Senator in 1875. He has been in all kinds of business, and has always been a leading man in the upper peninsula. In politics a Democrat.

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#### SHUBAEL WHITE,

Senator from Mason and other counties in 1883, was born at Marshall, Mich., June 17, 1841. Graduated at the University of Michigan in 1864. Served in the war in the 28th Michigan infantry, and rose from a private to the rank of captain. Was a provost marshal in North Carolina in 1865-6. He graduated at the Albany law school in 1867, and engaged in law practice at Ludington. He was a circuit judge in 1873-4. Politically a Republican.

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#### THOMAS WHITE

Was born in Royalton, N. Y., and his education was that of common schools. He emigrated with his parents to Novi, Michigan, in 1833, who settled upon a farm. The son engaged alternately in teaching and farming. In 1852 he settled on a farm in Northfield and was successful. In 1868 removed to Ann Arbor, and became secretary and managing director of the Washtenaw mutual insurance company, which he managed with great success. Politically a Democrat, then a Free Soiler, and eventually a Republican. He was a Representative in 1867. Died May 10, 1868.

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#### THOMAS W. WHITE,

Representative in 1844, was born in Ashfield, Mass., Nov. 15, 1805. He settled in Grand Haven in 1836, and was a lumberman by occupation. He was an active business man at Grand Haven for thirty years, when he removed to Grand Rapids. In politics first Whig, then Republican. Died Jan. 5, 1884.

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#### WILLIAM E. WHITE,

Representative in 1865, was born June 29, 1814. By occupation a carpenter, in politics a Whig, then a Republican. Came to Kalama-



zoo in 1835, lived there until 1862, when he removed to Wayland, Allegan county, where he now resides. He was sheriff of Kalamazoo county from 1858 to 1862: was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867; village trustee, marshal and constable of Wayland.

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#### HENRY WHITING,

Regent of the University from 1859 to 1865, was born in Bath, N. Y., February 7, 1818, attended common schools until thirteen, was a clerk four years, then attended grammar school, and became a cadet at West Point in 1836, graduating in 1840, in the same class with Sherman and Thomas. He was a lieutenant in the army until 1846, then resigned, became a resident of St. Clair, Mich., and took charge of an academy. In 1848 engaged in lumber business until 1851, and continued in mercantile business until 1861. He then became colonel of the 2d Vermont infantry, took part in the first battle of Bull Run, and in 1862 commanded the Vermont brigade, and was at Fredricksburg and in other battles, resigning in 1863, and again becoming a merchant at St. Clair. A Republican until 1876, then a Greenbacker. Deceased.

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#### JUSTIN R. WHITING,

Of St. Clair, fusion congressman from the seventh district, was born in Bath N. Y., February 18, 1847. Two years later removed with his parents to St. Clair, Mich., which place has been his home almost continuously since. He attended the union school, prepared himself for admission to the State University in 1863, at the age of sixteen. He remained only two years in college, having decided not to study a profession. Has been engaged in the mercantile business since. In 1879 was elected mayor; in 1882 Senator, and declined a renomination on account of business. Received the fusion nomination for congress in 1886, and was elected by 814 majority, his republican rival receiving 12,973 votes. He was a Republican until 1876, when he became a Greenbacker.

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#### LUTHER D. WHITNEY,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1857, was born at Granville, N. Y., March 13, 1810. He learned the trade of a mason and also preached occasionally. He came to Michigan in 1832, and was for fourteen years a Methodist minister. He then, from a bronchial affection, retired, studied medicine, and began practice at Commerce, Mich., in 1844. In 1849 removed to Hadley, Lapeer county, and con-



tinued practice, sometimes preaching. A Whig, then Free Soiler, then a Republican. In 1875 he moved to Grand Blanc, where he died September 11, 1876.

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#### NATHAN WHITNEY,

Representative from Muskegon county in 1875, was born in Huron county, Ohio, November 11, 1821, removed to Michigan in 1849, and settled in Sparta, Kent county. In 1854 he removed to Muskegon county. He received a common school education. He was supervisor of Casinovia for sixteen years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM H. WIGGINS,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1885, was born in Floy, N. Y., April 12, 1839. He came to Michigan in 1861. At first engaged in the patent medicine business, now a farmer and dealer in live stock. For eleven years town clerk. Politically a Democrat.

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#### BUCKMINSTER WIGHT,

Senator from Wayne county in 1855, was a native of Worcester county, Mass., born in 1796. His education was that of common schools. He came to Detroit in 1832, engaging actively in the lumber business in 1837. He represented his ward in the council, and was a candidate for mayor, but generally shunned office. He was a public spirited and useful citizen and amiable gentleman. In politics first whig, subsequently republican. He died November 28, 1879.

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#### STANLEY G. WIGHT,

Representative from Detroit in 1863-4, was born in Massachusetts in 1825, coming to Detroit with his father's family. His early education was academical. His active business life was passed as member of the lumber firm of B. Wight & Sons, and in the same business on his own account, 1848 to 1880. Since his legislative service he has declined all elective offices. He was alderman 1871-2, and a member of the board of water commissioners 1863 to 1868. He was an old line Whig, but became a Democrat.

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#### MARK D. WILBER,

Senator from Allegan county in 1873-4, was born in Clinton, N. Y., August 12, 1829. He received an academical education, and studied



law in the law department of Yale college. In 1856 he was admitted to the bar. While a resident of New York he was a member of the assembly three terms. In 1870 he settled in Allegan, Mich. During the war he served in the department of the gulf, on the staff of Gen. Paine. He was vice-president of first national bank of Allegan, and vice-president of Wilber's Eureka mower and reaper manufactory, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was projector of the Poughkeepsie & Eastern railroad, a director of the same, and secretary and attorney until he came to Michigan. Was also president of the Poughkeepsie city railway. He returned to New York, and is now serving as U. S. district attorney in that state.

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CHARLES A. WILBUR,

Representative from Livingston county in 1855, was in business a farmer and merchant and resided at Howell, where he died about 1867.

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ALBERT WILCOX,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1841, was born at New Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 15, 1805. His ancestors were engaged both in the French and revolutionary wars. He was brought up on a farm, and in 1818 removed with his parents to Guilford, N. Y. He received a common school education, and became a teacher. He removed to Wheeler, N. Y., where he was a partner of his father in farming and the making of wagons, and was a captain of militia. In 1835 he came to Michigan and took up a farm in the town of Bridgewater. In 1836 he enlisted as carriage maker in the U. S. arsenal at Dearborn, with the rank of orderly sergeant. In 1839 he settled at Cambridge, Lenawee county. In politics, whig and republican. Has been in the employ of the Lake Shore railroad since 1851, in various mechanical positions. He has held many local offices, including justice and alderman. During the rebellion he had entire charge of the water supply of 426 miles of railroad. Resides at Adrian.

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ELLIOTT R. WILCOX,

Representative in 1869-70, and Senator from Oakland county in 1877, was born at Rochester, Mich., Feb. 24, 1838, where his father settled in 1824. He was educated at the Rochester academy and the University of Michigan. As a young man he held many local offices, and was a justice. In politics a Democrat, by profession a lawyer. Was



a farmer on a large scale. Was a member several years of the democratic state committee. He rendered important aid in the building of the Detroit & Bay City railroad. In 1874 he built a large brick paper mill on his farm which is in successful operation.

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#### MARCUS B. WILCOX

Was born June 24, 1821, at Arkwright, N. Y. Received a good academical education and a pretty thorough knowledge of Latin. Removed to Pinckney, Michigan, in 1852. Read law and was admitted to the bar in 1854. In politics a Republican. Was elected several terms prosecuting attorney of Livingston county. Held minor offices, and was Senator in 1857-8. Was an able lawyer. Died in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1868.

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#### WILLIAM S. WILCOX,

Representative in 1865-7, and Senator from Lenawee county in 1871-2, was born at Riga, N. Y., April 25, 1819. When young he removed with his father to Bergen, N. Y., where his father kept hotel and postoffice, and ran a stage line. He assisted him until 1836, when he became a clerk in the store of Ira Bidwell at Milan, Ohio, and removed with him to Adrian, Mich., in 1836. From 1840 to 1844 he was a partner, then commenced business for himself, which he continued until 1855, then went into the hardware trade, and has been the head of a leading banking house in Adrian for many years. He was clerk of Adrian in 1848; state prison inspector from 1869 to 1881; has been president of the Michigan state insurance company, and held many other local positions. He was mayor of Adrian in 1865, and a presidential elector in 1884. In politics a Republican.

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#### DANIEL G. WILDER,

Senator from Tuscola county in 1861-2, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., April 15, 1823. He removed from Massachusetts to New York, and came from that state to Michigan in 1848. He studied law, was admitted to the bar at Howell, and began practice at Vassar. He held town offices, such as justice, clerk, supervisor, treasurer, and school inspector, and was county treasurer, judge of probate, prosecuting attorney, county clerk, and register of deeds. In 1872 he went into the mercantile business at Watrousville, where he resided until his death in 1885.



## DAVID W. WILEY,

Representative from Allegan county in 1875, was born at Hanover, Ohio, June 27, 1838. He removed to Michigan in 1852, and to Douglass, Allegan county, in 1856. He has served as trustee of Douglass village, and held other municipal positions, and has been president of the Lake Shore agricultural and pomological society. He received a common school education, and is a farmer and fruit grower. In politics a Democrat.

## JEFFERSON WILEY,

Representative from Detroit in 1867, was born in Boston, Mass., in 1826, and was educated at Harvard college. Coming to Detroit in 1852, he first engaged in active business as a member of the firm of Jackson & Wiley, iron and brass founders. A term as inspector of the house of correction 1872-75, comprises his official life except as above. He is at present lumber agent for the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad.

## ALFRED WILKERSON

Was born in Ledyard, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1820. Removed with his parents to Dundee, Michigan, in 1836, where he now resides as a farmer. He helped organize the republican party, and is still of that faith. He was Representative in 1859.

## ROSS WILKINS

Was born at Pittsburg, Pa., in February, 1799, and was the son of John Wilkins, who served in the wars of the revolution and of 1812, and became quartermaster-general in the U. S. army. Judge Wilkins graduated at Dickinson college, Pennsylvania, in 1818, studied law, and was prosecuting attorney at Pittsburg in 1820. He was appointed judge of Michigan territory by Jackson, and opened his court June 17, 1832. In 1836 became U. S. district judge, and held that position until December, 1869, when he resigned, never having been absent a term in thirty-two years. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and of the two conventions of assent in 1836. He died May 17, 1872. He was an able judge. In politics, a Democrat in religion, a Methodist, but died in the Catholic faith.



## SAMUEL M. WILKINS,

Representative from Eaton county in 1879-81-2, was born in Baughman, Ohio, August 16, 1836. He was educated in common schools, and at Vermillion institute, Ohio. He was engaged in mining in California from 1859 to 1861. He served in the 102d Ohio infantry. Since, studied medicine, and graduated at Wooster University, Ohio. Settled at Eaton Rapids in 1866, and engaged in practice, and has held various offices.

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## DANIEL S. WILKINSON

Was born in the state of New York in 1813. He came from Albion, N. Y., to Adrian, Mich., in 1834, where he resided until his death, May 24, 1875. His business was that of loaning money. In politics a Democrat. He was a Representative in 1849.

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## GEORGE WILLARD

Was born in Bolton, Vt., March 20, 1824. His ancestor, Simeon Willard, settled in Concord, Mass., in 1635. He came with his father to Michigan in 1836, and graduated at Kalamazoo college in 1844. After service as a teacher he became an Episcopal minister, and was rector at Coldwater, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. He resigned and became a professor in Kalamazoo college. In 1856 he was elected member of the state board of education for six years; in 1863 was elected regent of the State University, which he held until 1873; in 1866 was a Representative in the legislature; in 1867 delegate to the constitutional convention; in 1872 delegate to the national republican convention, and the same year was elected a Representative to congress, and was reelected in 1874, holding the position from 1873 to 1877. In office he has been a Republican. He has been editor and proprietor of the *Battle Creek Journal* since 1868, establishing a daily in 1872.

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## ISAAC W. WILLARD,

Member of the constitutional convention of 1850 from Van Buren county, was born in Worcester county, Mass., Dec. 1, 1803. He received a common school education, and engaged in business at Rochester, Vt. He came to Michigan in 1827, and in 1828 engaged in the mercantile business with Gov. Barry at White Pigeon, and the firm had an extensive business in several counties, there being only



one other store in southwestern Michigan. From 1833 to 1840 was a merchant at Kalamazoo, then engaged in lumbering and farming at Paw Paw, and built a flouring and saw-mill, distillery, plank road, etc. He was a postmaster and supervisor, and held other offices. He was the first clerk of the U. S. court at White Pigeon, and was timber agent under Pierce for Michigan and other states. Died in April, 1879. Politically a Democrat. A man of positive character, fearless and daring, and of a kind and generous heart.

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#### A. MILAN WILLETT,

Representative from Ionia county in 1881-2-3, was born in Oswego county, N. Y., April 18, 1829. He received a common school education, learned the joiners' trade, and taught winters. Settled in Ionia county in 1854, engaged in building until 1860, then became a farmer. He served for thirteen months as captain of Co. I, Berdan's U. S. sharpshooters, resigning from disability. Has been supervisor several terms, and president of the agricultural society. Politically a Republican.

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#### JOHN WILLETT,

Representative from Genesee county in 1877-9, was born in New Brunswick, N. J., in 1829. In 1822 he removed to western New York, and there received a common school education. He graduated from the Geneva medical college in 1846, removed to Flint, Mich., and began the practice of his profession. In 1862 he received a commission as surgeon in the 8th regiment of Michigan infantry, and remained in the service until the close of the war, returned to Flint and engaged in the drug business, in which he has continued until the present time. He was elected alderman in 1870. In politics a Republican.

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#### ALBERT WILLIAMS.

Attorney General of Michigan from 1863 to 1867, was born at Halifax, Vt., Feb. 8, 1817, and is of Welsh descent. His father was a surgeon in the war of 1812. He received an academical education, and came to Michigan in 1844. He studied law at Monroe, and was admitted in 1845. He engaged in practice in Ionia, where he still resides. He was prosecuting attorney from 1847 to 1851, and acting county clerk in 1853-4. He was a Democrat until 1854, but helped organize the Republican party, and was on the committee of resolutions and also



of nominations. He issued a political address which was widely circulated, and for a time edited the first republican paper in Ionia county. He was county treasurer from 1855 to 1859, and prosecuting attorney from 1861 to 1863. In 1870 he joined the prohibition party, and was their candidate for supreme judge in 1872, in 1874 for attorney general, and in 1876 for governor. He is now a Republican.

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#### ALPHEUS S. WILLIAMS

Was born at Saybrook, Conn., Sept. 20, 1810; graduated at Yale college in 1831; was a student in the Yale law school in 1832 and 1833; traveled in Europe from 1834 to 1836; removed to Detroit, Mich., in 1836, and commenced the practice of law; was judge of probate for Wayne county 1840-44; and was proprietor and editor of the *Detroit Advertiser* 1843 to 1848. He was lieutenant colonel of the 1st Michigan infantry volunteers in the Mexican war, 1847-48; entered the union army as brigadier general of volunteers by appointment of President Lincoln, August, 1861; commanded the twelfth corps in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam and Gettysburg, and the twentieth corps in the siege of Atlanta on "Sherman's march to the sea," and in the campaign of the Carolinas, and was mustered out of the service in January, 1866. He was appointed in August, 1866, one of the commissioners to adjust the military claims of Missouri. He was minister resident to the republic of Salvador, 1866-69. In 1874 he was elected to congress on the democratic and reform tickets; was reelected in 1876, and served from Dec. 6, 1875, to March 3, 1879. Deceased.

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#### ANTHONY WILLIAMS,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1883, was born in Superior, Mich., Sept. 29, 1836; removed to Dryden in 1843, and to Attica in 1851; has been engaged in farming and lumbering; has been several terms a supervisor, and held other offices. Politically a Democrat.

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#### ASA WILLIAMS,

Representative in 1845, was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1802. He came to Michigan in 1824, and was the owner of a large farm in Liam, Washtenaw county. He was appointed brigadier general of state militia by Governor Cass. He died in 1869.



## BUEL M. WILLIAMS

Was born in Granville, Mass., December 6, 1812. At the age of sixteen he learned the potters' trade, and continued in that business until he had saved money enough for his education, when he entered Yale college, and graduated in 1838 or 1839. Going to Ohio, he taught select school for several years, at Hudson and Shalersville; then went to Pittsburg, Pa., and taught until 1854. He then came to Lawrence, Mich., and purchased land; went to Kentucky and taught school until the war of 1861-4, when he came back to Lawrence, and took an active part in support of the union. He was Representative from Van Buren county in 1863-4-5, as a Republican. He engaged in real estate and loan agency until his death, February 7, 1878.

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## EDWIN R. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Ionia county in 1885, was born in West Bloomfield, Mich., September 20, 1836, and is a farmer at Orange, and a breeder of fine stock. Has held many local offices. Elected as a Fusionist.

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## FITCH R. WILLIAMS,

Senator from Antrim and other counties in 1877, was born in Amenia, N. Y., December 18, 1834. He removed to Michigan in 1845, graduated from the Michigan University in 1858, and was immediately appointed instructor in the literary department. While teaching he attended lectures in the law department. He was, for two years, a professor in Albion college, and commenced the practice of law at Albion in 1866. He removed to Elk Rapids, in 1870. He has three times been prosecuting attorney of that county. He has also for three years acted as judge of probate under appointment by the governor. In politics a Republican.

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## GARDNER D. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1835-6-40, and Senator in 1845-6, was born at Concord, Mass., Sept. 9, 1804, and came with his father's family to Detroit in 1815, and from 1819 to 1827 resided at Silver Lake. In 1827 he engaged in the fur trade at Saginaw, as agent of the American fur company, and died there Dec. 10, 1858. He was a member of the second convention of assent in 1836, commissioner of internal improvements, county judge and treasurer, and the first mayor of Saginaw City.



## HARVEY WILLIAMS,

Senator from Eaton county in 1857, was born in Manchester, Vt., in 1812, and settled in Chester, Mich., in 1837, and was prominently identified with the early history of Eaton county. The first political county convention met at his house. He held town offices, was twelve years county treasurer, and a successful real estate agent. Died at Charlotte, Jan. 18, 1867. Politically a Republican.

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## JAMES A. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Branch county in 1869, '70-1-2, was a native of Cayuga county, New York, and settled in Algansee, Mich., in 1854. He was the first resident physician of that township, and still resides there. For ten years was supervisor of his township, and county superintendent of schools two years.

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## JEREMIAH D. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1855, was born in Sempronious, N. Y., May 2, 1815. He came to Michigan in 1828 with his father, who settled on a farm in Webster, Washtenaw county. He received a common school education, and attended an academy at Ann Arbor for one year. In 1839 he was appointed postmaster at Webster. He has held the town positions of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, justice, and other offices. He was for ten years auditor of the Washtenaw fire insurance company, and has been secretary of the county pioneer society. Now resides on a farm in the town of Ann Arbor. He was a Whig until 1854, since a Republican.

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## JOHN R. WILLIAMS,

Member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and member and president of the second convention of assent in 1836, was born in Detroit, Mich., May 4, 1782. He was in trade there from 1802 to 1832, except from 1812 to 1815. He was a captain of artillery in the war of 1812, and was included in the surrender of Gen. Hull. He was one of the first trustees of the University of Michigan in 1821, and president of the bank of Michigan in 1818. He prepared the first charter of Detroit, and was the first mayor in 1824, also filled that position in 1825-30-44-45-46. He was three years president of the board of education; took great interest in military affairs; commanded the territorial troops during the threatened Black Hawk war, and was senior major general of state militia at the time of his death, Oct. 29, 1854.



## JOSEPH R. WILLIAMS

Was born in Taunton, Mass., November 14, 1803, and graduated at Harvard college in 1831. He studied law with "honest" John Davis, in Worcester, Mass., was admitted to the bar, practiced at New Bedford, Mass., and settled in Constantine, Mich., in 1839, which was his home until his death, June 15, 1861. He was enthusiastic, far seeing, enterprising and zealous in the advancement of the interests of the people. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1850, Senator in 1861, and president *pro tem.* of the Senate. He died before the close of his term, and was succeeded by H. H. Riley. He was the first president of the state agricultural college, and was greatly interested in the progress of agriculture throughout the state. In politics a Republican.

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## THEODORE WILLIAMS,

Representative from Detroit in 1838, was the son of Gen. John R. Williams, and was born in Albany, N. Y., July 5, 1808. He was trained in business at Detroit. He was city register 1830-5, county clerk 1841-2, city treasurer 1844-5, and several times an alderman. He was originally a Whig, but in later years a Democrat. Died October 23, 1871.

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## THOMAS H. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Jackson county in 1857, was born at Kirtland, Ohio, May 27, 1814. In 1862 he enlisted in the 103d Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. Came to Michigan in 1865, was a carpenter until 1871, then began work in the car department of the M. C. R. R. at Jackson, where he remained many years. Has been an alderman, and commander of the G. A. R. post. Politically a Republican.

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## WALTER W. WILLIAMS,

Representative from Eaton county in 1887, was born and brought up on a farm in Lima, Michigan. He lived on the farm until sixteen, then spent several years at Ann Arbor in school. He spent three years as a commercial traveler and two years roughing it on the western frontier. In 1873 he settled near Eaton Rapids, on a farm where he still resides. In politics a Republican.



## WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS

Was born at Pittsford, N. Y., July 28, 1826. Brought up on a farm, he received a fair education, and was a teacher. Studied law in Rochester, N. Y., and graduated from the state and national law school at Bellston Springs in 1851, and began practice at Rochester, N. Y. Settled at Allegan, Mich., in 1855, where he is still in practice. Has been judge of probate eight years; served as captain in the 5th Michigan cavalry from 1862 to June, 1863, resigning from disability; was commandant of camp and organized the 28th Michigan infantry; was Senator in 1867-9; a member of the constitutional convention of 1867; member of the board of state charities 1871 to 1873; Representative in congress from 1873 to 1877; and railroad commissioner from 1877 to 1883. Politically a Republican.

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## WILLIAM D. WILLIAMS

Was born at Lima, Michigan, in 1835. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1857, studied law at Detroit, was admitted in 1859, and settled in practice at Ontonagon, but now resides at Marquette. He was prosecuting attorney of Ontonagon county, and a Representative in 1869. He was elected judge of the 12th circuit in 1875, and was re-elected in 1881 and 1887. In politics a Democrat.

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## ZEBULON WILLIAMS,

Was born at Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1795. He learned the trade of a carpenter, settled at Phelps, N. Y., in 1820, worked at his trade till 1825, when he became a farmer in Clarkson, N. Y. In 1834 he came to Adrian, Mich. He remained there four years, and in 1838 settled on land in Wheatland, Hillsdale county. He was Representative in 1848, was also supervisor four years, clerk and treasurer of his town. Died Nov. 10, 1872.

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## BARON B. WILLITS.

Representative in 1841 and 1865, was born in Independence, N. J., Jan. 1, 1812. By occupation a farmer, politically a Republican. He settled on a farm in Cambria, Hillsdale county, in 1835, and resided there until his death, Sept. 23, 1873.



## EDWIN WILLITS,

Of Monroe, was born at Otto, N. Y., April 24, 1830, and removed to Michigan in 1836. He graduated at the University in 1855, and located at Monroe in 1856, where he studied law with Isaac P. Christiancy, until his admission to the bar in 1857. He was prosecuting attorney of Monroe county and also a member of the state board of education in 1860. Re-elected in 1866, he held the latter office twelve years. He was a member of the constitutional commission of 1873; was appointed postmaster at Monroe in 1863, by President Lincoln, and was removed by President Johnson, October 15, 1866; was editor of the Monroe *Commercial* from 1856 to 1861; was a Representative in the forty-fifth and forty-sixth congresses and was re-elected to the forty-seventh, as a republican, by a plurality of 2,349 over his opponent, William H. Waldby, serving six years. He then resumed law practice at Monroe, but became principal of the state normal school at Ypsilanti in 1883. In 1885 he was elected president of the state agricultural college, and has served in that position since July 1, 1885. Under his efficient management the college has greatly increased in the number of students, and in popularity with the people.

## WARREN J. WILLITS,

Senator from the eighth district, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, was born in Hillsdale county, Aug. 19, 1853, and is by occupation a manufacturer. He has held the offices of township clerk and trustee in village council. He was elected to the Senate of 1887-8 on the republican ticket by a vote of 7,448 to 6,674 for Edwin W. Deyoe, and 719 for Nelson I. Packard, prohibitionist.

## JEREMIAH C. WILSON,

Settled in Rochester, Oakland county in 1857. He was a graduate of the State University, and of Castleton medical college. In partnership with his brother he had an extensive medical practice. They were also interested in manufactures, and built and operated the Eureka mills for eight years. They were also engaged in mercantile business. Dr. Wilson was a Representative in 1867.

## JOHN B. WILSON,

Representative from Lapeer county in 1861-2-3-4, was born in Greenfield, Pa., Oct. 22, 1822, and came with his parents to Detroit in 1824.



In 1831 returned to Vermont with his mother, and afterwards lived in Rochester, N. Y., and Conneautville, Pa. Settled in Arcadia, Mich., as a farmer in 1848. Removed to Lapeer in 1887, where he now resides. Has been engaged in lumbering, and built the first saw mill in Arcadia; has also done a large business in real estate and building. Was a supervisor eleven years, justice sixteen years, and a state road commissioner. As a legislator was a Republican, now a Democrat.

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#### JOSHUA WILSON,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1883, was born in Pickering, Canada, Jan. 9, 1827. He came with his father's family to the northern part of St. Clair county, Mich., in 1841, of which Sanilac county was then a part. He has been a resident of Worth since 1841. A farmer, politically a Republican. Has held the offices of town clerk, school inspector, supervisor, town treasurer, and justice.

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#### FARWELL A. WILSON,

Representative from Midland, Clare and Gladwin counties in 1887, was born July 18, 1841, in Vienna, Michigan. He received a common school education. He was first a farmer, then ran a saw-mill for five years. In 1871 removed to Isabella county, where he bought pine land, built a saw-mill, and has been interested in other business. Politically a Democrat.

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#### LOUIS T. N. WILSON

Was born at Milo, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1821. He came with his father to Ovid, Mich., in 1835, and learned the tailor's trade at Coldwater. He studied for the ministry and was licensed as a Methodist minister. Later he studied law and was admitted in 1843. He was an anti-slavery Whig, and made the first abolition speech ever delivered in Coldwater. In 1851 he was elected justice, and in 1855, as a Republican, he was Senator from Branch county. He was prosecuting attorney two terms. In 1875 he removed to Minneapolis and practiced law for two years, but returned to Coldwater in 1877, and continued his professional career until his death, April 26, 1887.

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#### PHILO WILSON,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1842, '50, settled in Canandaigua, Mich., about 1836, and came from the state of New York.



He removed to Adrian about 1870, and died there. In politics a Democrat.

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#### ROBERT S. WILSON

Came from Alleghany county, N. Y., to Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1835. He was a man of ability, and as a lawyer had great influence with a jury. He was judge of probate of Washtenaw county from 1836 to 1840, and Senator in 1843-4. In 1855 he removed to Chicago, and was a police justice in that city for many years. Died in 1883.

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#### THOMAS M. WILSON,

Representative from Macomb county in 1861-2-75, was born in Shelburne, Mass., January 6, 1820, and at an early age removed to Madison county, N. Y., where he received an academical education. He came to New Baltimore, Mich., in 1835, and engaged in business as a commission and forwarding merchant. He removed to Lansing in 1877, and since that time has been the efficient clerk of the board of state auditors, and still holds that position.

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#### WILLIAM B. WILSON,

Representative from Muskegon county in 1835, was born at Palmyra, N. Y., in 1829, and removed with his parents to Lenawee county, Mich., in 1837. Was with his father in business at Canandaigua, then several years clerk at Adrian, afterwards in business at Hillsdale until 1875. Became then a resident of Muskegon, and was deputy county treasurer, later a druggist. He was grand commander of Knights Templars of Michigan in 1880-1. Elected as a Fusionist.

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#### JACOB M. WILTSE,

Representative from Saginaw county in 1883, was born in Saginaw, November 13, 1839. He received a common school education. His principal occupation has always been that of a farmer. He has held the office of justice fifteen years, and supervisor five years. In politics a Democrat.

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#### EDWIN B. WINANS,

Of Hamburg, Livingston county, was born at Avon, N. Y., May 16, 1826, and removed with his parents to Michigan in 1834. He received



his education in district schools and at Albion college. In the spring of 1850 went to California, engaged in gold mining until 1858, when he returned and settled on the farm where he now lives. He has served two terms in the state legislature, from 1861 to 1865, and one term as judge of probate. In politics a Democrat. He was elected Representative in the 48th congress in 1882 on the fusion ticket, was re-elected by a vote of 19,857 to 18,377 for James C. Wilson, republican, and 2,445 for Leander C. Smith, prohibitionist, serving until March 4, 1887.

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#### AMAZIAH WINCHELL,

Representative from Ingham county in 1850, was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., in 1810. Came to Detroit in 1833, lived in Lima until 1836, then settled in Ingham, Ingham county. There were only three houses in the county at that time. Was a farmer, in politics a Democrat. Was sheriff of Ingham county four years, county superintendent of poor five years, drain commissioner two years, and held other offices. Was orderly sergeant in the Toledo war. Summoned the first jury, and opened the first court in Ingham county.

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#### JEROME WINCHELL,

Representative from Allegan county in 1877, was born in Union, Ind., June 8, 1846. When young he removed to Wisconsin, and from thence to Minnesota territory. After receiving an academical education, at the age of seventeen engaged as teacher in public schools, which calling was abandoned a few years later for that of the printers' art. In 1870 he came from Chicago to Michigan, and established at Plainwell the *Allegan County Republic*, of which he has since been editor and proprietor, and actively identified with every enterprise for the improvement of the village. In politics a Republican.

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#### AUSTIN E. WING

Was born in Berkshire county, Mass., in 1792. He graduated from Williams college in 1814 with honor. He came to Detroit in 1814, but soon settled in Monroe. He was for a number of years sheriff of the territory of Michigan, studied and practiced the profession of law and was also a farmer. He was delegate in congress from the territory of Michigan three terms, from 1835 to 1827, 1827 to 1829, and 1841 to 1833. He was twice regent of the University of Michigan: United States marshal under Polk's administration: Representative in the



legislature of 1842; and for many years a leading man in the affairs of the territory and state. In politics a Democrat. He died Aug. 25, 1849.

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#### GILES M. WING,

Representative from Manistee county in 1851-2, was born in Canada East, July 23, 1835, and moved to Illinois in 1844, where he lived with his parents on a farm until 1853. Then he went to Wisconsin and engaged in the lumber business. In 1867 he moved to Manistee, Mich., with his family. There he built a mill, and since that time has been engaged in the lumbering business. He has been three times elected supervisor. Politically a Republican.

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#### WARNER WING

Was born in Marietta, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1805, and was the son of Enoch and Mary (Oliver) Wing, an old New England family. His father removed from Conway, Mass., to Marietta, in 1796. In 1817, at the age of twelve, Judge Wing came to Detroit, and removed to Monroe in 1828. He attended law school at Northampton, Mass., and also studied in the office of Judge Woodbridge, at Detroit. As early as 1833 he was engaged in the practice of the law in partnership with Hon. David A. Noble, at Monroe. In 1837 he was a Representative, and in 1838-9 Senator in the legislature, and was a leading member. In 1840 he became law partner with Gov. McClelland, with whom he practiced until 1845, when he became circuit judge, and a judge of the Supreme Court. In 1851 he became chief justice, which position he held until 1856, when he resigned to act as general counsel of the Lake Shore railroad. He was eminent as a lawyer and judge, and his able opinions are found in the state reports. In politics a Democrat. He became a member of the Presbyterian church at Monroe in 1843. He died at Monroe, March 10, 1876.

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#### WASHINGTON WING

Was born in Sullivan, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1808. He came to Scio, Washenaw county, in 1830, and settled with his father's family. In 1835 he settled in Iosco, Livingston county. In 1846 was a Representative. In 1836 and 1837 he aided Godfroy in getting the Indians to Marshall, preparatory to their removal to the west, it being the remnant of a tribe numbering 150. He removed to Elgin, Illinois, in 1846, and is a farmer there. Has held various official positions. Has been a Republican since 1856.



## RICHARD WINSOR,

Representative from Huron county in 1863-4-5, and Senator in 1869-70-81-2, was born in the county of Middlesex, Ontario, in 1839. He settled in Huron county, Michigan, when a young man, studied law, was admitted to the bar, and has been prosecuting attorney several terms. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and resides at Port Austin, where he has a large law practice, and is also engaged in banking. In politics a Republican.

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## JAMES WINTERS,

Representative from Calhoun county in 1853, was born in Chenango, N. Y., August 17, 1805, and died January 15, 1882. He came to Marengo, Calhoun county, Mich., in 1836, and from 1839 to 1842, was foreman of a large cooper shop in that town. He then removed to Athens, same county, and for several years was supervisor, and held other town offices, and was also postmaster. In 1861 he raised a company of one hundred men, and became captain of company E, 6th Michigan infantry, but soon resigned from ill health. He afterwards drilled the officers of the 13th Michigan. By trade a cooper: politically a Republican.

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## CHAUNCEY W. WISNER,

Senator from Saginaw county in 1857, was born April 26, 1835, in Mt. Morris, N. Y. In politics a Republican prior to 1872; a Liberal Republican delegate to the Cincinnati convention in 1872, and a Democrat ever since. He practiced law in East Saginaw from 1863 to 1877, then removed to Bridgeport on a farm. He has held the office of city attorney of Flint, prosecuting attorney of Genesee county, mayor of East Saginaw and supervisor of Bridgeport township two terms. In 1872 he was a candidate for congress on the Greeley ticket.

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## GEORGE W. WISNER,

Representative from Oakland county in 1837, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1812. He was the son of Moses Wisner, a colonel of the war of 1812, and a brother of Gov. Wisner, of Michigan. At the age of fifteen he was apprenticed to learn the trade of printer. In 1833, at the age of twenty-one, in company with William H. Dey, he established the *New York Sun*, the first cheap daily paper in that city, of which he was editor. The work broke his health, and in



1835 he settled at Pontiac, Mich., studied law, was admitted in 1837; soon acquired distinction, and in 1838 was prosecuting attorney of Oakland county. In 1847 he became editor of the *Detroit Advertiser*. He died in 1849. He was a leading Whig, a fine lawyer, an eloquent speaker in a political campaign, and still holds a leading place in the remembrance of the pioneers of Oakland county.

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#### MOSES WISNER

Was born at Springport, Cayuga county, N. Y., June 3, 1815. He was brought up to agricultural labor, and received only a common school education. In 1837 he came to Michigan, and purchased a farm in Lapeer county. After two years he gave up farming, removed to Pontiac, studied law with George W. Wisner and Rufus Hosmer, and was admitted to practice in 1841. He established his office at Lapeer, and became prosecuting attorney of that county. He soon removed to Pontiac, as one of the firm of Wisner & Hosmer. He was an anti-slavery Whig, but took little part in politics until 1852, when he openly espoused the cause of freedom for the territories. On the organization of the republican party in 1854, he was nominated for attorney-general, but declined. The same year he was nominated for congress, but was defeated by George W. Peck, the democratic candidate. In 1856 he was on the stump for Fremont, and in 1857 he was one of the Republican candidates for United States Senator. In 1858 he was the Republican candidate for governor, and was elected, serving ably from 1859 to 1861, when he returned to practice. In 1862 he raised the 23d Michigan infantry, largely from Oakland county, of which he took command, and went to Kentucky in September, 1863. He died of typhoid fever at Lexington, Ky., January 5, 1864. He was a great lawyer, an excellent governor, a patriot, and has left his impress on the institutions of the state. In his valedictory message was embodied the principles that governed his own action in the war, and that governed largely the actions of the people of the state. His eloquence was that of conviction and action, and the people believed in him.

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#### ELIJAH B. WITHERBEE

Was born in Hopkinton, Mass. July 19, 1804; received an academical education; became a clerk in Boston and Medford; went into business for himself until 1836; then came to Michigan, built a saw-mill in Genesee county, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. In 1841 he removed to Flint, and was soon after appointed receiver of



the land office. In 1845 he entered into the drug business. In 1847 he was Senator, and died while the legislature was in session, February 25, 1847. In politics a Whig.

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### BENJAMIN F. H. WITHERELL

Was born at Fair Haven, Vt., August 4, 1797. By reason of turbulence on the part of the Indians, preceding and following the war of 1812, the family of Judge James Witherell did not come permanently to reside in Michigan until 1817, the subject of this sketch, up to that time, pursuing his studies, which were classical if not collegiate. He was admitted to the bar in Detroit in 1819. He was justice of the peace in 1824; city recorder 1828; judge of probate 1834-5, and prosecuting attorney 1835 to 1839. In 1843 a district criminal court was organized, embracing the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Jackson, and Mr. Witherell was appointed judge, holding the position until 1848, when the court was abolished. In the fall of 1843 Judge Witherell tried one Chorr, at Ann Arbor, for the murder of a neighbor named Dunn, with whom he had had trouble. Chorr was convicted and sentenced to death, but pending a new trial, made his escape. This was the only capital sentence ever pronounced under a law of the state, the death penalty being soon after abrogated. He was appointed a regent of the University in 1848, and was circuit judge 1857 to 1857, acting also a portion of the time as judge of the recorder's court. He was Senator 1840-1, member of the House in 1842, and of the constitutional convention of 1850. He held for a time the honorary position of historiographer of Detroit, was president of the state historical society, and of the soldiers and sailors' monument association, and held high positions in the state militia, including that of major general. He contributed to the press and to the public archives many papers of great literary and historical value: politics, democratic. Died in Detroit, June 26, 1867.

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### JAMES WITHERELL,

One of the early territorial judges, was born in Mansfield, Mass., June 16, 1759. He served through the greater part of the war of the revolution, entering the service as a private, and rising to the rank of adjutant in a Massachusetts regiment. He studied medicine and law, and settled in Vermont, where he held many positions of trust, including that of judge, member of the governor's council, and of the legislature. He was elected to congress in 1807, but resigned his seat



to accept an appointment by President Jefferson, as one of the judges of the Supreme Court of the territory of Michigan, coming here in 1808. He held a local military command during the war of 1812, specially raised for the defense of Detroit, and it is reported that on the surrender of the town by Gen. Hull, he broke his sword to escape the mortification of relinquishing it to an enemy. A similar action used to be attributed to Gen. Cass on the same occasion. In January, 1828, after a service of twenty years, Judge Witherell relinquished the judgeship to become secretary of the territory. He held this position until May, 1830, and during the first three months of 1830 was acting governor. He raised a family of several children, none of whom are now living. The late Judge B. F. H. Witherell was his son, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Palmer, was the mother of Senator Thos. W. Palmer. Judge Witherell died in Detroit, January 9, 1838.

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#### WILLIAM H. WITHINGTON,

Representative from Jackson county in 1873-4, was born in Dorchester, Mass., Feb. 1, 1835. He received an academical education. He emigrated to Michigan in 1857, and settled in Jackson, where he now resides. In 1861 he entered the first Michigan infantry, as captain. He was captured at the first battle of Bull Run, and was held prisoner for six months. In 1862 he was commissioned colonel of the seventeenth Michigan infantry, for a prominent part taken in the battles of the army of the Potomac, and was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers in 1865 for conspicuous gallantry at the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. Gen. Withington's business is that of a manufacturer of farming tools. As a member of the legislature he was very efficient in securing appropriations for volunteer militia, of which he has since been commanding general. In politics a Republican.

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#### SOLOMON L. WITHEY

Was born at St. Albans, Vt., April 21, 1820. His father, Solomon Withey, known to early residents of Michigan as General Withey, emigrated to Grand Rapids in 1836 with his family. Mr. Withey received a common school and academical education, and in 1839 entered the law office of Rathbone & Martin. He was admitted to the bar in 1843, and engaged in active practice for nineteen years. His career at the bar was one that gave him the unlimited confidence of his clients, and he acquired a competence. His cool judgment, perfect integrity and high character as a man, and thorough knowl-



edge of the law, made him prominent. From 1848 to 1852 he was judge of probate of Kent county; Senator from 1861 to 1863, and member of the state constitutional convention of 1867. Both in the Senate and in that convention he was chairman of the committee on the judiciary. In 1863 he was appointed by President Lincoln, United States district judge for the western district of Michigan, a position he filled with signal ability until his death, which occurred at San Diego, California, April 25, 1886. He married Marion L. Hinsdill, in 1846, and left five children—four sons and one daughter. In 1869 he was tendered the position of United States circuit judge for the states of Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee and Kentucky, which he declined. He was director and president of the first national bank of Grand Rapids for many years. He was a Republican in politics, and a consistent member of the Congregational church. His courts were models of propriety and decorum.

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#### ISAAC WIXOM

Was born in Hector, N. Y., March 7, 1803. He received an academical and medical education in the state of New York. He practiced medicine four years in Steuben county, settled at Farmington, Michigan, in 1829, bought a farm and improved it. His practice in medicine and surgery became very extensive. In 1845 he removed to Argentine, Genesee county, and engaged in a large milling and mercantile business in connection with his practice. He was so noted as a surgeon that he was called into other states to perform difficult surgical operations. In 1838 and 1839 he was Representative in the legislature; in 1842 and 1843 was Senator. In 1861 he became surgeon of the 16th Michigan infantry, followed it through twenty-two battles, but at the end of two years resigned from ill health and returned to practice. In 1870 he removed to Fentonville. In politics a Democrat. He was made a Mason when young and took the highest degree known in the United States. In June, 1845, he performed the first successful amputation of the hip joint known in the United States, and afterwards performed sixteen successful operations of that kind. Deceased.

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#### LEVI L. WIXSON

Was born Jan. 9, 1823, in Pickering, Canada. He is of American parentage. He was raised on a farm, and was for several terms engaged in teaching school in Sanilac county. After graduating in the law department of the University in 1862, he commenced the practice of law at Lexington, and continued in practice there until



his election as circuit judge of the newly organized twenty-fourth judicial circuit, in the spring of 1879, to which office he was reelected April 4, 1881, for the full term. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1862, and has held public office continuously since that time, having been three times elected prosecuting attorney, and three times judge of probate of Sanilac county, and twice elected judge of his circuit. In politics he has been Republican since 1856.

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#### DANIEL WIXSON,

Was born in Jersey, (now Orange) Steuben county, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1822. He received a common school education, and in 1851 settled in Lexington, Michigan. He held various township offices. In 1859 he was a Representative in the legislature, and again in 1873-4. A farmer by occupation; in politics a Republican.

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#### JOSHUA WIXSON,

Representative from Sanilac county in 1883, was born in Canada, of American parentage, Jan. 9, 1827. Removed to Sanilac county in 1841, where he has since resided. His education was self-acquired. He has taught school, held office in Worth, Sanilac county, continuously for 28 years, including that of township clerk, justice of the peace, school inspector, and supervisor, the latter from 1876 to 1882 inclusive. His principal occupation is that of a farmer. He is a Republican.

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#### GROVE H. WOLCOTT,

Representative from Jackson county in 1881-2, was born in Alabama, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1836. He removed with his parents to Hamlin, Mich., in 1837. He received an academical education, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1862, and went into practice at Jackson. He was private secretary to Gov. Blair in 1861, and has been circuit court commissioner two terms. Politically a Democrat.

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#### ALFRED B. WOOD,

Senator from Saginaw and other counties in 1869-70-1-2, was born in Norwalk, Conn., April 18, 1819, where his ancestors settled in 1648. Removed with his mother to Lyons, N. Y., in 1833, and received an academical education. From 1845 to 1851 was engaged in the book business at Auburn and Geneva, N. Y., and then was in the same business at Ann Arbor, Mich. He then became interested in the Ann



Arbor paper mills, the first in Michigan, until 1862. In 1863 engaged in the real estate and lumber business at East Saginaw, where he now resides. Has been an alderman, and was president *pro tem* of the Senate in 1871-2. Politically a Republican.

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CHAS. M. WOOD,

Senator from Livingston and Shiawassee counties in 1875, was born at West Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 29, 1826. He received a common school education, and removed to Michigan in 1835. He resides at Pinckney. In politics a Republican.

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EDWIN K. WOOD,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1853, was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., in 1840. Served from 1861 to 1863 in 17th N. Y. infantry. He settled in Michigan in 1865; has been a merchant, farmer and lumberman, and now resides at Stanton. Has held various local offices. In politics a Republican.

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HENRY L. WOOD,

Representative from Gratiot county in 1857, was born in Troy, Ohio, June 17, 1848, where he lived until 1876. He removed to Monroe, Mich., where he remained eighteen months, then removed to Gratiot county, where he has since resided, following the occupation of farming and brick-making. Mr. Wood enlisted in company G, 189th Ohio Vol. infantry, at the age of sixteen and served in Tennessee and Alabama until the close of the war. He is a Republican. He has held the offices of supervisor and school trustee.

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JAMES C. WOOD,

Representative from Jackson county in 1875-7, was born in Decatur, N. Y., in 1813. He removed to Michigan in 1843, and settled at White Pigeon. In 1844 removed to Jackson, where he has continued to reside. He has been treasurer of Jackson county, and mayor of the city of Jackson. He is by profession a lawyer, and is also engaged in farming.

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THOMAS WOOD

Was born at Norwich, N. Y., May 21, 1805. He came to Michigan in 1826, and located a farm in Pittsfield, Washtenaw county, where he



lived until his death, September 21, 1865. His farm was a fine one, and he gave much attention to horticulture. He was Representative in 1845.

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### WILLIAM WOODBRIDGE

Was born in Norwich, Conn., August 30, 1780, and removed to Marietta, Ohio, with his father's family in 1791. He studied law three years at Litchfield, Conn., and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1806. The same year married Juliana, daughter of John Trumbull, the distinguished lawyer, judge and poet, of Connecticut. He was a member of the Ohio assembly in 1807, and a Senator from 1809 to 1814. In 1814 he was appointed secretary of the territory of Michigan, and was also collector of customs at Detroit, and in the absence of the governor, superintendent of Indian agencies. In 1819 the people of the territory were allowed a delegate in congress, and he was selected with the concurrence of all parties, as the right to a delegate had been secured by his exertions. As a delegate he secured government aid to build the roads from Detroit to Fort Gratiot, Chicago, and through the "black swamp" to the Miami river. He also secured the settlement of the old French claims, and the expedition, under Gov. Cass, to Lake Superior and the upper valley of the Mississippi river. He refused a second term to congress, acted as secretary until 1824, was then appointed one of the commissioners to adjust private land claims, and also engaged in law practice.

In 1825 he was appointed by President Adams, judge of the Supreme Court, and served until 1832. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1835, and was a Senator in 1838-9. In 1839 he received the nomination for governor and was elected as the Whig candidate. He served as governor from January 7, 1840, to February 23, 1841, when he resigned, having been elected United States Senator, by a combination of Whigs and Democrats, over the Whig caucus nominee, Lieutenant Governor Gordon. He served six years in that office, then retired to private life. He owned the Woodbridge farm in Detroit, which has become very valuable property. He died October 20, 1861.

He was decided in his opinions; earnest, dignified and courteous in manner; a profound jurist and constitutional lawyer; the oldest member of the Detroit bar; a man of refined and cultivated taste, and left a spotless name. In religion a Congregationalist.



## LEMUEL WOODHOUSE,

Delegate in the constitutional convention of 1867, was born in the state of New York in 1819; became a cabinet maker and millwright, and worked near Columbus, Ohio. He removed to Unadilla, Mich., in 1840, afterwards settled at Leslie. He was eight years treasurer of Ingham county, was in the mercantile business at Dansville, resided several years in Lansing, was a clerk in the office of the auditor general, then ran a store and saw-mill and owned a farm at White Oak. Politically a Republican. Died Feb. 22, 1885.

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## ELIAS S. WOODMAN,

Delegate in the constitutional convention of 1850, was born in Rodman, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1815. He came to Michigan with his father in 1837, who settled on a farm at Novi. His education was limited. He was a farmer at Novi until 1873, then removed to Northville, where he now resides. He studied law late in life and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He has held many local offices. In politics a Democrat.

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## JONATHAN J. WOODMAN,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1861-2-3-4-5-7-9-70-1-2, and Speaker in 1869-70-1-2, was born in Sutton, Vt., May 24, 1825. He received a common school education. He became a resident of Paw Paw, Mich., in 1855. He commenced teaching at the age of twenty-one, which he continued winters for several years. From 1852 to 1854 was a worker in the California gold mines. He is a farmer, politically a Democrat until 1856, since a Republican. He was one of the state board at the Philadelphia exposition in 1876. He was master of the state grange from 1874 to 1878, and overseer of the national grange from 1875 to 1879. He was one of four agricultural commissioners to the Paris exposition in 1878. He was an able legislator and an excellent presiding officer.

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## ALBERT N. WOODRUFF,

Representative from Berrien county in 1885, was born in Bainbridge, Mich., July 22, 1859. He received an academical and collegiate education, and for three years was a teacher, since a farmer. Has been supervisor and held other town offices. Politically a Republican.



## GEORGE WOODRUFF

Was born in Binghampton, N. Y., July 4, 1807. He received a good education, graduated at Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y.; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1833; practiced law in New York state four years; settled in practice at Marshall, Mich., in 1837; and resided there until his death, May 13, 1887. He was village recorder in 1842; circuit court commissioner from 1855 to 1860, and again from 1862 to 1866; judge of the fifth circuit from 1866 to 1876; and held other positions. In politics a Republican.

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## HENRY WOODRUFF,

Senator from Clare and other counties in 1885, was born at Seneca Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1813. Removed to Flat Rock, Mich., in 1833, to East Saginaw in 1855, and to Clare county in 1871. He served two and a half years as captain in the 23d Michigan infantry. Has been a sheriff and judge of probate. In politics Whig and Republican.

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## NEWTON R. WOODRUFF

Was born in Broome county, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1808. In 1836 he came with his family to Michigan, and in 1837 settled in Bainbridge, Berrien county, on a farm, where he remained until his death, Dec. 24, 1880. From 1852 to 1855 he was in California. In 1865 he was Representative in the legislature. A member of the Methodist church and a patron of husbandry.

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## AUGUSTUS B. WOODWARD

Was a native of Virginia. In early life he devoted himself to literary work, and wrote and published several works. He became a lawyer, and on the 3d of March, 1805, was appointed by President Jefferson United States judge for the territory of Michigan. He, together with the two other judges, Bates and Griffin, with the governor of the territory, or a majority of them, possessed the legislative power of the territory, which they exercised until 1824, when the first legislative council held its session at Detroit. Judge Woodward was an able lawyer, but very eccentric, and the wheels of government, with himself and colleagues often in collision, did not always run without friction. He acted as judge until 1824. After the surrender of Detroit, in 1812, he did much to ameliorate the condition of the citizens of Detroit, who had been placed under martial law by



Proctor. In August, 1824, he was appointed United States judge for the territory of Florida, but died about 1826. He never married.

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#### DAVID A. WOODWARD,

Representative from Monroe county in 1869-70, was born in Phelpstown, N. Y., in 1812. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1833, who settled upon a farm in Milan, where he resided, except the last few years of his life. In 1834 he built the first flouring mill and the first saw-mill in Milan. In 1834 he was elected justice under the territorial laws, and continued to act in that capacity for thirty years. He was supervisor of Milan for several years. In politics a Democrat. From 1850 until his death, June 13, 1884, he devoted most of his time to the practice of law.

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#### HIEL WOODWARD,

Was born in Bridgewater, Vt., Feb. 10, 1824. His grandfather, Nehemiah, was a Baptist clergyman, and in the revolution was an attaché of the staff of General Washington. He came to Michigan with his father in 1836, and lived at Adrian until 1845. He learned the trade of a mechanic, which he followed several years. He purchased a farm in Columbia, Jackson county. In 1858 he was elected supervisor, and held that office ten years: in 1865 and 1867 he was a Representative, and in 1869-70 Senator in the legislature. In 1870 he took the census of the south part of Jackson county. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster of Brooklyn and held it many years.

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#### LYSANDER WOODWARD

Was born in Columbia, Conn., Nov. 19, 1817. He removed with his parents to Chili, N. Y., in 1825. In 1838 he came to Rochester, Michigan, and five years afterwards settled on a farm in Avon, same county. He was several times supervisor and justice. In 1861-2 he was a Representative from Oakland county. From 1866 to 1870 he was county treasurer, and several times has been president of the county agricultural society. He was for two years president of the Detroit & Bay City railroad company. In politics a Republican.

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#### JOHN D. WOODWORTH

Was born in Pembroke, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1826. Emigrated to Jackson in 1831, and was educated in the schools of that city. He studied



medicine, and graduated from Rush medical college, Chicago, in 1853. He came to Leslie in 1849, and represented the town for fifteen years on the board of supervisors. He was a Representative from Ingham county in 1863-4-5-7, was the first president of the village of Leslie, a member of the board of education for 25 years, and director of the Leslie schools for fifteen years. A Republican in politics.

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#### THOMAS B. WOODWORTH,

Representative from Huron county in 1877, was born Oct. 2, 1841, in Wayne county, N. Y. He received an academical education. He removed from Auburn, N. Y., to Huron county, Michigan, in 1867. He has been supervisor of the township of Caseville, 1868 to 1876, and was county surveyor for two years. He founded the *Caseville Advertiser* in Jan., 1874, and continued its editor until 1876, when it was merged in the *Huron County News*. He is by profession a lawyer. In politics a Republican.

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#### WALTER W. WOOLNOUGH

Was born in Suffolk county, England in July, 1822. He came to Rochester, N. Y., with his parents in 1833, where he learned the art of printing. In 1845 came to Battle Creek, Mich., bought the first printing material and published the *Western Citizen*, the first newspaper. In August, 1846, began to publish the *Michigan Tribune*, which after two years was merged in the *Liberty Press*. From 1851 to 1863 was editor and publisher of the *Battle Creek Journal*. From that date until 1871 was not engaged in newspaper work, then edited and published the *Michigan Tribune* until 1877, when he sold out. He was a trustee of the village of Battle Creek; a Representative in 1859; an alderman four years; nine years a member of the board of education, and president, and a justice. In politics a Whig until 1854, a Republican until 1872, since a Democrat. Is now connected with the *Battle Creek Daily Moon*.

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#### ROBERT WORDEN, JR.,

Representative in 1853, was long a resident of Hillsdale county, and was county treasurer from 1848 to 1852. He was a farmer and a Democrat. Now resides near Owosso.



## BERNARD C. WHITEMORE,

State Treasurer from 1850 to 1855, was born near Rome, N. Y., in 1807. He came at an early day to Pontiac, where he was in the hardware trade. In politics a Democrat. Died December 7, 1856.

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## GIDEON O. WHITEMORE,

Secretary of State from 1846 to 1848, was born at St. Albans, Vt., August 12, 1800. He settled at Pontiac, Mich., in 1826, and engaged in the practice of law. He held many positions of trust, was a justice, associate judge of Oakland county, and member of the constitutional convention of 1850. In 1854 he founded Tawas City, Iosco county, and built a large steam saw-mill, the first on Tawas bay. He was judge of probate and prosecuting attorney of Iosco county. Died June 30, 1863, and was buried at Pontiac.

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## DAVID A. WRIGHT

Was born in Granville N. Y., June 6, 1813. In 1824 his father removed to Oneida county, and in 1843 came with his family to Michigan, and the son settled in Springfield, Oakland county. He was appointed postmaster at Austin, and held the office twenty-five years. He was Representative in 1849, and Senator in 1853. He was for some years coroner of Oakland county, and was a prominent Mason. In politics a Democrat. Died January 19, 1877.

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## HAMILTON M. WRIGHT.

Representative from Bay county in 1883-5, was born in New Orleans, La., October 26, 1852; graduated from Yale college in 1875, and from its law department in 1877. Removed to Bay City in 1878 and went into practice. Has been an alderman. Politically a Democrat.

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## HORATIO WRIGHT.

Representative from Oakland county in 1867, was born in Granville, N. Y., February 20, 1818. In 1824 he removed, with his parents, to Oneida county, N. Y., and in 1839 located in Genesee county, N. Y. He settled at Springfield, Oakland county, in 1843, and in 1847 in Groveland, same county, where he now resides. He is a farmer: in politics a Democrat. He married Sarah M. Campbell in 1842, and of seven children, three sons and three daughters are living. He has



held the office of supervisor eight years, and was a justice from 1852 to 1876. He is a prominent Mason.

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#### HERMAN A. WYCKOFF,

Representative from Oakland county in 1881-2, was born in Romulus, N. Y., June 17, 1838. He came to Oakland county in 1845, with his parents, who settled near Pontiac. Received a common school education, and is a farmer and breeder of fine stock. Politically a Republican.

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#### GEORGE C. WYLLIS,

Representative from Hillsdale county in 1883, was born at Potsdam, N. Y., August 1, 1825. Settled with his father at Pulaski, Mich., in 1838. Educated in common schools, with a few months at Michigan central college, at Spring Arbor. Taught school winters until 1852; then settled on his farm in Moscow. Has since taught eight terms, been a justice eighteen years, and school inspector nine years. In politics a Republican.

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#### HENRY WYMAN,

Representative from Lenawee county in 1845, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., in 1803. By profession a physician; in politics a Democrat. Now resides at Blissfield.

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#### GEORGE L. YAPLE

Was born in Leonidas, Mich., February 20, 1851. In 1857 removed with his parents to Mendon, same county. Graduated in the classical course at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, in 1871. Studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1872, but immediately engaged in farming, and continued in that pursuit until the spring of 1877, when he entered upon the practice of law. Was defeated as greenback candidate for congress in 1880. In 1882 he was elected Representative to the forty-eighth congress on the union ticket, and served from 1883 to 1885. In 1886 he was nominated for governor, but was defeated by the republican candidate. He is a fine orator on the stump, and his speech in congress in favor of free trade was circulated throughout the country.



## CHARLES YARRINGTON.

Representative from Jackson county in 1881-2, was born April 28, 1839, in Napoleon, Mich. He was given the advantages of the common schools of the times. He alternated between farming and school teaching, and attended four terms at the State Normal school. When twenty-one years of age he removed to the Pacific coast, and finally located in the mining regions of Idaho. There he remained until 1866, when he returned to Norvell, with sufficient means to enter the mercantile business. He is still engaged in that business. He has served three terms as township clerk; was appointed census enumerator for 1880, and has held the office of postmaster. In politics a Republican.

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## SAMUEL W. YAWKEY

Was born at Massillon, Ohio, April 22, 1830. He removed to East Saginaw, Mich., in 1852. He there followed the occupation of a lumber dealer. In politics a Republican. He was mayor of East Saginaw in 1867 and 1869, and was Representative in 1865-9-'70. He died at Elko, Nevada, March 12, 1882.

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## GEORGE G. B. YECKLEY,

Representative from Van Buren county in 1875, was born in Gorham, N. Y., February 13, 1831. He received a common school education and came to Ypsilanti in 1853. In 1860 he removed to Hamilton, Van Buren county. He has held the office of supervisor for seven years, also that of justice. By occupation a farmer, in politics a Republican.

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## SANFORD A. YEOMANS,

Representative from Ionia county in 1877-79, was born in German Flats, N. Y., November 29, 1816. He received a common school education. In 1833 he removed to Easton, Ionia county. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and held various township and county offices. He was a farmer and dealer in real estate, also a stockholder and director of the first national bank of Ionia. In politics a Republican.

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## GEORGE YERKES.

Representative from Oakland county in 1879, was born in Novi, Mich., April 19, 1838. He was educated in the common schools.



Occupation, farming. He has held the office of justice two terms; also that of supervisor two terms. In politics a Republican.

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#### WILLIAM YERKES,

Representative from Oakland county in 1837-57, was born in Pennsylvania in 1794, and came to Michigan in 1826, settling in what is now the town of Novi, but which then embraced several other surrounding townships under the name of Farmington. He was a farmer by occupation, Whig and Republican in politics, and served at various times as supervisor and justice. Died January 5, 1884.

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#### JOHN K. YOCUM,

Representative from Washtenaw county in 1851-2, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., March 27, 1819. He came with his parents to Lyndon, Mich., in 1836. For many years he worked summers and taught school winters. In 1846 he married Marie A. Johnson, and settled on a farm. Appointed U. S. assessor in 1863, he held the position five years, and has held other offices. In politics Whig and Republican. For thirty-eight years he has been county or deputy surveyor.

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#### CHESTER YOST

Was born in Fayette, N. Y. Was a farmer by occupation, and a justice in his native town. Emigrated to Michigan and settled on a farm in Washtenaw county, on which he remained several years. He then removed to Ypsilanti and became a partner of Benjamin Follett in the mercantile business. During the last years of his life was not in business. He was a Whig, then a Republican, last a Democrat. He was elected to the Senate in 1859 as a Republican, and was justice for a number of years. Died May 24, 1874.

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#### AMBROSE P. YOUNG,

Representative from Wayne county in 1848, '81-2, was born in Phelps-town, N. Y., May 23, 1814. He followed farming until seventeen, then learned the trade of carriage making. He settled in Romulus, Mich., in 1836, and for several years carried on blacksmithing and carriage making. He then became a farmer. Has held the offices of town clerk, school inspector, supervisor, colonel of militia, associate



county judge, and vice president of Monroe and Wayne mutual fire insurance company. Has also been a justice for 35 years. In politics a Democrat. He claims to have given the vote that changed the name of the capital from Michigan to Lansing.

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#### H. OLIN YOUNG,

Representative from Marquette county in 1879, was born at New Albion, N. Y., Aug 4, 1850. He attended school at Chamberlin institute. He removed to Ishpeming, Michigan, in 1872, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. In politics a Republican.

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#### S. PERRY YOUNG,

Representative from Montcalm county in 1883, was born in Summit, Mich., Sept. 2, 1850. Received a common and high school education. He attended the law school of the University one year. He was clerk of Montcalm county from 1875 to 1879, and has been extensively engaged in farming, lumbering, mercantile pursuits, and speculation. Politically a Republican.

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#### GEORGE YOUNGLOVE,

Representative from Monroe county in 1843, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Nov. 14, 1794. He was a blacksmith up to 1835, after that a farmer. He came to Monroe county in 1831. In politics a Democrat. Died Sept. 6, 1876.

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#### ELISHA ZIMMERMAN,

Representative from Oakland county in 1873-4, was born in St. Johnsville, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1828. He received a common school education. In 1851 he removed to Michigan, and settled in Grand Blanc, Genesee county. In 1865 he removed to Pontiac. By occupation a merchant.



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OF MICHIGAN, FROM 1835 TO 1887, WHOSE BIOGRA-  
PHIES DO NOT APPEAR IN THIS VOLUME :

Name.	Postoffice.	Sessions.
Adams, Oliver.....	Utica.....	1853
Alvord, Henry J.....	Lapeer.....	1855
Ashman, Samuel.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	1840
Backus, Ira C.....	Jackson.....	1859
Bailey, Isaac G.....	Ft. Pleasant.....	1840
Balcombe, John L.....	Battle Creek.....	1851
Baldwin, Jas. M.....	Hopkins.....	1859
Ball, John C.....	Tecumseh.....	1842
Ballard, Jesse.....	Summerville.....	1837
Barbeau, Peter B.....	Fort Brady.....	1845
Barnes, Norman.....	La Salle.....	1850
Bement, Rufus B.....	Dexter.....	1838
Bentley, Elijah.....	Napoleon.....	1863-4
Blair, Charles.....	{ Tecumseh.....	1844
	{ Tipton.....	1845
Blake, John E.....	Lamont.....	1869-70
Brewer, John.....	Ypsilanti.....	1835-6
Brown, Thos. J.....	Houghton.....	1867
Brownell, Franklin.....	Dowagiac.....	1855
Buckley, Chester.....	Battle Creek.....	1857-63-4
Burdick, Cyren.....	Bronson.....	1835-6
Burt, Edwin.....	Isabella City.....	1863-4
Canfield, Sam'l P.....	New Haven.....	1853
Carpenter, Henry D.....	Detroit.....	1850
Carver, Lyman.....	Saline.....	1848
Case, Emanuel.....	.....	1827
Cawley, James P.....	Morenci.....	1871-2
Chamberlain, Harmon.....	St. Clair.....	1850
Chapel, Caleb M.....	Gidley's Station.....	1853
Chapel, Chas. W.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	1855



Name.	Postoffice.	Sessions.
Chapin, Sam'l A. ....	White Pigeon.....	1839
Charter, Francis.....	La Salle.....	1835-6-8
Chubb, Harvey.....	Ann Arbor.....	1846-7
Clements, James.....	Ann Arbor.....	1865
Clyburn, Wm. L.....	Summerville.....	1851
Coleman, Henry.....	Kendall.....	1840
Colwell, Henry J.....	.....	1874
Corkin, Wm.....	Petersburg.....	1863-4
Cornell, Jerry G.....	Spring Arbor.....	1837
Coulter, Joseph.....	Ontonagon.....	1861-2
Dalton, James, Jr.....	Dalton's Mills.....	1859
Dalton, Lawrence.....	Dalton's Corners.....	1871-2
Davis, John.....	{ Royal Oak.....	1844
	{ Birmingham.....	1846
Davis, Wm. R.....	Oakfield.....	1869-70
Dean, Chas. W.....	Pentwater.....	1867
Denman, Henry B.....	Dowagiac.....	1863-4
Denton, Solomon W.....	Pontiac.....	1848
Dimond, Reuben B.....	Lexington.....	1848
Divine, John.....	Lexington.....	1855
Divine, Rosekrans K.....	Eureka.....	1855
Dodge, Henry M.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	1848
Dodge, Hiram.....	Clinton.....	1835-6
Draper, Wm. P.....	Lapeer.....	1838
Drew, John A.....	Mackinac.....	1841
Eaton, Ebenezer C.....	{ Plymouth.....	1839
	{ Rawsonville.....	1847
Eaton, Levi.....	Romulus.....	1851
Ecklee, George.....	Rollin.....	1845
Emerson, Luther G.....	Rockland.....	1867
Emery, Jared H.....	Burnside.....	1867
Enos, Uriel.....	Edwardsburgh.....	1855
Farrington, Thomas.....	London.....	1837
Ferris, Benj. F.....	Sherwood.....	1848
Ferris, Richard.....	Bear Lake Mills.....	1871-2
Finch, Silas.....	Saline.....	1835-6
Finney, Noble H.....	Grand Rapids.....	1839
Flower, James.....	Armada.....	1849
Funston, George A.....	Capac.....	1867
Galloway, John.....	Waterford Center.....	1845
Gleason, John P.....	Memphis.....	1853
Goodell, Alfred.....	Armada.....	1846-7



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Goodrich, Chauncey.....	Lansing.....	1861-2
Gorman, Patrick.....	Grafton.....	1871-2
Granger, Lyman.....	Columbus.....	1842-3
Graveraet, Robt. J.....	Marquette.....	1857-8
Gray, Thomas.....	Ridgeway.....	1851
Green, Coggeshall.....	Niles.....	1835-6
Griffin, Jas. W.....	Adamsville.....	1844
Hadley, John, Jr.....	Holly.....	1861-2
Haight, Salmon L.....	Saline.....	1849-53
Haire, Elias.....	Manchester.....	1865
Haire, John.....	Grandville.....	1861-2
Harris, Silas G.....	Grand Haven.....	1847-8
	Talmadge.....	1850
Hawkins, Olney.....	Ann Arbor.....	1839-40
Hawley, Augustus D.....	Jackson.....	1841
Haynes, John.....	Midland City.....	1871-2
Hewitt, Wm. F.....		1874
Hill, Fitch.....	Ann Arbor.....	1845
Hollister, Hannibal.....	Port Huron.....	1846
Hollister, Henry S.....	Gidley's Station.....	1847
Hopkins, Mordecai L.....	Millpoint.....	1855
Horton, Benj. S.....	Bell River.....	1865
Hough, Olmstead.....	Tecumseh.....	1835-6-7
Howe, George.....	Clinton.....	1835-6
Howland, Nathaniel.....	Bristol.....	1839
Irvine, John D.....	Mackinac.....	1850-1
Ives, Friend.....	Plainwell.....	1850
Jackson, Joseph.....	Perry's Grove.....	1835-6
Jewell, Chas. A.....	Medina.....	1869-70
Johnson, Augustus S.....	Springfield.....	1845
Johnson, Simeon M.....	Grand Rapids.....	1843
Jones, Edward H.....	Constantine.....	1861-2
Jones, Loss E.....	Brooklyn.....	1847
Keeler, Lucius.....	Union.....	1865
King, Jonathan P.....	Mackinac.....	{ 1835-6-7-8 -9, 1842-8, 1849-50
King, John.....	Whitmore Lake.....	1843
Knight, Benjamin.....	Eaton Rapids.....	1844-7
Kore, Jacob C.....	Hadley.....	1859
Lapham, Smith.....	Laphamville.....	1855
		1857-8
Lawrence, Edwin.....	Ann Arbor.....	1848



Name.	Postoffice.	Sessions.
Lee, Thomas.....	Dexter.....	1837
Levake, Henry A.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	} 1835-6-7- 8-9
Little, Norman.....	Saginaw.....	
Loomis, Chas. A.....	St. Clair.....	1848-9
Magoon, Isaac.....	Columbia Lake.....	1842
	Silver Lake.....	1845
Marsh, Wm. R.....	White Lake.....	1853
Marvin, Jarvis E.....	Ypsilanti.....	1851
Mason, Edw. M.....	Flint.....	1869-70
McCabe, James.....	Pontiac.....	1848-9
McCauley, Wm.....	Brighton.....	1853
McCowen, Henry.....	Moscow.....	1869-70
McKinley, Peter.....	Beaver Island.....	1857
	St. James.....	1859
McLeod, Wm. Norman.....	Mackinac.....	1843-4-5
McWhorter, David.....	Grass Lake.....	1853
Mead, Stephen.....	Paint Creek.....	1839
Middlesworth, Abraham.....	Argentine.....	1855
Miller, Chas. L.....	Colon.....	1853-5
Miller, Hiram L.....	Saginaw.....	1841-4
Minnie, Joseph T. S.....	St. Clair.....	1871-2
Minnis Adam.....	Wayne.....	1865
Newman, Orlando.....	East Tawas.....	1869-70
Nixon, Robert.....	Oneida.....	1865
Noble, Herman C.....	Byron.....	1849
Ord, Placidus.....	Sault. Ste Marie.....	1846
Ormsby, Caleb N.....	Ann Arbor.....	1859
Patterson, James.....	Fentonville.....	1851
Patterson, Jas. A.....	Adrian.....	1843
Pattison, Wm. H.....	Saline.....	1855-7-8
Payne, Jira.....	Clinton.....	1838
Pearl, Perry D.....	Belleville.....	1871-2
Piper, Dan'l D.....	Clinton.....	1861-2-3-4
Porter, Ira.....	Port Huron.....	1841
Pratt, Gilbert E.....	Ithaca.....	1861-2
Preston, Otis.....	White Pigeon.....	1842
Price, Jacob.....	Brandon.....	1850
Purdy, Robert.....	Summit.....	1837-43
Quackenboss, Dan'l G.....	Tecumseh.....	1848-50-3
Reeves, Henry L.....	Roseville.....	1859
Rexford, Roswell B.....	Napoleon.....	1855



Name.	Postoffice.	Sessions.
Rice, Thomas J. ....	Scio .....	1842-3
Rogers, Levi .....	Fredonia .....	1841
Rose, Wm. O .....	Roseville .....	1845
Rumsey, Henry .....	Ann Arbor .....	1835-6-7
Runyan, John G. ....	Carlton .....	1865
Russell, James .....	Summerville .....	1841
Schoolcraft, Jas. L. ....	{ Sault Ste. Marie .....	1843
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Sexton, Jared .....	Dearbornville .....	1851
Sheldon, Orson .....	Utica .....	1833
Shellhouse, Martin G. ....	Colon .....	1837
Sherman, Abner .....	Ontonagon .....	1853-5-7-63
Shoemaker, De Witt .....	Grand Rapids .....	1853
	{ White Pigeon .....	1857-8
	{ Lockport .....	1839
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Smith, Calvin .....	.....	1839
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Snell, Joseph W. ....	Ora Labor .....	1869-70
Spaulding, Phineas S. ....	Elmira .....	1867
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Stone, Hiram H. ....	Dearbornville .....	1843
Taylor, Wm. H. ....	Sparta Centre .....	1861-2
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Tucker, True P. ....	St. Clair .....	1839-40
Turner, Reuben D. ....	Mackinac .....	1840
Ullman, Isaac J. ....	Constantine .....	1835-6
Wade, Cerrel B. ....	Brooklyn .....	1861-2
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Warner, Ebenezer .....	Sault Ste. Marie .....	1859-61-2
Webb, Dwight .....	Ann Arbor .....	1849-50
Welch, Lewis .....	Exeter .....	1857-8-9
Weld, Washington .....	Centreville .....	1843
Wheeler, William .....	Flowerfield .....	1861-2-3-4
Whitmore, Ezra .....	Ann Arbor .....	1855
Whitney, Thomas .....	East Saginaw .....	1857-8
Willard, Wm., Jr. ....	Ontonagon .....	1869-70
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Name.	Postoffice.	Sessions.
Wood, Stephen R .....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	1841
Woodbury, Jas. H.....	Adrian .....	1842
Worden, Ananias.....	.....	1848
Wright, Chas. R.....	St. James.....	1861-2



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