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The very first settlers in Clarkson did not locate at what properly may be called the village, and which we are now to consider. Moody Freeman, the first settler, located two miles north. Noah Owen, who bought land in 1805, and became a resident that year or next, was a practicing physician, and was practicing as late as 1811. He lived in a log house that stood a few rods south of John Reed's, which was replaced by a frame structure, and which was torn down a few years ago. He was the first physician. Dr. Abel Baldwin kept a hotel at an early date in a frame building that stood where Mr. Bellinger resides, which was removed and now forms part of the residence of Mrs. Andrews. The present brick hotel was built in 1817. The same year James Seymour built a potashery about where the Raymond mill stands. The first Garrison house was built in 1818 for Joshua Field. That year a house was built for Witter Stewart where the Scofield house is located. We have previously stated that Dea. Joel Palmer bought out James Sayre in 1811, which purchase was a lot and log house. In that house the Deacon lived until 1827, when he built the brick house in which he died. Gustavus Clark in 1815 built the store and the house, both of brick, on the south east corner of the four corners, both of which are standing. Near the Clark store was a log tavern, perhaps antedating that of Dr. Baldwin, kept by a man named Stevens. On the southwest corner were a blacksmith shop and dwelling house. The house was removed, and several years ago was occupied by David Rogers. David Forsyth built the first part of the Matthew A. Patterson house, and he lived there for a time. Dr. Nathaniel Rowell first occupied a house that stood where the church parsonage stands. Dr. Ezekiel Harmon lived about where Mrs. Shepherd resides. Jonathan Cobb occupied a frame dwelling that stood where Clark Allen lives.
Stewart & Field - Frederick R. Stewart and Joshua Field - had a store where the Rockwell house stands, which building was removed, and a few years ago was used as a dwelling by J. H. Bovee. The first school house, built in 1811 or '12, stood nearly opposite the Pinney place. Consider Bachelor lived in a log house about where Charles A. Perry resides. John Blodgett located near the present Blodgett mill, and built a gristmill there.

The first lawyer was Francis Storms, who came in 1817. The next was William Groves. Then followed Col. Jewett, John Bowman and Henry R. and Samuel Selden.

Before there was any church organization services were held in the schoolhouse. Rev. William James is mentioned in connection with early religious services. The following is a history of the first church organization:

At a meeting held at the school house Sept. 4, 1816, the Congregational church was formed with the following charter members: Joel Palmer, Theodore Ellis, Mary Perry, Polly Day, Polly Rice, Phebe Palmer, Patience Ellis, Anna Swift, John Phelps, Calvin Green, Mary McCracken, Desire Wheland, Laura White, Charlotte Cummings, Sally Reed, and Betsey Phelps. Joel Palmer and Levi Smith were the first deacons. Nov. 15, 1816, Rev. Ezra Woodworth was installed pastor. The services of the society were held at the schoolhouse. The church was built in 1825, and is stated to have cost $3,500 - an apparent error, as lumber at that time was very low, and labor not very high. The church has been remodeled and improved since it was built. In 1856 or 1857 not less than $2,000 were expended in improvements, and in 1862 it had another overhauling.

Brickmaking was begun in 1815 by a man named Hamm, and then commenced the construction of brick buildings, which are quite numerous, and all built of brick made in the town. Dr. Rowell engaged in the business a little later, and many others followed the industry as there was a demand in the town or at Brockport. At first wood cost delivered seventy-five cents per cord. Hemlock lumber sold at from $4 to $5 per thousand feet. All the clay was not used up that is bad for roads but
good for brickmaking, and Mr. Parker is going for the balance.

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The first town election in the year 1820 was held at the house of Abel Baldwin. We have already given the names of the persons chosen officers at that election. The second town election was held April 4, 1821, at the house of Aretas Haskell, when the following persons were chosen officers: Supervisor, Aretas Haskell; town clerk, Gustavus Clark; assessors, Lewis Swift, Roderick R. Stewart and William Clark; collector, Elijah Cook, Jr.; overseers of poor, Lewis Swift and Arad Gilbert; commissioners of highways, Zebulon Williams, Adin Manley and John Blossom; constables, Elijah Cook, Jr., Erastus Porter, William Clark and Aretas Haskell; commissioners of common schools, Gustavus Clark, Theophilas Randall and Edward Chappell; inspectors of common schools, Nathaniel Rowell, William Groves, Gideon Tabor, Lewis Swift and Ezekiel Harmon; pound master, Elijah Rowell. At this election a fine of twenty-five cents was fixed for each hog running at large between April 1st and November first.

The third town election was held at the house of Aretas Haskell April 2, 1822. The same officers were chosen as the year previous, except as noted. Truman Cook superceded Roderick R. Stewart as assessor; Stephen Baxter and Abel Baldwin superceded Adin Manley and John Blossom as commissioners of highways; Isaac Allen superceded Arad Gilbert as overseer of the poor; William Clark, Ebenezer Towle and Alanson Corbin were chosen constables; William Groves and Dennis Haskell superceded Theophilas Randall and Edward Chappell as commissioners of schools; but three inspectors of common schools were chosen: Elijah Rowell, Ezekiel Harmon and Abel Baldwin, and Thomas Talcott was chosen pound keeper. It was voted to raise $200 for the poor, and $150 for the support of the common schools. Those were the days of rate bills - each family paying according to the number of days sent to school.

The first record of a general election is made November 7, 1822, when a three days vote had
been taken for candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, four senators for the eighth senatorial district, a member of congress for the 27th district, three members of assembly, a sheriff, four coroners and county clerk. The election on each day was held at a different place - always one day at Clarkson village, sometimes at Redman's Corners, sometimes at Beach's Corners, often at what is now Hamlin Centre, once in a while at Thomas Mills and Kane's Corners. At the end of three days the inspectors footed up the votes, and made a record and returns. It will be observed that on each ticket there were the names of four candidates for senators, and three for members of assembly. The following is a record of the vote:

For governor - Joseph C. Yates 182.
For lieutenant governor - Henry Huntington 135, Erastus Root 45.
For senator - Asa Lee Davidson 138, Elizur Webster 138, James Ganson 135, Calvin Filmore 122, Joseph Spencer 31, Heman J. Redfield 36, Timothy H. Porter 34, David Eason 33.
For representative in congress - Moses Hayden 139, John H. Jones 36.
For sheriff - Solomon Close 141, Henry Fellows 17, John P. Patterson 23.
For county clerk - S. Melancton Smith 129, Elisha Ely 48.

The political parties were not very evenly divided in Clarkson at this date. The average Democratic vote was 143, and the Whig 27.

The next town election was held at the house of Abel Baldwin April 1, 1823. The number of votes cast as a whole or for the respective candidates is not given. The following officers were elected: Supervisor, Gustavus Clark; town clerk, Ezekiel Harmon; assessors, Witter Stewart, William Dicken-
son and William Cooper; collector, Elijah Cook, Jr.; overseers of poor, Isaac Allen and Lewis Swift; commissioners of highways, Isaac Allen, Calvin Freeman and Joseph Goff; commissioners of schools, Gustavus Clark, Gideon Tabor and Dennis Haskell; school inspectors, William Groves, Nathaniel Rowell and John F. Bliss; constables, Ebenezer Towle, Alanson Corbin and Elijah Cook, Jr.; pound keeper, John Palmer. By vote the supervisor was directed to collect from Joshua Field "money raised some years ago to procure weights and measures."

April 6, 1824, the next town election was held, when the previous officers were chosen with the exceptions noted. Zebulon Williams and William Clark were substituted for Lewis Swift as overseer of poor; new commissioners of highways, Josiah Cobb, Aretas Haskell and William Tompkins; constables, Alanson Corbin, Ebenezer Towle and John Redman; commissioners of schools, Gustavus Clark, Elijah Rowell and Horace Chase; school inspectors, William Groves, Ezekiel Harmon and Abel Baldwin. It was voted to raise all the school money that the law allowed, and $50 for the support of the poor.

Town officers chosen April 5, 1825: Supervisor, Aretas Haskell; town clerk, Gustavus Clark; assessors, Henry Ketcham, Benjamin Chase and David Forsyth; collector, Theodorus Johnson; overseer of poor, Isaac Allen and James M. Clark; commissioners of highways, Josiah Cobb, Rowell W. Green and Henry Porter; constables, Theodorus Johnson, Bill Cook and Samuel Udell; commissioners of schools, Abel Baldwin, William Groves and Isaac Allen; school inspectors, Gideon Tabor, Hiram Blake and Elijah Rowell. It was voted that the inspectors and commissioners of schools have seventy-five cents per day when employed. It was also voted to raise $100 for the support of the poor, and that the next town election be held at the inn occupied by Silas Walbridge. The pathmasters were appointed at the town elections each year.

On November 7th, 8th and 9th, 1825, an election was held to determine the manner of choosing president and vice president - probably a constitutional amendment - with the result thus stated.
For "by districts" 165, "by general ticket plurality" 40. Perhaps some of our readers can tell the purpose of the vote.

The town record was annually filled to the extent of four or five pages with the lay out of roads, a list of estrays, and described live stock marks. Some of the stock must have been considerably cut up. Here is a specimen for the stock of H. Kimball: "Three notches on the under side of each ear." All of the stock should have gone estray, and probably would had it known how it was to be cut up with marks.

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The Blossom cemetery is situated on the Hamlin side of the Hamlin and Clarkson town line, a few rods west of the Ladd's road, and about half a mile from East Hamlin, previously known as Kane's Corners. This ground was first opened as a burial place in 1842, seven years before the town of Clarkson was divided. It then contained about an acre of land; but additions have since been made on the north and east, and now the cemetery embraces an area of something over two acres. This cemetery is pleasantly situated on a gentle elevation, and all but a small portion of it is at all seasons of the year free from water. It contains several excellent monuments, that of Dr. Joseph Pease being the largest and apparently the most expensive. The ground is kept in better condition than the average of rural cemeteries.

The first burial in this cemetery was the remains of Thomas Williams, who died Sept. 22, 1845, aged 46 years. He came to Clarkson from Sandlake, N. Y. There is a stone bearing an earlier date than that mentioned of Thomas Williams - that of George C., son of Dorothy Deadieston, June 30, 1825, aged 17 years; but it was brought from some other cemetery, as it is dated twenty years before the establishment of the Blossom cemetery.

John Cummings was one of the pioneer settlers. He bought land in 1811, and doubtless came that year or the next. At the time of his death he lived on a farm subsequently owned by one of the Holcombs. He died January 29, 1854, aged 75 years, and must have been thirty years old when he came into the
town. His widow, Martha Cummings, died March 29, aged 85 years.

William Kane, after whom Kane's Corners was named, died November 28, 1763 [sic], aged 75 years.

William Plass - a man who lived to be almost 100 years - died March 1, 1867, aged 97. His wife Sarah had died Sept. 16, 1853, aged 78 years.

Jeremiah Spickerman died March 19, 1855, aged 66 years, and his widow Martha died Nov. 3, 1864.

Hannah, wife of Reuben Quivey, died July 1, 1868, aged 70 years.

John Shank died May 26, 1859, aged 64 years.

David Erwin died August 16, 1860, aged 67 years, and his widow Mary died April 4, 1871, aged 65 years.

Rachel, wife of Levi Thompson, died April 6, 1852, aged 77 years.

Benjamin Clark died Feb. 8, 1855, aged 56 years.

Aaron Ingham died May 27, 1869, aged 67 years, and his widow Grace died Dec. 10, 1876, aged 73 years.

Daniel C. Simmons died Dec. 30, 1880, aged 74 years.

Merrick Groves, a native of Brimfield, Mass., died June 11, 1875, aged 99 years. His widow died recently at Brockport, and her remains were buried in the Blossom cemetery.

Jacob Fishbaugh died March 20, 1877, aged 77 years.

Henry Quivey died March 23, 1879, aged 61 years.

James Hinds died June 12, 1864, aged 72 years.

Amasa D. Walker died Sept. 7, 1872, aged 58 years.

Talcott Bates died May 7, 1868, aged 69 years. Rhoda, his widow, died June 4, 1885, aged 80 years.

John Simmons died August 1, 1872, aged 76 years, and his widow Margaret died June 17, 1884, aged 82 years.

Daniel Hamil died April 18, 1887, aged 77 years.

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The cemetery near East Clarkson embraces about two acres of land, is dry and pleasantly located, and will yield a fair crop of hay, if it has not
very recently been gathered. There is nothing peculiar about the ground except its outline—the form of a big bottle with its mouth toward the road. There does not appear to be any record of the early history of this cemetery, which was doubtless the second one opened in the town, the first being that west of Clarkson village. This much is known, that the ground was given for a burial place by Elder Ely Hannibal, from the northwest corner of his farm, (now the Daniel C. Freeman farm,) and at first included about one acre. The deed of the Hannibal farm is dated May 20, 1816, and it was doubtless about this time, but possibly earlier, that the first burials were made. Several years ago the grounds were enlarged to their present dimensions by purchase of land on the west from Irad C. Crary, and on the south from Daniel C. Freeman.

This cemetery contains the remains of many persons identified with not only the early settlement of the town, but with its prosperity and good fame. It is seldom that a rural cemetery of similar domain has so large a number of tasty monuments as adorn this one. They number about thirty-five, and several of them—the Wadhams and Prosser columns particularly—are expensive memorials.

Elder Ely Hannibal, the founder of the cemetery, is entitled to the honor of the first place in its written and printed history. His history prior to locating in Clarkson is not ascertainable. He paid in 1816 $100 for one hundred acres, being less than $2 an acre. He was not only a farmer, but a Free Will Baptist preacher. His fame as an active man, and wielding large influence, still abounds. In his day his sect was called "Free Will Baptists," and the other Baptist sect, "Close Communion Baptists." Elder Hannibal sold his farm, and devoted the latter part of his life wholly to preaching. He was instrumental in establishing several church organizations. He lived to be 97 years of age. He died in the town of Carlton, August 28, 1876; his funeral was held at the East Kendall church, and his remains were buried at East Clarkson in the place given by him for cemetery purposes. His wife, Clarissa W., died Dec. 27, 1844, aged 54 years.
His daughter Amanda died July 17, 1841, aged 19 years. His daughter Clarissa C. died June 30, 1842, aged 16 years. A son Alburtus S., died March 31, 1851, aged 38 years. His son Ransom died July 3, 1854, aged 37 years. His son Lorenzo P. died in 1882, aged 67 years. His son Ferdinand G. died March 4, 1884, aged 65 years. It is a conspicuous line of headstones that mark the graves of his large family. Besides there are the graves of his children's children and other family connections.

The earliest date that is found on a gravestone in the cemetery is that of Sept. 12, 1813, the death of Patty, the first wife of Sylvenus Ferris. It is not probable that she died in Clarkson. Sylvenus Ferris died Oct. 14, 1828, aged 66 years. His second wife Lydia, died Sept. 30, 1858, aged 87 years. Her gravestone bears this record: "Lydia, born in Chester, N. H. August 12, 1781, was the first female settler in Clarkson." The inscription does not give the year that she came to the town, but it must have been as early as 1804 in order for her to have been the first woman settler.

Adam, Henry and James Moore, who were brothers, came to Clarkson from Albany county, N. Y. in the year 1810. They located about two miles north of Garland, and the neighborhood became known as the "Moore Settlement." From the Ridge road to their land they cut a road through the woods, and thus opened in 1810 the south end of the Ladd's road. They were reputable, industrious and thrifty people. All the Moores in Clarkson are their descendants. Adam Moore, the oldest of the three brothers, died April 21, 1846, aged 74 years, and was buried in the East Clarkson cemetery. Mary Smith, his widow, died Jan. 26, 1855, aged 77 years. Adam Moore lived and died on the farm now owned by James Coleman.

Henry Moore, the next oldest of the brothers, owned and lived on the farm now owned by Mrs. Nelson Amidon. He was buried on the farm, and we have neither the date of his death nor his age.

James Moore, the youngest of the three pioneer brothers, lived on the farm where the Gothic church stands. He bought the farm, which comprised one
hundred and fifty acres, in 1810 for $2.50 per acre. He died August 23, 1850, aged 73 years; and his widow Nancy died March 24, 1883, aged 89 years. Both were buried in the East Clarkson cemetery. James Moore was blind for several years before he died.

The East Clarkson cemetery contains the names of many Moores, some of whom may have been early settlers besides those previously named. We give the record of several who were long identified with the town.

David Moore died Nov. 26, 1868, aged 58 years. Henry W. Moore died Jan. 26, 1876, aged 54 years.

Maxwell Moore died Jan. 15, 1868, aged 76 years. These were all buried in the East Clarkson cemetery.

Robert and James Hoy came to Clarkson with the Moores in 1810, and located about a mile north of Garland. Robert was buried in the old graveyard on the Doty farm. We lack the date of his death and age. James lived where Wilson Hoy lives, and where he died Oct. 3, 1846, aged 61 years. Gracey, his widow, died May 25, 1873, aged 85 years. They were buried in the East Clarkson cemetery.

David Hoy died Jan. 20, 1884, aged 74 years. His wife, Mary A., died April 19, 1882, aged 62 years. They are buried in the East Clarkson cemetery.

Mrs. John Hoy was born in county Down, Ireland, in 1815, died Oct. 1, 1879.

Lyman Warren came to Clarkson in 1817, and located on the farm next east of Eli Crary's. By trade he was a shoemaker. He died May 25, 1871, aged 93 years. His wife Rebecca died March 25, 1859, aged 82 years. Capt. James H. Warren, their son, died April 13, 1888, aged 73 years. The three are buried in the East Clarkson cemetery.

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A short distance west of the Redman road, on the south side of the second road south from the lake, in the town of Hamlin, is the Kenyon cemetery. It was opened as a burying ground in 1816, which was about forty years before the town of Clarkson was divided. It has been enlarged on the south and west, and now includes about two acres. It is said that the land originally belonged to a Silliman, and as Peter Silliman was an early settler he
was probably the owner.

This cemetery is pleasantly situated on rising ground, is mainly shaded by evergreen trees, the land is dry, and if it was kept a little more tidy its attractions for the living would be materially enhanced. As it is, it compares favorably with the cemeteries of the section. In time, the good taste manifested by many of the farmers of the locality in their buildings and lawns will doubtless be extended to the cemetery.

The most noteworthy features of this cemetery is the number of Germans buried in it - probably one fourth of the total. It appears to be the German burial place for the town of Hamlin. All of the German headstones are inscribed in German, and some in the German text.

The first person buried in the cemetery was Josiah Reede, who died Sept. 24, 1816, aged 56 years. There is a legend in regard to him, that he was first buried at the place called Devil's Nose - about three miles away - where his bones were washed out by the lake.

Hiram Holman died March 2, 1866, aged 66 years.

Allen Storer died Sept. 17, 1877, aged 56 years. Lany, his wife, died March 9, 1851, aged 35 years. Orpha, his second wife, died March 30, 1854, aged 23 years. Cynthia, his third wife, died Jan. 19, 1870, aged 43 years.

Christopher Sholes was a pioneer settler, and he died at an early date - Sept. 17, 1817, and was aged 52 years. He seems to have left numerous descendants, as no name appears oftener in the cemetery than that of Sholes. His wife's name was probably Lydia, who died in 1849, aged 76 years. Delilah Sholes, probably a daughter, died in 1822, aged 22 years. John Sholes died in 1859, aged 65 years. Louisa Sholes died in 1845, aged 49 years.

Dr. Joshua Prosser, who lived on the west side of the county line road near the lake, died Feb. 10, 1834, aged 84 years. Philo Prosser, his son, who lived and died on the same farm, died July 26, 1882, aged 86 years.

Abner Darling died Jan. 11, 1839, aged 58 years.

Sumner C. Austin died March 17, 1855, aged 47 years.
Jacob Lake died April 15, 1851, aged 76 years. 
Hannah, his widow, died Jan. 30, 1854, aged 75 years.

Richard Cary died May 7, 1877, aged 64 years.
David Bates died Feb. 1, 1828, aged 33 years.
Belinda, his widow, died July 18, 1847, aged 55 years.
David Bates was a pioneer settler.

John Cary died Sept. 10, 1863, aged 75 years.
Lydia, his widow, died June 1, 1866, aged 75 years.
Robert McCreery died April 16, 1879, aged 75 years.
Lucretia, his wife, died June 23, 1875, aged 54 years.

John Breckons died Oct. 30, 1844, aged 40 years.
Elizabeth, his widow, died Oct. 15, 1884, aged 88 years.

Cortland Elliott died Oct. 31, 1847, aged 68 years.
Mary, his first wife, died Aug. 28, 1840, aged 59 years.
Ann, his second wife, died Feb. 28, 1861, aged 63 years.

David Bate s died Feb. 1, 1828, aged 33 years.
Belinda, his widow, died July 18, 1847, aged 55 years.

Here are the records of the soldiers of the war of the rebellion: George Austin, killed in the battle of the wilderness May 5, 1864, aged 27 years.
Charles Bacon, a member of Co. B, 108 N. Y. Inf., died Nov. 16, 1862, aged 22 years.
John L. Hard, a member of Co. K, 8th N. Y. Art., died at Point Lookout, Md., Oct. 18, 1864, aged 22 years.
The remains of John T. Farnham, who left the Republic office, of which he was foreman, to serve as a soldier, are buried in this cemetery. He died at Hamlin Centre. He was a bright young man, and made a good record as a soldier. We did not observe a headstone for him in the cemetery.

James B. Noyes died Nov. 15, 1860, aged 46 years.

Andrew Wentworth and Ruth his wife are buried here. We have hitherto given a sketch of their history.

Joseph Curtis died Dec. 24, 1866, aged 72 years.
Joanna, his widow, died July 23, 1876, aged 79 years.

Dero, frau von Jo Kruger, gestorban des 15
Marz, 1875, alter 61 yeare. Translated this is:
Dero, wife of Jo Kruger, died the 15th March, 1875, aged 61 years.

Jacob Leiter died Jan. 3, 1854, aged 59 years.
Sallie, his wife, died April 21, 1852, aged 52 years.

Henry Leiter died Jan. 4, 1872, aged 66 years.
Olive, his widow, died Jan. 16, 1872, aged 51 years.

Mary C. Leiter, mother of Henry, and perhaps
Jacob Leiter, died May 30, 1862, aged 96 years.
William Barrow, Jr., died July 19, 1850, aged 53 years.
Margaret, wife of James Williamson, died June 30, 1884, aged 61 years.

Andrew Clark died Oct. 29, 1883, aged 52 years.
Lydia P., his wife, died July 30, 1861, aged 53 years.

Mary, wife of Samuel LaDue, died Jan. 13, 1885, aged 74 years.
William Wilson died March 19, 1888, aged 60 years.
Betsey, his wife, died Nov. 7, 1864, aged 36 years.

H. M. Kenyon died June 6, 1884, aged 64 years.
Sarah E., wife of Alvin B. Kenyon, died April 6, 1872, aged 39 years.
Lorenzo C. Skutt died Aug. 21, 1876, aged 57 years.

Randall Kenyon, the first of the Kenyons, died Sept. 5, 1882, aged 94 years.
Elizabeth, his wife, died July 9, 1881, aged 93 years.

Levi Hard died Sept. 2, 1882, aged 73 years.
Mary, his wife, died Feb. 7, 1866, aged 51 years.
James E. Clark died June 25, 1863, aged 60 years.
Nancy P., his wife, died Aug. 15, 1854, aged 50 years.

German Elliott died Jan. 13, 1870, aged 64 years.
Getty, his widow, died July 31, 1874, aged 94 years.
German Elliott was born in Otsego county, N. Y. Six of his sons live within a few miles of the homestead on the Redman road.

Seth Cook died March 15, 1875, aged 78 years.
Mary, his wife, died July 5, 1866, aged 60 years.

Jonas T. Bush, father of Charles T. Bush, was an early settler, and died where his son resides Dec. 16, 1870, aged 70 years.
Juliette, his widow, died July 28, 1871, aged 60 years.
Benjamin Archer died Feb. 25, 1879, aged 70 years.
Jonathan Bailey died March 24, 1888, aged 79 years. Maria, his wife died Sept. 7, 1872, aged 64 years.

There were four Browns who purchased land in Clarkson by 1809, but Amos Brown is not named as one of them. He died Oct. 12, 1846, aged 86 years, and was perhaps the father of Robert, James M., Macy, and Joshua H. Brown, the land purchasers.

Archibald B. Fuller died Nov. 8, 1868, aged 57 years. Marie, his wife, died Aug. 1, 1849, aged 20 years.

David Lane died March 28, 1858, aged 82 years. Julia A., his wife, died April 8, 1865, aged 45 years.

Phebe, wife of Allen Brown, died April 5, 1849, aged 40 years. After her death her husband removed to the West.

This cemetery abounds in excellent monuments, among the best of which are those bearing the names of Parks, Alvin W. Kenyon, H. M. Kenyon, Schepler, Leverenz, Lawerenz, and Richard Cary. The most costly is apparently the one erected by W. H. Parks.

The settlement of the town of Clarkson began at least as soon as 1804, and perhaps in 1803, the date of the first land purchase. It was not long before there were deaths and burials, surely some before 1810, when there must have been a population of about two hundred. In many instances the first of the burials were on the farms owned by the settlers, and in some cases these remains were removed in later years to what became established public burial places.

This article will relate to the Clarkson cemetery - the cemetery on the Ridge road a little over a mile west of Clarkson village. There is no record when it was first used as a burial place, but it was probably about the year 1806. The first owner of the land was a Ross, probably a John Ross, who was 34 years of age in 1810. The ground first used was the bank on the east side of the small stream that crosses the highway near
by, and which has been made a point by the cutting down of the road which passes along the south side of the cemetery. The location is pleasant, and land being gravelly is always dry.

The land as first used was undoubtedly given for a burying ground by John Ross, and included less than an acre. James Clark owned the farm at a later date, and in 1835 he gave to the Congregational church society of Clarkson four tier of burial lots on the east side of the first ground. Subsequently Ambrose Sanford owned the farm adjoining the cemetery, and he sold lots on the east side to individuals. After the death of Mr. Sanford, his sister, Mrs. E. H. Campbell, became the owner of the farm and now owns it. Last year Mrs. Sanford gave some land to the cemetery, and sold some, and now the cemetery embraces an area of two acres and a fifth. A few years ago an association was formed for the management of the cemetery, and it is called the West Clarkson Cemetery Association.

For the foregoing facts we are indebted to Mr. E. H. Campbell.

This ground contains the living as well as the dead, for woodchuck holes are plenty, and the woodchucks know a good dry soil when they find it. This ground is in about the same condition as to grass and weeds as those previously described.

In this connection the fact may well be stated that in grading down the road several years ago just across the brook from the cemetery, human bones were found. It was believed that they were those of an Indian; but they might have been those of an early settler, or some pioneer traveler who died and was buried by the roadside, as such events sometimes occurred.

By the tombstone record the first burial as shown was that of Sarah, wife of Rufus Harmon, who died Jan. 11, 1811, aged 42 years. Her husband died July 9, 1817, aged 47 years.

John Ross, an early owner of the land on which the cemetery is located, died April 10, 1854, aged 78 years. Sally, his widow, died Aug. 29, 1860, aged 76 years.

Hannah M. Cooley died Oct. 6, 1869, aged 67 years.

Valentine W. Rathbone, brother of the noted
stove maker of Albany, lived on the farm next west of the cemetery. He died May 18, 1833, aged 46 years.

Anna, widow of Timothy Forsyth, and mother of David Forsyth, died Feb. 9, 1887, aged 92 years.

David Forsyth was an early settler, and lived on what is now known as the Matthew A. Patterson farm. He was elected pound keeper at the first town election held in 1820. We have the information, derived from some source, that he sold the farm in 1849 and removed to Michigan. The following tombstone record indicates that both he and his wife were buried in this cemetery. David Forsyth died August 2, 1864, aged 81 years. Betsey, his wife, died June 12, 1860, aged 71 years.

Levina, wife of Salmon Sawyer, died Sept. 20, 1840, aged 66 years.


Tabel W. Wetterby died June 20, 1881, aged 67 years. Betsey, his widow, died Sept. 27, 1860, aged 75 years.

Smith D. Gates died April 29, 1859, aged 48 years.

Arad Gilbert was an early settler, who lived and died on the farm now owned by A. C. Chriswell. He was a stirring man, and in his day was well known. He died July 23, 1849, aged 62 years. Lorinda, his widow, died March 17, 1874, aged 78 years. She was a very patriotic lady, and did very much for the soldier boys and the loyal cause.

Abigail, wife of Levi E. Lattimer, died Nov. 30, 1847, aged 63 years.

Nabby, wife of Moses Nash, died Jan. 31, 1829, aged 43 years.

Elihew Russell, born in Duchess county, N. Y., died Jan. 26, 1867, aged 67 years.

Anna Theresa, widow of John Russell, and prob-
ably mother of Elihue Russell, died July 12, 1856, aged 90 years.

Laura, wife of John Barrows died Jan. 29, 1855, aged 52 years.

Eld. William Blake, a Second Adventist exponent, lived at Redmans Corners, where he died July 6, 1855, aged 66 years. Abigail, his wife, died July 11, 1827, aged 36 years.

Anna, wife of Amiziah Blake, died Jan. 28, 1872, aged 58 years.

Joseph C. Blake lived at Redmans Corners. His wife, Electa, died March 17, 1844, aged 40 years. About twenty years ago Joseph C. Blake removed to Michigan, and we believe is still living.

Sarah, wife of William Blake, probably the mother of the Elder, died Oct. 23, 1853, aged 88 years.

Lydia, the first of Joshua Field's four wives, died Nov. 8, 1823, aged 28 years.

John Farwell in 1804 bought land a short distance west of Redmans Corners, and sold the same to Capt. Isaac Allen in 1823. He was one of the earliest of the settlers. He died April 15, 1823, (perhaps before the farm was sold,) aged 31 years.

Sarah, wife of Albert Salisbury, died May 27, 1853, aged 65 years. The family lived where William Swift resides.

Dr. Alphonzo Perry, a prominent citizen of the town, and for two years a member of the State legislature, died July 11, 1870, aged 64 years. He owned and lived on the farm now owned by Reuben Paine.

Patience, first wife of Samuel C. Perry, died Feb. 13, 1845, aged 39 years. Louisa, his second wife, died Nov. 9, 1855, aged 41 years.

Gen. Lewis Swift, father of Prof. Lewis Swift, of Rochester, and the late George W. Swift, of Clarkson, first lived next to the church, the Peter De Graff place, and then bought what is now the George Cotter farm. On the back end of this farm he ran a carding mill. He was an inventor of horse-rakes, and a man of much more than ordinary ability. He came to Clarkson in 1812, and died March 5, 1846, aged 62 years. Anna his widow, died Aug. 30, 1852, aged 67 years.
George W. Swift, who lived where his father had died, died Nov. 21, 1876, aged 54 years. Mary J., his first wife, died Oct. 7, 1872, aged 44 years.

Henry Price died Aug. 11, 1846, aged 72 years. He was the father of Reuben R. Price.

J. Frederick Bellinger, or John F. Bellinger, as the name was used both ways, came to Clarkson in 1825. Before coming, October 18, 1818, he was married to Ann Marcellus. He carried on the tailoring business, and in his advertisement of June 19, 1825, in the Clarkson Jeffersonian says, "he would inform his friends and the public generally that he has removed his shop to the one formerly occupied by Silas Smith." He was the father of Charles H. Bellinger. He died Feb. 12, 1880, aged 85 years. His widow, Ann Marcellus, died Aug. 23, 1887, aged 88 years.

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This is a contribution of an article partly published a week ago, and relates wholly to persons buried in the Clarkson cemetery, about a mile west of the village.

Henry Rowley died Oct. 12, 1859, aged 65 years.

Abner Goodell, for a time principal of the Clarkson Academy, died March 29, 1845, aged 39 years.

Helen, wife of Rev. M. G. Adkins, died Oct. 21, 1853, aged 38 years.

William Seaton died Feb. 28, 1874, aged 77 years. Jane, his wife, died May 7, 1872, aged 76 years.

James Lowery, who has a surviving son at Albion and a daughter at Brockport, died Jan. 29, 1859, aged 60 years. Jane Jameson, his widow, died Nov. 14, 1871, aged 68 years.

Dr. Elijah Rowell was a native of Hopkinton, N. H. He came to Clarkson in 1811, and located where his son Solon Rowell lives. Of his experiences in making the journey to his new home, he several years ago wrote: "The distance from Hopkinton to Clarkson is about three hundred miles, one-half of which the horses trod in mud and clay mortar nearly over their hoofs." On Jan. 12, 1814, he wrote: "I have now returned from the army where I was employed as surgeon." He was chosen one of
the town commissioners of schools at several elections. He died Oct. 24, 1862, aged 78 years. Sarah, his wife, died Aug. 1, 1852, aged 66 years.

Dr. Nathaniel Rowell came to Clarkson in 1810 or 1811 from Hanover, N. H. He and Elijah Rowell were brothers, and both were physicians of excellent repute. Nathaniel Rowell died in 1826.

Daniel Clark died Aug. 21, 1848, aged 58 years. Nancy Wattles, his wife, died Oct. 15, 1837, aged 47 years. Her mother, Ann Wattles, died Dec. 31, 1836, aged 79 years.

Chloe, first wife of Eli Watkins, died May 22, 1833, aged 37 years. Polly, his second wife, died Jan. 25, 1845, aged 65 years.

Aaron Gage died May 25, 1866, aged 55 years.

Anna Hiserodt died March 3, 1846, aged 65 years.

Ira Crawford, who lived at the first corner north of the Mile canal bridge, died Feb. 9, 1843, aged 50 years. Eunice, his widow, died on the same farm Oct. 17, 1887, aged 93 years. They first came to Ladd's Corners in 1816. He was a carpenter.

Mrs. B. T. Perrigo came to Clarkson in 1831 from Ontario county. She died Nov. 16, 1885, aged 74 years. She was a devoted friend of the soldier boys.

Lewis D. Chapman lived a little north of Redman's Corners. He died Feb. 9, 1871, aged 55 years.

Calvin Freeman was probably a pioneer settler, but he was not one of the first land purchasers. He died July 11, 1870, aged 92 years. His wife, Betsey, died April 8, 1862, aged 75 years.

John W. Perry died Dec. 7, 1873, aged 77 years.

Deborah, his wife, died Nov. 11, 1870, aged 70 years.

Rufus Scofield, father of Rufus H. Scofield, died in 1865, aged 71 years. Susan, his widow, died in 1875, aged 78 years.

Dr. Abel Baldwin moved into Clarkson with his family in 1811. Much of his history and experiences have already been published. He lived at first in a log house. He owned the farm now owned by Charles H. Bellinger, and carried on farming, and for a period run a hotel. He was a shrewd, economic and successful man. He died June 2, 1864, aged 80 years.

Laura, his wife, died May 29, 1861, aged 75 years.
Hon. Henry R. Selden married a daughter of his. They have a monument with "Baldwin" on one side and "Selden" on the other. Mr Selden removed to Rochester in April 1859, and when he died there his remains were interred there.

Luther H. Johnson died Nov. 15, 1872, aged 69 years. Celine, his widow, died May 9, 1880, aged 79 years.

Ezekiel Johnson, probably the father of Luther H., died Sept. 16, 1842, aged 61 years. Phebe, his widow, died Jan. 6, 1847, aged 62 years.

Rev. Norris Bull, D. D., was a native of Harwinton, Conn. He died Dec. 7, 1847, aged 57 years. His widow, Mary Ann Henry, died July 19, 1851, aged 56 years.

Elijah Drake died March 19, 1847, aged 75 years. Elijah Drake, his son, died Jan. 26, 1889, aged 69 years.

Henry Ripson died June 29, 1850, aged 76 years. Abigail, his widow, died April 18, 1868, aged 81 years.

John Redman 2d died Feb. 26, 1829, aged 47 years. Polly, his widow, died May 21, 1858, aged 72 years. John Redman 2d was the pioneer Redman, and after whom Redman's Corners were named. A brief sketch of the early history of the place will be given in a later article.

Hiram Redman, auctioneer, son of John Redman 2d, lived just west of Redman's Corners. He died May 1, 1879, aged 64 years. His funeral was probably the most largely attended that was ever held in the town. James H., and Wallace Redman are his sons.

David S. Redman died Feb. 8, 1856, aged 58 years. Abigail, his wife died Sept. 11, 1819, aged 38 years.

Samuel Whipple died Sept. 23, 1858, aged 61 years. Phebe, his widow, died Oct. 13, 1878, aged 83 years.

Esther K., wife of John R. Randolph, died June 13, 1852, aged 23 years.

Lucy, widow of Noah Fuller, died March 10, 1855, aged 84 years.

John Oliver died Jan. 29, 1852, aged 77 years.

William Peck died Sept. 13, 1840, aged 63 years. Nancy, his widow, died April 21, 1861, aged
William Clark died Jan. 5, 1838, aged 58 years. Sally B., his first wife, died June 10, 1820, aged 40 years. Sally O., his second wife, died Aug. 14, 1828, aged 44 years.

John Blodgett came to Clarkson in 1816, and owned the Blodgett farm between Clarkson village and Brockport. He built a gristmill where the present mill stands. He was killed by being struck by the limb of a falling tree Jan. 18, 1848, and was aged 61 years.

Elijah Blodgett died Feb. 25, 1858, aged 42 years. Caroline A., his widow, died Aug. 24, 1888, aged 71 years.

Ann Drake died May 16, 1831, aged 71 years.

John Bowman owned the premises and lived where Clark Allen resides. William H. and John Bowman were his sons. He practiced law, and was for several years the county judge. He died Sept. 11, 1853, aged 71 years. Lovice, his widow, died Oct. 17, 1870, aged 78 years.

John Parmelee died June 16, 1838, aged 68 years.

Levi Smith died May 7, 1854, aged 80 years. Irene, his wife, died May 15, 1842, aged 63 years.

James M. Clark owned the cemetery farm for a time, and gave land for cemetery purposes, as before stated. He died June 1, 1835, aged 52 years. Maria, his wife, died Sept. 6, 1833, aged 43 years.

David Perrigo died May 28, 1843, aged 77 years. Nancy, his wife, died April 11, 1840, aged 55 years.

Mrs. Searles Yates died Dec. 23, 1874, aged 84 years.

Rachel, widow of Dr. Benjamin Walker, died June 17, 1847, aged 75 years.

Rachel, wife of Asa L. Johnson, died Feb. 6, 1887, aged 70 years.

Ambrose Sanford came to Clarkson in 1840 from New Lebanon, Columbia county, N. Y. He died nearly opposite the cemetery, the farm then being owned by him, Feb. 6, 1887, aged 70 years. Elida L., his first wife, died Oct. 16, 1859, aged 34 years. Emma A., his second wife, died Feb. 1, 1874, aged 29 years.

Elizabeth, wife of Adam Reamer, died Jan. 6, 21
1846, aged 71 years.

Col Simeon B. Jewett, Dr. Nathaniel Rowell, and some others of whom previous sketches have been given, are buried in this cemetery.

In these notices it is probable that some of the early residents buried in this cemetery have been overlooked. We shall be pleased to publish brief historic sketches of any such, or fuller sketches of interest of those who have been mentioned.

The government has made provision for providing the grave of every deceased soldier with headstones, and where such stones have not been provided it is not the fault of relatives, but the neglect of those representing the soldiers.

In the article a week ago the name of Mrs. Sanford was given as the donor of some land to the cemetery. It should have been Mrs. E. H. Campbell.

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We again present some personal sketches of early settlers.

William Ireland was born in England, came to this country in 1833, and located in the east part of Clarkson. He died Nov. 3, 1887, aged 85 years. Frances, his wife, died May 20, 1875, aged 72 years.

Thomas Chriswell was born in Seneca county, N.Y., came to Clarkson in 1806 and first lived on the Drake road. Later he lived on the Ridge road on the farm next west of what is known as the Rowley place. Still later he lived on the Arad Gilbert farm, in a log house on the east side of the road, that stood back of where the Chapman house stands. He was a captain in the war of 1812, and a man prominent in public affairs. He died Dec. 20, 1876, aged 91 years, and was buried in the Brockport cemetery. Betsey, his wife, died July 4, 1858, aged 65 years.

Elon Lee was born at Guilford, Conn., Dec. 15, 1790. Dec. 25, 1811, he was married to Lydia Palmer. His first wife died, and in 1822 he married Eunice Howard. His second wife died, and in 1856 he married Marietta Dudley. In 1834 he became a resident of that portion of Clarkson that in 1852 by division became Union, and later, by change of name, is now Hamlin. In 1855 he removed to Clarkson village, where he died Nov. 6, 1887, aged 97
years. He was buried at East Sweden. George H. Lee, formerly of Hamlin, and for a time its supervisor, is his son.

Moody Freeman, who was the first purchaser of land in what is now Clarkson and Hamlin, that is in 1803, was a middle aged man, had a wife and son, if not a larger family. The land he bought was that now owned by William Steele. He was from Hanover, N. H. For a time he was a justice of the peace.

William Lowery lived many years on the Drake road. He removed to Parma, where he died August 1, 1884, aged 80 years. He had several children, one of whom became the wife of John H. Hubbard.

CLARKSON POSTMasters

M. D. Phillips, Esq., of Rochester, has kindly furnished the following list of Clarkson postmasters:

Post office at Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y. established April 24, 1820.

Postmasters. Date of appointment.

Gustavus Clark.......................... Apr. 24, 1820
Henry Martin............................ June 19, 1837
Silas Walbridge.......................... June 10, 1841
Gustavus Clark.......................... Aug. 15, 1843
Silas Walbridge.......................... Apr. 19, 1849
Henry M. Haskell........................ Nov. 18, 1854
Moses S. Barker.......................... Jan. 22, 1856
Henry M. Haskell........................ Mar. 14, 1861
John B. Haskell.......................... Dec. 9, 1864
Adam Moore.............................. Mar. 18, 1867
George W. Miller........................ Apr. 17, 1876
Emina P. Miller.......................... Nov. 12, 1878
Adam Moore.............................. Mar. 28, 1879
Washington L. Rockwell.................. Sep. 23, 1885
Frederick A. Moore...................... May 2, 1889

AN OLD CEMETERY.

On the Redman road in Hamlin, about half a mile north of the Sandy Creek, is an old and small cemetery that dates back to the early years of this century, and which contains the ashes of some of the pioneer settlers of the town of Clarkson. The land embraced in this cemetery may be a little over
half an acre, is sandy and dry, and was a good burial place in its day. It has, apparently, been wholly abandoned for burial purposes, and with its dense growth of weeds, bushes and trees is a forcible illustration of how dismal a place an old cemetery may become. There are many graves without headstones; some with ordinary field stones; some with broken marble; and nearly all of the stones in good standing are greatly obscured by the rank weeds and bushes. There are no monuments in the ground. In this cemetery there are probably about fifty persons buried. As will appear further on, the earliest date of a recorded death is in 1823.

Howard Manley was one of the pioneer settlers, and he lived on the Redman road where his son Howard now lives, and died there. He came from Massachusetts with two brothers. They came with three yoke of oxen, and were twenty-two days making the journey. We have no record of the death of Mr. Manley, but we find that Lois, his wife, died January, 1859, aged 65 years.

David Hoyt died April 1, 1859, aged 77 years. Deborah T., his widow, died Dec. 14, 1864, aged 81 years.

George Pease, who was an early settler, died June 10, 1823, aged 43 years. Betsey, his widow, died Feb. 18, 1849, aged 64 years.

Benjamin Comstock was also an early settler. He died August 16, 1823, aged 64 years.

Calvin Wilcox is buried in this cemetery. His broken stone obliterates his record.

Luther H. Webster was a well known early resident. He died May 6, 1865, aged 64 years.

Sarah, wife of Ira Hoskins, died March 28, 1845, aged 53 years.

Rebecca K., wife of Zadoc Howard, died March 7, 1851, aged 24 years.

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We herewith continue the sketches of persons who were well known and lived to good old age.

Mrs. James Adams died July 1, 1871, aged 70 years.

Huldah Wilson, mother of Mrs. J. K. Vosburgh, died Aug. 2, 1875, aged 83 years.

Orin Wheeler died Feb. 19, 1864, aged 75 years.
Ester D., widow of Silas D. Walbridge, for a long time a resident of Clarkson, died at Rochester, March 10, 1876, aged 90 years.

Mrs. Dorcas Ruggles died Jan. 31, 1887, aged 81 years.

George Rice died Jan. 7, 1862, aged 89 years.

John Nesbit died in Hamlin March 1, 1880, aged 92 years.

Adeline, wife of John Rice, died Feb. 20, 1880, aged 66 years.

Timothy Rice died in Hamlin Feb. 22, 1878, aged 85 years.

Joseph McCreery died in Clarkson Nov. 22, 1859, aged 70 years.

John Miller died Feb. 16, 1862, aged 84 years.

Mary A. Mershon died May 25, 1871, aged 74 years.

William Fielden died Sept. 20, 1886, aged 83 years.

Lydia Ferris died in Union Sept. 30, 1858, aged 87 years.

William Flood died May 16, 1878, aged 80 years.

Rachel McIntire died March 11, 1864, aged 88 years.

John F. Hamlin came to the town in 1833. He died May 14, 1886, aged 68 years. Emeline, his wife, died Feb. 9, 1886, aged 74 years.

Jane Jackson died Sept. 10, 1871, aged 73 years.

Phoebe Haight, widow of Moses Haight, died Feb. 8, 1860, aged 70 years.

Elijah Hamlin, who had been a resident of Clarkson, died at Avon, Oakland county, Mich., April 12, 1858, aged 91 years.

Deborah Ann Hammon, widow of Shubel Hammon, died Jan. 1, 1877, aged 74 years.

Mrs. Sally Ann Sage died Dec. 19, 1884, aged 78 years.

John Steele died Oct. 7, 1886, aged 84 years.

Enoch Sweat, a carriage builder, died Sept. 2, 1878, aged 73 years.

Adam Snyder died Dec. 1, 1879, aged 81 years.

His widow died Oct. 31, 1880, aged 82 years.

George Storms died July 15, 1879, aged 79 years.

Mrs. Sally M. Sweat died Feb. 7, 1883, aged 25.
Aaron G. Smith died Aug. 6, 1882, aged 92 years.
Experience Stow died Aug. 16, 1871, aged 74 years.
Samuel Smith died Nov. 24, 1860, aged 78 years.
Mrs. Henry R. Selden died May 29, 1861, aged 75 years.
Silas Spaulding, father of the late Sidney Spaulding, of Brockport, died Nov. 29, 1864, aged 79 years.
Mrs. William Seaton died May 2, 1871, aged 76 years.
Benjamin F. Coleman died Oct. 29, 1880, aged 68 years.
Isem Clark died Dec. 12, 1885, aged 86 years.
Mrs. David Demarest died Dec. 8, 1875, aged 75 years.
N. Clark died Jan. 4, 1874, aged 93 years.
Catharine Cropsey, widow of Jaccamiah Cropsey, died April 20, 1884, aged 81 years. Her husband died thirteen years previous.
Mrs. Clara Coleman died at Redman's Corners Apr. 2, 1876, aged 87 years.
Margaret Cooper died Jan. 26, 1886, aged 84 years.
Mrs. George B. Lewis died April 9, 1871, aged 73 years.
Anna Perry died Feb. 9, 1871, aged 84 years.
Eliza A. Bushnell died Oct. 4, 1879, aged 75 years.
Eliza A. Bishop died Dec. 20, 1883, aged 81 years.
Oliver Babcock died July 8, 1884, aged 80 years.
Frederick Babcock died Aug. 16, 1881, aged 79 years.
Maria Babcock died May 9, 1887, aged 79 years.
Amasa Spring died in July, 1860, aged 65 years.
Isaac Bristol died Feb. 1, 1876, aged 85 years.
James Brower died Sept. 18, 1871, aged 87 years.
Sarah, widow of James Brown, died April 22, 1883, aged 86 years.
Note - In the list of postmasters published a week ago the name of John M. Bowman was accidently omitted. He held the office from May 23, 1853 till
Nov. 18, 1854. There was also a misprint in the name of the successor of George W. Miller. It was Emma P. Miller.

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As we have before stated, the first general election was held in the town on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of November in the year 1822. The election was held each day at a different place, a sort of going around the circuit. The inspectors of election were Aretas Haskell, Gustavus Clark, Lewis Swift, Theophilas Randall and Truman Cook. The officers voted for as stated were governor, lieutenant governor, four senators for the eighth senatorial district, a member of congress, three members of the assembly, a sheriff, a county clerk and four coroners. The following is the result of the vote as recorded:

For governor - Joseph C. Yates 182.
For lieutenant governor - Henry Huntington 135, Erastus Root 45.
For senator - Asa Lee Davidson 188, Elizur Webster 137, James Ganson 135, Calvin Filmore 122, Joseph Spencer 81, Heman J. Redfield 36, Timothy H. Porter 34, David Eason 33.
For member of congress - Moses Hayden 139, John H. Jones 36.
For sheriff - Solomon Close 141, Henry Fellows 47, John P. Patterson 28.
For county clerk - S. Melancton Smith 129, Elisha Ely 48.

It appears that one hundred and eighty-one votes were cast. But one candidate for governor was voted for. The Democratic vote averaged about 140, and the Whig vote about 40.

On the 3d, 4th and 5th of November, 1823, the next general election was held, and the following votes will show the candidates in the field for the respective offices:

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For two senators - Robert McKay 125, James Norton 119, John Bowman 100, James McCall 96.
For three members of assembly - Ashley Samson 125, Reuben Willey 123, Samuel B. Bradley 123, Enos Stone 96, Major H. Smith 95, Peter Price 96.

At this election 220 votes were polled, and the Whig vote was considerably increased.

The next year - the 1st, 2d and 3d day of November, 1824 - the election was held with the following result:
For governor - Dewitt Clinton 199, Samuel Young 121.
For lieutenant governor - James Talmadge 200, Erastus Root 116.
For senator - Samuel Wilkenson 199, Robert Fleming 118.
For member of congress - Moses Hayden 197, Charles H. Carroll 115.
For three members of assembly - Gustavus Clark 222, Thurlow Weed 200, Henry Fellows 204, James Seymour 112, Enos Stone 98, James Smith 109.

The vote at this election on the congressional candidates foots up 316, which was a large increase. Two noted candidates ran for office, Dewitt Clinton, the "father of the Erie canal," and Thurlow Weed, then a resident of Rochester. The Democrats had an average majority of about 80. The inspectors of election were Gustavus Clark, Ezekiel Harmon, Witter Steward, Zebulon Williams and William Clark.

The election held on the 7th, 8th and 9th days of November, 1825, resulted as follows:
For senator - Benedict Brooks 137, Ethan B. Allen 111.
For sheriff - James Seymour 156, Jacob Gould 94.
For county clerk - Timothy Boardman 136, Simeon Stone 2d 114.

The vote was a light one as the whole numbered but 250. The Democratic majorities ranged from 20 to 60.
In 1826 the general election was held November 6th, 7th and 8th with the following vote:

For governor - DeWitt Clinton 127, William B. Rochester 150.

For lieutenant governor - Henry Huntington 127, Nathaniel Pitcher 151.

For senator - John Van Tossen 177, Charles H. Carroll 149.

For member of congress - Enos Pomeroy 174, Daniel D. Barnard 149.

For three members of assembly - Jacob Gould 170, Jeremy S. Stone 172, Joseph Thompson 172, Peter Price 151, Abelard Reynolds 152, Joseph Sibley 152.

At this point the State senator was chosen for but one year. The record of the above vote is apparently very imperfect, as it shows that for the candidates for governor the total vote was 277, for lieutenant governor 278, for senator 326, for member of congress 323.

The election of 1827 was held on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of November, when the following named candidates received the number of votes as stated:

For senator - Timothy Porter 408.

For three members of the assembly - Ezra Sheldon 295, Timothy Childs 295, Francis Storms 292, John P. Patterson 119, Samuel S. Selden 119, Peter Price 120.

Four justices of the peace for the town were also chosen at this election - Francis Losee 135, William Clark 134, Ariel Chase 127, Billa Cook 104, Samuel A. Perry 293, Adin Manley 289, Samuel Mead 289, William Groves 292.

There was but one candidate for senator, and his vote indicates the whole number of votes cast. The election of justices of the peace at the general election was pursuant to an act passed April 7, 1827. They were divided into four classes, and by lot Adin Manley became one, Samuel Mead two, William Groves three, and Samuel A. Perry four.

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The general election held on the 3d, 4th and 5th of November was the one of the most importance that had thus far occurred in the history of the town, as it included not only county and State
officers, but for the first time presidential electors. The certificate of the election says that 493 votes were given for governor, 500 for lieutenant governor, 498 for senator, 508 for member of congress, and 508 for presidential electors. The general vote was as follows:

For lieutenant governor - Francis Granger 119, John Crary 140, Enos L. Throop 241.
For member of congress - Addison Granger 248, Timothy Childs 227, Daniel D. Barnard 33.
Presidential electors - James K. Gurnsey 259, Matthew Warner 249.
For three members of the assembly - Heman Norton 228, Reuben Willey 228, John Garbutt 228, Isaac Jackson 270, John Williams 269, Elisha Taylor 270.
For sheriff - James K. Livingston 226, William J. McCracken 7, Peter Price 265.
For four coroners - Rufus Beach 228, Levi Pond 228, William Williams 270, Peter Hopkins 270, Clark Butler 270, Aaron Newton 270.
For senator - Daniel H. Fitzhugh 242, Philander Bennett 242, William H. Spencer 42.

There appears to have been three sets of candidates for most of the offices. It was probably one of the early Democrat splits. The inspectors of election were William Groves, Henry Ketcham, Stephen Randall and John Palmer.

In 1829 the general election was held on the 2d, 3d and 4th days of November with the following results:
For senator - Albert H. Tracy 224, Samuel Russell 222.
For three assemblymen - Enos Stone 228, Timothy Barnard 228, Joseph Sibley 227, Ezra Sheldon 216, Thurlow Weed 216, Joseph Randall 216, Gustavus Clark 1.

The whole vote was 446, and as between the two parties was very close. The record was made up by Gustavus Clark, and was business-like and clear.

The general election of 1830 was held November 1st, 2d and 3d with the following outcome:
For governor - Enos T. Throop 286, Francis Granger 229.
For lieutenant governor - Edward P. Livingston 286, Samuel Stevens 229.
For senator - Joseph Sibley 288, Abraham Cantine 288, Trumbell Cary 228, Philo C. Fuller 228. This is the record, but it is clearly erroneous, as there is a total of 1,162 votes.
For member of congress - Calvin H. Bryan 292, Frederick Whittlesey 221.
The inspectors of election were Henry Martin, Aretas Haskell, Billa Cook and Martin C. Witbeck.
On the 7th, 8th and 9th days of November, 1831, the general election resulted:
For senator - Heman J. Redfield 232, John Birdsell 166.
For sheriff - Seth Saxton 236, Ezra M. Parsons 159.
For county clerk - Austin Spencer 235, Leonard Adams 158.
On the 5th, 6th and 7th days of November, 1833, occurred the usual election, and with the vote for presidential electors added.
For governor - William L. Marcy 314, Francis Granger 263.
For lieutenant governor - John Tracy 314, Samuel Stevens 263.
For senator - Fletcher M. Haight 314, John Griffin 262.
For member of congress - Isaac Hills 315, Frederick Whittlesey 261.
For presidential electors - the Democratic ticket 313, the Whig ticket 267.
For three members of the assembly - David S. Bates 318, Joseph Sibley 318, Roswell Wickwin 318, Timothy Childs 257, Milton Sheldon 257, Levi Pond 257.
The Democratic majority on presidential electors was 46. The whole vote was 580, and the largest that had thus far been cast in the town.

Result of the election held November 4th, 5th and 6th, 1833:


For three members of assembly - Elihu Church 337, Fletcher M. Haight 329, Jeremy L. Stone 337, Isaac Lacy 133, Timothy Childs 121, Chauncey Porter 122.

The inspectors of election, Gershom B. Gillett, James Hoy, John C. Annin and William Clark, "Do further certify that no votes were given either for or against electing the mayor of New York by the electors thereof; that 216 votes were given for authorizing the legislature to reduce the duty on salt."

The Whig vote was very light at this election, being but a little over one-third of the total vote.

Result of the election held on the 3d, 4th and 5th days of November, 1834:


For lieutenant governor - John Tracy 377, Silas M. Stillwell 262.

For senator - James Smith 377, Benjamin Chamberlin 377, Isaac Lacy 261, Chauncey J. Fox 261.

For member of congress - Fletcher M. Haight 382, Timothy Childs 255.

For three members of assembly - Horace Gay 376, Silas Judson 376, Samuel Rich 376, Dedrich Sibley 252, George Brown 252, Enoch Strong 251.

For sheriff - John E. Patterson 376, Elias Pond 250.

For county clerk - Seth Saxton 376, Samuel G. Andrews 252.

For four coroners - Sylvester H. Packard 376, Samuel Mead 373, Peter Hopkins 376, Joseph A. Eastman 376, Ashbel W. Riley 252, Joseph Greenleaf 252, Phidrus Carter 252, George S. Stone 252.

This was the first candidacy of William H. Seward for governor. At this or a subsequent election Elias Pond, a well known Brockporter of many years ago, was chosen sheriff. Simeon B. Jewett was one of the inspectors of election.
The election held November 2d, 3d and 4th, 1835, resulted:

For senator - Benjamin Walworth 334, Chauncey J. Fox 116.

For three members of assembly - Horace Gay 333, Joseph Sibley 333, Micajah W. Kirby 333, Dedrick Sibley 119, Enoch Strong 119, Silas Walker 119.

For coroner - Francis X. Beckwith 333, Ephraim Gilbert 99.

On the 7th, 8th and 9th of November, 1836, the interest of the election was increased by voting for presidential electors. The vote resulted:

For governor - William L. Marcy 329, Jesse Buel 250.

For lieutenant governor - John Tracy 379, Gameeliah H. Barstow 250.

For senator - Alexis Warner 329, Samuel Work 250.

For member of assembly - Horace Gay 327, Timothy Childs 249.

For presidential electors - the Democratic ticket 320, the Whig ticket 250.


John E. Patterson was a Democrat at that time. In later years he became a Republican. He lived in Parma.

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The town book, from which these election statistics are compiled, was in the main excellently kept, but there are some confusing exceptions.

In 1837 the general election was held on the 6th, 7th and 8th days of November with this result:


For three members of assembly - Abershal Goodell 242, Philander Kane 242, Henry O'Reilly 241, Derick Sibley 255, Ezra Sheldon, Jr. 256, John Patterson 256.

For sheriff - Peter Hopkins 248, Darius Perrin 271.
For county clerk - Henry R. Selden 254,
Ephraim Goss 245


It will be observed that at this election Henry R. Selden, then a Democrat, was running for the office of county clerk, and that Dr. Davis Carpenter was one of the candidates for coroner. The vote was very close.

Here is the result of the vote cast at the election held Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th, 1838:

For lieutenant governor - Luther Bradish 311, John Tracy 312.


For member of congress - Thomas Kempshall 337, Henry R. Selden 321.

For three members of assembly - William S. Bishop 343, John P. Stull 343, Henry P. Norton 343, James H. Gregory 312, Isaac Jackson 312, Joseph Cox 312.

Hon. Henry P. Norton was elected. The inspectors of election at this time were Theodore Chapin, Azariah Ashley, Stephen Randall and Henry L. Smith.

The election on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of November, 1839, resulted:
"For senator - Isaac R. Elwood 346, Abram Dixon 234.


On the 2d, 3d and 4th days of November, 1840, occurred the general election including presidential electors, with this result:

For lieutenant governor - Luther Bradish 355, Daniel S. Dickinson 376.

For senator - Samuel Works 355, John D. Hudson 376.
For member of congress - Timothy Childs 359, Lyman B. Langworthy 368.
For presidential electors - the Democratic ticket 371, the Whig ticket 358.
For three members of assembly - Enoch Strong 357, Lucius Lilly 356, Alexander Kelsey 356, E. Henry Barnard 373, Samuel Bayliss 373, Josiah Howell 373.
For sheriff - Charles L. Pardee 356, Joseph Sibley 373.
For county clerk - James W. Smith 356, Isaac Hills 373.
The total vote was 731, which was very large. The Democrats had an average majority of about 20. The subscribing inspectors of election were William Groves, Stephen Randall, James R. Thompson, Edward Ruggles and Henry L. Smith.
The following was the result of the election held Nov. 1st, 2d and 3d, 1841:
For senator - Lyman Bates 378, Gideon Hard 315.
For four members of assembly - Lyman B. Langworthy 376, Henry Martin 384, Joseph Sibley 379, George S. Stone 312, Frederick Starr 315, Henry R. Higgins 314, Asa Price 1, William 0. Bloss 1, John Efner 1, Delazon Smith 2.

Though the town was not divided until 1852 by the setting off of Union, (now Hamlin) and the record book covers the whole period until that date, from 1841 till 1852 there is no record of a general election. The record is quite complete of the town elections, the lay out of roads, the boundary of road districts, the appointment of pathmasters, a register of live stock marks, list of strays, etc. It is probable that no record of the vote cast at the general elections was made later than 1841, unless it has been resumed since 1852.
The town record does not make mention of any arrangements for holding the general elections - the places for holding the elections, compensation to the persons where held, the pay of clerks, inspectors, etc. Five inspectors were chosen annual-
ly, and so many of them as served signed the cer-
tificate of the general elections.

At the town election held in 1841 the entire
action taken, besides the choice of town officers,
was voting "That we have three assessors, four con-
stables; that the inspectors of common schools be
allowed $1 per day for services rendered; that the
collector collect the taxes for three per cent.,
and that the town meeting be adjourned until the
first Tuesday in March next, to be held at the house
of Alexander Hilton." No provision was made for
the general election, and it is not shown by the
record that any meeting was held during the year
to arrange for elections or the payment of bills.

The general election notes that we have pub-
lished possess much historical interest in showing
who were candidates for offices, and how the vote
as to parties stood.

In our previous article we stated that Elias
Pond was a brother of Levi Pond. He was a son.

An old resident of Clarkson informs us that
at different times the general three days elections
were held at Clarkson Corners, Redman's Corners,
Beach's Corners, Ladd's Corners, Kane's Corners,
Hamlin Centre, at the Houston hotel east of Ladd's
Corners, and at the red schoolhouse in the Wentworth
district.

The vote for State senators is thus explained
by a gentleman who began voting in the thirties.
In the first place four were chosen, and it was de-
cided by lot that one was for one year, one for two
years, one for three years, and one for four years.
Thereafter one was elected annually, and when the
record, to which we made previous reference, showed
each party running two candidates, there was a va-
cancy to fill. The record did not state this fact,
and thus there appeared to be a large excess of
votes.

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It was customary in Clarkson at an early day
to hold most of the town elections at a hotel at
the village, and the custom has been quite general-
ly followed up to the present time. It was always
voted at a town election at what place the next elec-
tion would be held, until within some six or eight
years. This was done in all the towns, and some abuses followed, for instance, in Sweden a few written ballots located an election at Cooley's Basin. The law was changed, and in order to change the place of holding a town election, a notice must be given a stated period before an election of such an intention.

The places designated in Clarkson is a practical record of the hotel keepers of the different periods, and for this reason is of considerable interest.

The first election, on the 4th of April, 1820, was held at the hotel of Abel Baldwin. The next two years it was held at Aretas Haskell's. Then at Abel Baldwin's for two years. In 1826, 1827 and 1828 at the hotel of Silas Walbridge. In 1829 the election was held at the house of Adolphus Gulley, but it is not stated as being a hotel. In 1830 it was held at the hotel of Joseph H. Lovejoy. In 1831 it was held at the Walbridge hotel. In 1832 at Lovejoy's. In 1833 the place of the election was at the schoolhouse near A. Salisbury's. In 1834, 1835, 1836 and 1837 at the inn of Oliver H. Boyd. In 1838 it was held at the hotel of Waterman Davis, who at a later date kept a hotel at Brockport. In 1839 the election was held again at the hotel of Silas Walbridge. In 1840 the election was held at the house of H. C. White. The next year it was held again at the Walbridge hotel. The following year at Alexander Hilton's. In 1843 and 1844 the election was held at Samuel Brown's. In 1845 it was held at A. D. Raymond's. In 1846 it was held at Isaac Houston's. In 1847 it was held at the house of Daniel Pease, now a resident of Brockport. In 1848 the election was held at the house of Henry W. Burch, Clarkson Centre, now Hamlin village. In 1849 the election was held at the house of James C. Patterson, who became a well known resident of Brockport. He lived at what is now Hamlin Centre. The election was held at his house in 1850, 1851, 1852, and it was voted to hold the election there in 1853, but the town was divided before that date. Thus it appears that the town elections for four years before the town was divided were held at Hamlin Centre.
BEACH'S CORNERS.

On the Lake road five miles north of Brockport is Beach's Corners — the four corners formed by the north and south Lake road, and an east and west road extending from about a mile south of Kendall Mills to the Parma line. The latter is the dividing line between the present Clarkson and Hamlin.

At the first town election held in 1820 Ora Beach was appointed pathmaster of road district 14. This district was described in 1821 as beginning at the four corners by Truman Cook's, (who lived on the Ladd road,) west to the Lake road. Those working out a road tax in that district at that time were Ora Beach, James Thorp, Billa Cook, James Spencer, Truman Cook and Allen Beach. The number of the district was first changed to 15, then 16, and lastly to 19. Until 1832 the name of Ora Beach appeared in the road district tax list, and for most of the time he was pathmaster. He either died in 1832 or removed from the town, as his name no longer appeared on the tax roll. As no property was taxed to the family in 1833, it is a fair supposition that the family removed away. The name of Allen Beach previously mentioned, did not appear but once in the road district list. We have thus far been unable to ascertain what became of Ora Beach, from whom the name of Beach's Corners was derived. He lived in a house on the north-east corner of the four corners.

Beach's Corners has never contained directly more than four dwelling houses. The first house on north-west corner was built by a man named R. D. Jones. The house on the southeast corner was used at an early day as a hotel, and the general elections were at times held there. The place never had a store or blacksmith shop.

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On the 19th of June 1824, three road districts were laid out with the following descriptions: "Beginning near the framed school house where Mr. Baxter lives at the north-east corner of lot number 4, section 11 of town 5, thence west on the line of lots 285 chains to the middle of the Lake road."
The next one is described as "beginning at the south-east corner of lot number 1 in section 9 of town number 5, near a log school house on the middle Lake road, and running thence east on the line of lots 62 links to the road leading west past Jacob Hosner's." At that time Zenas Case was surveyor, and William Tompkins and Aretas Haskell commissioners of highways.

At the November election in 1826 an amendment to the constitution was voted upon - to elect justices of the peace by the people - in favor of which there were 228 votes, and none against. The amendment was adopted, and after that date justices were elected, having previously been appointed. In a previous article we gave the names of the four first chosen, and how their term of service was determined by lot. From that period until the present one justice has been chosen annually, except when there were vacancies to fill.

At the town election in 1831 it was voted "that fences shall be four and a half feet high, and so constructed or made of rails or other materials that the space between the rails or materials shall not be more than seven inches." That was a "lawful fence," and had such fences been kept up better than they sometimes were, there would have been fewer animosities between neighbors and much less litigation.

At the town election in 1836 it was "Resolved, that the commissioners of highways are hereby required to rebuild the bridge over Sandy Creek where the same crosses the West Lake road." That was the present Redman road, and the bridge was by the Brockway mills.

The sum of $9.42 was voted to Hammon & Stanton at the town election in 1842 for making ballot boxes.

After the division of the town the first town election was held at the hotel of Silas Walbridge, March 1, 1853. At that election the following officers were chosen: Supervisor, James H. Warren; town clerk, Justus Palmer; justices of the peace, Wayne Markham, Lewis Files and William Johnson; superintendent of schools, David Henry; collector, Washington L. Rockwell; assessors, David Wellman and Chauncey Allen; commissioners of highways,
T. C. Perry and Adam Moore; overseers of poor, John M. Bowman and Joseph Tozier; constables, Washington L. Rockwell, Eber Coleman, Edgar Spring and Ariel Wellman; inspectors of election, John M. Bowman, Jesse Harroun and William Price. The pathmasters appointed were: District 1, Alamansa Brace; 2, John Chriswell; 3, Edgar Spring; 4, William Porter; 6, Christopher Coker; 29, William Lowery, Sen.; 31, Daniel Belden; 30 [sic], Gurdon Richards; 32, Edward Hawkins; 33, Wayne Markham; 34, Paul Snyder; 35, S. C. Perry; 37, Henry Nixon; 38, Samuel Whipple; 39, Henry Boutell; 57, Lawrence Cooper; 58, Seth Leonard; 59, Jonas Shafer; 60, James O. Siegler; 61, Allen D. Tracy. The road district numbers were the same as used for the same districts before the town was divided. This election was held thirty-seven years ago. Many of those mentioned are now living in Clarkson and vicinity, and many have been recorded as occupants of the neighborhood cemeteries.

A special town meeting was held at the house of Daniel Pease on the 27th of April, 1837, to vote upon the question of granting excise licenses. The votes in favor of licenses were 317, and those against 260. Clarkson has usually been a for license town, at least in recent years. The vote referred to was taken before the town was divided. At an early day there was a distillery of whiskey at the village, whiskey was cheap, and the distillery had a good patronage. It is related that on an occasion a man living three or four miles from the distillery started for it with a jug. People were exceedingly familiar and accommodating in the early times, and if one was passing the common salutation was, "Where are you going?" He of course replied "to the distillery." When he got to the distillery he had twenty-two jugs, representing as many families. For this last item of olden time events we are indebted to the present chief dispenser of justice. Other towns had distilleries, and it does not follow from the facts stated that the people of Clarkson at any period averaged better or worse than the people of other towns who did similar things.

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Sometime ago in giving a list of the cemeteries established at an early date in the town of Clarkson,
years before the town was divided, no mention was made of the cemetery established at Kane's Corners, now East Hamlin. That is a small cemetery, including only about half an acre of land. It is shaded by a few pine trees, and the rank growth of golden rod, milk weed and grass indicates that the soil of that locality is very fertile. The trees have so blackened some of the headstones that their inscriptions are illegible.

In obtaining a list of the principal persons buried in this cemetery, as shown by the inscriptions, the earliest burial found was that of Anna, wife of James Cheever, who died May 10, 1844, aged 55 years. There were perhaps earlier interments under the hillocks having no memorial stones.

Lawrence Tompkins died Oct. 24, 1848, aged 55 years. Hannah, his widow, died March 30, 1866, aged 76 years.

Alburtus Simmons died May 10, 1879, aged 81 years. His wife died May 19, 1876, aged 78 years.

Mary, wife of Charles L. Tompkins, died Nov. 11, 1846, aged 26 years.

Eveline, wife of Joseph Tompkins, died Sept. 13, 1846, aged 26 years.

Whitman Corbin died Sept. 7, 1853, aged 46 years.

John R. Ashby died June 18, 1862, aged 65 years.

Thomas Wingrove died Feb. 26, 1847, aged 71 years.

Mary Jane, wife of Wright Barlow, died Aug. 1, 1848, aged 24 years.

Robert Sharp died Aug. 23, 1853, aged 45 years.

Sarah, wife of Charles Murch, died Sept. 10, 1857, aged 41 years.

Jacob Hall died Feb. 18, 1861, aged 63 years.

Emeline, his wife, died Oct. 11, 1859, aged 60 years.

Nelson Green died March 29, 1850, aged 40 years.

Jacob Fosmire died Oct. 25, 1851, aged 39 years.

Margaret E., wife of C. B. Lewis, died Aug. 12, 1858, aged 40 years.

Adaline, wife of John McFarland, [the stone being broken the age and date of death does not appear.]

Margaret, wife of W. H. Coons, died Feb. 28, 1853, aged 85 years.
Eve, wife of Marcus Simmons, died March 1, 1851, aged 77 years.

Frankfort W. Wheelock died March 2, 1846, aged 32 years. Martha S., his widow, died Feb. 8, 1847, aged 25 years.

Thomas W. Harding died Feb. 26, 1847, aged 71 years.

There is but one monument in the cemetery, and it belongs to Ira B. Gates.

**KANE'S CORNERS.**

Kane's Corners (now East Hamlin) was named after William Kane, who died Nov. 28, 1863, aged 75 years, and was buried in the Blossom cemetery. In 1830 Philander Kane built the first hotel at Kane's Corners, and perhaps a share of the name of the place belongs to him.

As early as 1825, through the labors and influence of that stirring preacher Elder Eli Hannibal, the Free Will Baptist church society was organized. In 1834 the society built a church, which stood about a mile north of the present edifice. A hamlet had grown up at Kane's Corners, and when a new church was to be erected, after something of a struggle, it was located about a mile south of the old church.

Elisha Wheeler was the first postmaster at Kane's Corners, and was appointed during the Polk administration. Daniel Pease, now of Brockport, is credited with keeping the first store.

The place has fairly thrived. Soon after the opening of the new railroad new buildings were erected to some extent, and some of the old ones were greatly improved. There are now the church above referred to, two stores, a hotel, blacksmith shop, etc.

**THOMASVILLE.**

In 1811 Alanson Thomas settled at what is now called North Hamlin. He was an energetic man. He first built a gristmill and then a sawmill. The place was first known as "Thomas Mills," and later as "Thomasville." The Fourierite settlement, hitherto described in this series of articles, was located at this place. The Fourierites had a store. A hotel was kept for a time in the building now owned
and occupied by Mr. Hovey as a store. Mr. Hovey started the first regular store, and still continues it. Mr. Williamson, now of Clarkson, conducted a rival store for a period.

The sawmill has been taken down. There is now a gristmill, store, blacksmith shop, schoolhouse and a few dwellings. The place never had a church. Mr. Hovey, the present store keeper, was the first postmaster, and now holds the office.

Thomastyle, or North Hamlin as it is now called, is about a mile from lake Ontario by the crooked road, on the east side of Sandy Creek. Away back this locality was called Port Bayard, and it was a veritable port with a dock to which small sailing vessels came and from which they departed. There is about a mile of navigable water in the bay, and the best harbor on the lake between Charlotte and Oak Orchard could be made at a moderate cost. At the head of the bay North Hamlin is situated.

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In our last article on the early history of Clarkson we gave some account of the part taken by Alanson Thomas, after whom Thomasville was named. Since then we have received a call from his son Peleg Thomas, now a resident of Matamora, Lapeer county, Mich., who has given us a very interesting sketch of his father’s history and added valuable information in regard to the history of Clarkson before it was divided.

Peleg Thomas, the father of Alanson Thomas, a native of Rhode Island, was one of the first settlers of the town of Sweden. The family located south-west of the present Sweden Centre, on the farm next to the Chester Roberts farm, and there built a log gristmill on the small stream that crosses the Lake road near the Hart place.

In or about 1817 Alanson Thomas removed from Sweden to where the Sandy Creek crosses the Redman road, and took up his abode in a log house. There he built a sawmill and gristmill, the first located at that place, and which in later years became known as "Brockway’s mills."

In 1826 he removed to what is now called North Hamlin. He bought a farm of 156 acres, which in-
cluded all of the land in the immediate vicinity of
the gristmill now owned and conducted by Mr. Mock-
ford. About seven years previous - about 1819 -
Kearney Newell, in behalf of the Le Roy land company,
caused a sawmill to be built. This sawmill was on
the premises when the property was purchased by
Alanson Thomas. Mr. Thomas built the first gristmill.
When he first moved to Thomasville he lived in a big
log house that stood east of the mill on the bank of
the stream, with the road to the lake passing on
the south side of the house. After a time he built
and lived in the house now owned and resided in by
Mr. Mockford.

The first schoolhouse was a log building a mile
south of the mill on the farm of Nathaniel Terry.
The present Hovey building was first used as a tavern.
In that building Ambrose Thomas, a son of Alanson
Thomas, kept the first store.

When the Thomas family first removed into the
town there were a plenty of deer and other game in
the woods, and the streams abounded in fish.

Mr. Alanson Thomas had what is sometimes termed
an "old-fashioned family," that is a large family.
His children in the order of their births were:
Rowell, Peleg, Alanson, LeRoy, Dorcas, Ambrose, Ly-
man, Kearney, and Charles - 9 in all. About twenty
years ago Mr. Alanson Thomas senior removed to Michi-
gan, where he died Oct. 12, 1878, aged 89 years, and
his remains were brought to Brockport and interred
in the village cemetery. His wife Sarah, died June
20, 1862, aged 71 years, and was buried at Brockport.
Rowell Thomas, the eldest son, removed to Minnesota,
and now resides there. Peleg is a resident of Michi-
gan, as before stated. Alanson died in Hamlin June
18, 1851, aged 34 years, and was buried at Brockport.
LeRoy is living in Michigan. Dorcas died in Michi-
gan. Ambrose S. died in Hamlin, Feb. 5, 1855, aged
31 years, and was buried at Brockport. Lyman died
in Illinois Feb. 18, 1858, aged 38 years, and his
remains were interred at Brockport. Kearney lives
in Michigan. Charles died in Michigan.

Peleg Thomas, long a resident of Sweden, was a
son of the original Peleg and a brother of the Alan-
son Thomas after whom Thomasville was named.
Before the town of Clarkson was divided the now Hamlin Centre was Clarkson Centre. But away back the four corners were known as Salisbury's Corners - named after Albert Salisbury, who became a resident in 1818, and several years later removed from the town. His was the only house for a time. Eli Mead, John Allen and John Nowlan were in the neighborhood. The first meeting house in what is now the town of Hamlin, and the second one in Clarkson, was built on west side of the east road a short distance north of the forks. It was a frame structure, had a steeple, and was considered excellent when erected. It was of the Free Will Baptist order, and among its ministers were Elders Hannibal, Woodard and Davis. The church was burned.

A short distance south of the church mentioned, on the same side of the road, was a store at an early period, the farm where it stood now being occupied by Christian Rose.

The first schoolhouse at Salisbury's Corners was located on the northwest corner, just across the street to the north from where the Redman store stands. In 1842 this schoolhouse was removed, and A. D. Raymond built a hotel there, the first at what was then Clarkson Centre. This hotel was kept for several years by James Clinton Patterson, well known all about, who removed first to Brockport and then to Michigan. It was lastly kept by Gustavus Dauchy, now of Clarkson, and while he was its landlord it was burned. The Baptist society was organized, bought the lot where the hotel stood, and built the present church edifice, which was sometime after the division of the town of Clarkson. We have no date of the Baptist society formation, but will be pleased to publish the facts should they be furnished.

The Methodist church was built in 1872, which was several years after the Baptist was erected. The German church, north of Hamlin Centre, was built in 1874. Before the churches were built the church services were held at the schoolhouses.

The first blacksmith shop at Salisbury's Corners stood on the southeast corner, and was car-
ried on, if not owned by John Howes.

The cemetery was on the Coulthurst farm, which was removed and abandoned about the time the railroad was constructed through Hamlin. Henry Kimball was the first postmaster, and then the place was known as Clarkson Centre. After the division of the town in 1852 and the formation of the town of Union, the place was called Union Centre. At a later date, when the name of the town was changed from Union to Hamlin, the place became Hamlin Centre, and thus continues, and it has had a good degree of prosperity. For several years Mr. James H. Redman has been the postmaster and a prosperous merchant.

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