

ROBERT WILSON, farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Poynette; is the son of Mrs. Janet Wilson, who was born in Scotland in 1816; married Robert Wilson, and came to this country in June, 1849; they first settled in the town of Dekorra, near Poynette; afterward removed to Buffalo, Marquette Co.; he afterward returned to Columbia Co., and settled in the town of Arlington, where he died March 3, 1873; he had seven children, six of whom are living—James, Hugh, John, Robert, Janet and Margaret; lost one child. Robert resides at the homestead with his mother. Farm contains 100 acres.

CLARK M. YOUNG, Sec. 1; P. O. Poynette; is a pioneer of Columbia Co.; he was born in Connecticut in 1810; his parents, Wm. and Clarena Clark Young, removed to the State of New York when he was a boy; Mr. Young traveled about considerably when a young man, in the days when railroads were unknown; he was at Chicago, or rather where that city now stands, in 1832; he went to Milwaukee in 1836, where he remained some time; spent a winter in the pineries of Wisconsin more than forty years ago; he settled on the farm where he now lives in 1838. He was married to Miss Janet Wilson, a native of Scotland; they have four children—James, Robert, Samuel and Mary J. Mr. Young has about 600 acres of land.

TOWN OF COURTLAND.

HENRY W. ACKERMAN, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. Randolph; born Oct. 28, 1825, in the town of Franklin, Susquehanna Co., Penn.; son of Isaac and Elizabeth Ackerman, natives of Westchester Co., N. Y.; when 13 years of age, Henry commenced working at brickmaking and followed it in Susquehanna Co. till he was 21, then went to Connecticut and followed same business at Waterbury till September, 1855; he then came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Courtland, where he has since resided. Was married, Dec. 31, 1849, to Louisa Peck, who died March 2, 1874, aged 39, leaving two children—Ella A., born Oct. 8, 1853, now Mrs. Charles W. Hinchliff, of Appleton, Wis., and Calvin Leroy, born Feb. 27, 1864, living with his father. Was married second time, Nov. 2, 1864, to Mrs. Maryette Tobey, daughter of Dennis and Eunice Wait; she was born Aug. 30, 1831, in the town of Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., and was first married Dec. 25, 1849, in Jefferson Co., to Franklin C. Tobey, who came to Wisconsin in 1851, and died Oct. 21, 1863, aged 37, leaving three children—Charles O., born Jan. 13, 1853, lives in the town of Courtland; Harlow D., born Dec. 13, 1859, and Frank C., born Sept. 26, 1863, both living with their mother and stepfather; Nettie L. Tobey died Aug. 22, 1855, aged 3 years. By his second marriage, Mr. Ackerman has one child—Myron W., born May 15, 1871. Mrs. Ackerman is a member of the M. E. Church. He has 160 acres in his farm, and is a Republican.

JAMES H. BELL, farmer, Sec. 24; P. O. Randolph; was born in New Bedford, Lawrence Co. (formerly Mercer), Penn.; son of John Bell, who is still living in Pennsylvania, aged 85. James H. left home when 16 years old, came to Wisconsin and lived in Grant Co. some time, then went to Sauk Co. and still owns two farms there; was one of the first settlers in that county and helped survey it. When the Mexican war broke out, he enlisted in the 2d Dragoons, participated in a number of battles and was with Gen. Scott when he entered the City of Mexico. For the last thirty-five years, he has been a pilot on the Mississippi River a good share of the time. He was married in Magnolia, Rock Co., Wis., Dec. 7, 1854, to Sarah P. Townshend, who was born in Covington, Genesee Co., N. Y., March 24, 1835, daughter of Abel B. Townshend, a native of Windsor Co., Vt.; he died in Mercer Co., Penn.; Mrs. Townshend is still living in the town of Courtland, aged 69. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have six children living—Nettie M., John T., William J., Cora R., James W. and Frank E.; have lost three—Mary J., was married to Geo. Hardy, of Fountain Prairie, Nov. 23, 1875, and died April 5, 1876, aged 19; James H. T., was accidentally killed, Dec. 16, 1862, by a barrel of ashes falling on him, and George Emory, was also accidentally killed Jan. 6, 1876, aged 5 years, by falling while at play and running a stick in his mouth. Mrs. Bell's great-uncle, John Townshend, of Vermont, has twenty-four children, all living when last heard from. Mrs. Bell thinks herself, her husband and little girl were the first passengers on the M. & St. P. R. R. from Kilbourn City to Randolph. Her mother, Mrs. Townshend's, maiden name was Mary M. Tarrington. Mr. Bell has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity about thirteen years.

GEORGE M. BENNETT, farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Randolph; born Aug. 20, 1836, in Jefferson Co., N. Y.; son of James Bennett, who came to Wisconsin in 1839 and lived in the vicinity of Milwaukee till July, 1847, then came to Columbia Co. and settled in the town of Courtland on Sec. 14; his mother's name was Elizabeth McMillan; she died in Courtland of consumption in June, 1851, aged 49, leaving fourteen children (two of them by a former husband); his father married again and is

living in Kansas. When 20 years of age, George N. went to learn the joiner's trade and worked at that business nine years, then bought the farm he now owns and has followed farming ever since; has 235 acres of land. Was married, Jan. 21, 1864, to Samantha R. Sheffer, who was born March 13, 1846, in Morrow Co., Ohio; her parents started to Wisconsin when she was 5 years old, and her father died on the journey; her mother is now Mrs. Allen Gould, of Courtland, and is again a widow. Mr. Bennett has been Chairman of his town four years, Side Supervisor several years, and is now President of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of the town of Courtland. Has three children—Allison E., Frank H. and Nellie E., all living at home. Both members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Bennett has been Steward and Trustee in the church for thirteen years; Republican.

GEORGE H. BEYER, hardware merchant, of the firm of Woodard & Beyer, Cambria; was born Oct. 20, 1850, in Buffalo, N. Y., son of George and Catharine Beyer, natives of the German province of Alsace. His father died in the winter of 1863. In 1867, he came to Wisconsin and lived in Columbia Co. one summer, then returned to Buffalo and lived there two years; he then came West again, and was employed as clerk in Portage City about a year, part of the time in a dry-goods store, and a part of the time in flour and feed store; he then went to learn the tinsmith's trade when 19 years old, and has made Columbia Co. his home ever since, but during the time has worked in the States of Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. In January, 1878, he formed a partnership in the hardware, stove and tinware business with L. Woodard, under the firm name of Woodard & Beyer, in which business he still continues. Mr. Beyer's brother came West with him on his second visit to Wisconsin, and is now living in Cambria with him. He is unmarried.

PETER BICKELHAUPT, grain and lumber dealer, of the firm of Myers & Bickelhaupt, Cambria; was born Dec. 18, 1839, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Peter and Mary (Metzger) Bickelhaupt, who came to America when he was only 1½ years old, and settled in New York City, and followed gardening and the milk business for about twelve years; Peter, Jr., came to Wisconsin in 1857, and worked on a farm for two years; then returned to New York for his parents, who came to Cambria with him, and he, in company with his father, started the first brickyard in Cambria, which was in 1859, and run it about two years; he then worked for John ap Jones, buying wheat, until Nov. 10, 1863, at which time he was married in Cambria to Dorothy Weisel, daughter of Conrad Weisel, a native of Germany; he then started a confectionery and toy store in Cambria, where he continued in the business until 1870, then sold out; he then bought a stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., and ran a general store until 1872, then sold out again and removed to Austin, Minn., and started a wholesale soda and mineral water factory, the first in Austin; in the fall of 1875, he returned to Cambria and went into partnership with D. D. Jones in a general store, in which he remained till April, 1879; then formed a partnership in the business in which he is now engaged. He has five children—William G., Annie M., Mary, Emma and Ida. He has been on the Village Board six or seven years, and was a Justice of the Peace for two years; he is a straight Democrat in politics.

LEWIS BROWN, farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Randolph; born June 2, 1805, in Orange Co., N. Y., son of Daniel and Susannah Brown. He was married, Nov. 9, 1829, in Orange Co., to Elizabeth Greer, who was born Oct. 10, 1811, daughter of James and Mary Greer. Mr. Brown came to Wisconsin in 1846, and lived in Dodge Co., near Fox Lake, till the spring of 1847; then located in the town of Courtland on the farm he now owns; he has 179 acres, worth about \$6,000. Has been Supervisor two terms, and has always followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have raised a family of twelve children, all living—the oldest, Harriet E., is now Mrs. E. W. Cady, of Cerro Gordo Co., Iowa; Daniel, in Leadville. Hiram L. and Oscar in Blue Earth Co., Minn.; Mary Frances, now Mrs. Wallace Griffin, of Denver, Colo.; Emaline, now Mrs. Theodore Griffin, also of Denver; Benjamin W. lives in Eau Claire, Wis.; Luzern in Beaver Dam, Wis.; Lucinda is Mrs. Charles Coulter, of Courtland; George T. is traveling for a boot and shoe firm of Milwaukee (Atkins, Ogden & Co.); Emma is now Mrs. Frank Rust; her husband is in the employ of the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., and Sarah E., the youngest, is still at home. Mr. Brown, although nearly 75 years of age, reads and writes without glasses; has carried on his farm himself till the last two years. Both are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a Republican.

OWEN CORDY, farmer, Sec. 32; P. O. Cambria; born Aug. 16, 1839, in Gloucestershire, England; son of I. D. Cordy, who came to America in the spring of 1851, and located in the town of Scott, Columbia Co., Wis.; his family came the next fall, and the next spring they went to the town of Randolph and lived one year; then lived nine years in Springvale, and in the spring of 1861, came to the town of Courtland; Mrs. Cordy died April 4, 1876, aged 75 years, and Mr. Cordy is still living with his son, Owen, aged 79. Owen Cordy was first married to Sarah Mapson, who died in November, 1872, aged 23, leaving one child; was married again Dec. 25, 1874, to Mary Russell, daughter of John Russell,

of Sussex, Menasha Co., Wis., and has two children by the second marriage—Walter J. and Franklin R. Mr. Cordy has 230 acres of land; is a Republican, and now holds the office of Supervisor. Both are Episcopalians.

PATRICK CHESTNUT (deceased); one of the pioneers of Columbia Co.; was born in the North of Ireland, in County Donegal, March 17, 1789; son of John and Sarah Montgomery Chestnut, natives of Scotland; he came to America in 1819, and engaged as clerk in the wholesale hardware store of Henry C. Delevan, of Albany, N. Y., where he remained over three years. April 12, 1822, he was married in Albany to Elizabeth Schermerhorn, who was born Feb. 22, 1800, in the city of Hudson, N. Y.; daughter of Abram Schermerhorn, whose father, John, came from Amsterdam, Holland, and was one of the many wealthy Hollanders who were the first to settle along the Hudson River, between Albany and New York; immediately after his marriage, Mr. Chestnut removed to New York City, and engaged in the wholesale hardware trade, which he continued till 1836; then removed to the city of Hudson, where he lived about five years; in 1841, he started West; came as far as Great Bend, Penn., remaining there till 1844; then on to Wisconsin; he first located in Trenton, Dodge Co., and lived there about two years; then sold out, and bought 400 acres of land in Courtland, Columbia Co., when there were but few families in the town; here he resided till his death, which occurred Nov. 24, 1878, of pneumonia; although nearly 90 years of age at the time of his death, Mr. Chestnut had the appearance of a man of 60, his form erect, and his mind as active as ever; he retained all his faculties till the last; he was a cheerful, generous, public-spirited man, taking a lively interest in politics and everything pertaining to the general welfare of mankind. Was a member of the Episcopal Church, and a Republican; in Ireland, he was in the coast trade, and owned a stock-farm of about 1,500 acres; when young, he was in the English army, belonging to the cavalry branch of the service, and his old English sword is still kept in the family; he had a remarkable business talent, but never became a first-class farmer; could scarcely manage a team when harnessed, but was at home in the saddle, and, when 70 years of age, could place his hands on the back of a horse and jump into the saddle with ease. Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut have had eight children, five of whom are living—John T. lives in California; Alexander P. and Mrs. James Lang live in Cambria, Wis.; Wm. S. and Anna Maria living on the homestead with their mother, on Sec. 3; P. O. Randolph.

JOHN. W. DAVIS, farmer, Sec. 19; P. O. Cambria; was born in Merionethshire, North Wales, Dec. 30, 1842; son of Wm. Davis, who came to America in 1851; lived in Green Lake Co. about a year, and then removed to Springvale, Columbia Co.; he is now living with his son (the subject of this sketch); his mother, Eleanor (Jones) Davis, died in May, 1871, in Springvale; John W. went to Colorado in the spring of 1868, and followed mining and teaming there for three years, returning home in 1871. Nov. 27, 1872, he was married in Courtland to Eleanor Hughes, daughter of Hugh R. Hughes, the present Treasurer of Courtland, who came from the same place as Mr. Davis, in 1851. Mr. Davis has three children—Maggie Ellen, born Sept. 23, 1873; Wm. Centennial, born Oct. 18, 1876, and Mary, born March 18, 1880. He is a Republican, and has held the office of School District Treasurer. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN W. DAVIS, farmer, Sec. 19; P. O. Randolph; was born in Denbighshire, North Wales; came to America in 1848, and lived seven years in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; then, in 1855, came to Wisconsin, and has lived in the town of Courtland most of the time since. Was married in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1849, to Phebe Humphrey, from the same place he was; has five children—Wm. J., born Feb. 15, 1851; Catharine J., Feb. 54, 1853; Mary Ann, Oct. 26, 1861; Margeret Ellen, Aug. 15, 1865, and Hannah Elizabeth, Nov. 24, 1870. He is a Republican, and both are members of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Ann Humphrey, is now living with them; she is in her 72d year.

THOMAS A. DAVIS, blacksmith, Cambria; was born March 19, 1842, in South Wales; son of Thomas Davis, who went to North Wales when Thomas, Jr., was only 1 year old; when 18 years of age, Thomas went to learn the blacksmith's trade, of his cousin, John Jones, and worked in Wales and Liverpool, and Chester, England, till the spring of 1877; he then came to America, settled in Cambria and has carried on business here since in partnership with his brother, Edwin Davis; shop is on the south side of Main street, just west of the Cambria House. Was married, Oct. 18, 1871, in Portage, to Jane Jones, daughter of Robert M. Jones, a native of North Wales, and now living on a farm in Courtland; have three boys—Robert Thomas, Elmer and Edgar; lost one girl—Winnifred, died at the age of 1½ years. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Methodist Church; he is a Republican.

THOMAS W. DAVIS, farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Randolph; born May 14, 1830, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales; son of Wm. Davis; he came to America in 1853, and settled in Utica, N. Y., where he lived four years. Was married there, June 17, 1856, to Mary, daughter of Humphrey Rees, a

native of Montgomeryshire, North Wales; she was born April 22, 1829; in the spring of 1857, he went to Dubuque, Iowa; lived there till fall, then came to Wisconsin and settled in Cambria, where he worked at stone-cutting five years; then worked a farm on shares two years, near Columbus, and in the spring of 1865, removed to his present location, where he has 163 acres of land; has eight children—David, John D., Elizabeth, Rachel E., Mary, Nellie, William and Thomas, all born in the town of Courtland, except David, who was born in Utica, N. Y.; they are all living at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and six of the older children are members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church; he once held the office of Clerk of the School District, and is a Republican. The name of the farm on which he was born in Wales was "Cedrun."

HUMPHREY O. EVANS (deceased); was born in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, May 3, 1815; son of Owen Evans; his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Jones; came to America in 1849, landing in New York June 12; came direct to Wisconsin and lived a few months in Marquette; then came to the town of Courtland, and, in the fall of 1851, bought the farm on Sec. 16, where he resided till his death, March 6, 1869, of typhoid pneumonia. He had been a member of the Welsh Methodist Church 29 years. He was married, Jan. 8, 1841, in Wales, to Bridget, daughter of Evan Robert Evans; her mother's maiden name was Jane Evans; left ten children living—Owen H., lives in Cambria; Jane A., is now Mrs. Hugh Lewis, of Washington, D. C.; Bridget H., Evan R.; Lizzie A., now Mrs. John Ketcham, of the town of Courtland; Ellen A., Margaret E., Mary Jane, Annie J. and Martha Ellen; they lost one son—Richard, died in 1842, in infancy; four of these—Evan R., Mary Jane, Annie J. and Martha Ellen—are living on the homestead with their mother. P. O. Cambria.

REV. REES EVANS, Sec. 6; P. O. Cambria; was born Oct. 24, 1817; in Cardigan-shire, South Wales; son of Roderick and Catherine (Jones) Evans; Mr. Evans spent his early life on his father's farm, except when at school, till he was 24 years of age; in the fall of 1842, he came to America and settled in Racine, Wis.; he spent the first few years of his residence there in the mercantile business, in the hardware line; in the fall of 1848, he entered the ministry in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, but was not ordained till October, 1852; he removed to Chicago in 1853, and for four years was Pastor of the only Welsh church in that city; he then accepted a call from the Welsh Church of Cambria, and remained with them till July, 1879, being their first and only Pastor up to that time; he then resigned, for the purpose of visiting Europe, but, on account of sickness in his family, postponed the trip. Mr. Evans was married, in October, 1843, to Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Owen and Eleanor Jones, who came from Carnarvonshire, North Wales, in 1842, when she was about 20 years of age; have had seven children in all five of whom are still living—Mary J., Nellie, Katie (now Mrs. Richard D. Jones), of Courtland, Lizzie and Maggie; have lost two boys—Robert, died in 1852, aged 1 year, and Roderick, who died in August, 1847, at Virginia City, Nev., aged 32 years, leaving a wife to whom he had been married only one year; her maiden name was Jennie Evans. The daughters are all living at home, except the one married.

CONRAD FUHRING, farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Randolph; was born July 28, 1808, in Westphalia, Prussia, village of Bovenburg; came to America in the summer of 1856, and settled on the farm he now owns, and where he has since resided; has 80 acres of land, worth about \$2,000. Was married in 1836, in Prussia, to Gertrude Ruska, who was born same place as her husband, May 14, 1811; daughter of Conrad Ruska; have five children—Margaret (now Mrs. Jacob Heidt), of Los Angeles, Cal.; Anton lives in Humboldt Co., Cal.; Berndina (now Mrs. Fred Bickelhaupt), of the town of Rancolph, Columbia Co.; Joseph, living on the homestead with his parents, and Helen (now Mrs. August Bischoff), of Portage Co., Wis.; have lost four—Ludwig, Caroline, John and Sophia. Catholics; Republican.

JOHN A. GILMORE, farmer, Sec. 4; P. O. Randolph; born in Washington Co., N. Y., March 3, 1817; was married in 1840, in Jefferson Co., N. Y., to Rachel Livingston, who was born March 12, 1823, in Jefferson Co., N. Y.; daughter of Daniel Livingston. Mr. Gilmore came West with his family in the fall of 1843, and lived in Waukesha Co. till 1847, then came to Columbia Co., and has lived in the town of Courtland ever since; has 154 acres of land, valued at about \$6,000. Has five children—Abram L., lives in Randolph Village; Hiram, in the town of Courtland; Jane (now Mrs. Hiram Willard), of Courtland; Alice (now Mrs. Charles Toby), living on the homestead, and Charles Henry, at home with his parents. Members of the M. E. Church; Republican. Mr. Gilmore was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Courtland, there being only about a dozen families in the town when he came.

NATHAN GRIFFIN (deceased), one of the earliest settlers of the town of Courtland, was born in November, 1788, in East Haddam, Conn.; son of John and Huldah Griffin. He was married Nov. 17, 1813, in his native town, to Sarah B. Gallup, who was born Feb. 6, 1794, in New London Co.

Conn., daughter of Capt. Gardner Gallup. Mr. Griffin came to Wisconsin in 1845, and settled in what is now the town of Courtland, where he resided till his death, which occurred Aug. 28, 1860, leaving ten children living at the time of his death—John Gardner, Sarah Ann, Edwin B., Betsey B., Henry C., Albert N., Carlos, Phebe S., Wallace F., George C. and Theodore. Mr. Griffin was one of the first Commissioners of Columbia Co., and was Supervisor and Chairman of his town; was a Major in an enlisted military company in Connecticut and a soldier in the war of 1812, for which his widow now receives a pension. John G. Griffin was born Oct. 30, 1815, in East Haddam, Conn.; was married March 27, 1841, to Ursula Mack, who was born Oct. 15, 1824; he came to Wisconsin in 1857, and now resides on the farm formerly owned by his father; his mother, at the age of 86, is now living with him. He was a member of the Assembly in the Legislature of 1876, in Wisconsin, and was once a candidate for the same office in Connecticut, on the Free-soil ticket; has also been a Justice of the Peace in Connecticut. He has three children—Kate, Jane and Edith; Kate was born in Connecticut, on the same farm where her father, grandfather and great-grandfather were born. He has 320 acres of land; is a Republican; both are members of the Methodist Church.

ALLEN GOULD (deceased); was born Dec. 12, 1825, in the town of Clayton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; son of Henry and Elizabeth Gould. He was first married, Oct. 27, 1847, to Jane Lee, who died Dec. 4, 1849, aged 22, leaving one child, Henrietta, who is now Mrs. Thomas C. Kune, of Waukesha Co., Wis. He was married the second time, Nov. 25, 1852, to Mrs. Alma Sheffer, daughter of Hiram and Betsy Channel; she was born April 2, 1825, in Richland Co., Ohio, and was married Oct. 5, 1843, to Henry Sheffer, who died July 12, 1857, aged 32, leaving one daughter, Samantha (now Mrs. George M. Bennett), of the town of Courtland. Mr. Gould came to Wisconsin with his mother and step-father, James Bennett, who settled in the town of Courtland, in July, 1847; in the fall of 1855, he went on the farm now occupied by his widow and son, Charles W., on Secs. 13 and 14, and resided there till his death, which occurred April 11, 1863, of smallpox; he left four children by the second marriage—Charles W., who was born Sept. 5, 1854, and married Jan. 27, 1879, to Anna L. Link, born March 17, 1855, living on the homestead; Mary M. (now Mrs. W. J. Chapman), of Davidson Co., Dakota; Frank Herbert, died April 22, 1863, aged nearly 2 years, and Jennie Luella, the 28th of the same month, aged 1½ years, both of smallpox; William Henry died Sept. 3, 1853, in infancy. Mr. Gould had been an active member of the Methodist Church since 1850, and had been Steward a number of years; was for a long time Sabbath-school Superintendent, and took a lively interest in all educational matters. He lived a consistent Christian life, and enjoyed the full confidence of his neighbors and associates. The homestead consists of 100 acres of land, occupied by Charles W. and his mother; P. O. Randolph.

G. G. HOPKINS, farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Randolph; born Jan. 29, 1821, in Windsor Co., Vt. Was married, Dec. 3, 1843, to Alzina M. Boyden, who was born Jan. 13, 1818, in Pomfret, Vt., daughter of Otis Boyden. Mr. Hopkins learned the carpenter's trade before he attained his majority, and worked at it about twenty years in Vermont; came to Wisconsin in 1862; located on the farm he now owns, and has followed farming ever since; has 140 acres of land, with good buildings and well stocked. Has two children—Squire E. (who married Mary Bergman, of Galena, Ill., and now lives in Wichita, Kan.), and Alphon W. (who married Flora Beebe, of Courtland, and lives on the homestead). Republican, first, last and all the time.

JAMES I. HOPKINS, farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Cambria; was born in Gloucestershire, England, Nov. 12, 1843; his father, Thomas O. Hopkins, came to America in the spring of 1851, and his family came the next fall; they came direct to Columbia Co., Wis., and lived in the town of Scott one winter; then in Randolph two or three years; then two years in Courtland, and back to Scott two years, and three years in Springvale; in 1861, came to the town of Courtland, and has lived there since. James I. was married March 9, 1871, to Anna Cornford, who was born Jan. 9, 1850, in Columbia Co., daughter of John and Mary Ann Cornford, natives of England, who came to America in 1840. Mr. Hopkins has three children—James Eugene, Robert Nelson and Henrietta. He has 80 acres of land; is a Republican.

THOMAS O. HOPKINS, farmer, Sec. 32; P. O. Cambria; was a son of William and Ann Hopkins, natives of England, who had been staying a short time in Wales, and he was born at a hotel in Wales, while on their return trip to England; his parents were born and lived in Wiltshire, and he was christened in Lee Church. Was married in Brinkworth Church in March, 1842, to Ann Collingborn, who was born Nov. 18, 1818, in the parish of Brinkworth, in Wiltshire, England, daughter of Isaac Collingborn; her mother's name was Mary (Dyer) Clark. Mr. Hopkins came to America in the spring of 1851, and his family came the next fall, and has lived in Columbia Co., Wis., ever since. Have eight children, of whom four, viz., William Thomas, James Isaac, John Nathaniel and Thomas Cornelius, were born in Edgeworth, Gloucestershire, England; Mary Elizabeth (now Mrs. Wm. R. Jones, of Courtland),

was born in Brinkworth, England, soon after her father came to America; Ann P. (now Mrs. Ennis Huff, of Courtland) and Robert Caleb were born in Randolph, Wis.; and Leonard Washington, born in Springvale, Wis., and named Washington after the vessel in which his father came to America; lost three children, one in England and two in America—all died in infancy; John N. and Robert C. went to England in December, 1876; Robert came back in May, 1877, and John the next August. Mr. Hopkins was a "master farmer" in England and in good circumstances, but lost his property by a dry summer and a distemper that carried off his stock, and when he arrived in Wisconsin had but four dollars and fifty cents left; he now owns 592 acres of good farm land, which, with the stock, is worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000; when he first came to America, he thought it a disgrace to work on the highway, as none but paupers did that kind of work in England, but became reconciled to it when he learned it was the custom here. His family came over on the Queen of the West, he came on the Washington, both American vessels; the Washington had 1,010 passengers on board when she left Liverpool; had three deaths and three births on the passage, and was six weeks and two days making the trip to New York. Mr. Hopkins is a Republican.

DAVID G. HOWELLS, farmer, Sec. 19; P. O. Cambria; born Feb. 15, 1820, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales; came to America in 1845, and lived near Utica, N. Y., a couple of months, then came to Wisconsin in the fall and settled in Columbus, lived there two years, then one year in Dodgeville, Iowa Co., where he was married, Sept. 17, 1848, to Margaret Owens, a native of Carnarvonshire, North Wales, daughter of Owen Owens, who came to America in 1846, and settled in Springvale. Immediately after marriage Mr. Howells returned to Columbus, lived there six months, then came to Columbia Co. and lived in Springvale four years. In the spring of 1852, he came to Courtland, where he has since resided; has eight children—Kate (now Mrs. Hugh Owens, of Springvale); Griffith D., Robert R., David R., John R., Ben R., Jennie W. and Maggie Ellen (all living at home except Kate and Robert, who live in Minneapolis.) Both are members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church, of which he has been a Deacon eight years. He has 410 acres of land in his farm; he is a Republican.

MIL O HUFF, farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Randolph; born June 2, 1821, in Orleans Co., N. Y.; son of Richard and Hannah Huff; he spent his early life on his father's farm, and was educated at the district school, except one term at the Albion Academy. At the age of 22, he spent one winter in Canada, then back to Orleans Co., one summer; then to Michigan and Indiana, then back to New York a few months and then to Illinois; in December, 1846, he came to Wisconsin and stayed a few weeks, in what is now the town of Courtland, then returned to Illinois and spent one summer, and in the fall of 1847, again came to Wisconsin and bought the land he now owns and where he has since resided. He married Nov. 15, 1850, Caroline M. Kenfield, who was born Oct. 13, 1830, in Windham Co., Vt., daughter of Elias and Susannah (Streeter) Kenfield. Mr. Huff, has four children—Ennis E., Estella E., Chauncey Alonzo and Irwin E. (all at home except Ennis E., who is married). He has a farm of 200 acres; has been raising grain mostly, but is now working into stock. The first school in District No. 4, was taught in his old log house, and Elizabeth Alwood was the teacher. Mrs. Huff is a member of the M. E. Church; he is a Republican.

JAMES INGLEHART, retired farmer, Cambria; was born Oct. 16, 18—, in the town of Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., removed to Ohio in 1835, and lived in that State (most of the time in Ashtabula Co.) till the fall of 1845, then went to Boone Co., Ill., and in the spring of 1846, came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Scott, where he now owns a 160-acre farm on Sec. 12. He resided on the farm till December, 1877, then came to Cambria and went into business with his son Almon, in a grocery and restaurant. When he came from Illinois, he moved with ox teams and was a week on the road; there was then only one house in what is now Cambria, and a saw-mill just started; there were only about half a dozen families in the town of Scott. He was married, June 16, 1836, in Lake Co., Ohio, to Rosina Streeter, a daughter of Truman Streeter, a native of Massachusetts; has six children—Clarissa (now Mrs. William Bullock, of Chickasaw Co., Iowa); Almon (living in Cambria); Edward (married and living on the homestead in the town of Scott); Mary, Almira, and Susan (living with parents in Cambria). Mr. Inglehart was a son of Henry Inglehart, whose father came from Germany, as Governor of the province of New Jersey; served through the Revolutionary war, and was accompanied by his son Henry, during the last four years of the war; Henry was only 14 years old when the war closed; he was in Washington's army most of the time. Mr. Inglehart was Justice of the Peace four years, Assessor, three or four years, and has been Treasurer and Collector; Republican in politics. Almon Inglehart was born Aug. 24, 1848, in the town of Scott, Columbia Co., Wis., and remained on his father's farm till 21 years of age, then went to farming for himself, which he followed till the spring of 1877; Feb. 1, 1878, went into business in Cambria, in restaurant and fancy groceries; was burned out April 26, 1879, but rebuilt in the fall following, and in January, 1880, took his father (James Inglehart) in with him as a partner; their place of

business is on the south side of Main street, in Cambria. He was married in 1872, to Mary Lovell, of Marcellon, daughter of Barney Lovell.

JOB A. JESS (deceased) was one of the first settlers in the town of Courtland; he was a native of Nova Scotia, and came to Wisconsin in 1836 or '37; lived in Walworth Co. till 1845, then came to Columbia Co. and settled in the town of Courtland, but, being unmarried, spent a good deal of his time away, being in California from 1852 till 1858. June 8, 1872, he was married in Columbus, Wis., to Eliza Goodwin, daughter of Thomas and Jane Goodwin, who were among the oldest settlers of Dodge Co. After marriage, Mr. Jess resided on his farm on Sec. 11, till his death, which occurred Jan. 7, 1878, from injuries received a few days previous, by his team taking fright and running away with a load of lumber, while he was driving them. He was a son of J. L. P. Jess, who came from Nova Scotia to Wisconsin in 1845, and died in the town of Courtland, in January, 1879, in the 93d year of his age. Job Jess left a widow and one child, Albert A., born March 7, 1876. Mrs. Jess occupies the homestead, 240 acres. P. O. Randolph.

DAVID D. JONES, merchant, Cambria; was born July 29, 1836, in Cardiganshire, South Wales; son of David Jones, of Waukesha, Wis., who came to America and Wisconsin in 1846, when David D. was only 9 or 10 years of age, and has lived in Waukesha since that time; David D. remained on the farm with his father till he was 20 years old, then went sailing on the lakes one year; in July, 1860, he came to Cambria, and engaged in buying wheat, in which business he continued till 1868, then went into the mercantile business, which he still follows. Was married Oct. 22, 1866, in Milwaukee, to Miss Maggie Roberts, daughter of Rev. Wm. E. Roberts, now living in the village of Randolph; has three children—Minnie, Willie D. and Kittie E. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Jones Presbyterian, and is a Republican.

EVAN O. JONES, general agent for Minneapolis Harvester Works, Cambria; was born March 24, 1830, in Denbighshire; North Wales; son of Richard Jones, of whom mention is made in the biography of Elias B. Williams; he was 15 years of age when his father came to Cambria, where his early life was spent; in 1852, he went across the plains to California, being three and half months making the trip from the Missouri River to Sacramento; he spent about two years in the mines, then clerked a short time, and finally went into business for himself, keeping a general store till the spring of 1856; he then came home and engaged in selling lumber and farm machinery, which he continued about ten years; the next ten years he spent in several different kinds of business, farming included, and for the last four years has been traveling as general agent for farm machinery. Was married in January, 1857, to Mary Ann Roberts, daughter of Robert ap Roberts, a native of Denbighshire, North Wales; has three children—Richard E. O., Sarah A. and Mary R. Has held the office of Chairman of Supervisors and Clerk of the Town several years, was President of the village five years, and has been Village Clerk, Justice of the Peace and Police Justice; was a member of the Assembly in 1866-67, and of the Senate in 1873-74; he drafted the village charter of Cambria, and introduced it in the Assembly of 1866, and was the first President of the village. In politics, is Republican. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. Jones has one sister in Cambria, Mrs. E. B. Williams; has had four brothers, of whom three are living—John R., in town of Cumberland; Daniel R., is an architect in Madison, Wis., and Owen E., in Minneapolis; Wm. R. died in Neenah, Wis.

GRIFFITH S. JONES, farmer, Sec. 2; P. O. Randolph; was born in Anglesey, Wales, in the village of Llanerch-y-medd; came to America in 1858, from Liverpool, England, where he had resided for twenty-four years; arrived in New York May 24, and came direct to Wisconsin; lived first in Springvale, Fond du Lac Co., and in the fall of 1860 removed to Courtland, Columbia Co., where he still resides. Was married, Jan. 28, 1842, in Liverpool, England, to Jane Williams, who was born May 6, 1810, in the same county as her husband in the parish of Bodedeyrn, daughter of Joseph Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have five children—Joseph S., born in Liverpool, England, now lives in Milwaukee, Wis.; Jane S., now Mrs. Richard Griffiths, of Randolph; Samuel, Griffith and William S.; the last four born in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England; Griffith is married and lives in Randolph Village; Samuel and Wm. S. on the homestead with parents; in 1878, Wm. S. took a trip to Europe, leaving New York Sept. 26, arrived in Liverpool Oct. 5, spent the winter in traveling through England and Wales, left Liverpool for home May 20, 1879, and arrived in New York May 30. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Welsh Congregational Church. Mr. Jones and all his sons are Republicans.

JOHN D. JONES, farmer, Cambria; was born Sept. 7, 1836, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, near Conwery; son of David Jones (whose father's name was John Rowlands); his father died when he was only 7 or 8 years of age, and his mother (Sydnah Jones) came to America with her three children in 1848, and soon after she came, settled in Springvale, Columbia Co., Wis.; she is now living

with her son John D., at the advanced age of 78 years, and in good health; her daughter Catharine died Dec. 6, 1861, in Springvale, aged 23; and David died Jan. 20, 1866, aged 31. John D. was married July 2, 1878, in Cambria, to Mary Breese, daughter of Edward Breese, and sister of Lieut. Breese, Ex-Secretary of State; has one child—David Breese, born Oct. 5, 1879 (and named March 17, 1880, while this biography was being written up). Mr. Jones held the offices of Treasurer, Side Supervisor and Chairman of the town of Springvale. Has a 160-acre farm in Springvale, on Sec. 27; 160 acres in the town of Arlington, Sec. 10, and 120 acres in Macon Co., Mo. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Republican.

JOHN AP JONES, farmer and grain dealer, Cambria; residence and farm on Sec. 5; was born Oct. 15, 1822, in Merionethshire, North Wales; son of John Daniel Jones; he came to America in 1846, and arrived in Racine about the 1st of September; was in the mercantile business there two years; he then returned to Wales, being gone about a year; in the fall of 1849, went into the mercantile business in Cambria (then called Florence), continued in that about a year, then went into the milling business, and, since 1860, has been engaged in buying grain, stock, &c. Was married in 1849, in the town of Springvale, to Miss Ellen Evans, daughter of Robert Evans, who died in Wales; her mother died in Cambria. Mr. Jones has six children—Robert E. (in company with his father in the grain business); John D. (buying wheat in Randolph); Richard ap (at home); Mary, Susan and Ellen; has lost four—John died when 1½ years old; Jane died same age; David died at the age of 13, and one died in infancy. Mrs. Jones is a Calvinistic Methodist, and he is a Presbyterian and Republican.

ROBERT J. JONES, farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Randolph; born in North Wales in 1820; came to America in 1849 and settled in Lewis Co., N. Y.; lived there until 1859, then came to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Courtland, where he has since resided. Was married, Oct. 10, 1862, to Ann Hughes, who was born in 1834, in Wales; daughter of Charles and Barbara Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have five children—Barbara, John, Charles, Margaret and Robert, all living with parents. Has 80 acres of land, and in politics, Independent.

RICHARD O. JONES, M. D., Cambria; was born July 14, 1850, in the town of Springvale, Columbia Co., Wis.; son of Owen G. and Ann (Roberts) Jones, natives of Carnarvonshire, North Wales. The name of his farm in Wales and Springvale is "Hendref." Richard read medicine with Dr. O. W. Blanchard, of Delavan, Wis., after being in the drug business in Cambria for six years as clerk in the store of his brother Griffith O. Jones; was also clerk in the store of Dr. G. W. Briggs in Delavan, for about a year and a half; he then went into the drug business on his own account in Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., in company with James Roberts, firm name "Roberts & Jones," also practiced there about two years; he then attended Ann Arbor University, Mich., one full term, and went from there to the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, and graduated June 19, 1876, and commenced practice at Cambria the July following, where he still continues. Dr. Jones has been awarded prizes by the "Eisteddfod," (a Welsh literary society), for the following poems: "Paul in the presence of Agrippa," "Solomon," "Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah," and several other poems; his nom de plume is "Elewinfard," which is the Welsh for "Western Poet."

WILLIAM AP JONES, depot agent, telegraph operator and express agent, Cambria, and a member of the firm of "Williams & Jones," who own the only grist-mill in Cambria; was born in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, June 26, 1833, son of Rev. William J. Jones, who came to America in 1845, and lived in the State of New York, near Utica, one year; in the fall of 1846 he came to Wisconsin, and located on Government land, on what is now the town of Courtland; has 360 acres in his farm, which he has owned thirty-four years, and never had a mortgage on it; he is now living on the farm at the age of 79, and his wife 74, both in good health. William ap Jones remained on the farm with his parents till his marriage, which took place Jan. 31, 1862, in Cambria, to Miss Ann Williams, daughter of Gabriel and Jane Williams, old residents of Cambria; has two children living—John D. and Willie G.; has lost two (twins), died in infancy. After marriage, he worked one year, buying wheat for John ap Jones, and since that time (for seventeen years), has been ticket agent at Cambria for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co. Republican, and himself and wife both members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

REV. WILLIAM J. JONES (Snowden) farmer and preacher, Sec. 19, P. O. Cambria; was born Aug. 15, 1801, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, in the parish of Dalyddelen, son of John and Ellen Jones; worked at farming some when young, was foreman in a quarry for some time and was in the mercantile business twelve years in Wales. He came to America in the fall of 1845, and lived in Rome, N. Y., till July, 1846; then came to Wisconsin and settled on the farm he now occupies; he has been in the ministry in the Calvinistic Methodist Church for fifty-five years, and has preached regularly during

that time, in addition to his other business; still preaches in Welsh, as he has never learned the English language. He is one of the four brothers mentioned in the biography of Elias B. Williams; has preached in Courtland ever since he settled here, and held meetings in his own house till 1860, when Carmel Church was built on his land. He was married in Wales, Dec. 24, 1827, to Ann Griffith, of Carnarvonshire; have had eight children, of whom three only are now living—William ap (whose biography is given in another place), Ellen, born Jan. 7, 1838 (living with her parents), and Richard D., who was born Jan. 25, 1852, on the homestead where he now lives; was married May 2, 1878, to Kate B. Evans, daughter of Rev. Rees Evans of Columbia (see his biography); had one child, born March 21, 1879, and died March 3, 1880 (not named). Both members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church; he is a Republican. William J. Jones has lost five children: John J., was born Dec. 25, 1828; he enlisted at Fulton, Ill., in the 46th Ill. V. L., and went out as Colonel of the regiment; was in the service four and a half years, and when the war closed was a Brigadier General; he died in Chicago Feb. 13, 1868; Ellis E. was born Jan. 13, 1831, and died March 11, 1865; Jane was born Nov. 28, 1841, and died Sept. 10, 1869; Ann was born July 3, 1835 and died March 2, 1855; Mary M. was born May 6, 1847, and died in Wales, Aug. 15, 1872; all the children were born in Wales, except the two youngest. Mr. Jones has 365 acres of land and is a Republican. His brother John Jones (Tal-y-sarn) was considered the most eloquent pulpit orator in Wales, and is known wherever the Welsh language is spoken; another brother, David Jones, (Carnarvon) was also a celebrated preacher, and widely known; both died in Wales.

WILLIAM R. JONES, farmer, Sec. 32; P. O. Randolph; was born Jan. 20, 1844, in North Wales; son of Robert and Martha Jones, who came to America when he was only 6 years old; lived two years in Lewis Co., N. Y.; then came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Courtland; his mother died in September, 1859, and his father is living with him on the farm, which consists of 120 acres of land. Was married Nov. 19, 1872, to Mary Hopkins, who was born in England, daughter of Thomas O. Hopkins, who now lives in the town of Courtland; has three children—Thomas O., Robert M. and William. Is a Republican.

JAMES W. KELLY, merchant, Cambria; was born July 24, 1821, in Jefferson Co., N. Y.; came West in 1854 and lived in Du Page Co., Ill., about a year and a half; then came to Wisconsin and settled in Cambria in the spring of 1856; the next fall, he bought out the general store of Daniel Post, and has carried on the business most of the time since; previous to his moving here, he came to Cambria (in 1855), and bought 40 acres of land on Sec. 31, in Randolph, adjoining the village, and platted about 30 acres of it, which is known as "Kelly's Addition to Cambria." He was appointed Postmaster at Cambria in the fall of 1856, and held the office until the spring of 1863. Was married, Nov. 5, 1844, in Jefferson Co., N. Y., to Isabel Jane Welch, who died Nov. 4, 1863, aged 38, leaving six children—Emma Jane, Mary Amelia, Frances E., Clark W., Ida B. and Minnie H.; had lost two—Charles J. and Carrie H. Was married second time June 17, 1866, in Dekorra, Wis., to Mrs. Fannie W. Irons, daughter of Luther Calvin Eastman, of Indiana, and widow of Francis W. Irons, who died March 28, 1863, in Dekorra, leaving two children—Violettie and F. C. Irons; have had one child by the second marriage—Maud S., died Jan. 21, 1870, aged 4 years. His store is on south side of Main street, and he keeps a general stock of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, crockery, glassware and notions. Is a Republican.

NATHANIEL KETCHUM, farmer, Sec. 20; born Feb. 18, 1816, in Steuben Co., N. Y.; son of James Ketchum, who removed to Orleans Co., N. Y., when he (Nathaniel) was a boy. He was married, Jan. 1, 1845, to Jane Penney, who was born Jan. 20, 1826, in Westmoreland, England; came to America with her parents when 5 years of age. Mr. Ketchum came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1851, and settled in the town of Courtland, on the farm he now owns; has five children, all boys, all voters, and all Republicans; his eldest son, George, was married to Edith Griffin, Nov. 26, 1874, and has one child living—Roy Elwood, and lost one; Lena Alfred (the second son) was married Feb. 27, 1877, to Elizabeth Rust, and has one child—Henry; John (the third son) was married Nov. 27, 1878, to Lizzie Evans; Wellington and Orson Phelps, both living with their parents on the homestead, and those married all living in the town of Courtland.

EVON W. LLOYD, merchant and member of the firm of Thomas & Lloyd, Cambria; was born in Racine, Wis., Jan. 1, 1844; son of John E. Lloyd, a native of Merionethshire, North Wales, who came to America in 1841 or 1842, and lived in Racine till 1846; then came to Caledonia, Columbia Co., and is now living in Howard Co., Iowa. Mr. Lloyd remained on his father's farm in Caledonia till 1860, then engaged as clerk in the dry-goods house of N. H. Wood & Co., of Portage City, till March, 1865; he then went to Fond du Lac, Wis., and clerked for C. J. Pettibone till the last of August, when he returned to Cambria, and, on the 31st of August, 1865, formed a partnership in general merchandising, with H. W. Thomas, which business connection he still continues. He was married in November, 1865,

in Bangor, La Crosse Co., Wis., to Maggie Thomas, daughter of William W. Thomas, and sister of his partner in business; have three children—John T., Willie W. and E. Omen. Mr. Lloyd has been a member of the Village Board several years, and is a Republican. Both members of the Welsh Calvinistic Church.

JOHN J. LEWIS, farmer, Sec. 11; P. O. Randolph; is a native of the State of New York; son of John and Laura Lewis, natives of Wales, who came to Wisconsin, from New York, when he was an infant; his father died April 7, 1877; his mother is still living in Randolph Village. He was married, March 13, 1878, to Mary E. Thomas, daughter of William E. Thomas, who lives in the town of Randolph. Mr. Lewis lived in Dodge Co., near Watertown, till the summer of 1876, then came to Columbia Co.; has 72 acres of land which he bought in 1878; has one child—Walter C., born May 10, 1879. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the Welsh Methodist Church.

JOHN LLOYD, farmer, Sec. 11; P. O. Randolph; born Dec. 14, 1837, in Wales; son of Evon and Catherine (Jones) Lloyd; his father died in Wales when he was 8 years old, and a year after, his mother, with her three children, John, Ann and Catherine, came to America and lived in the State of New York, near Utica, till the spring of 1856; then came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Emmett, Dodge Co., where he made it his home till the fall of 1875, then came to Columbia Co., and bought the farm he now owns in the town of Courtland (160 acres), where he has since resided. Was married, in the fall of 1860, to Catherine Lewis, daughter of John and Laura Lewis, natives of Wales. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 29th W. V. I., Co. B, and was in the service three years, participating in fifteen or sixteen battles and skirmishes, being all in which his regiment was engaged during that time, except one, when he was prevented by a wound he had received at the battle of Port Gibson; was mustered out of service at Shreveport, La., and paid off at Madison, Wis.; after his return from the army, he lived on his farm in the town of Clyman, Dodge Co., till 1875; was Supervisor of the Town and member of Assembly in the Legislature of 1875. Republican, and has nine children—Ann, Mary, John, Laura, Ellen, Evan, Esther, Griffith and Catharine. Mrs. Lloyd is a member of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM LLOYD, farmer, Sec. 2; P. O. Randolph; was born May 5, 1848, in Lewis Co., N. Y., son of John and Sarah Lloyd, natives of Wales, who came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1866, and settled on Sec. 2, in the town of Courtland; now living in the village of Randolph. Dec. 15, 1875, Mr. Lloyd was married to Miss Lizzie Roberts, who was born in New York City, Aug. 8, 1858, daughter of Joshua Roberts, now of Randolph, Wis., and whose biography appears in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are members of the Welsh Methodist Church. He has 62 acres of land which he bought in 1876. Republican.

RANSOM H. MEAD, farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Columbia; was born Feb. 14, 1821, in Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y.; came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1846, to see the country, and settle up the estate of his brother, Henry Mead, who died in August, 1845, which was the first death in the town of Courtland; was here a few weeks and then returned to the East; in the fall of 1848, he again came to Wisconsin, and has resided in the town of Courtland ever since, and followed farming most of the time. Feb. 14, 1865, he enlisted in the 46th W. V. I., Co. D, and remained in the service till October of the same year. Was married, Feb. 14, 1850, in the town of Courtland, to Hannah Conklin, who was born Oct. 18, 1828, in the town of Conklin, Broome Co., N. Y., daughter of Samuel Conklin who came to Wisconsin in 1846, and died in 1863, in Courtland. Mr. Mead is a Republican and has been Chairman of the town of Courtland ten or twelve years and has also been Side Supervisor, Treasurer and Justice of the Peace. Has five children—John F., Maggie C., Samuel C., George S. and Mariette, all living at home; lost one child, Henry, died Dec. 18, 1860, aged 13 months. Mrs. Mead belongs to the M. E. Church.

FREDERICK MILLER, dry-goods clerk, Cambria; was born Feb. 26, 1853, in the town of Leun, in Kreiswetzlar, son of Henry Miller, who came to America in about 1855, located in Columbia Co., and went into the butchering business in Portage City. His family came in 1857, and joined him in Portage. He died in 1859, and his family came to Cambria in 1862; lived here till fall of 1864; then went to Columbus and in the fall of 1869 came back to Cambria; his mother (now Mrs. Christopher Heinz) is still living in the town of Randolph; he has lived in Cambria ever since 1869, except one year in New Orleans, in boarding or coffee house. He was married, Oct. 11, 1877, in Randolph to Lizzie Weisel, who was born May 10, 1856, in Plover, Portage Co., Wis., daughter of George Weisel, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; who came to America in about 1854, and now lives near Kingston, Green Lake Co., Wis. Mr. Miller is a Republican and has been clerking for Thomas & Lloyd, of Cambria, for the last four and a half years.

DAVID D. MORRIS, farmer, Sec. 16; P. O. Cambria; born July 25, 1825, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, son of Robert Davis. His mother's maiden name was Jane Morris, daughter of

Davis Morris, and he was christened David Morris Davis, as shown by the records in the parish of Llan-wddyn, Montgomeryshire; he came to America in 1850, and lived near Utica, N. Y., about seven years; came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1857 or 1858, and settled in the town of Courtland, where he now resides. Was married, March 21, 1860, in Rome, N. Y., to Jane H. Jones, a daughter of Humphrey Jones, a native of Wales; has five children—John D., Margaret D., Jane D., Robert D. and Thomas D., all living at home; has 539 acres in his farm and keeps about 200 head of sheep, 60 head of cattle and 9 horses. He is a Republican and is the present Chairman of the town; was Side Supervisor for about nine years previous to his election as Chairman; and both members of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.

G. D. MYERS, produce and lumber dealer, of the firm of Myers & Bickelhaupt, Cambria, was born Feb. 26, 1839, in Saratoga Co., N. Y. Was married in Troy, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1860, to Miss M. E. Kettell, daughter of John A. Kettell; was engaged in farming in Saratoga Co. till the fall of 1858; then came to Wisconsin, and lived in Waupun, Dodge Co., eight years; was engaged in the butchering business two years, and part of the time was buying wheat, in March, 1867, and has been engaged in the same business ever since; was first a member of the firm of Fairbanks, Stanton & Co., then John ap Jones & Co., Myers & Jones, and now Myers & Bickelhaupt. Has two children—Fred and Daniel. He has been President of the village of Cambria several years, and is now one of the Village Board of Trustees, and in politics a Democrat.

RICHARD E. OWENS, farmer and carpenter, Sec. 6; P. O. Cambria; was born about 1821, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, son of Richard Owens; came to America in 1842, and worked at his trade (that of carpenter and joiner) for ten years in the State of New York, in Utica; in 1852, he came to Wisconsin, and lived a year and a half in Waukesha Co., then came to the town of Courtland, Columbia Co., and settled on the farm where he now resides. His first wife was Mary Davis, a native of Wales, to whom he was married in Utica, N. Y., and who died Sept. 5, 1857, aged 32 years, leaving four children—Charles R., Edward J., Eliza Ann (or Lizzie A.) and Mary Jane, who is now the wife of R. T. Thomas, of Milwaukee. Charles was accidentally killed by his team running away in July, 1868. He was married the second time July 8, 1871, in Cambria, to Mrs. Ann Jones, widow of Richard Jones, who left one child, Lizzie; she is living with her mother and step-father. By his second marriage he has one child, Richard Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Republican.

J. LE ROY PARKINSON, photographer, Cambria, was born Jan. 26, 1851, in the town of Kingston, Marquette Co. (now Green Lake), son of Joseph Parkinson (see his biography). His mother died July 4, 1866, and soon after her death he went to live with Judge F. B. Hawes, of Green Lake Co., where he remained four years, attending school part of the time; in 1869, he went to Missouri with Judge Hawes, and stayed two winters and one summer, then came back to Wisconsin in company with the agree with which he had been acquainted for about eight months in Missouri; in 1871, he went into the photograph business in company with T. Cross, of Marquette, continued with him about four months, and then dissolved partnership, and went to Ripon, Wis., where he was employed as clerk in the dry-goods store of A. N. Anstaed for three or four months; in 1872, he went into the photograph business in Kingston for a short time; then went to Princeton in same business for a year and a half, then sold out and worked for William Lockwood, of Ripon, in the picture business two years; in October, 1877, he came to Cambria and opened a gallery in the brick block, where he carried on business till Dec. 15, 1878, then removed to rooms in Williams' Block, where he still continues business. Jan. 1, 1879, he was married in Hersey, Wis., to Carrie A. Smith, who was born Aug. 1, 1858, in Fond du Lac Co., Wis.

ISAAC PARY, proprietor of the Cambria Hotel, was born in Denbighshire, North Wales, town of Llrithar; son of John Pary, who was a farmer and tried to make an M. D. of his son Isaac, but only succeeded in making a horse doctor. He was married in Wales in May, 1850, to Mary Jane Edwards, daughter of William Edwards; immediately after marriage, he came to America, and lived in Lewis Co., N. Y., between seven and eight years; his first labor there was at mason work, for which he received \$11 per month for four months, and took it in store pay; in the fall of 1857, he came to Wisconsin (a cripple from rheumatism), arriving in Cambria the 25th day of December with a wife and three children, and 25 cents in his pocket; he moved into a cabin twelve feet square, and paid out his last 25 cents for an old log for fire-wood; after paying one man for it, another man (and a wealthy one at that time) came along and laid claim to the log, and actually unhitched his team from the wagon and hauled the log away, but was afterward obliged to return it; he then worked at mason work about three years (having learned the trade in the State of New York), and made about \$4 per day; since that time he has been engaged in horse doctoring, dealing in stock, butchering, etc., and for the last eight years has kept the Cambria Hotel (in addition to his other business), which he has owned and occupied for the last nineteen years, but not

kept as a hotel till the last eight years. He has held the offices of Marshal, Constable and Supervisor. Has seven children—William H., Mary Jane, John D., Tillie, Homer, Minnie and Frankie. He is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Pary died April 9, 1875.

JOSEPH PHILLIPS, farmer, Sec. 34; P. O. Randolph; was born June 6, 1821, in Yorkshire, England, in the parish of Fewston; son of Joseph Phillips. Was married April 28, 1845, in the Parish of Fewston, to Martha Phillips, daughter of James Phillips. He came to America in 1855; came direct to Wisconsin; lived two years in Fountain Prairie, then removed to his present location, where he has since resided. Mrs. Phillips died in Courtland July 17, 1864, leaving four children—Elizabeth (now Mrs. Paul Hanson, of Hall Co., Neb.), Mary Hannah (now Mrs. Augustus Denman, of Nebraska), Samuel (living with Mr. Denman in Nebraska), and Joseph Alfred (at home). Was married the second time, Dec. 25, 1866, to Grace Waterworth, who was born Nov. 29, 1841, daughter of Thomas Waterworth, a native of Yorkshire, England; have three children by the second marriage—Sarah Jane, Andrew and Gracie. Mr. Phillips' mother's name was Mary Dagget, and his grandfather was a Welshman, named Jonathan Phillips; his great-grandmother lived to be over 100 years old. He is a Democrat, and has been Treasurer of the school district nine years. Has 308 acres of land.

JOHN QUINN, farmer, Sec. 32; P. O. Doylestown; was born Feb. 16, 1835, in County Wexford, Ireland, Parish of Gorey. His father died when he was a child, and his mother married Mathew Shirlock; they came to America in 1851. He was married in November, 1855, in Utica, N. Y., to Harriet A. Welter, who was born Sept. 12, 1838, in Herkimer Co., N. Y.; came to Wisconsin immediately after marriage, and settled in Columbia Co.; lived in Lowville three years, and eleven years in Otsego; in the fall of 1869, came to Courtland and bought his present farm; has eight children living—John, James, Dorothy, Mary, Eliza, Kate, Julia and Ellen; have lost two—Martin died in 1868, aged 4, and one died in 1855, in infancy. Has 93 acres of land, and although a Democrat, has been elected Assessor in a town where the Republicans outnumber the Democrats 7 to 1.

JOHN S. RANDALL (deceased), one of the first settlers of the town of Courtland; was born May 17, 1799, in German Flats, Herkimer Co., N. Y. His parents came to Orleans Co., N. Y., when he was about 17; his father died soon after; John S., being the youngest child, remained on the farm with his widowed mother. Was married, May 13, 1821, to Almira Fanning, who was born in Chenango Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1804, daughter of Joshua Fanning. Mr. Randall came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1844, and lived in Walworth Co. two years; then came to Columbia Co. and settled in what is now the town of Courtland, in the spring of 1846, and resided in the same town till his death, which occurred July 20, 1878, in the 80th year of his age. He was for years a Deacon in the Baptist Church, of which himself and wife had been consistent members for upward of fifty-five years. He was an earnest, conscientious, public-spirited man, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and associates. Was Republican in politics, and held several town offices. Mrs. Randall survives him, and, although in her 77th year, her mind seems as active, and her memory as good, as ever. Mr. and Mrs. Randall had ten children, three of whom died in childhood, and seven are still living—Allen W., lives in Winona Co., Minn.; Adaline, is now Mrs. J. W. Peck, of Walworth Co., Wis.; Mary, is now Mrs. Jeremiah Williams, of Carroll Co., Mo.; Harriet R., is now Mrs. R. C. Penney, of Courtland; John Jay, lives in Washington Co., Kan.; Caroline, is now Mrs. Joseph Patton, of Walworth Co., Wis., and Joseph H., who was married in 1864 to Amanda, daughter of George Bliss, of Fountain Prairie; she died in 1868, leaving one daughter, Mattie A., born Aug. 13, 1866. He was married the second time, March 22, 1871, to Anna E. Conklin, who was born in Ohio City (now Cleveland), Ohio, Sept. 8, 1842, daughter of Joshua Conklin, a native of Herkimer Co., N. Y.; her mother (Rachel) was from Oswego Co., N. Y.; by the second marriage he has three boys. Both members of the Baptist Church. Has 100 acres of land, and is Republican.

WILLIAM REES (deceased); he was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales; a son of Richard Rees, who died in Wales at the advanced age of 104 years; Wm. Rees went to Liverpool, England, before his marriage, and worked at carpenter work, which trade he had learned in Wales. He was married, in Liverpool, to Hannah Williams, a native of Flintshire, North Wales. Mr. Rees came to America in 1850, and lived in Utica, N. Y., till the fall of 1856, then went to Dubuque, Iowa, and lived there till the fall of 1861, working at his trade up to this time; he then came to Cambria, and went into the furniture business, in which he continued till his death, June 1, 1878, of heart disease. Mr. and Mrs. Rees had in all four children, of whom two are still living; one died in infancy in Liverpool, and Richard died in Cambria in 1874, aged about 35; Thomas is living in Oshkosh, Wis.; William was born November 30, 1848, in Liverpool, England, and is now in the drug business, and has been about fourteen years in a store on north side Main street. Mrs. Rees is still living with her son William, aged 68 years.

DAVID RICHARDS, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. Randolph; was born Aug. 14, 1816, in the town of Radnor, Radnorshire, South Wales; he is a son of Evan and Elizabeth Richards, who came to America in 1819, as stated in the biography of Seaman Richards, a brother of David; he was engaged in farming and lumbering in Susquehanna Co., Penn., till Christmas, 1854; then started West, and arrived at the house of his brother Evan in Oak Grove, Dodge Co., Wis., Jan. 1, 1855; he soon after came to Columbia Co., and has resided in the town of Courtland ever since. He was married, Dec. 28, 1859, in Beaver Dam, Wis., to Ruth Bentley, who was born Jan. 23, 1826, in Kings Co., Nova Scotia; daughter of David and Abigail Bentley, who came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1848; Mr. Bentley died in Courtland May 13, 1852, aged 62, and Mrs. Bentley is still living in the village of Cambria, in the 90th year of her age. Mr. Richards has two children living—John Scott, born May 30, 1861, and Martha Ann, born April 21, 1866; Lucy Maud was born Oct. 3, 1862, and died July 28, 1864. Has 80 acres of land, and is a Republican.

GRIFFITH RICHARDS, farmer and stock-breeder, Sec. 19; P. O. Cambria; was born Nov. 13, 1844, in Racine Co., Wis.; son of Richard Richards, of Racine, one of the oldest stock-raisers in the State; he is a native of Merionethshire, North Wales, and was a member of Assembly from Racine in 1873. Mr. Richards was married, Jan. 4, 1871, in Courtland, to Laura A. Williams, daughter of William R. Williams; she was born July 24, 1850, in Courtland, on the farm now owned by her husband; has one son—William B. Has 264 acres in the farm, which is known as the "Sunnyside Stock Farm;" the Welsh name of the farm is "Fronhaulog;" he is breeding short-horn cattle, draft and trotting horses, Berkshire hogs and Spanish sheep. Is First Vice President of the County Agricultural Society, and was last year Second Vice President. He is a Republican; is now a member of the County Commissioners, and takes an active part in politics; has held the office of Supervisor. Mrs. Richards is a member of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

JOSEPH L. RICHARDS, farmer, Sec. 2; P. O. Randolph; was born Feb. 4, 1845, in Merionethshire, Wales; came to America in the summer of 1869, and stayed a few weeks on the Hudson River, a few miles below Albany; then came to Columbia Co., Wis., and lived in the town of Courtland till the fall of 1872, when he went to Milwaukee and worked at the carpenter's trade till January, 1874; he then returned to Courtland, and, on the 9th of that month (January, 1874), was married to Ann Jane, daughter of William R. and Ann Roberts, of Portage Prairie, Columbia Co., Wis., natives of Wales, and born in the same place as Joseph L. Richards, as were also his father, Edmund Richards, and his mother, Ellen Lloyd. Mrs. Richards was born in the town of Clyman, Dodge Co., Wis., March 22, 1849. Mr. Richards spent his early life on a farm, and the last six years before leaving Wales, worked in a slate quarry. Purchased his farm of 120 acres in the fall of 1874, and went on it in the spring of 1876. Has four children—Willie E., Ellen Ann, Maggie and Laura. He is a Republican, and both members of the Welsh Methodist Church.

THOMAS RICHARDS, farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Cambria; born Dec. 13, 1822, in Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., Penn.; son of Evan and Elizabeth Richards, natives of South Wales, who came to America in 1819, and settled in Great Bend, Penn. He was married, in Great Bend, Sept. 7, 1848, to Catharine M. Smith, who was born Dec. 25, 1829, in Orange Co., N. Y.; daughter of Samuel and Martha Smith; immediately after his marriage, Mr. Richards came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Courtland, in which town he has resided ever since; has eight children, all living, and seven of them boys—Theodore S., Edward J., Maggie Jane (now Mrs. Thomas Bradley, of the town of Courtland), Frank L., George W., Charles J., Thomas L. and Fayette; all the boys are living at home, and all are Republicans who are old enough to vote. Has 100 acres of land, 80 in his home farm and 20 acres in timber.

SEAMAN RICHARDS, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. Randolph; one of the pioneers of Columbia Co.; was a son of Evan and Elizabeth Richards, natives of South Wales, who came to America in 1819, taking passage on the sailing-vessel Importer, from Liverpool, England—Capt. Lee; when within three days' sail of New York, on the 20th day of July, 1819, a son was born, and the first mate, who was also born on the ocean, named the new arrival Seaman, after himself, and gave his mother a guinea to be invested for his benefit; on landing in New York City, they went to Broome Co., N. Y., and lived about a year with Richard W. Lewis, of the town of Conklin; they then went to Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., Penn., where Mrs. Richards died when he was about 17 years old. Seaman worked out by the month in that vicinity till June 1, 1839, when he was married to Hannah M. Ackerman, who was born Sept. 18, 1820, in the town of Franklin, Susquehanna Co., Penn., daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Ackerman, natives of Westchester Co., N. Y.; after marriage, he worked at farming and lumbering most of the time for several years, but for the past year and a half of his residence there, was employed as foreman on the

N. Y. & E. R. R., on the Summit section, east of Deposit; in the fall of 1848, having a severe attack of Western fever, he started with his family for Wisconsin, coming by canal from Binghamton to Buffalo, then by steamer *Henry Hudson*, from Buffalo to Milwaukee: he came direct to the town of Courtland, and, in the spring of 1849, bought the farm he now owns, and where he has since resided; has 260 acres all under cultivation, with good farm buildings and well stocked; in the fall of 1849, he left his wife at home with their three children and worked in the pinery on the Eau Claire River, in Wisconsin, during the winter, and in the spring, ran the Wisconsin River and down the Mississippi to Galena, Ill., where he was paid off, and came home on foot, after being away five months, with \$160 in gold in his pocket as the result of his winter's work. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have had ten children, of whom eight are still living—Mortimer F., lives in Worth Co., Iowa; Charles Henry, lives in McLeod Co., Minn.; Julia Jane, is now Mrs. Charles F. Chapman, of the town of Courtland; Carrie M., now Mrs. Owen F. Jones, of the village of Randolph; Seaman, Jr., living at home with his parents; Susan E., now Mrs. John Seekerson, of the village of Randolph; Melissa A., now Mrs. Wm. Tompkins, of the town of Randolph; and Grant L., the youngest son, living with his parents; have lost two—Julia Jane, died Oct. 11, 1843, aged 7 months, and Hannah Elizabeth, died Jan. 11, 1851, aged nearly 2 years. Mr. Richards cast his first vote for Gen. Harrison, and has voted the Republican ticket ever since the party was organized.

THOMAS R. ROBERTS (Tunddarmen), farmer, Sec. 18; P. O. Cambria; was born Jan. 9, 1840, in Merionethshire, North Wales; son of Robert Roberts; Thomas R. came to America in the spring of 1865, and lived the first year in Oshkosh, Wis.; then came to Cambria and worked a farm on shares till 1874; then worked on a farm by the year for John ap Jones two years; in the spring of 1876, he bought the farm he now owns (80 acres), for which he paid \$3,000. Was married Nov. 20, 1869, in Cambria, to Miss Minnie Davis, daughter of James T. Davis, a native of South Wales. Mr. Roberts has five children—Annie, Maggie, Robbie, Jennie and John. Both members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church. He is a Republican.

WILLIAM J. ROBERTS, deceased, was born in North Wales in July, 1802; son of John Roberts. Was married in September, 1841, to Elizabeth Davis, daughter of William Davis; she was born Feb. 13, 1817, also in North Wales; came to America in 1855, and lived in Utica, N. Y., one year; then came to Wisconsin and settled in the town of Courtland, where he followed farming till his death, June 3, 1877. He left one daughter, Mary, born Dec. 31, 1842, in Wales, and married, Feb. 27, 1863, to Griffith Gee Jones, and has three children—Ellen, Owen and William. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts lost three children on the passage to America, who died of cholera—Ellen, aged 11, Ann, aged 7, and John, aged 3—and one in Utica; William died in infancy. Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Congregational Church, as was her husband. Has 40 acres of land, and her daughter, Mrs. Jones, is living with her.

HORACE RUST (deceased), one of the first settlers of Courtland, was born Feb. 20, 1798, in Windsor Co., Vt., town of Rochester. His first wife was Lydia French, to whom he was married in 1821; she lived only about two years after her marriage and left one child (a daughter) that survived her but a short time. He was married the second time in Vermont to Roxana Mills, sister of Dr. J. C. Mills, of Walworth Co., who was a member of the First and Second Legislature of Wisconsin, and a State Senator in 1858. Mr. Rust came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1844, located land in what is now the town of Courtland in September, 1845, and came on it with his family July 4, 1847; he resided on this farm till his death, April 7, 1879, being a little over 81 when he died. He was the first Postmaster, one of the first Supervisors, and the second Assessor in the town of Courtland; the first caucus, first town meeting, first election and first school meeting were all held at his house in the fall of 1848; his first commission as Postmaster was from Andrew Jackson, and the office at Rochester, Vt.; he was also appointed Postmaster at Cambria in 1863, and held the office four years; was also appointed by Gov. Dewey as one of the Commissioners to lay out a State road from Columbus to Princeton. He was an old-time Jackson Democrat, but an earnest Republican ever since the party was organized; he took an active part in politics up to the time of his death, and the last time he ever went outside his own yard was to attend a caucus. Mr. Rust had in all eleven children, five of whom died in childhood, and one, Harvey H., died in California, April 7, 1876, aged 41; there are five still living—Mills lives on a farm adjoining the old homestead, and Henry B. is living on the homestead, and his mother, now in her 74th year, is living with him in good health and, to all appearances, good for another ten years at least. Henry was married, in October, 1850, to Julia Cameron, of Walworth Co., Wis., and has five children living—Frank G., Elizabeth A. (now Mrs. J. A. Ketchum, of the town of Courtland), Harvey H. (now living in Milwaukee, a printer by trade), Cameron R. and Flora L. He has been Chairman and Assessor, and is now Secretary of the town insurance company. In the spring of 1860, he removed to Missouri with his family, enlisted in the Home Guards and was elected First Lieutenant; afterward enlisted under Gov. Gamble's proclamation calling

for six-months men, and was elected Captain of Co. C, 1st Battalion Mounted Rifles; was in the service about one year, then returned to Wisconsin and bought the homestead, where he still resides. Charles, the third son of Horace Rust, is now in Rochester, Minn., in the produce business; Mary P. is now Mrs. Orlando Ralph, of Brookfield, Vt., and Lucelia is now the wife of Geo. C. Griffin, living in Colorado, sixteen miles north of Denver.

ORANGE D. SCOFIELD, farmer, Sec. 1; P. O. Randolph; born Oct. 25, 1827, in Saratoga Co., N. Y. Was married Dec. 31, 1854, to Margaret McDonald, who was born June 9, 1829, daughter of Alexander McDonald, of Scotch descent. Mr. Scofield came to Wisconsin in 1856, and settled in the town of Richford, Waushara Co., and engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued in that place about five years; came to Pardeeville, Columbia Co., in the fall of 1861, and carried on the same business till the spring of 1866, then sold out his store and spent one year traveling with his family; in the spring of 1867, he returned to Columbia Co. and bought the farm he now owns in the town of Courtland; has 70 acres only three-quarters of a mile from the village of Randolph, which, with the buildings he put up himself, cost about \$5,000. Has no children. Mr. Scofield and family are Congregationalists; Republican. His father, Harry Scofield, was born March 12, 1789, in the town of Stamford, Conn., and died Jan. 10, 1875, at Hadley, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

MYRON A. SHAW, M. D., Cambria; was born in Fairlee, Orange Co., Vt., March 11, 1837; migrated to Wisconsin with his parents when 18 years of age, making a temporary residence in Leon, Monroe Co.; he then entered as an apprentice in the printing office of the *Sparta Watchman*, commencing work on the fourth number of that journal; in the spring of 1856, he went to work on the first number of the *Eau Claire Times*; the following year he went to Oneida Co., N. Y., to study medicine with Dr. E. I. Baker, where he stayed one year, when Dr. Baker went to Eau Claire Co., Wis., and was soon followed to that place by Mr. Shaw, who continued his studies for a short time; but in 1861, went to Durand, Wis., and commenced the publication of the *Home Mirror*; the paper, though a success, as far as the paper was concerned, did not prove a very profitable financial venture; after a year's experience in this enterprise, he sold out and retired from journalism; his health much broken down by hard work, but enlisted soon after in Eau Claire, under the call for hundred-day men, but which order was countermanded before any of the troops were mustered into service; in 1863, he enlisted from Eau Claire in the 16th W. V. I., Co. C, then commanded by Col. Cassius Fairchild; he participated in the battle before Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, Lovejoy's Station, etc.; voted for Lincoln at Marietta, Ga., went through on the "march to the sea," and was severely wounded near Savannah; got his discharge in 1865; he then edited the *Durand Times* one year; after that, he resumed the study of medicine and took a course of lectures in Rush Medical College in 1868-69, and in 1870, located in Fall River, where he practiced medicine five years, then removed to Cambria, where he still resides. In 1866, he married Miss Blanche E. Dyer, daughter of Wayne B. and Ursula Dyer, residents of Durand, Wis., formerly early settlers in Columbia Co.; has three children—Paul Francis, Herbert W. and Edgar M. A. Shaw. In religion, liberal, and still holds a membership in the Eau Claire Universalist Society. Voted for Horace Greeley in 1862, and has since acted with the Democratic party. His parents, Josiah and Elizabeth Shaw, are now living in retirement in Eau Claire, at an advanced age.

HUGH W. THOMAS, merchant, Cambria; was born Aug. 11, 1836, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales; came to America with his father, Wm. W., in the spring of 1843, located in Oneida Co., N. Y., and lived there till 1858; Hugh W. left home at 18 years of age, and went to Utica, N. Y., where he lived two years, then in the fall of 1857 came to Wisconsin and lived in La Crosse Co. a year and a half, then in Sparta, Monroe Co., about four years, clerking in a dry-goods store; in 1863, he went into the mercantile business in Bangor, Wis., which he followed one year, and then again went to clerking in Portage City, Wis., till 1865; then came to Cambria and formed a partnership with Evan W. Lloyd (firm Thomas & Lloyd) in the mercantile business, keeping a general stock, where they are still doing a flourishing business. Was married May 14, 1859, in Bangor, Wis., to Jane P. Mann, daughter of Abram Mann, of Montpelier, Vt.; has two children—Hermie and Laura; has lost four—Carrie, Allie, Willie and Frankie. Is a Republican, and has been a member of the Village Board several years at different times; both Presbyterians.

PETER THOMAS, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Randolph; born in Flintshire, North Wales; son of Abel and Ellen Thomas; came to America in 1841; lived in Upper Canada till fall of 1843, then returned to Wales and stayed till the spring of 1844, when he again came to Canada and followed farming till 1854; then came to Wisconsin and located in the town of Courtland, where he has since resided; came on the farm he now occupies in August, 1854. Was married in Canada, July 7, 1851, to Ellen Williams, a native of Wales, daughter of Owen Williams; she died July 27, 1879, of pneumonia, aged

57, leaving two children—Edward and Ezra, both living on the home-land; lost five children—Owen, Abel and Ellen, all died within a week's time, of diphtheria, in June, 1863, aged respectively 8, 6, and 2; in 1865, another one, Ellen, died, 15 months old, and one died in infancy in 1863. Although having lived in Wisconsin over twenty-five years, Mr. Thomas has never ridden a mile on a railroad since he came here, and has never stayed over night away from his own house but once during that time, then stayed in Portage because it stormed so he could not get home. Is a member of the Congregational Church, and a Republican.

ROBERT B. THOMAS, farmer, Sec. 21; P. O. Randolph; was born Sept. 31, 1816, in Addison Co., Vt.; son of Isaac and Arathusa Matilda Thomas. He was married, in Vermont, May 31, 1848, to Julia Elizabeth Wells, who was born June 10, 1822, in Hinesburg, Chittenden Co., Vt.; daughter of Manton Wells. Mr. Thomas came to Wisconsin first in April, 1854, and bought a farm in the town of Courtland; he then returned to Vermont for his family; came on in June of the same year, and has resided on the same farm ever since. Mrs. Thomas died Aug. 29, 1879, of cancer, after an illness of seven months, leaving five children; Julia Elizabeth, Frances R. (now Mrs. Wm. R. Owen, of Randolph Village), Hannibal H., Isabell Ida and James Eugene, all at home with their father, except the one married. Mr. Thomas' ancestors came from Wales at an early day, and his father's uncle, Isaiah Thomas, founded the Boston *Spy*, a paper which was suppressed by King George III for disloyal sentiments, in 1772; it was afterward removed to Worcester, Mass., and is still published as the Worcester *Spy*; he also founded the Antiquarian Library of Worcester; his father's brother John was a Revolutionary soldier; he was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was afterward killed in the service. Mrs. Thomas (whose mother's name was Clarissa Boothe) was a direct descendant of the Earl of Marl, England. Mr. Thomas has been Chairman of the town one year, Supervisor three years, Justice of the Peace, and was Treasurer six years. Has 223 acres of land, and is a Republican; Mrs. Thomas has been a member of the Methodist Church ever since she was 18 years old.

WILLIAM THOMAS, JR., farmer, Sec. 12; P. O. Randolph; born in Anglesea, Wales, Feb. 12, 1847; son of William and Elizabeth Thomas, who came to America with their family in 1849, and settled in Waukesha Co., Wis., where they lived till December, 1874, then sold out, came to Columbia Co., and lived in the village of Cambria a few months, and then bought a farm in Courtland, on Sec. 12, where they still reside. William, Jr., was married, March 24, 1870, in Oconomowoc, Wis., to Phebe Gudger, who was born in 1846, in Waukesha Co., Wis.; daughter of John and Lydia Gudger, natives of England; Mr. Thomas has two children—Willie and Frankie. Has 125 acres of land, worth \$5,000, Republican.

JESSE P. TOBEY, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. Randolph; born July 28, 1821, in Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; son of Philo and Polly Tobey; came to Wisconsin in 1849, and settled on the farm he now owns and occupies. Was married, Feb. 4, 1847, in Jefferson Co., N. Y., to Mary Kenfield, who was born June 16, 1821, in Whitingham, Vt.; daughter of Aseph and Susannah (Streeter) Kenfield; have had three children—Carlton D., born Oct. 1, 1851, married Athalia A. Smith Jan. 1, 1871; Louisa Medura, born March 13, 1855, died Sept. 1, 1858, and Milton J., born Sept. 26, 1859, still at home. Mr. Tobey is in his 59th year, and has never been sick a day in his life. Has 130 acres of land, and is Republican in politics; Mrs. Tobey is a member of the M. E. Church. Charles F. Chapman, son of a sister of Mr. Tobey, came to live with him when he was 8 or 9 years old; remained with him till he was 19, and then enlisted.

JOHN TURNER, farmer, Sec. 35; P. O. Fall River; was born Feb. 16, 1848, in Yorkshire, England; his father, William T. Turner, came to America in 1849, and entered land in Fountain Prairie, Columbia Co., Wis.; his family remained in England till the fall of 1852, when they joined him in his Western home; he remained on the same farm, working at mason work part of the time, till 1872, then removed to Columbus, where he now resides; John remained on his father's farm till he was 21 years old; March 16, 1869, he was married to Alice Boxandall, who was born Sept. 12, 1846, in Yorkshire, England; daughter of Phineas Parkinson Boxandall, who came to America in 1860, and is now living in Fountain Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Turner have three children—William John, born May 30, 1872; Evaline Jennette, Oct. 17, 1874, and Joseph Parkinson, Nov. 8, 1879. In politics, mixed.

GEORGE WILLARD, farmer, Sec. 20; P. O. Cambria; was born Dec. 6, 1811, in Lewis, county of Sussex, England; son of Richard and Sarah Willard; came to America in 1832, and traveled through a part of Canada to Toronto; crossed over to Rochester, N. Y., in July, 1833, and settled in West Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. He lived there until 1846, then went to the town of Schodack (same county), and followed farming eight years. In the spring of 1854, he came to Wisconsin, lived in the town of Fox Lake, Dodge Co., and in the spring of 1857, came to the town of Courtland, where

he has since resided. He learned the tailor's trade in England before he was 20 years old, and worked at it till 1846—when he left and Lake, N. Y.—and has followed farming since. In addition to his farming, he is now, and has been for the last twenty-three years, loaning money in Wisconsin for Eastern capitalists. He was married in 1834, to Lydia C. Allendorf, daughter of Henry H. Allendorf, who is still living in Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., at the age of 95, still strong and in good health; she died, Feb. 24, 1877, aged 68 years 1 month and 24 days, leaving five children—Henry G., lives in Mower Co., Minn.; Cordelia E., now Mrs. Ebenezer Jones, of Dodge Co., Minn.; Sarah Jane; Hiram and George A., living on the homestead (Sarah and George, with their father). Mr. Willard was married the second time, Oct. 12, 1879, to Mary Jane Severance, daughter of Herman and Sabrina (Durkee) Blodgett, of Vermont. He has 218 acres of land, 20 acres of it at the village of Randolph. Is a Republican, and has been Justice of the Peace two terms in the town of Courtland. His son, Hiram Willard, enlisted Aug. 20, 1864, in the 1st W. H. A. Battery M, and served till discharged at the close of the war.

THOMAS WATERWORTH, farmer, Sec. 35; P. O. Randolph; was born in Yorkshire, England, Feb. 2, 1815; son of John Waterworth. He was married, in Keighley Church, in Yorkshire, in 1837, to Sarah Greenwood, who was born in the same county he was; daughter of Wright Greenwood. Mr. Waterworth was a farmer in England; came to America in 1855, and settled on the farm he now owns, in Courtland. He has ten children living—Mary, Grace, Hannah, Wright, Thomas, Sarah, Susannah, John, William and Jane Elizabeth. He has been Treasurer and Director in the school district, and Pathmaster, and is a Democrat. Has only two children living at home. Has 200 acres of land.

DAVID G. WILLIAMS, miller, of the firm of Williams & Jones, Cambria; was born Nov. 25, 1841, in Denbighshire, North Wales; came to America with his parents in the spring of 1850; lived in Delafield, Waukesha Co., till the fall of 1851; then came to Cambria and has resided here since. His father, Gabriel Williams, has retired from business, and is living in Cambria; Mr. Williams enlisted Aug. 13, 1862, in the 32d W. V. I., Co. F., and remained in the service till 1865, participating in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged during that time, and went with Sherman on his famous "march to the sea;" July 8, 1865, he was married, in Dodge Co., Minn., to Emma L. Williams, of Waushara Co., Wis., who died in 1870, leaving one child—Eliza L.; was again married in 1871, on June 21, in Portland, Dodge Co., Wis., to Sarah Picket, and has four children by the second marriage—Frank G., George David, Jennie and Floyd Evan. Mr. Williams is a Republican.

DANIEL L. WILLIAMS (Glyn), farmer, Sec. 7; P. O. Cambria; born Nov. 29, 1819, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales; son of Daniel Williams; came to America in 1846, and settled in the town of Courtland, on the farm he now owns. Was married in 1849, to Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Owen Jones, a native of Anglesea, Wales; have five children—Eliza Ann, Owen J., Jephthah, Mary A., and Daniel, all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church. He is a Republican.

ELIAS B. WILLIAMS, deceased, was born in Llangernyn, North Wales, Sept. 26, 1818. His father, John Williams, was a freeholder, and he remained on the farm with his father till he was 28 years old. In the summer of 1845, he came to America in company with seven other Welshmen—most of them with families—who came direct to Wisconsin, left their families in Milwaukee, and came up to Columbia Co. to "spy out the promised land;" they were pleased with the country, selected their land, built their cabins, and returned to Milwaukee for their families. They were the first Welsh that settled in this part of the county, and their names were as follows: David D. Roberts, John R. Rowlands, Robert Closs, Evan Edwards, John Edwards, Elias B. Williams, Wm. R. Williams and Robert Lloyd, and they came Sept. 25, 1845. Some of them are still living in the county. They were Calvinistic Methodists, and, as the Sabbath drew near, before they had any of their cabins built, they improvised a "temple of worship" by putting up four posts, with poles laid across the tops, and covering the building with brushes and marsh grass; on Sabbath morning, they held a "prayer meeting" and "Bible service" in this, the first church edifice in the town of Courtland. June 13, 1848, Mr. Williams was married to Mary A. Jones, daughter of Richard Jones (Tarrycastell), a native of Dolydelen, North Wales. He was one of four brothers who were all noted for their prominence in the Calvinistic Methodist Church; he was a Deacon, and his three brothers were ministers; he came to America in the fall of 1845, and settled in Columbia Co., town of Courtland; he took an active part in organizing and sustaining the church in this county; he bought a section of land and divided it up among his six children; he died in Courtland in 1850, aged 31 years, and his wife died in 1863, aged 59. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were the first Welsh couple married in the town of Courtland, if not in the county; they were married at her father's home, and the parlor in which the ceremony was performed was about half full of wheat, which had been stored there for want of a better place; this important event occurred about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and

immediately after the ceremony, she accompanied her husband to his home, and helped about milking the cows and taking care of the stock the first night—plunging at once into the stern realities of married life on a farm in a new country; he owned a farm of 370 acres in the town of Courtland, on Sec. 8, which he occupied until his death, which occurred April 4, 1876, of pneumonia, after an illness of only four days; he was 58 years of age at the time of his death, and left no children. Mr. Williams was a prominent musician, a thorough teacher and leader of the choir in the Calvinistic Methodist Church at Welsh Prairie and in Cambria for years; he was also a composer of considerable note, and published several of his pieces, which were well received by the public; the last two years of his life his leisure time was devoted almost entirely to writing poetry. Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent several years in Europe, being there from 1863 to 1868. Mrs. Williams is now living in Cambria, managing the estate of her late husband, which consists of 800 acres of land divided into fine farms.

JOHN LI. WILLIAMS, M. D., Cambria; was born in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, July 15, 1826, son of William S. Williams; his mother's maiden name was Jane Owens. His parents started for America May 24, 1847, and his father died on Lake Michigan, on the way to Wisconsin, July 7, 1847; his mother died about a month after arriving in Springvale. John Li. first read medicine in Llanrwst, North Wales, in the office of Dr. William Hughes; attended one course of lectures in Glasgow, Scotland, and received a license to practice; when he was 20 years of age, he commenced practice, in Cambria, in 1847, when it was called Langdon's Mills, and only three persons in the village; after coming to Wisconsin, he attended lectures in Chicago, and is a graduate of Rush Medical College. Feb. 28, 1854, he was married, in Portage City, Wis., to Elizabeth Evans, who was born Jan. 8, 1833, in the same county as her husband, in North Wales, daughter of Robert Evans. Has three children—Jane E., William E. and Mary Ann, all living at home. He was Town Superintendent of Schools several years, under the old system, and Justice of the Peace. After the battle of Pittsburg Landing, the Doctor, with forty-seven others, visited Chicago, to go down and attend the wounded, and in 1864, went to Viéksburg, and had charge of all the hospitals in the post, for four months. He also taught the first school in Springvale, in a "dug-out," three nights in a week, in the fall of 1847.

OWEN WILLIAMS, carpenter, Cambria; was born Dec. 20, 1836, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, parish of Penmanmawr; son of Owen Williams; his mother's maiden name was Margaret Roberts. Came to America in fall of 1856, and lived in Chicago about six months; then, in May, 1857, went to Portage City and lived there almost five months, then, in La Crosse till the spring of 1859, when he went to St. Louis, Mo.; resided there a little over a year, then back to Wisconsin, and lived in Cambria, four years. He then went on to a farm, near Lake Emily, in the town of Fox Lake, Dodge Co., Wis., where he resided fourteen years, still working at his trade, which he had learned in Wales. In June, 1878, he removed to the village of Cambria, where he still resides. Was first married, May 6, 1864, in Fox Lake, to Mary Morris, daughter of Henry Morris, of that place; she died May 8, 1868, leaving one child, Richard O. Williams, born June 11, 1865, and now living at home. Was married again in Milwaukee, April 3, 1871, to Ellen Thomas, of Milwaukee, daughter of Richard Roberts and widow of Joseph Thomas, who died, in Randolph, of sunstroke. Mr. Williams owns a farm of 240 acres, in the town of Machford, Green Lake Co., Wis.; one of 156 acres, in Fox Lake, Dodge Co., and twenty acres in the town of Courtland, Columbia Co.—416 acres in all. Independent in politics.

MRS. PERRY WILLIAMS (widow); is a native of North Wales; came to America in 1843; lived in New York City till 1865, then came to Cambria, and since 1869, has been carrying on her present business; has a book, stationery and toy store on north side of Main street, in Cambria. Has one daughter, Perrie. Her husband, Morris Williams, died in New York City, in February, 1865. Mrs. Williams and daughter are members of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

PETER WILLIAMS, Postmaster, Cambria; was born Dec. 17, 1831, in Carnarvonshire, North Wales; he learned the tailor's trade in Wales, and came to America in the spring of 1849; he came to Courtland, where his stepfather, Owen Richards, had located in 1847, and worked two and one-half years on the farm, when they had to haul wheat to Milwaukee with ox teams, taking ten to twelve days to make the round trip, and were only able to haul about thirty bushels to a load; in the fall of 1851, he went to Beaver Dam to get employment, and arrived there with only 25 cents in his pocket, and Saturday night at that; he soon engaged to work for Hiram Booth at his trade for \$8 per month; he stayed there about six weeks, then worked in Fox Lake till the next July, at \$10 per month; the next move was to Dodgeville, Wis., to drive team in the lead mines, but, failing to get employment, only stayed eight days, and returned home penniless; he then worked for his stepfather through harvest without pay, and soon after started for Beaver Dam again without a cent; he worked on a farm for Judge Green seven weeks at \$10 per month, then worked for Booth again till March 25, 1853; he then came back to Columbia

The History of Columbia County, Wisconsin - Link Page

Previous	Biographical Sketches: Arlington	1018
Next	Biographical Sketches: Randolph	1039

[Return to Electronic Index Page](#)