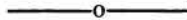


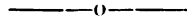
Mrs. Jane Fenton was (probably) born in C hittenden, Vermont, April 5th, 1786. She died in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, June 2d, 1855. Capt. Seth Fenton died in the same place, February 20th, 1858. Seth W. Fenton lived with his parents until he was twenty-two years old. He then left his home in Rutland, and went to Chemung county, New York, and purchased a farm, where he lived until 1835, when he came to Michigan, and purchased a farm on sections thirty-one and thirty-two, in Madison, where he has resided ever since. The land was entirely new when he purchased it, only a road having been "underbrushed" out, where the road now runs. He has cleared up the land, built the buildings, and made all the improvements. During his short lifetime he has changed it from a dense forest, with underbrush, nettles and Indian grass, so thick that it was almost impossible to get through, to a fine, productive farm, so well cultivated that it is almost impossible for the present generation to imagine but that it was always in its present condition. Mr. Fenton was very poor when he came to Michigan, and during the first two or three years, he, with his family suffered from ague, chills and fever, etc., and many times he did not know where his next meal was coming from. He struggled along, however, and finally overcame all difficulties. June 15th, 1828, he married Miss Eliza M. Barker, daughter of Francis Barker, of Rutland, Vermont, by whom he had four children, as follows: Francis B., born in Rutland, Vermont, January 8th, 1829, now a farmer of Seneca, this county; Flora J., born in Veteran, Chemung county, New York, January 4th, 1831, now the wife of Henry Abbott, of Madison; two daughters died in infancy. Mrs. Eliza M. Fenton was born in Vermont, in May, 1809, and died in Madison, this county, June 15th, 1838. June 16th, 1839, he married Mrs. Nancy Wood, of Palmyra, by whom he had two children, as follows: Helen, born in Madison, in June, 1840, now the wife of Boyd H. Cavander, of Troy, Will county, Illinois; Sarah, born in Madison, in August, 1841, now of Troy, Illinois.



MARTIN B. PERKINS was born in Saratoga, New York, February 13th, 1811. His father, Christopher Perkins, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, September 8th, 1757, where he resided until he was about twenty years old, when he moved to Saratoga, New York, and purchased a farm, where he lived until his death, March 25th, 1813. He could trace his

ancestry back to Newman Perkins, who was appointed justice of the peace by George the IV., of England, and sent to America; he settled in Providence, holding his office until his death, when his son, Newman 2d, was appointed to the same office, also holding it until his death. His son, John 1st, was then appointed, and after his death, Christopher 1st was installed. Then came his son, John 2d, and it was during his term of office that the Revolutionary war broke out. John 2d was the father of Christopher 2d, who was the father of Martin B., the subject of this sketch. Christopher 2d was the first of the family to emigrate from Rhode Island. John 2d was a soldier in the French war, and died near Albany while on his way home. Christopher Perkins 2d married Miss Rebecca Palmer, of Providence, in 1776. They had eleven children. Mrs. Rebecca Perkins was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and died at Saratoga, in March, 1795. In 1796 he married Mrs. Hannah Carpenter, by whom he had seven children, Martin B. being the youngest child. Mrs. Hannah Perkins was the daughter of Calvin Bishop, of Swanzey, New Hampshire. She was the widow of Greenwood Carpenter, by whom she had four children. Mrs. Hannah Perkins was born in Swanzey, New Hampshire, in August, 1766, and died in Hudson, this county, August, 1859. Martin B. Perkins lived in Saratoga until he was about three years old, when his mother, who was then a widow, moved to Cato, Cayuga county, where he lived until 1828, when he moved to Oswego county, residing there until 1847, when he came to Michigan and purchased a farm one mile south of the village of Hudson. He lived on this farm about four years, when he sold out and went to the village of Hudson where he has resided ever since, except about two years. His health was very poor for several years, and he did very little business until 1867, when he formed a partnership with John M. Osborn and W. B. Ames, and commenced the banking business under the firm name of Osborn, Perkins & Co, and has continued in the business ever since, the firm being now known as Perkins, Thompson & Co. Mr. Perkins commenced life very poor, with a mother and two sisters to support, and for many years followed common labor for a livelihood, working many days for three shillings. He finally got possession of a farm, and by diligence, hard work and prudence, gained a sufficient amount to come to Michigan and purchase a farm. March 17th, 1842, he married Miss Margaret Perkins, daughter of Job and Phebe Perkins, of Hannibal, Oswego county, New York, by whom he had three sons, as follows: John C., born in Hannibal, Oswego county, New York, June 6th, 1843. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and a member of the

15th Michigan Infantry. He died in Hudson, from disease contracted in the army, August 27th, 1862. Galusha J., born in the same place, March 31st, 1846, now a merchant of Hudson; Moses H., born in Hudson, November 29th, 1847, now book-keeper for Plamondon & Co., of Chicago. Mrs. Margaret Perkins was born in Vermont, December 25th, 1818, and died in Hudson, February 18th, 1850. January 19th, 1853, Mr. Perkins married Mrs. Phebe S. Hall, of Medina. She was the widow of Alfred G. Hall, and daughter of Asa and Sarah Webster, of Augusta Grandville county, Canada. Her father was born in Cheshire county, New Hampshire, and served five years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the American army. After the war he went to Augusta, Canada, where he afterwards lived and "enjoyed the liberty he fought for in the revolution," and also received a pension from the U. S. government. He died in Augusta in 1840, aged eighty-one years. January 16th, 1791, he married Miss Sarah Baldwin, of Litchfield, Connecticut, by whom he had fifteen children, Mrs. Perkins being the thirteenth child. Mrs. Sarah Webster died February 24th, 1849, aged seventy-four years.



PHINEAS PRICE was born in Whitesborough, near Utica, New York, July 5th, 1807. His father, Isaac Price, was born on Turkey Hill, New Jersey, October 3d, 1775, where he lived until 1806. He then moved to Farmington, Ontario county, New York, where he purchased a new farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He cleared the land, erected good buildings, and always lived there until about two years before his death, which occurred at Lockport. He was quite a prominent man in his township, and filled several town offices. November 15th, 1795 he married Miss Rachel Moores, daughter of Daniel Moores, of Turkey Hill, New Jersey, by whom he had seven children, Phineas being the fifth child. Mrs. Rachel Price was born at Turkey Hill, New Jersey, April 12th, 1774. Phineas Price lived with his parents until he was seventeen years old, when he made up his mind to learn the carpenter and joiner's trade, but his father opposed it. Phineas, however, borrowed a dollar, and went to Lockport, where his older brother resided, and there learned the trade. He followed his trade for several years in Lockport, but finally went back to Farmington. In the spring of 1833 he came