and read law and practiced in the winter. In 1860 he entered the law school at Albany and graduated from that institution May 23, 1861. He remained in practice in Vermont until 1864, when he came to Cattaraugus county and in 1866 formed a law partnership with Joseph E. Weeden, of Randolph. This partnership continued until about 1885. After that Mr. Matteson withdrew from active practice and engaged in manufacturing. January 17, 1867, he married Maria Sample, daughter of John Sample, a pionect of Randolph.

Johnson V. Goodwill is a son Johnson and Livonia M. Greeno Goodwill. and was born at Darien, Genesee county, January 26, 1837. His mother died when he was six years of age, and immediately after her death in 1843 he came to Cattaraugus county and lived with his uncle, John Greeno, until he was twenty-one years old. He received his education in the common schools and in 1857 taught one term of district school. In 1866 he was married to Lovisa D. Williams, only child of Norman B. Williams, of East Randolph. In 1861 he began reading law with Merrill T. Jenkins at East Randolph, and in the fall of 1862 he attended the Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in December, 1862. He immediately entered into partnership with Mr. Jenkins for the practice of law, which continued until 1872, when on account of the removal of Mr. Jenkins from the county the partnership was dissolved. He then formed a partnership with Frank W. Stevens, the firm being Goodwill & Stevens, which continued until 1882, when Mr. Stevens removed to Jamestown. Mr. Goodwill's life has been devoted to his profession and he has given little attention to politics. Since 1882 he has been engaged in practice alone at East Randolph, where he now resides.

Dan B. Allen is a grandson of the late Dan Allen, one of the early settlers of the town of Persia and a member of the old Court of Common Pleas, and is a son of the late Constant B. Allen, who was one of the most distinguished citizens of the town of Otto. Dan B. Allen was born at Otto, April 7, 1839. Besides attending the common schools he attended an academy at Austinburg, Ohio, and also the Genesee Seminary at Lima, N. Y. He began the study of law in November, 1859, with Rice & Jones in Ellicottville, and also studied with Rice & Scott. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1862, and began practice immediately afterwards at Olean. He continued in practice there but a short time, when he enlisted in the army. Since the war he has practiced at New York city, Jamestown, and at Otto, where he now resides. In addition to his law business Mr. Allen has extensive farming interests which demand considerable attention. He represented the town of Otto on the Board of Supervisors seven years from 1879 to 1885.

George Straight is a native of Chautauqua county and was born near Hamlet in 1836. He received his education in the common schools and also attended the Ellington Academy and Chamberlain Institute; he engaged in teaching in the common schools, being employed some seven or eight terms. He began his legal studies with Judge Snow, of Fredonia, and continued them