

until 1862, when he enlisted in company D, 72d New York Volunteers, served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged at Kingston, New York. In 1866 he opened a butcher shop in Dunkirk, in which business he still remains, and now has the largest and best-equipped shop and the largest trade in Dunkirk. He also owns some valuable real estate here. In politics he is a Republican, has once been mayor of Dunkirk, and has served four years in the City Council, where he now has a seat. In the fire department, where he has been seventeen years, he has held every position from ladderman to chief engineer. In religion he is a member of the Episcopal church. He is a member of Dunkirk Chapter, 191, R. A. M., Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, and has received the thirty-second degree A. and A. Scottish Rite.

Thomas C. Jones, in 1869, married Mary L. Andrews, a daughter of Horatio Andrews, of Pomfret, this county, by whom he has had two children (sons), George H. and Charles C.

**CORYDON A. RUGG**, a citizen of Jamestown and assistant superintendent of the knitting mills of A. F. Kent & Co., is a son of Dr. Corydon C. and Fidelia (Goodell) Rugg, and was born at Irving, Chautauqua county, New York, April 1, 1853. The Ruggs point to Scotland as the land of their origin where their ancestors were known as the "Strong Men of Scotland." Isaac Rugg, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born near Bloody Point, in Vermont, served in the Revolutionary war and died in his native State at Ruggtown, which was named in honor of his family. He was a Methodist and was married three times. His first wife was Katie Gates, who bore him one child, Jonathan (grandfather), and after her death he wedded Emma Matoon, who died and left two children, John and Aurelia. His third wife was Abigail Skinner, by whom he had ten children. Jonathan Rugg (grandfather) was born at the head

of Bloody Point, on Lake George and after a residence of some years in Genesee county, he removed, in 1818, to what is known as the Rugg settlement near Perrysburg, Cattaraugus county, where he was a large landholder. He was a farmer and a Democrat and served in the war of 1812 during which he distinguished himself at the battle of Sackett's Harbor. He married Maria Tousey and reared a family of four sons and two daughters: Carlos A., of Silver Creek, a veterinary surgeon in the Union Army; Milton V., was one of the California forty-niners and died in 1853; Dr. Jonathan G., of Gowanda, N. Y.; Mariette, wife of Dr. C. G. Cowell, of Meadville, Pa., who is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical college, of Chicago; Dr. Corydon C., died January 14, 1891 and Ann M., who died August 20, 1888. Dr. Corydon C. Rugg (father) was born at Ruggtown, Cattaraugus county, May 3, 1822. At twenty years of age he commenced the study of medicine under the Thompson who founded the Thompsonian Eclectic system of Medicine and was graduated in 1848, from the Cincinnati Medical College. He practiced at Gowanda in his native county for twenty-five years and then in Rutland, Vermont, for four years, after which he came, in 1877, to Jamestown where he has practiced ever since. He was surgeon of 154th regiment, N. Y. Vols., was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and after his release served at Lookout Mountain and under Sherman in his march to the sea. Dr. Rugg married Fidelia Goodell and to their union have been born two sons and four daughters: Adella D., married John F. Clark, a real estate dealer of Detroit, Michigan; Loella V., wife of Orris F. Johnston; Corydon A.; Estella F., wife of Walter D. Russell, formerly of New York City; Clayton A., who married Catherine M. O. Donnell and is engaged in the clothing business; and Minnie M., wife of Fred. Jay Shearman, son of Rufus Shearman of Jamestown.

Corydon Rugg attended Oneida college and

upon completing his course read medicine for some time with his father. He then entered Hall's worsted mill where he remained for ten years and served successively as shipping clerk, inspector of cloth, and travelling salesman. During the next two years he was in the Reynolds' knitting mill and upon the mill shutting down he practiced medicine with his father for a short time. On September 1, 18—, he became assistant superintendent of the knitting mills of A. F. Kent & Co., which position he still holds. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Rugg well understands every part of the business in which he is now engaged and discharges efficiently the duties of his important position.

On April 30, 1887, he united in marriage with Jennie M. Merrit, daughter of Benjamin G. Merrit, of Vermont. Their union has been blessed with one son and one daughter: Louise, and Corydon Harrold.

**HENRY SEVERANCE**, of Dunkirk, author of "John Bull in America," and a forthcoming work entitled "Chautauqua," was born in the town of Cazenovia, Madison county, New York, January 30, 1808, and is a son of Elihu and Triphena (Gunn) Severance. The Severance family is of French descent, and came from France to New England about the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, or a little later, say 1635. Elihu Severance was a native of Montague, Massachusetts, where he married Triphena Gunn and in 1799 removed to Madison county, in which he died on March 7, 1834, aged sixty and a half years. He cleared out a farm in the woods, was an unassuming man and served his town for a number of years as supervisor. His widow survived him twenty years, and passed away in 1854, when in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

Henry Severance grew to manhood in his native county, and attended the limited schools which a new country could only afford. Leaving school he served an apprenticeship at wool

carding and cloth dressing, and in 1835 came to Dunkirk during the boom of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad. In a short time he went back to Madison county, but in 1851 returned to Dunkirk, where he has resided ever since, and followed the trade of carpenter, excepting eight years that he served as keeper of the Dunkirk light-house.

May 23, 1833, he married Helen J., daughter of Alford and Mary Wooley, of Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Severance have two children: Harriet, wife of E. M. Lucas; and Emma H., principal of the Intermediate department of School No. 2, of Dunkirk.

He is a Republican, and was three times elected justice of the peace, twice in Cazenovia and once in Dunkirk, which last office he resigned after holding the office for a short time. He also served as corporal in the New York militia. Mr. Severance has devoted a portion of his leisure time to literary pursuits, and has written and published an interesting and instructive book entitled "John Bull in America," and has in press his forthcoming work of "Chautauqua," which is intended to give the world at large an adequate idea of the resources and advantages of this county which is now so largely attracting public attention. In an epic poem, published in 1891, he tells in verse the story of the races past and gone who dwelt in Chautauqua county, narrates present facts and indulges in speculations for the future that are acceptable to Chautauquans.

**JOSEPH LANDSCHOOF, JR.**, is a native of Holstein, Prussia, a territory over the possession of which much blood and treasure has been spent. It was a duchy of Denmark, but now is a part of Schleswig Holstein, Prussia. He was born August 17, 1830, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Radden) Landschoof. His father and mother were natives and lifelong residents of the same place, and they were the parents of three children, two sons and one

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