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1906, Georgia Hiller; children: Lucille Katherine and Mary Jane. 3. Ruth, born December 9, 1891. 4. George Nelson, born June 14, 1893.

(IV) Harry Benjamin, second son of Nelson Hopson, was born in Hartfield, Chautauqua county, New York, September 14, 1857. He was educated in the public schools and Fredonia State Normal School. He remained on the farm as his father's assistant, later engaged in the livery business at Mayville, New York, to which he added the sale and delivery of ice. He later sold his livery and in 1887 built his first icehouse, and since then has confined his energies to that one line. He has been very successful, has added two other icehouses, filling the three with ice from Lake Chautauqua. He does a large wholesale business. In 1903 he purchased a farm east of the village of Westfield, near his brother, Newell P., where he has since resided. He planted a vineyard and now has one hundred and twenty acres devoted entirely to the culture of Concord grapes. He also personally supervises his ice business in Mayville. He has always taken an active interest in politics and for six years was trustee of the village of Mayville. He is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery. He is a man of high standing in his community and a good citizen.

He married, November 18, 1879, in Mayville, Adelaide Josephine Gleason, born December 11, 1859, in Mantorville, Minnesota, daughter of Charles and Lucy Ann (Slocum) Gleason. Charles Gleason was born in Montgomery county, New York, July 1, 1833; married, October 11, 1858, Lucy Ann Slocum, born November 18, 1842, daughter of George Washington Slocum, born August 23, 1818, died March, 1903; married Rhoda Cary Courtland Mantor, born December 12, 1820, died January 23, 1865. George W. Slocum was a son of Samuel (2) Slocum, son of Samuel (1) Slocum, son of Ebenezer, son of Giles, son of Anthony Slocum, born in England about 1590, the immigrant ancestor in America. Charles Gleason has three children: 1. Adelaide Josephine. 2. Mary, born February 11, 1861; married Dr. Charles Gilbert; children: Josephine, Margaret and Lucy. 3. George Rufus, born January 13, 1881; married, in 1905, Aurelia Escobosa, of Guadalajara, Mexico; children: Guillemena G., Charles and Lucy. Charles Gleason was a son of Rufus (2) Gleason,

born in Salisbury, Litchfield county, Connecticut, 1808, settled in Schoharie county, New York, later, in 1837, in Chautauqua county. He was a carriage maker of Mayville, where he held various offices of trust. He died in Mayville, March 24, 1889. He married Melissa, daughter of John and Tirzah (Smith) Sherman. John Sherman, of English ancestry, lived and died in Schoharie county, New York, where he followed farming. During the war of 1812 he was captain of a company of cavalry, serving with distinction. His wife, Tirzah Smith, was of English ancestry and descendant of a revolutionary family. Rufus (2) Gleason was a son of Rufus (1) and Miriam (Granger) Gleason, who were married in 1796; children: Edwin, Albert, Henry, Rufus, Betsey, Emeline, Clarissa.

Children of Harry B. and Adelaide J. Hopson, all born in Mayville, New York: 1. Lucy Marilla, born March 2, 1882; married Thomas Osborne, of Westfield, New York. 2. Sara Rowena, August 22, 1884. 3. Maud Viola, July 30, 1886. 4. Harold Sherman, October 26, 1892. 5. Harry Benjamin, December 28, 1897. 6. Charles Gleason, May 29, 1900.

Alphonso Winters was for many years a resident of Cannonsville, Delaware county, New York, from whence he moved to Southport, Chemung county, where he married. Later he went west and located in the then comparatively wild and unsettled town of Tecumseh, Michigan, where he died in 1840, five years after his settlement. He was a farmer of Southport and in the west was engaged in both farming and lumbering. After her husband's death his widow returned with the children to New York state, going to Portville, Cattaraugus county, where her mother then resided.

Alphonso Winters married, April 23, 1835, Sarah Clawson Hyde, born May 25, 1815, at Wells, Pennsylvania, who survived him and married (second), June 3, 1849, Nicholas Linderman, a farmer of Ischua, Cattaraugus county, New York. She was a daughter of George Hyde, born in Norwich, Connecticut, November 30, 1782, married, December 25, 1808, Mary, daughter of John and Sarah (Clawson) Waeir, of Elmira, New York. About 1812 George Hyde removed from Elmira to Wells, Pennsylvania, where he was captain of militia, justice of the peace, county

commissioner and postmaster. In 1829 he removed to Southport, New York, where he was postmaster, and died July 2, 1832. George was a son of Andrew Hyde, of Norwich, Connecticut, member of the state legislature, and his first wife, Mary (Tracy) Hyde. Andrew Hyde was the son of Jabez (2) Hyde, a large landowner and magistrate of Norwich, Connecticut; son of Jabez (1) Hyde, a wealthy farmer and justice of the peace, of Norwich, and representative to the general court eight sessions. Jabez (1) Hyde was son of Samuel Hyde, born at Hartford, Connecticut, about 1637, only son of the first William Hyde, of Norwich, Connecticut, 1636, the American ancestor of the Hydes of Connecticut, who came from England about 1636 and was one of the original settlers of Hartford. Children of Alphonso and Sarah C. Winters: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born January 17, 1836, at Southport, New York, died October 21, 1838. 2. Sarah Eliza, twin of Mary E.; married (first), March 1, 1855, Uriel Pierce, a farmer of Ischua, New York; (second) Andrew J. Buzzard, of Humphrey, New York. 3. George Lewis, of whom further. 4. Alphonso Oristes, born January 23, 1841, at Tecumseh, Michigan; married Sarah Ely and became a farmer of Franklinville. By her second husband Sarah C. Linderman had, Charles and James Willis Linderman, who died prior to 1879.

(II) George Lewis, eldest son of Alphonso Winters, was born in Tecumseh, Lenarvee county, Michigan, April 30, 1838, died June 8, 1889. He was two years old when his father died and the family returned east. He passed his boyhood in Cattaraugus county, and with the exception of a few years in the army all his adult life was also spent there. He attended the public schools, completing his studies at Elmira, New York. He taught school for several terms, and worked at farming and other pursuits. He carefully laid aside his surplus earnings until he had sufficient capital to start in mercantile life. He had got nicely started in business when the war broke out, making a complete change in his plans and future life. He enlisted as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, which went to the front as part of the Army of the Potomac. He was a brave soldier and was rapidly promoted to the rank of corporal, sergeant, orderly, second lieutenant and finally,

for meritorious conduct, was made captain. Before he could be mustered in, however, as captain, the battle of Gettysburg was fought and Lieutenant Winters was badly wounded in the arm, was taken prisoner, sent to a Confederate hospital, where his arm was amputated. After this unfortunate ending to his brilliant military career, he returned home and took up the study of law with C. P. Veeder, of Ellicottville. Later he was appointed deputy sheriff and in 1876 was elected sheriff of Cattaraugus county. While at Little Valley, performing the duties of this office, he continued the study of law with Eugene E. Nash. After retiring from public life he continued study with C. S. Cary, in Olean, and in 1885 was admitted to the bar. He never practiced his profession, but followed farming as a business, and held different positions in the government internal revenue service. He was a man of many virtues and was a well-known, capable official of his county. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, Bayard Post, Grand Army of the Republic and the Knights of Honor. Politically he was a Republican.

He married Margaret Zeviah Pierce, who survives him, a highly respected resident of Olean, New York. She is a daughter of John Pierce, born 1804, died 1866, a farmer of the town of Ischua, Cattaraugus county, and a deacon of the Baptist church. He married, in 1842, Mary Sill, born 1819, died 1877. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce: 1. Rev. William D., married Amelia Lindsay; children: Nellie, Henry, Mary, Harriet and George. He is a minister of the Baptist church, now pastor at Great Valley. 2. C. P., a farmer of Ischua, married Adelle Pierce; children: Roscoe H., Merton, John and Margaret. 3. Margaret Z., married George L. Winters. 4. Eunice, married Elmer Kellogg; children: Margaret, Martha and Tessie. 5. Patience, married Louis G. Chamberlain; children: George, married Lena Waddens; Husted, married Bessie Ostertagg, and has John and Hettie. 6. Caleb D., married Louisa Wray; children: Otto, Earl and Eva. 7. Hettie, married Burton Hardy. John Pierce was a son of Caleb and Zeviah (Chase) Pierce, of Massachusetts. Caleb Pierce was a son of Ebenezer Pierce, a soldier of the revolution and a descendant of the Massachusetts early family. Zeviah Chase was a descendant of the famous Chase family of Massachusetts, from which also de-

scends Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's secretary of the treasury and father of the "greenback" bank note. George L. and Margaret Z. Winters had no children.

GRON This family is of the third generation in the United States, the founder, Andrew Gron, being a native of Sweden. He was born in Grossfal, that kingdom, in 1814, died in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, New York, October, 1875. He was a farmer in Sweden and kept an inn for the entertainment of travelers. He came to the United States in 1850, landing in New York City and making his way west by the Erie canal to its western terminus, Buffalo. He did not long remain there, but went to Erie, thence to Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. After two years there he located in Busti, Chautauqua county, New York, where he purchased a small farm of nine acres on the plank road, north of and near Mayville. He cleared this tract and on it made a comfortable living the remainder of his days. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and a regular attendant. Andrew Gron had brothers, Peter and John, who came to the United States a year or so later than he and settled in the same locality. Their sister, Christina Margareta, born May 27, 1816, died May 14, 1899, also came; she married, in 1840, Magnus Hultburg, born April 5, 1814, died October 25, 1899; they lived in Chandlers Valley, Pennsylvania; children: Carl Magnus, Anna, Louisa, married Andrew J. Lindeblad; Charlotte, Albert, Sarah, Charles. Peter Gron was born in Sweden, 1812, died 1893; he came to the United States in 1851; married Caroline Smith; children: Louise, Caroline, Augusta, Eric and Edith Ida, the latter the first wife of Arthur A. Amidon, of Jamestown, New York. (See Amidon). John Gron, brother of Andrew and Peter, was born in Sweden, 1826, died 1891; he came to the United States in 1851; married Anna Charlestam, who died April —, 1895; no children. Andrew Gron, "the founder," married Mary Christina Simpson, born in Sweden, April 1, 1810, died at Jamestown, New York, February 12, 1897. Children: 1. Caroline M., married Theodore Bell. 2. Charles, of further mention. 3. Frederick A., married Caroline Peterson; children: Mabel, Bertha May and Edna. 4. Louisa, deceased; married John S. Westerborg. 5. Augusta, deceased; married Benjamin

Brown. 6. Christina, married Nelson Stanton. 7. Hannah, born October 14, 1851; married Arthur A. Amidon (second wife); children: Levi Lewis, Otto Melvin, Pearl Maud, Minnie and Nelly Viola. 8-9. Abraham and Elvin, died in childhood. 10-11. Died in infancy, unnamed.

(II) Charles, eldest son of Andrew and Mary Christina (Simpson) Gron, was born in Grossfal, Sweden, January 24, 1836. He attended the Swedish schools until the family emigrated to the United States in 1850, finishing his studies in Busti public schools. He remained in Chautauqua county working with his fathers and others until June, 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, Ninth Regiment New York Cavalry, as a private. His brother Frederick enlisted at the same time in the same company. Their terms expired together, and both at once re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. Charles left his company for a short time, volunteering for sixty days to help fill up the Eighty-fifth Regiment United States Artillery, served ninety days, then returned to his regiment. The brothers served through the war without injury, and on returning home located in Jamestown and engaged in the livery business, and had all their business enterprises in common. They were together in business for twenty-four years and accumulated considerable property in city real estate and farming land. When they decided to dissolve and divide their property, it was all done in ten minutes, each taking that which best suited him, the other assenting. There was no friction, and death only interrupted the lifelong devotion and association of these brothers. Charles retained the livery business and continued it in Jamestown until 1907, when he sold out and removed to Lakewood, where he continues the same business on his farm of twenty acres on Lake Chautauqua, having an extensive barn and a most desirable location. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is one of the best-posted men in civil war history to be found in the county. He was a true soldier and fought bravely for his adopted country. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. He married, in 1868, Charlotte Johnson, born in Sweden, in 1838, died July, 1910. She came to the United States when a child with her parents. She was a member of the Lutheran church, and a devoted Christian worker. Children: Belle, mar-