

farming have proven very profitable and pleasant. His tendency to manage well, showed even as a boy and later in camp; his "bump" for making a good "deal" was well developed. For twenty years he has been engaged in the wholesale hay and grain trade, shipping to all large eastern cities, thus making a market for his own and for much of the surplus produce in his vicinity of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. His home is a model one. The home farm lies all level or rolling, is well drained and under good cultivation and produces a handsome income. His buildings are up-to-date all on stone walls and are kept well painted. The house is finished in natural wood, sets on little hill at Wesley, is sewerred, has running water—hot and cold, furnace, bath, and all the conveniences of a modern city home but is still a convenient farm house in all respects. He has a family of four children, one having passed away; Fenton Marion, residing in Buffalo; Alzina Cornelia, wife of Earl D. Jones of Wellsville; Lester Anson, now in Cornell University; and Earle Sidney in the Cattaraugus High School.

We love to see a farmer toil,  
No coat, no vest, nor e'en a hat;  
We love to see him buy and sell,  
"A man's a man for a' of that."

#### AVERY PARKE

Avery Parke, son of Ephriam (see A. G. Parke) was born in Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., in 1800, and came to Dayton in 1826, cleared a farm in the eastern part of the town, now owned by E. K. Parke. He was the first Justice of the Peace in the town of Dayton, which office he held for many years. He was a very public spirited citizen and was well and favorably known. He died at Dayton, November 8, 1876. He married Lodema Ann, daughter of Alexander Nash of Dayton, December 31, 1828; she died June 30, 1844. Their children were Esek Kimball, born September 6, 1830; Elisha F., born July 22,—died July 14, 1834; Electa Ann, born August 15, 1834, married Dr. M. P. Roberts, who for many years practiced his profession in the town of Dayton; Achsah M., born August 1, 1836, married P. S. Allen, and resides at Wesley; Porter A., born June 27, 1839, married Amelia English and resides at Wesley; Anson N., born June 24, 1844, was a member of Co. B., 154th N. Y. S. V., and died at Lookout Valley, Tenn., March 24, 1864; Hudson H., born June 3, 1849, died January 20, 1894; Hudson H. was a lawyer by profession and dealt in Buffalo real estate extensively. Avery Parke was an old time Methodist and his barn was used as a place of worship in the early days.

#### ESEK K. PARKE

Esek K. Parke, a gentleman largely identified with the agricultural and business interests of the town of Dayton, is a son of Avery and Lodema (Nash) Parke and was born in the town of Dayton, September 6, 1830. The Parke family are descended from a long line of noble English ancestry who came to America as early as 1630. Mr. Parke secured the usual education acquired by boys of his time at the district school, and he was reared as a