

GENEALOGICAL AND PERSONAL RECORD,

EXETER, MONROE AND NORTH MORELAND TOWNSHIPS.

HON. GORDON PIKE.

Hon. Gordon Pike was born in Brooklyn, Windham county, Conn., February 19th, 1808. His parents both died when he was very young, and the family, consisting of four boys and two girls, went to live with their grand parents until they were old enough to take care of themselves, when they all removed to Pennsylvania. In 1833 Gordon located in North Moreland township, working for the farmers in the summer and teaching school in the winter. December 19th of that year he married Mary Phillips, of Wyoming. In 1866 he was elected associate judge of Wyoming county. He had previously been elected county commissioner. Subsequently he received the nomination for State senator. As a citizen, he has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

THOMAS P. BARINGER was born in 1827, at Olive, Pa. He came to Monroe in 1848. He was married in 1846 to Hannah Traner, of Olive, Pa. He enlisted in the 143d Pennsylvania volunteers in 1862, and was with the regiment at the Wilderness and all of its other battles. He was mustered out in 1865.

ANTHONY BERSCH, a native of Germany, came to this country in 1854, and has kept a store at Centre Moreland for some years. He is a member of the furniture manufacturing firm of Stroth & Bersch. He married Lily H. Pilgrim, in 1878.

MARTIN BRUNGES, son of John Brunges, one of the first settlers of North Moreland, was elected to the State Assembly in 1871, and served with distinction. He was re-elected the following term, and was appointed chairman of the committee on mines and mining and secretary of that on agriculture, also serving on the committees on pensions, retrenchment and reform, roads and election districts. He is a Republican, and is the only resident of the township ever elected to a State office.

H. P. COLVIN was born in 1846, in Benton, Pa. He came to Monroe in 1869, and was married in 1870 to Miss B. Swingle, daughter of Ephraim Swingle, of Monroe. They have two children—Eliza A., born December 7th, 1870, and Charles A., born September 23d, 1874. Mr. Colvin has been town clerk and justice three years.

EDWARD DIMMICK was born in 1803, at Mansfield, Conn. He came to Monroe in 1864; was married first to Laura Round, of Jackson, Pa.; to Mary Meredith in 1865; and afterwards to Abigail Stevens, widow of Ebenezer Parrish. His father was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner.

BYRON DIMMICK was born in 1833. He married, August 12th, 1853, Ermina O. Terrell, daughter of Elias G. Terrell, of Connecticut, by whom he has had four children: Frederick E., born June 27th, 1854; Lelia V., February 14th, 1856; Shelby T., October 1st, 1861; Cora D., October 4th, 1866.

JOHN B. DYMOND, justice of the peace and postmaster, was born in 1820, and married, in 1845, to Mary Jane Whitlock. They have eight children living.

R. H. EVANS was born at Deposit, Delaware county, N. Y. He came to Monroe in 1853, being married in 1852 to Miss H. N. Beldon, daughter of Silas T. Beldon, M. D., of Dover Plains, N. Y. They have one son, H. C., born in February, 1853.

WILLIAM FREAR was born in 1827, at Eaton; came to

Monroe in 1840, and married in 1854 Elizabeth B. Parrish, of Monroe. She was born in 1833, and died in 1879. They had six children: Edwin D., born in 1855; David, 1857; Emma, 1859; Carrie S., 1861; Lois, 1862; Charles, 1873. Five are living. Mr. Frear has been school director for ten years, assessor eleven years, and is now the poormaster of the township.

H. J. FREAR was born in 1847, and is the son of Rufus J. Frear, who came to Monroe in 1840. The latter was a prominent man in the township; was justice two terms and deputy marshal; enlisted in Company F 53d Pennsylvania volunteers; was captured at Ream's station, confined in Libby prison and Salisbury, where he died in 1864. H. J. Frear married in 1866 Mandana K. Frear, by whom he has one daughter, Gertrude E., born June 27th, 1877. He has been town clerk four terms.

JAMES D. GALLUP is a native of North Moreland, where his father was an early settler. He has held the office of justice of peace, and is an Odd Fellow, a Granger and a Son of Temperance.

I. B. HARDING was born in Eaton, in 1823, and has always lived in this county. He married Abigail Cook in 1850. He has been school director six years.

JAMES W. HARRISON, steward and a class leader of the Methodist church at Vernon, came to America from England in 1839. He was married to Mary P. Heaton in 1857, and has five children.

JACOB B. HEADLEY was born in 1854, and is the son of Thomas and Hannah Headley, early settlers.

T. D. HEADLEY was born in 1818, and is a descendant of some of the earliest inhabitants, his grandfather having settled in Exeter about eight years after the Revolution. Mr. Headley has been married twice and has four children living. He has held many town offices and is a member of the "Christian" church.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON was born in 1835, at Monroe. In 1866 he built a grist-mill on the site of the first one put up in the township. He married in 1867 Sarah A. Clarke, daughter of Sidney Z. Clarke. They had four children, of whom three are living: Charles E., born February 17th, 1871; Jennie May, April 1st, 1873, and Stanley A., August 3d, 1879. Mr. Jackson entered the Union army in 1862, in the 171st Pennsylvania volunteers. He returned in 1863.

E. P. JACKSON was born in 1836, in Franklin township, Luzerne county. He was married April 25th, 1858, to Amantha Eastwood, of Monroe, daughter of John Eastwood. There are four children by this marriage: Amanda, born October 14th, 1861; Merritt, June 4th, 1863; Helen, June 3d, 1867; Mary S., November 12th, 1870. Mr. Jackson enlisted in the 143d Pennsylvania volunteers in September, 1862, and was with that regiment till it was mustered out.

HEISTER KEELER, for the past thirteen years postmaster at Keelersburg and the largest land proprietor in North Moreland, was born January 1st, 1821, and married Adeline Sharp January 30th, 1851. They have a family of eight children.

ELIJAH D. LYON was born in 1816, in Newark, N. J., and came to Monroe in 1861. He married in 1833 Johanna Murphy and in 1863 Zeruah Phoenix, daughter of Matthew Phoenix. He has been school director, auditor and poormaster.