

Achermann, Julius H. born Jan. 9, 1844 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1862. Married in 1866 to Pauline Goetz. Operated a store at Young America.

Bachmann, Charles H. born in 1837 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1854 to Penn. Bought a 160 acre farm at Benton, Minn in 1861. Married in 1856 to Ida Mackenroth and had 8 children. Mr. Bachmann was a carpenter by trade.

Bleichner, George born in 1827 in France. Emmigrated with his parents at the age of 18 months to Penn. Married there in May 1853 to Caroline Barbary and had 11 children. They moved to Benton, Minn. in 1860.

Buery, G. born Jan. 25, 1826 in Germany. Emmigrated at the age of 20 years to Canada and later to New York. He was a cooper by trade. Married in 1847 to Margaret Scherman who died in 1854, second marriage in 1855 to S. Coffman and had 8 children.

Claesgens, Anthony born in 1816 in Prussia, Germany. Married to Josephine Meager also of Prussia. Emmigrated in 1857 to Waconia. Mrs. Claesgens died in 1871, leaving 8 children.

Dauwalter, Charles D. born in 1833 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1850 to Sandusky, Eire Co. Ohio where he was employed as a blacksmith. Moved to Carver, Minn. in 1857 and employed at the John Bloedel blacksmith. In 1860 returned to Ohio and in 1861 married Elizabeth Lill and returned to Carver. They had 3 living children in 1882 and 2 died prior to that time.

Delsing, Joseph born in 1853. Emmigrated in 1863 to Winsted, Minn. and operated a blacksmith shop and later at Chaska. married in October 1878 to Lena Johnson who died in Jan. 1881. They had 2 children, Mary was one of them.

Dols, Lucas born in 1846 in Holland. Emmigrated in 1862 with his family to St. Paul Minn. Married in 1871 to Mary Jorissen. their children are; Lambert, Mary, Anna and Catherine.

Etzell, John born Nov. 4, 1832 in Bavaria, Germany. Emmigrated in 1848 to Luzerne County in Penn. There he was employed by his uncle in a saw-mill until coming to Minnesota. In 1854 he settled at Young America and remained there for 6 years. On June 1861 he enlisted in Co. B, Second Minnesota Infantry serving until mustered out in August 1865. In 1865 he returned to Young America and married Mrs. Magdeline Yetzer widow of the late Ignatz Yetzer. Her maiden name was Magdeline Angerhoffer born Dec. 21, 1839 in Bavaria, she died May 31, 1916 at Chaska. They had 5 children; John, Otto, George, Albert and Joseph. Soon after their marriage, they opened a salon in Laketown (Victoria) and in 1877 built the "Farmers Home" Mrs. Etzell nee Magdalena Angerhoffer was first married to Ignatz Yetzer and had 2 children; Frank and Mrs. A.J. (Mary) Holzer.

Fabel, Henry born Jan. 6, 1837 in Darmstadt, Hesse, Germany. Emmigrated with his mother in 1850 to Penn. In 1856 claimed a farm in Section 29, Benton Township, Minn. In 1877 operated a store in Norwood, Minn. Married Nov. 11, 1850 to Lena Tollksdorff. They had 11 children.

Goetze, Ernest F. born May 6, 1839 in Prussia, Germany. Emmigrated to America in 1857. Married in 1870 to Elizabeth Kloos. They had 7 children.

Gruber, Joseph born in 1854 in Austria. Emmigrated with his parents at the age of 13 years to St. Paul, Minn. Two years later came to Chaska. Married in 1876 to Louise Lutz. They had 2 children; Emma who died in Mar. 1880 and Mary who is still living (1882)

Heberle, Stanislaus born Nov. 11, 1826 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1851 to New York. Six years later to Goshen, Ind. Four years later to Henderson, Minn. and homesteaded in Section 6. In 1865 engaged in the wagon-maker in Henderson. A tornado unroofed his house on the farm.

Heidenreich, William born Oct. 3, 1831 in Prussia, Germany. He was a taylor by trade. Emmigrated in 1856 to Shakopee, Minn. Married Feb. 22, 1856 to Pauline Cornetky and had the following children; Bertha P. Anna A., Adolph T., William Jr., Charles J., Edward J., Pauline A., E. and Otto.

Herz, Berthold born in 1830 in Baden, Germany. He was a shoemaker by trade. Emmigrated in 1852 to New York. Later bought a farm in Carver County and in 1866 bought a brewery in Carver, Minn. Married in 1851 to Anna Kronschnabel at Cleveland, Ohio. They had 6 children.

Hilgers, Gerhard born Aug. 31, 1838 in Prussia, Germany. Emmigrated in 1867 to Madison, Wis. In 1866 operated a Hotel at Jordan, Minn. Married Nov. 11, 1865 to Adelheid Weibler and had the following children; William H., Frank H., John H., Michael H., Maria S., and Casper H.

Japs, F. H. born in 1842 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1861 to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Sold his business in 1879 and moved to Watertown, Minn. and bought a share with his brother in the Watertown Plow Co. Married in 1874 to D. Loudwehr and had 3 children; Anna, Elizabeth and Wilhemina.

Kerker, John born in 1824 in Switzerland. Graduated as a teacher in 1846. Emmigrated in 1859 to Chaska, Minn. Operated a Hotel at Chaska. Married in 1847 to Mary Rich. Children; Dagobert, Thomas, Xavier, Anthony, Christine and Rose.

* Hilgers, Mrs. Marie Annie nee Romer widow of the late B. Hilgers born in 1852 in Germany. Emmigrated with her parents in 1856 to Fon du Lac County, Wisconsin. Married in May 1870. Her husband was killed in February 1879 by a falling tree. They had 3 small children; Albert, Gertrude and Jacob.

Hilgers, Casper born Nov. 15, 1815 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1867 to a farm in Wisconsin. Sold the farm in 1879 and moved to Jordan, Minn. and ran a Hotel. Married Jan 7, 1836 to Anna M. Puttchen in Germany. They had 14 children. 9 living; Jerred, Warner, Christine, Anna J. Eva, Anna M., Catherine, Gertrude, Peter

Knoblauch, Anton born Aug. 24, 1835 in Wurttemberg, Germany. Emmigrated at the of 18 years America. Settled for 2 years in Ohio. Then came to Carver, Minn. and operated farm machinery and banking business. Married in 1864 to Anna Johnson of Carver. They had 4 children.

Krayenbuhl, Gustave born Aug. 22, 1822 in Switzerland. Bookkeeper. Emmigrated in 1847 to New York. After 8 or 9 years he came to Chaska, Minn. and operated a mercantile business. Later became a member of the Dakota Land Co. and went to the Sioux Valley Territory, appointed postmaster of Medary, Midway County. He left after the burning of Medary by the Yankton Indians and came to Chaska, Minn. In 1858 he was elected County Treasurer, also elected Register of Deeds and later Clerk of Court serving for 18 years. Married in December 1851 to Constance Gebner also a native of Switzerland. They had 11 children, 7 living in 1880.

Kronschabel, Casper born in 1837 in Germany. Emmigrated with his parents at the age of 9 years to Ohio. At the age of 15 years he made his own living by working for 18 months at Lake Superior, Mich. In 1856 he came to St. Paul, Minn. Shortly thereafter he came to Chaska Operating a saw-mill for about 5 or 6 years and then returned to Michigan for 5 years and then back to Chaska on a farm. In 1867 he operated a flour mill at Young America for 2 years and then sold it. In 1868 he operated a saw and flour mill at Benton. He also served as Post Master at Benton. Married in 1861 to Anna Ohler and had 12 children. Extra; saw-mill in 1866, grist-mill in 1867, partner Nicholas Henrion in 1874, enlarged to 4 run stone in 1878, 6 hp engine in 1879, built elevator of 12,000 bu. in 1880.

Logeline, B. born in 1820 in France. Taylor by trade. Emmigrated in 1852 to Ohio. Later pre-empted a 160 acre farm in Hennepin County, Minn. Later sold the farm to his son while he traveled around. In 1876 he came to Chaska. Married in 1852 to Miss Hugin and had 5 children; Felix, Matthias (?)

Luedloff, Charles born Sept. 3, 1825 in Prussia, Germany. Serving in the German Army as a Corporal from 1844 to 1847. Emmigrated in 1853 to Minnesota, Oct. 7, 1854 on a farm in Sect. 21 Dahlgren Township. Married Sept. 7, 1857 to Charlotte Dunin, 7 children.
Wurttemberg

Maiser, Benedict born in 1830 in ~~BASSON~~, Germany. Emmigrated to America at the age of 14 years. In 1863 he operated a mercantile business at Waconia, Minn.

Mergens, Michael born Jan. 25, 1825 in Prussia, Germany. Weaver trade. Emmigrated in 1856 to a farm in Hennepin County, Minn. Enlisted Aug. 2, 1862 in Co. A 6th Minn. In 1867 moved to a 160 acre farm in Laketown Township, Minn. Married in 1849 to Margarete Becker who died in 1858. Second marriage in 1862 to Ida Kerchner and had 2 children.

Miller, Herrmann, born in 1822 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1848 to St. Paul, Minn. In 1854 had a farm in Dahlgren Township. Married in 1855 to Amelia Rudiger who was born Sept. 21, 1822. They had 5 children; Marie S., John H., Henry E., Selina A. and Franklin who was born in 1857 and died Dec. 15, 1875.

Muehlberg, Herman born in 1833 at Hanover, Germany. Emmigrated with his parents in 1846 to St. Louis, Mo. Printing Trade. He came to Carver, Minn. in 1856 and operated the Carver County Free Press. In 1860 moved to Waconia. Enlisted in the Civil War. On Jan. 1, 1881 he became the owner of the Free Press at Carver. Married in 1854 to Clara Frese of Dubuque, Iowa. Their children were; Albert, Clara, Herman, Doratha, Elsie and Hermine.

Rausch, John born in 1828 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1847 to Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin. Married in 1854 to Mary A. Yome. Their children were; Jacob, John, Ellen. His son, Jacob, married Aug. 2, 1881 to Annie Appert.

Riedele, Anton born in 1829 in Germany. Milling Trade. Emmigrated in 1885 to Minnesota and claimed a 200 acre farm near Chaska. Operated a flour mill at Chaska. In 1879 he sold the farm and flour mill and built a brick house near the railroad and operating a Hotel. In 1881 became a partner in the Bierlin Brick Yard, They made 15,000 brick per day. Married in 1855 to Miss Neabale. Their children were; Flora, Philip, Antone and Clara.

Ries, Jacob Sr. born Dec. 6, 1830 in Luxembourg. His parents died when he was 18 years old. Emmigrated in 1854 to New York and came to Shakopee, Minn. in 1857. In 1872 operated a Pop Factory in Shakopee. Married Oct. 27, 1857 to Josephine Mamer who was born June 24, 1836. They had 14 children. Surviving are; Jacob Jr., Anna Mary, Margaret J., Anna, John B., Mary K.E., William.

Rohler, Albert born in 1830 in Baden, Germany. Emmigrated in 1851 to America. In 1863 he resided in Waconia, Minn. Married in 1854 to Catherine Kramer and had 10 children.

Schaler, Julius born in 1834 in Germany. Shoemaker Trade. Emmigrated in 1858 to Penn. Enlisted in Penn. Co. A, 9th Reg. He came to St. Paul on June 3, 1864 and Reenlisted in Co. E, 5th Minn. In 1865 he operated a Shoe Shop in Young America. Married in 1865 to Amelia Schrimpf. Their children were; Henry E., Clara C., Gustave C. and Bertha A.

Schmitt, C. born in 1818 in Prussia, Germany. Emmigrated in 1867 to America and employed in a brewery. Married in 1844 in Prussia to Angeliné Hansen. Their children were; John, Jacob, Peter, Mathias, Kate and Mary.

Schoenborn, Nicholas born in 1830 in Prussia, Germany. Emmigrated in 1846 to Wisconsin. In 1857 operated a saloon in Chaska, Minn. in 1862 enlisted in Co. E 5th Minn. mustered out in 1865. First marriage in 1854 to Amelia Hurd of N.Y. who died Feb. 22, 1855. Second marriage in 1857 to Delia Smith who died in 1865 leaving 3 children. Third marriage to Caroline Kronschnabel, they had 7 children.

Walter, O.F. born in 1842 in Vermont. At the age of 16 to 20 he worked in Canada, 8 years later came to Chanhassen and rented the Leach farm. In 1871 he bought 40 acres in Section 7 and sold it 2 years later and bought the present 50 acres. In 1881 he was erected the Commodious House. Married in 1861 to Catherine Mc Sherry.

Welter, Nicholas born in 1825 in Germany. Emmigrated in 1869 to Henderson. Married Annie Neuns and had 12 children: Henry, John, Mathew, Annie, Charles, Katie, Nicholas, Michael, Louis, Joseph, Anton and Maggie.

Williams, William born in 1815 in Holland. Emmigrated in 1863 and bought a 160 acre farm at \$2,000. Married in 1849 in Holland to Caroline Jaspers.

2- Sigafos, W. X. born in 1824 in Ohio. In 1853 moved to Iowa and bought a 240 acre farm, 15 years later moved to Missouri, and still later moved to Chanhassen, Minn. Married in 1851 to Mary Drake, they had 8 children.

Zahler, Michael born in 1840 in Germany. Brewer by trade. He emmigrated in 1857 to Carver County. In 1865 operated a brewery and grist mill in Waconia, Minn. Married in 1865 to Chaterine Stenger, they had 5 children.

Baxter, L.L. born June 8, 1832 in Cornwell, Vermont. Studied law in Middlebury with Horato Seymour after receiving his education at Castleton and at the Norwich University. In 1853 came west and practiced law in Geneva, Wisconsin until 1857. During that year he removed to Glencoe, Mc Leod county, Minnesota, and there in company with a brother established the "Glencoe Register" the first newspaper edited west of the "big woods." In September, 1861 enlisted from Carver village as captian of Company A Fourth Minnesota volunteers; in April, 1862, was promoted major of his regiment. On being mustered out of service Oct. 10, 1862, he returned home and removed to Shakopee, as he found his house filled with Indian refugees. In November, 1864, he reenlisted as major of First battalion and promoted to lieutenant-colonel in February and to colonel the following May. Was honorably discharged in October, 1865. He resumed the practice of law in Shakopee, continuing until 1868, then moved to Chaska where he has since lived but does business in Minneapolis, the law firm being Baxter Grethen & Penny, located at 108 Hennepin avenue. While living in Carver in 1858. he established the "Carver County Democrat" the first English paper in the county. Was elected judge of probate in the fall of 1857, and resigned within a year, elected of Scott county in 1863; elected senator in 1864 and re-elected in 1866. On moving to Carver county in 1868 was elected the same fall to the legislature; was elected to the senate in 1869, holding the office five years by re-election. In 1874 was again elected to the legislature, and since 1878 has held the office. His marriage with Miss Emma Ward took place at Geneva, Wisconsin in September 1856. She died in 1872, leaving three children, two of whom, Chauncey L. and George A. are living. His second wife was Barbara Deuhe, married in 1874. May 10, 1881 she died leaving one child, Bertha.

Belhoffer, Jacob was born in Germany, October 6, 1817. Came to America in 1842, and for five years lived in Buffalo, New York, then removed to Racine, Wisconsin. There he followed the trade of carpenter nine years, then in St. Paul two years. Then made a claim near Chaska, on which he lived until 1865, then moved into the village. In 1877 he started the Old Settler's Hotel, which he still owns. Married December 1, 1844 to Frances Remerman, a native of Germany, who has borne him eight children. William, Henry and Jacob are living.

Bierlein, Mike was born in Ohio in 1851. When only six years old he moved with his parents to Laketown, Carver County, Minnesota. His father made a claim of 120 acres, on which he lived and attended school until eighteen years of age. Came to Chaska and began working in the brickyards, remaining until 1876. Removed to Sterne county and started a brick-yard, which he sold eight months later and returned to Chaska. He continued in the brick-making business eleven months, then engaged in milling in Waconia, erecting a mill at a cost of \$16,000. Ten months later he removed the building to Chaska and continued milling two years. He took a partner Anton Riedele in March 1881 and started a brick-yard. They employed fifteen men and made from ten thousand to twelve thousand brick per day. Miss Bertha Hecklin became his wife in 1874. Ida, Olive and Amile are their living children.

Delsing, Joseph, who was a blacksmith, was born in Germany in 1853. When a lad of ten years he came to America with his parents. After attending school one year in Carver, Minnesota he located in Chaska. For two years he followed farming, then resolved to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he did. Five years he devoted to his trade here, then opened a shop in Winsted, which he ran one year. Removing to Chaska, he built his present shop, one of the best in town and is doing a thriving business. His wife was Lena Johnson, married in October, 1878. In 1881 she died, leaving two children. Mary is the one living.

Dilley, James F. was born in 1841 in Ohio. At the age of 15 years he came with his parents Webster, Minnesota and farmed with his father until 1861, when he enlisted in the Fourth Minnesota, discharged in August at St. Paul. Then with his brother they rented a 160 acre farm at Farmington for 2 years, then he went in the livery business for 2 years. While residing in Dakota County he was twice elected to the legislature. In 1873 he came to Chaska and ran a livery business for 4 or 5 years, then sold farm machinery for 1 year, later a Hotel keeper. Married in 1871 to Mary Scherdan and had 5 children.

Eitel, John G. a native of Germany, was born in 1827. He acquired a knowledge of carriage making and blacksmithing. In 1849 came to America and worked in a cotton mill in Pittsburg some time. He afterwards was employed at his trade in the ship-yards, then in St. Louis Missouri, Reoria, Illinois and New Orleans. He then went to California. Here he mined for 3 years and on returning, located in Chaska in 1855 and pre-empted 173 acres of land which he still owns. He farmed several years, then visited the mining region of Idaho and remained 2 years. Since returning to Chaska he has been the proprietor of the Valley Flouring mill and has a fine business. In 1857 he married Mary Ulmer. George, Gothilf, Augustus, David, Fred and Adam are their children.

Du Toit, Frederick E. was born in Harrisville, Lewis County, New York on September 24, 1845. He acquired a good education. He arrived at Chaska in May, 1856 accompanied by his father's family. He apprenticed in the printer's trade after attending school about 3 years. September 26, 1861. enlisted in Company A, Fourth Minn. as a private; in October 1864 received the commission of second lieutenant of Battery C, First Minnesota heavy artillery. He was mustered out July 4, 1865. Was town clerk from 1867 to 1869; and elected county commissioner in 1869 for 3 years; in 1871 was made county superintendent of schools and resigned his office of county commissioner; was representative to the legislature from the first district of Carver county in 1872, serving two terms by re-election. He now holds the office of sheriff to which position he was elected in 1874. In 1880 was appointed enumerator for the census for both Chanhassen and Chaska. He in company with his brother owns and publishes the "Weekly Valley Herald". Married May 31, 1879 Miss Josephine Brinkhaus, who died February 1, 1881.

Fowler, Samual a native of Yorkshire, England, born Mar. 18, 1848. When only 2 years old he moved with his parents across to Coburg, Ontario, Canada. He began the study of law in 1865 with J.D. Armour of that place. Graduated at Toronto in 1870, then went to Winnipeg, Manitoba and began the practice of law. In 1871 he returned to his former home in Ontario and the next year settled in Carver, Minnesota. In February 1873 was admitted to the practice of law in this state, soon after located at Henderson, where he was county attorney of Sibley county for 2 years, In 1878 he became a resident of Chaska and has since pursued the practice of law. Miss Margaret C. Scollie of Coburg, Ontario became his wife in 1872. five children have been born to them.

Gregg, John W. was born in 1827 in New York. IN 1838 he and with parents moved to Wisconsin. His father, George Gregg owned a large brick-yard and with him, John became acquainted with the business in all its details. Remained with his father until 1848, then he engaged in various pursuits until coming to Minnesota in 1854. Located in Shakopee and was employed at brick making for 2 years, then removed to Chaska. In 1864 he took as a partner in the business, C.W. Griggs, and 3 years later Mr. Gregg removed to Mankato, Blue Earth county. In 1874 he returned to Chaska and started his present brick-yard with W.B. Griswold as a partner. They now employ 50 men and make about 40,000 brick per day. In 1853 he married Miss Eglisten of Wisconsin who has borne him 5 children; Carrie, Caroline, Frank, William and Harry.

Greiner, Fred was born April 13, 1829 in Wurttemberg, Germany. After receiving a public school education, he studied architecture. Came to America in 1849 and settled in St. Louis, Missouri and remained there for 1 year. He then came to St. Paul, Minnesota and 4 years later took a claim near Chaska. For 2 years he farmed then gave his attention in the mercantile trade in Chaska for 1 year. He afterwards ran the Chaska House until 1872, after he served as sheriff of Carver county for 2 years, was also chairman of the first board of county commissioners. In 1874 he was elected register of deeds and still holds this office. Married in 1853 at St. Paul to Miss Katrina Faber who has borne him 7 children, all living.

Griswold, William B. was born November 9, 1834 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dealer in lumber and brick of the firm of Gregg & Griswold. When 4 years old he removed with parents to Quincy, Illinois, his father being principal of the Mission Institute of Quincy. Under his father's guidance his education was acquired, and when 16 years of age he began teaching. The year following he went to California where he remained until attaining majority engaged in lumbering and mining. Returned to Quincy in 1855, he entered the law office of O.H. Browning and graduated in law in 1860. The same year he came to Minnesota and was admitted to the bar of the state in the fall of that year. He then began practicing his profession in Chaska with J.A. Sargent. During 1863 and 1864 he edited the Valley Herald and the next year moved to Mankato and published the Mankato Union for 10 years. Was postmaster of Mankato during 1869 and 1870. Returning to Chaska in 1875 he became one of the firm of Gregg & Griswold dealer in lumber and brick. Married November 25, 1862 to Mrs. Caroline M. Lathrop nee Gregg. They have 1 son and 1 daughter,

Henk, George was born December 10, 1861 in Chaska, Minnesota. He attended St. John's College in Sterns county for 2 years; returned to Chaska and engaged in the hardware trade in his father's store for 3 years, thereby becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business in all its details. Went to Minneapolis and was employed in the hardware store of Smith & Schribner for 6 months. He has since had charge of his father's hardware store with a general supervision of the business. They own a fine store and carry the largest stock of hardware in the town.

Henning, F.W. dealer in dry goods and groceries is a native of Germany. Born May 22, 1836; came to America in 1865; previous to his coming he spent 2 years in the German army. Locating at Chaska, he began clerking for the firm of Charles A. Warner & Co. and continued with them for 9 years. He then embarked in the general merchandise trade, and in the spring of 1878 admitted his brother Charles as a partner. In 1868 he married Miss Christina Kieckbusch, who bore him 5 children.

Iltis, Frederick was born in 1842 in Elsen, France. Came with parents to America when only 10 years of age, settled in Du Page county Illinois. Three years later came to Minnesota, locating in Yorkville near Chaska. In 1862 Frederick enlisted in Company G. Sixth Minnesota, serving first against the Indians in the Sioux war, in 1864 went South, was promoted to sergeant of his company, and finally discharged at Fort Snelling on August 19, 1865. He then returned to Chaska and for two years was engaged in the hardware trade. For the past seven years he held the office of county commissioner of Carver county. He was united in marriage with Minnie Miller of Benton Carver county. Six of the nine children born to them are living.

Leivermann, Bernard, proprietor of a brewery in Chaska, was born in 1848 in Germany. Came to America in 1867 after having learned the brewing business in his native country. He located in St. Paul and worked at his trade until coming to Chaska in 1875. Here he owns the Chaska brewery. His wife was Miss Bertha (Barbara) Schwartz, married in 1873. Their four children are all living.

Melvin, Reuben was born in Burton, Geauga, county, Ohio in 1844. His youth was spent in native place until the fall of 1861 when he enlisted in Company H, Twelfth Michigan; served one year and was honorable discharged at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1863 he came to Chaska and has since been employed in brick making. Married January 11, 1864 to Amelia C. Howe. Four of their six children are living.

Noble, Lyman W. was born in Dresden, Washington county, New York October 3, 1832. While yet a small child he moved with his parents to Northampton, Massachusetts and was there educated and learned the mason's trade at which he worked some years. He arrived in Minneapolis, Minnesota May 22, 1856; after spending one year at his trade in Princeton, Illinois. His home was in Minneapolis one and one-half years, then in 1857 he came to Chaska. He built the first brick house in Carver county for John Lee on Chaska town site. This town has since been his home. He was elected constable in 1878 and held the office for two years. Married January 20, 1868 to Sarah A. Ellsworth, who has borne him 5 children. The living are Harvey H., Burt L. and Ella N.

Odell, William C. was born at Gorham, New York October 20, 1850. When 5 years old he accompanied his parents to Muskegon, Michigan, and attended the public school of that place and college at Kalamazoo until 1868. He then began the study of law at Muskegon; went to Ballston Spa, New York, in 1869 and continued his studies there until 1871. Returning to Michigan he was admitted to the bar at Grand Haven, Ottawa county and began practicing at Muskegon with J. Baker. In the fall of 1872 he entered the office of C.I. Walker of Detroit, remaining until the fall of 1875, then came to Fairbault, Minnesota. He located an office in Jordan, but remained only about two months. In 1877 came to Chaska beginning here the practice of law. Two years subsequently he was elected county attorney of Carver county, which office he still holds. His marriage with Miss Lucy Du Toit took place in February 1878. They are the parents of two children.

Oerter, Rev. W.H. was born at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania April 9, 1848. When a child of 6 years he accompanied his parents to Appanoose county, Iowa, remaining there until 13 years of age. Returning to his native town he was there educated, graduation from the Bethlehem Moravian College in 1874. Immediately after he assumed charge of a church South Bethlehem where he labored until October 1877. Came to Chaska at that time and took charge of the Moravian church at that place. Married in 1874 to Miss Anna M. Bishop of Bethlehem.

Ramsdill, Charles A. postmaster at Chaska, was born in Jefferson county, New York, March 31, 1843. When a child moved to Mc Henry county, Illinois, making his home there until 1861. Enlisted in that year in Company A, Seventh Illinois infantry; was taken prisoner at the battle of Corinth and held as such two weeks. In October 1864, was wounded at the battle of Altoona. This disabled him for several months and he was afterwards appointed regimental postmaster serving in the capacity until honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois July 9, 1865. Two years later he moved to Wisconsin and worked at the carpenter trade in Adams and Columbia counties until 1869, then returned to Illinois and spent one year. Became a resident of Chaska in 1871. Married in October 1866 to Adelia Stevens of Adams Co. Wis. They have 5 children.

Sargent, Joseph Augustus was born at Hallowell, Maine Nov. 28, 1821. The maternal grand-father of our subject, William Griffen, served in the war of 1812-15. Joseph S. Sargent moved to Portland when his son was 14 years old. Here his literary education was finished at North Yarmouth Academy. He read law with R.A.L. Codman of Portland, teaching one term about that time. He then went into the mercantile business, thinking then to abandon the law altogether. In 1854 Mr. Sargent came to St. Paul, Minnesota and resumed his law studies, reading with Hon. C.D. Gillfillan; was admitted to practice in that city in the spring of 1855. He immediately opened an office in Carver, practiced there until 1860, then moved to Chaska and has since continued his practice here. Most of the time he has been kept in some public position, often holding two offices at the same time. At an early day he was county attorney of Carver county two terms; was soon after register of deeds an equal length of time; was county superintendent of school a short time; justice of the peace ten years and has been judge of probate for the past 17 years. He is one of the most popular men in the county, performing the duties of every office which he holds or has held with the utmost faithfulness and to the satisfaction of the people. The judge is usually classed with the democrats, yet often runs on an independent ticket, sometimes receiving his nomination from the republicans. There is very little of the partisan in his composition, he finds good men in all political parties and all political parties find a good man in him. In religious belief he was an Episcopalian, holding his connection with the church in Shakopee. Judge Sargent has been twice married; the first time in May 1846 to Miss Maria Whiting of Portland, Maine. She had 3 children by him, and lost one, she too passed away in October 1863. His second marriage was with Miss Elizabeth Thomson of Troy, New York in July 1865. Clara M., Emily A., and Joseph S. are their children.

Seeger, Fredweick P. a native of Moscow, Russia, born in 1846. He left his native land with his parents when quite young and located at Cincinnati, Ohio. After leaving school he worked in a drug store 4 years. His parents having moved to St. Peter, Minn. in the meantime he followed them and for one and one-half years engaged in the manufacture of cigars. Enlisted in the Ninth Minn. infantry in 1862 and served three years; discharged at Fort Snelling in September 1865. Returning home he engaged in milling business until 1875, then became a resident of Chaska. He and his father began business together speculating in wheat. He now buys wheat for their commodious elevator. In 1872 he married Miss Elizabeth Mace. They lost one child and have four living.

Seeger, William Sr. a native of Hamburg, Germany, born May 12, 1810. There he remained until 26 years of age, then went to Moscow, Russia. He was interesting in the banking business and importing business for 16 years, and in 1852 came to America and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Until 1867 he was engaged in the leather trade. He made St. Peter, Mn. his home and for 6 years gave his attention to brewing and distilling then spent 5 years at Le Sueur in the grain business. After serving 4 years as deputy he was elected to the office of state treasurer serving 2 years. He was instrumental in locating and establishing a Russian colony in Cottonwood county Minn. acting entirely upon his own responsibility. He was thus employed about 4 years. In 1856 in company with Colonel William Pfaender he located a German colony in New Ulm. Enlisted in 1862 and served six months in Company D, 9th Minn. he was discharged on account of disability. His 3 sons and 2 sons-in-law also served in the army. Married in 1838 to Christine Wolf of Hamburg. They have 5 sons and 4 daughters who are all married. In 1876 he located in Chaska and is engaged in the grain and mercantile business.