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OLD BELLVALE

Historical Notes by the late Thomas Burt,
with letter to John B. Bradner

The Dispatch is indebted to Mr. John B. Bradner for some historical notes about Bellvale penned by the late Thomas Burt, and which have never before been published in full. Mr. Bradner had sent Mr. Burt a copy of the Bellvale Rising Star (a little 4-page leaflet published by the late A.J. Burt and printed by Mr. Bradner,) and in return for the compliment Mr. Burt sent to Mr. Bradner a type-written copy of an historical sketch he had written for a History of Orange Co. in 1908. The full text of Mr. Burt's sketch, together with his letter to Mr. Bradner is given below. A brief of the sketch appeared in Headley's History of Orange County in 1908.

Warwick, N.Y., March 21, 1907
Mr. John B. Bradner,
Bellvale.

Dear Sir;

I received the copy of the Rising Star for which please accept my thanks. I enclose with this a copy of my sketch of Bellvale matters which may interest you. Note a few errors in typing, - one where the Burts are said to have pioneer shops for industries, should be limited to only a larger number of them. Benj. Bradner sold the interest he had with his brother John in seventy-five acres of the sawmill tract to his brother and moved his tannery to Warwick at the brook on Colonial Ave. where he was succeeded by his son Smith until he bought the Jacob Bradner farm near the village.

Respectfully yours,
Thos. Burt

Old Bellvale

Bellvale village, known in colonial times as Wawayanda, is situated on the lower rapids of the Long House Creek, which here enters the meadows and flows a mile and one half to Stone Bridge Station, where it enters the Wawayanda, which has its source in Clark's Lake, and then loses its name when merged in the smaller stream. Longhouse Creek has its source in a swamp in New Jersey a short distance east from Wawayanda Lake. It has a large watershed at an elevation above tide water of about eleven hundred feet, and in its descent of six or seven miles runs through several fine storage basins and down numerous rapids and falls. For a distance of 500 feet, options were taken on some of the storage basins by the Ramapo Water Company during its active days with a view of conducting the water into the headquarters of the Ramapo River.

This stream is well adapted for the generation of water power for electrical or manufacturing purposes, and we learn from Colonial History was utilized by Lawrence Scauley in 1745 to operate a forge or tilt-hammer for a plating and slitting mill. This was the only mill of its kind in the state of New York and in 1750 was not in operation. Under the Crown we were not allowed to advance the manufacturing stage of iron beyond the pig and bar iron states. It seems Scauley took his chances in this secluded portion of the valley to furnish more convenient sizes of iron to meet the wants of the blacksmiths and builders of that day and thus avoid paying tribute to the manufacturers of the Mother Country. The ruins of the hearth where the ore was smelted, the raceway, and the pit for the wheel that operated the tilt-hammer are still visible, as well as the masonry of the foundation of the dam. During the war of 1812, a Mr. Peck had an establishment upon the stream, near the home of W.M. Mann, where he manufactured bridge-bits, stirrups, buckles, and saddle-trees for our cavalry, as well as agricultural implements generally. The old forge site and the lands along the rapids up to the line of the Cheesecock patent were bought by Daniel Burt, in 1760 and soon after he built a flouring mill and a sawmill, both of which were washed away by the breaking away of the mill dam during a very unusually heavy shower of rain. The present flouring mill is situated near the site of the earlier one.

A sawmill was built in 1812 by John Bradner and Brower Robinson and rebuilt by Thomas Burt, who operated it and a turning shop for about twenty years. The dam has washed away and the mill is in ruins. A woolcarding factory was built by Nathaniel Jones about 1810, and subsequently enlarged for the manufacture of broadcloths by Joseph Brooks, but is not now in operation. James, the son of Daniel Burt, about 1812 settled three of his sons in Bellvale in the milling and mercantile business. They established shops for a blacksmith, carpenter, wagon-maker, and the manufacture of red earthenware pottery. Benjamin Bradner had a tannery before 1812 where the ruins of the old sawmill are situated. The vats were located where is now the old raceway and the bark was ground in a circular curb upon the flat rock back of the sawmill by rolling a heavy millstone over the bark as at ont time apples were reduced to pumice by cider makers. About 1803, the Bellvale and Monroe Turnpike was built to make a shorter route to the markets along the Ramapo River for the produce of the farmers of Warwick. It was nine miles long and shortened the distance previously traveled about one half. The road was maintained about fifty years and the charter then surrendered to the State, and the road divided into districts. A fund of about \$500.00 on hand was spend in putting the road in order before the charter was surrendered to the State. The stockholders never received any money for their investment. The massive stone arch bridge over the channel at Bellvale was built in 1832 to take the place of the old wooden one then unsafe for travel. Recently the old bridge site, as well as nearly all the land along the Longhouse Creek for four or five miles has passed into the hands of one owner (referring to Miss Hitchcock) as well as all the hills about 3000 acres of land lying along the stream. The probable development of the water power for electrical purposes and an early completion of the state road from Pine Island to Tuxedo promises a brighter future. Tradition accounts for the name of the stream from the longhouse that stood on its bank near the residence of the late C.R. Cline. The Indians that settled there built their houses end to end, and as their families became more numerous, a longhouse was built instead of isolated circular wigwams of many tribes. That there was an Indian settlement at this place is highly probable from the nearby stream for fishing, swamp and mountain for hunting, and the fertile prairie-like land for their crops of corn and tobacco. In the part where the land has been cultivated, plenty of flint arrowheads and large chips of flint with sharp edges have been found. The flint chips were used by the squaws in cultivating corn and tobacco.

In 1841 in digging a cellar for an addition to the house the skeleton of an Indian of immense size was found and, if the writer mistakes not, in a sitting posture. This may have been only one of a great many buried there, and might have been their chief.

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RISING

The



Star.

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The Little Town o' Bellvale.

You kin boast about your cities, and their tidy
growth and size,
And brag about your country seat, and business
enterprise,
And railroads, and factories, and all sich foolery—
But the little town o' Bellvale, is big enough for
me!

You can harp about yer churches, with their stee-
ples in the clouds,
And gas about yer graded streets, and blow about
yer crowds;
You kin talk about yer theatres, and all you've
got to see;
But the little town o' Bellvale is wide enough for
me!

They haint no style in our town; hit's little like
and small;
They haint no churches. 'nuther; jus' the meetin'
house is all;
They's no sidewalks, to speak of, but the high-
way's allus free.
And the little town o' Bellvale, is wide enough for
me!

Some finds it discommodiu' like, I'm willin' to
admit,
To hev but one Post Office, and one man keepin'
hit.
And the drug store, and shoe shop, and grocery,
all three;
But the little town o' Bellvale, is handy 'nough
for me!

You kin smile, and turn your nose up, and joke
and hev your fun,
And laugh and holler, "Bellvale" 'ill allus be a
better place 'n none!
Ef the city suits you better, why hit's where you
orto' be,
But the little town o' Bellvale is good enough for
me.

In this introductory number, we have taken the liberty of adapting the above, a recent poem by that rising young Poet, J. Whitcomb Riley, which can so much better express our loyalty to our village than anything we could say. We hope to number Mr. Riley among our regular contributors.

OUR GREETING.

To those who have been familiar with the peculiar and distinctive features of Bellvale in the past, and have often expressed their wonder that no organ has been established through which to show our light to the great outside world, and to record in the "Art Immortal," the daily ever changing features of our social business and varied intercourse, we presume no apology will be necessary, in the advent of the *Bellvale Rising Star*, on the great sea of Journalism.

To those, unfortunately, less familiar with our place, we have felt it a duty to let our light so shine that all may bask in the refulgent electric light of the good, the true, and the beautiful. that it will convey to its numerous readers.

It will be the aim of its corps of editors, to make it a clean, bright, spicy, and ever welcome messenger to its readers, and to ever portray the true inwardness of Bellvale life.

Although the subscription price is but 25 cts. per year, those who may be so fortunate as to secure a full year's numbers, will find they have a gem in their library of priceless value.

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REV. J. H. CHAMPIAN,
The Moral and Religious Dep't.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

It is the intention of the publishers of this paper, that its numbers during the year shall contain the present home, and business of all native Bellvalians, also all those who have been, in any way, associated or interested in the past history of Bellvale.

This feature, alone, must make it particularly interesting to any one familiar with the past social make up of Bellvale and vicinity.

The sad reflection must come, when the record is completed, that across the cold river will be numbered the silent majority.

Mr. Albert Wisner of Chicago is, probably, financially the most successful of any of the native Bellvale boys. His successful years in Chicago has been devoted to real estate transactions, and he is estimated to be worth, at least, a quarter of a million dollars. Is married, but has no children, and

makes his home at the Palmer house.

His eldest brother, John N., has never been married, and is said to be living the life of a recluse in Chicago. He went out with the forty niners, overland, to California, and resided on the Pacific slope for about twenty five years.

Henry, another brother, who left Bellvale as a lecturer on Phrenological and Physiological subjects, has been twice married and is said to be engaged in the raising of cattle in Montana.

James T., after years of adventurous life and travel over a large part of the globe, is living, with his family, a retired life near his birthplace.

John Shea a former Bellvale boy is now located in Clifton, Kansas, of the firm of Shea & Prentice, a prominent mercantile house. Mr. Shea is Vice President of the board of trade of Clifton. He has been twice married and has a family of children.

Theodore Mackrell, one of our native boys, is Telegraph Dispatcher at the Erie R. R. office in Newburg. He learned telegraphing on a little \$3.50 instrument in his father's mill house in Bellvale. His responsible position indicates the successful results of his simple beginning.

Mr. Charles Houston, after a year's residence on the Pacific slope, and making an investment in a farm there, has, for the past two years, been engaged as accountant for the milk firm of A. D. Marvin & Co., in upper New York City. His sister Jennie has become one of the establish educators in northern New Jersey.

The Rising Star.

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Bellvale, Orange Co. N. Y.

JANUARY, 15, 1889.

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TIME TABLE,

Lehigh & Hudson River Railway.

(Winter Arrangement.)

From STONE BRIDGE, N. Y.

East Bound Trains, Leave

Passenger No. 2.....	7.10 A. M.
Passenger No. 6.....	10.00 A. M.
Mixed No. 4.....	12.12 P. M.
Mixed No. 10.....	4.42 P. M.
Milk No. 8.....	6.25 P. M.
Sunday Milk.....	5.43 P. M.

West Bound Trains, Arrive

Mixed No. 13.....	8.35 A. M.
Milk No. 3.....	9.16 A. M.
Mixed No. 5.....	3.52 P. M.
Passenger No. 9.....	6.54 P. M.
Mixed No. 17.....	11.35 P. M.
Sunday Milk.....	11.32 A. M.

OUR LOCALS.

Miss Addie Quaekenbush and sisters of Bellvale, report that their new venture in the insurance business in Paterson, N. J., is proving a promising success.

We are pleased to report that the type of scarlet fever, which has existed here for several weeks past, has entirely subsided, and left no fatal or unpleasant results.

The number of bread winners in this place has greatly diminished since the closing up of the wood job of Merritt & Wiggins.

Ernfield, the artist, is off for a two weeks hunting and fishing trip to Mount Basha pond.

Mr. Colvin Bradner has just completed a model stable and carriage house.

We learn that the long and serious illness of Mrs. Comodore has terminated in paralysis.

The removal of some of the out buildings of the Burt homestead last week, by contractors Maua & Utter has opened up the old mansion to a water front and a flood of sunshine, that has been a stranger to it for the last fifty years.

We hope, soon to see the saw mill dam replaced, as this empty pond makes a ragged edge to our village

OBITUARY NOTES.

Benjamin R Farrell, whose death is announced as occurring at the old Isaac Cooley place, at the lower end of Greenwood Lake, on the 5th. inst. was identified with our village when a young man, as an apprentice for the prominent carpenter of that day, the late Brooks Parmley. Mr. Farrell was one of the mechanics who helped construct the Wheeler, Wisner, Belcher, and other noted residences of that time. His first wife was a Miss Woodruff, of West Milford, his second, a widowed daughter of the well known Isaac Springstead.

Thomas W. Smith, father of Philip T. Smith of Bellvale, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Dec. 7, 1888, aged 88 years and 24 days.

Samuel Hunter, of Greenwood Lake, died at his home on Jan. 14, of Typhoid pneumonia, aged about 60 years. Mr. Hunter leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Stephen W. Perry of Greenwood Lake, and six children, George, Mary, Frank, Emma, Ilda, and Ella, all married but Ella. He was a kind husband and father and a good citizen.

Funeral to-morrow, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the church

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RISING The Star.



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The following descriptive article on the natural development of the village of Bellvale, was intended for our first issue, but lack of space has crowded it into this second number like many other things, plainly indicating that the Rising Star has not yet arisen to its full refulgence in size.

BELLALE.

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This little hill side village is situated in the southern part of Orange County, N. Y., on the American Trossach stage line between Warwick and Greenwood Lake. It is 3 miles east of Warwick, 3 miles west of Greenwood Lake, 9 miles west of Tuxedo Park, and 1 1-2 miles south of the railway station of Stone Bridge.

Bellvale is reached in 62 miles from New York City at an expense of \$1.90 for single ticket, \$2.50 for an excursion ticket, \$12.50 for 12 trip tickets; or it can be reached from New York City by carriage drive of 45 miles.

The village is composed of about 400 inhabitants, has a post office, telegraph office, the Rising Star printing office, 2 stores, 2 grist mills, 1 saw mill, 1 woolen factory, 1 organ factory, 1 chair factory, 1 church, 1 graded school, and other industries common to the usual country village, except the absence, for the past fifty years, of any hotel or

drinking place, which are excluded by a compact of its inhabitants against them.

The swift running waters of Wawayanda Creek, over its rocky declivities down the mountain side, over frequent mill dams, through its deep chasms, makes a splendid drainage for our village, consequently, we enjoy a freedom from malarial and other diseases often resulting from imperfect drainage.

Just south of the village commences the great uninhabited water shed, soon to be used as the head waters of the Ramapo water project for supplying New York City, at a greater elevation than has ever been accomplished.

Greenwood Lake, Wickham Pond, Glenmere Lake, Wawayanda Lake, and other lakes are within convenient access by carriage drives over good roads. Within walking distance we have Point Peter, the Dark Hollow, Buttermilk Falls, the Wild Cat Rocks, these with many other adjacent wild and natural scenes of beauty, has made this village and its surroundings a popular place of resort for persons of culture and refinement desiring a quiet, beautiful, and pleasant place to spend a season of rest and recreation, away from the din and excitement of the large cities.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

To the very few readers of the *Rising Star*, who remember the Bellvale of nearly half a century ago, and now absent, we would say you would not be so much impressed with its material change, as with its great social changes in the absence of so many of the old families of prominence of that period whose numbers have so diminished as to be almost lost in the present make up of the community.

As a comparative instance, there is not one remaining of the large Wilson families of the period when Ananias Wilson with his daughter, Mrs. Brooks Parmley, her husband and six children, occupied the house opposite the church. His only son, Samuel, with his wife and ten children, occupied the residence across the meadows.

Of all these large families, then owning nearly all the land on which the present village is built, as well as, hundreds of acres adjoining, there is scarcely a descendant remaining or an acre of this great tract in the family name at present.

It is, perhaps, not generally known that the farm, now owned by Andrew Houston, then a part of this great Wilson tract, about this period took the first premium of the Orange County Agricultural Society, as the best improved in the county.

At the above named period, the great dairy of cows, the herd of swine, the product of its thousands of bushels of winter and cider apples, with the constant change and improvements requiring a large force of laborers, made this

old property one of the distinguished features of this section.

The descendants now living, of the late Samuel Wilson and wife, once Sally L. Conklin, are now located as follows: N. M. Baird is cared for by friends in northern New Jersey. Caroline, now Mrs. Charles R. Vanduzer. Joshua C., and son Frank, Jennie, now Mrs John M. Burt, Eva, now Mrs. Geo. F. Ketchum, and two daughters, are all residents of Warwick, N. Y.

Fred, and Gertrude, now Mrs. Howard F. Clark, are residents of Brooklyn, N. Y. Helen, now Mrs. Henry W. Houston, and two sons, Ananias, with wife, son and daughter, are residents of New York City. Samuel, with wife and family are residents of Michigan.

Of the descendants of Mrs. Parmley, her oldest son Ananias is now a successful plumber of Binghamton, N. Y. The youngest son Frank, and four sisters, have made their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., for many years.

Perhaps, no family in our valley did so much for the early establishment of Methodism as the old Wilson families.

The generous, unselfish hospitality of the Samuel Wilson homestead, was the haven, towards which, all the missionaries of that cause invariably directed their feet, and where they were freely sheltered and fed during their often protracted visits, a hospitality and self-sacrifice not so much practiced at the present day, as very few are willing to entertain angels, unawares.

The ancestors of these children have all crossed the cold river, and who can say that their descendants are as well filling the Divine commands.

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Services every Sunday at 10.30 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.
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OUR LOCALS.

—Our farmers are happy. Ice houses all filled with ice from 6 to 12 inches in thickness.

—Mr. A. J. Burt, of our editorial staff, is spending a season in New York City and Brooklyn, canvassing for the *Rising Star*.

—The work of filling the large ice house, at Greenwood Lake, began on Monday last.

—Mr. H. W. Houston, of the Lake Milk Co., New York City, was in town Saturday superintending the filling of his ice house

—Mrs. Jacob Utter, Mrs. Peter D. Howell, Mrs. Kasiah, and Mrs. William Sprague are on the sick list.

—We have been shown some beautiful artistic work, by one of the students of Mrs. Hattie E. Willersdorff. Mrs. W. is particularly gifted in music and the fine arts.

—The *Rising Star* is regularly mailed to President Cleveland, Gov. Hill, and the State Historical Society, where copies may be seen.

—On the evening of Jan. 25, while on our return home from the editor's sanctum, we saw the most brilliant aerolite we ever beheld. It passed from S. W. to N. E., at an apparent height of not over fifteen hundred feet, and when directly over our head it divided into four parts, which followed each other in a direct line about an equal distance apart, each emitting a bright stream of flame and sparks. The duration of its transit was about ten seconds.

—Gen. Tom Thumb only measured twenty seven inches in height when first exhibited; but there is a man in Bellvale well known as being shorter, and he has a son shorter still.

—The inhabitants of Bellvale are taking up the ancient study of Astrology to enable them more intently to read the *Rising Star*.

—Mr. Elsworth Francisco, representing the firm of Francisco Brothers, contractors in Telegraph and Telephone poles, of Little Falls, N. J., is spending a season among his Bellvale cousins.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Daniel B. Blauvelt, of Gardner, N. Y., died at his home on Jan. 28, in the 81, year of his age. Mr. Blauvelt resided in Bellvale for a number of years, on the J. T. Hunt place. He is survived by four children; James, Thomas, John and Harriet.

—Quarterly Meeting will be held in our church, on March 3, 1889, at 2 o'clock P. M. The services will be conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. F. Belcher.

The publishers of the *Rising Star* wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the extremely complimentary and flattering letters, covering their subscriptions, from the following: Daniel Jackson and Miss M. E. Belcher, New York City; Charles C. Conklin, Fred Wilson, A. C. Degraw, and Miss Sarah E. Wilson, Brooklyn; Samuel Sayer and Stephen M. Bull, Newburgh; Rev. R. Kikelhan, Esopus; Harry W. Smith, Newark; Hannah Sly, Warwick; Charles Evans, Gaylordsville, Conn.; Mrs. L. Y. Jenness, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; William J. Sayer, Greycourt; John A. Clough, Chicago, Ill.; S. B. D. Bradner, Olean, N. Y.; W. E. Woolley, New York City; O. E. Shaul, Sheepshead Bay, L. I.

We regret that our limited space will prevent their insertion.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the Press fraternity for the courteous and fraternal reception they have given our new fledgling, and to all, we sincerely express the hope that our future numbers may lead them to feel that their confidence has not been misplaced, and that the original feature of our paper will give it a permanent place in Journalism.

Thanks to exchanges.

Married.

TERRY-OZIAS—At the residence of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Jenness, Tarpon Springs, Florida, Jan. 1, 1889, by the Rev. J. E. Julian, Mr. P. W. Terry of Brooksville, Florida, to Miss Florence J. Ozias, daughter of the late H. W. Ozias M. D. of Philadelphia, Pa.

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School-Day Thoughts.

How often in thought I wander.
 Back to those good old days;
 When we were school boys together.
 And joined in the many plays.
 What fun we used to have then,
 With that old one-barreled gun;
 Hunting for birds and rabbits,
 But never getting a one.
 Climbing the Bellvale mountains,
 In the scorching July sun;
 Gathering the ripening berries,
 And having lots of fun.
 Bathing in the ancient mill-pond.
 Building and sailing the raft;
 Scampering through the grist-mill.
 And riding on the shaft.
 Building our tents in summer,
 Close by the old race-way;
 And planning to camp till morning,
 Though we never dared to stay.
 How many changes have taken place,
 In the few years that have passed;
 The boys we used to play with then.
 Are men, they've grown so fast.
 I think as you read this little STAR,
 You will agree with me when I say;
 That the happiest times of life were spent.
 In Bellvale, at work or at play.

—GEORGE S. RUDE.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE SAYER BROTHERS.

Perhaps, there is no family history that will be read with as much interest, by all, as that of the Sayer boys, whose boyhood and maturing manhood were developed in this little hillside village, all of them inheriting the genial, friendly and social disposition of their late father, Daniel Sayer.

It has been their mission in life, to fill public and prominent positions, and

to come in personal contact with the great moving masses of this age of travel and change, and with their respectful responses and attentions to one and all, they have left the impression, that there is, along life's troublesome journey, a bright spot, and a kind word for all. Many of us can glibly say, "kind words are cheap," and yet, some use them as if they were worth a hundred dollars apiece; but these boys have ever found them so cheap that they use no others.

To those who have formed the opinion, from their sad experience in railway offices, that all such officials are discourteous, we have only to say you have never met the Sayer brothers.

They were all educated in the rudiments of railway office work at the little Bellvale station of Stone Bridge.

William J., the eldest, when about eighteen years of age offered himself as a private in the 56th New York volunteers, and went forth, doing his share in the conflict during the late rebellion, retiring with a lieutenant's promotion, after peace had been declared.

He married Mary, the daughter of Samuel Perry, of Bellvale, and has for many years resided in his own home at Greycourt. Since his withdrawal from the old Greycourt office, he has settled in office work in Jersey City. He has

four children. and like all of his brothers, is remarkably domestic in his habits.

John has been associated with the Lehigh and Hudson and its predecessor, the Warwick Valley Railway, most of the time since their construction, and for many years has stood next to the executive officials of these roads in their management. He has for many years been the general passenger agent for the L. & H. R. R. It must be generally conceded that the success of these roads is, in part, due to his watchful oversight and care. He married Amanda H. Truesdal, of Vernon, N. J. Has one child, Frank, nearly grown. He occupies, with his family, his own home in the village of Warwick.

Joseph, after all the rudimental culture and experience of a railway office, has, for many years, been a commercial traveler. He has been so successful that he is now a representative of one of the most prominent houses in New York City. His business is with the heavy houses throughout the west, so that he is absent from home several weeks at a time. He married Marietta Edwards of Bethel, Conn. Has two children, and occupies a pleasant home in upper New York City. Joe is so proud of his home, his wife and children, that he is fondly hoping for the day to come when he will not be denied their daily presence.

Samuel, or "Sam" as his many friends address him, will be best remembered by our readers, as general agent, for many years at Greycourt, where he built and occupied his own house. He married Kate Brannon of Greycourt, and has two children. He was ap-

pointed agent for the Erie at Newburgh, some years since, where he now resides with his family. Sam, when a boy, was a natural artist, but it is to be supposed the routine of a railway office, for so many years, has blighted his budding genius in the fine arts; but nothing will ever blight his friendly impulses for those he comes in contact with.

The reader will please excuse us in feeling justly proud of these four brothers, whose early education was gathered in this little village, as our representatives in the public and responsible positions they now occupy in the great business world.

John A. Clough, one of the Bellvale boys, is now a successful oil merchant of Chicago, Ill. He is married and has a family of children.

The Evans Brothers, of Barrington, Mass., write us that the stars that shine over their Berkshire hills, must have the *Rising Star* to respond with its terrestrial scintillating rays, and inclose twenty five cents to produce this happy result. Their father, Charles Evans, formerly owned the Traphagen farm at Greenwood Lake.

A grateful compliment for the *Rising Star* comes from Chicago. A son whose widowed mother spent her early years in Bellvale, was sent our first number, and in sending his subscription says, "Mother has read and re-read it until she has it all committed to memory."

The grand, new hotel of Mr. T. H. Demerest of Warwick, is one of the most beautiful creations, in its line, of any in this part of the country. Everybody knows that Mr. & Mrs. D., understand just how to keep it. The *Rising Star* will always be found on file in the quiet reading room of the hotel, expressing its cheering mission to the weary traveler.

The circulation of the *Rising Star* is exceeding our most sanguine expectations, and has even been compared with that of the *New York World*, as will be seen by the following communication from a prominent business man of Newark, N. J., "I received the Bellvale rival of the *New York World*, and it has the advantage of the latter in the fact that no one will deny that it has the largest circulation of any paper published in Bellvale."

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OUR LOCALS.

--Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Weymer entertained their friends on Saturday evening last.

--There will be less than the usual number of first of April changes this spring.

--Bill Mann shows a live raccoon as the fruits of a recent hunt.

--There has been thirteen foxes caught on the hills above Bellvale, the past winter, by Mr. Weeden and his two sons.

--At this time of going to press, the general health of Bellvale, is good.

--President Harrison has succeeded Ex President Cleveland, as the recipient of the RISING STAR at the White House.

--All the friends of our late pastor, the Rev. R. Kikelkan, will rejoice to hear by the following extract from the Newburgh *Press*, of how his labors have been blessed in his new field. The revival at the Esopus M. E. Church, in point of success, has no precedent in the history of that church, 86 persons having professed conversion.

--George B. Houston, son of Capt. John W. Houston of Bellvale, was married at Florida, on Feb. 28, to Miss Abbie Wood of that place. We extend congratulations to the bride in securing a Bellvale boy for her life companion. We all endorse George.

--Among the photographs, that adorn the walls of our editorial room, we have just added those of our new State Senator, Hon. Peter Ward, and Mr. John Shea, of Clifton, Kansas. Others will please forward theirs to be included in the great reproduction picture to be made when the collection is complete.

OBITUARY NOTES.

William E. Sayer died suddenly of rheumatism of the heart, at his home, Warwick, N. Y., on Friday evening last in his 68th year. He was identified with Bellvale for a number of years, as owner and occupant of the Horton farm, now owned by Mr. C. S. Poppino. Mr. Sayer has been noted for many years, as the owner of large tracts of real estate in various localities

David Raymond, one of the Bellvale boys, died at Passaic, N. J., several years ago. His brother John was killed by the cars at Hampton, N. Y., about a year since.

--Mrs. Sally Forshee stated, when celebrating her 80th birthday at her home on Feb. 28, that there was now but one person in this village, who was living here, when, with her husband the late John Forshee, she commenced keeping house on the place now owned by Mr. J. B. Van Duzer. Mrs. Forshee is the daughter of the late Joseph Minturn, and her native home is now the property of Mr. W. D. Ackerman, on Long Ridge.

--Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunt who celebrated their golden wedding a few years since, are about the same age as Mrs. Forshee, but were not residents here at that period. They are both in comfortable health, but from the infirmities of age have been confined to the house the past winter.

--Editor Ketchum, of the *Warwick Dispatch*, must not forget that some of his noblest and lasting inspirations were developed in the years he spent in Bellvale. Editor Litchfield concedes, that he experienced the first pronounced, worldly, ripening process during his years spent in this little hillside village, in fact, the *Dispatch* could never have arrived at its present eminence in Journalism without these early influences on its editorial staff.

--Our merchant and postmaster, David Roe Jr., has just placed a 2 x 16 feet sign on the old Burt store house. It looks very conspicuous on this old store that sailed along through nearly three-quarters of a century without a sign. It was executed by that rising young artist, James Rude.

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Bellvale.

Loved home of my childhood I am musing of thee,
As I traverse thy path-ways much beauty I see,
When I pause on a hill-top, and glancing around
My eyes view a picture, and my ears catch the sound
Of hum of machinery, and thy waters deep roar
As they rush o'er the mill-dams and in grandeur pour,
Passing onward in beauty till lost from my view,
Leave a murmur of music as our valley pass through.
In thy picturesque valley can clearly be seen,
With cottages dotted and church on the green,
For the Artist a picture, for the Poet a theme,
As on THEE nature's rare beauty brightly doth beam.
—MRS. PHEBE C. SMITH.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE BELLVALE BRANCH OF THE OLD WISNER FAMILY.

The Wisner families of Orange Co., perhaps, date back to as remote a period as any of the well known and prominent families of the county. About the year 1819, William Wisner, the father of our William H. Wisner, purchased of William and Job Noble about six hundred acres of land surrounding his son's present home.

The old rambling farm house was evidently built, not only for the use of its owners, but to accommodate their friends as well as a number of dependents. It was here he settled with his wife, once Miss Woodruff of New Windsor, and soon became one of the successful farmers of that period. This old house, up to the time of his death in 1848, at the age of 64, was one of

generous surroundings and abundant hospitality, and with its broad open fire place in the living room that would take in great logs, indicated the generous provision that was made for the enjoyment of all.

They had three children, Mary Ann, William Henry and Catharine. Mary Ann was married to John W. Welling of Warwick, by whom she had three children. They emigrated to California, and have all since died except a daughter Libbie, who is the owner of a large ranch near San Francisco, and is one of the prominent women of that locality.

Catharine was married to John R. Wilson of Bloomingburg, and they took possession of about 200 acres of this original tract of land near the old Wisner mansion, on which they built the large and substantial residence now owned and occupied by Abner Benedict. They had four children, Henry, Harriet, John and Hannah. The two daughters are both deceased, Harriet died at 35 and Hannah at 25 years of age. Henry and John have severed their social connections so long that they cannot be located by the writer. It will be one of the missions of the *Star* Biographers to trace them if possible.

The parents finding farming unsuccessful, sold their property and removed

to Brooklyn, N. Y., in the beginning of the late rebellion, and Mr. Wilson went forth as a captain in a Brooklyn cavalry regiment, and soon after died in camp near Washington, D. C. The widowed mother returned to her native home, and spent the remainder of her days under the roof of her brother.

William Henry Wisner, who has always lived on the old homestead, built thereon, about the year 1850, a large and beautiful residence. He married Phebe A., the eldest daughter of the late James C. Houston, by whom he has eight children; Mary, now Mrs. George Van Alst, Ella, now Mrs. R. L. Higbee, are residents of Montgomery. Lizzie, now Mrs. W. W. Buckbee of Warwick. James, Kate, Anna, Emma and William, residing at home. Mrs. Wisner died about five years ago, since which time, her daughters have taken upon themselves the cares and responsibilities of this old and generous home, and right well and nobly they have and are performing the loving mission that has fallen to them.

William R. Wisner, who always resided in the old stone house near Stone Bridge, and his brother John, who for many years, resided at Stone Bridge on the farm now owned by James Roy, were cousins of William Wisner.

John resided in Newburgh for forty years and died in Feb., last, at 88 years of age. He had three children, William, Gabriel and Mary Jane, of which Gabriel only is living.

William R., died at the age of 87 years. He had eight children; John N., David, James T., Henry, Albert, Houston, Fannie, now Mrs. Buckbee, and Mary Ann. They are all living except David and Houston. These families are the direct descendants of Henry Wisner, who was one of the seven delegates from the state of New York, to the first Continental Congress, which assembled in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, September 5, 1774.

Those, who have, at anytime during the past fifty years, witnessed the kindly and motherly care and solicitude of Mrs. James C. Houston for all with whom she came in contact, will be pleased to know, through the columns of the *Rising Star*, that her accumulating years are resting lightly on her head; that her mission still is to be constantly employed in performing kind acts for her children and loved ones.

She has broken up her home, and the evening of her active life is being spent at the homes of her children.

Charles Perry left Bellvale several years ago to learn the tinsmith's trade of W. L. Ogden of Warwick. After learning the trade, he, in company with a Mr. Frint of Middletown, spent about two years in the far west as travelling photographers. He has since married, and established himself in the mercantile business in Garrison, Montana.

His older brother, John, who learned the carriage making trade, is married, has a family of children, and is a resident of Edenville, N. Y. These boys are cousins of the Sayer brothers mentioned in our last issue.

Samuel Perry, a resident of Bellvale and the father of these boys, has, for several years, been afflicted with a disorder of the nerves of the head and face, from which, he has greatly suffered.

The publishers of the *Rising Star*, feeling that its influence would be salutary to our newly elected congressman, Hon. Moses D. Stivers, in his legislative duties, have entered his name on our books for his congressional term. At its appearance on his desk, that courteous gentleman, sent us an extremely complimentary recognition of it. Mr. Stivers being the senior editor and publisher of the *Orange County Press*, one of the most influential and successful of papers, his compliments and commendations are very gratefully received by the publishers of this paper.

The daily trips of Dominic Litchfield of Warwick, to his real estate office in New York City, a distance of 65 miles through the disagreeable weather, at his ripe age, is a pleasant and powerful temperance argument, as he has never used tobacco or intoxicating drinks in any form. His daily presence in the car is one of the sources of enjoyment for all on board.

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—The plow has been started, and the sowing of oats commenced.

—Our gardeners are busy preparing for the early crop, and some planting has been done.

—The style of farming will be the same as formerly; viz, make all the milk possible, and buy about everything else.

—The roads for the past week, have been free from mud and in good condition.

—Mr. C. S. Poppino has been quite extensively repairing his old stone dwelling, and is now re-roofing all of his farm barns.

—The Colwell sisters have placed their farm in the hands of a Mr. Green of Sussex Co., N. J., as a share tenant. They will continue to occupy a part of the dwelling.

—Miss Fannie Cline will make her home at Cline-land, during the coming season.

—Mrs. Grace Hudson and son of Washingtonville have been spending a season with her mother, Mrs. Townsend Wright.

—Mr. F. H. Wilcox of Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y. has succeeded Prof. Winters as principal of our school. As Bellvale has proved to be a field for promotion of its school principals, he will find himself in the direct line for advancement.

—Mr. Henry A. Benedict has purchased of James Roy of Stone Bridge, his entire personal property and real estate, as a plant for his son Will.

—The reputation of Mr. Andrew Houston as a Surveyor has become so extensive, that his professional duties keep him away from home a large part of the time.

—Mr. Scott Lyons has moved, from Warwick, on the Alva Hall place at Bellvale.

—The tax payers will have to pay damages to Walter Quackenbush for sheep killed by dogs a few days ago.

—We regret the necessity of announcing to our readers, that Mr. B. W. Winters, the most valued member of our corps of editors, and the principal of our school, has been compelled to sever his connection with his varied and valued work in this place. He has been appointed to a clerkship in the New York Custom House, as a result of a competitive examination, held under the civil service rules sometime since, in which his standing was the highest of any in the examination. As Bellvale has ever been a field for promotion of all its school principals, we were not surprised to hear that Mr. Winters had secured a more remunerative position. We regret, selfishly, that he should have received it so soon after we had learned to know and appreciate him. We hope, however, that our loss will be a gain to him and his interesting family.

—Mr. Abner Benedict, whose increasing infirmities have placed him under the hands of Dr. Jayne of Florida, for some time, is now very low. His condition indicates but little hope for his recovery.

—We are pleased to note that the Rev. J. H. Champion, the former pastor in charge here, has been returned for another season. The Dr. retains the observance of many of those pastoral duties that seem to have become unpopular with the newly fledged ministers of the present day.

—Miss Mary E. Bradner is making numerous improvements on her home farm, also on her property at Greenwood Lake.

—The Quackenbush brothers are making many necessary repairs on their dwellings and out-buildings, improving the appearance of their part of the village.

—We are pleased to note the interest the Weeden brothers are taking in cleaning up and renovating that long neglected property in our village, belonging to the Hallock estate. Thanks to the boys.

—Peter D. Howell has been making some fancy Tuxedo Park improvements, out of second hand hemlock lumber, on the Burt hillside farm dwelling.

—Mr. Charles R. Cline has become convinced that successful farming calls for developed native, or home grown cows, and in future, one of the features of Cline-land will be the raising of calves.

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IN MEMORIAM OF OUR HEROES OF THE LATE WAR.

Rest, Heroes, rest in thy battle field grave,
We truly can rank thee with noble and brave.
Sweet be thy sleep! while we a monument raise
On our hearts sacred altar as a tribute of praise,

For the sons of Columbia who ventured their all,
To save our fair land from tyranny's thrall;
Who left kindred dear and friends not a few,
When they rushed to our standard, the red white
and blue,

That emblem of freedom, which traitors assailed,
And with demon-like madness in dust have now
trailed;

To defend it how noble! how grand the employ,
Still to rear the proud emblem, our glory and joy!

But what shall we say unto Treason at home,
That crippled the efforts of those sunk in the tomb?
We must view it seems nothing to them
To see friends draped in mourning, and our ship
tossed at helm.

Neither heed they the voice from that Patriot band.
Who still stand unflinching to crush Treason's hand.
Unto thee, we would look, kind Parent of right,
To smile on their efforts, and put Treason to flight.

Then may union abound again as of yore,
And the war cry of brothers forever be o'er.
That the Parent of good may hasten the day
When despots shall fall, we fervently pray

That the opening branches of liberty's tree
May spread far and wide o'er land and o'er sea,
Untill, overshadowing earth's broad domain,
The shout of the freeman shall arise from each moun-
tain and plain.

We have faith that our brothers and loved ones have died not
in vain;
That our country's dimmed glory shall brighten again;
But how great is the sacrifice, how tears fill the eye,
When our dearest and noblest are led forth to die.

Unto them belongs glory, and a Patriot's name
Not blemished by Treason nor covered with shame.
Then we'll cherish their valor, unblemished by stain,
And look forward for triumph to honor the slain.

—MRS. PHEBE C. SMITH.

[The above original poem, now first published, was written in 1863, on receipt of the news of the battle of Chancellorsville, at which time a number of Bellvale boys were killed or wounded.]

HISTORICAL.

As the readers of the *Rising Star* will expect, in its broad columns, a proper recognition of our Nation's Centennial, the publishers feel it a patriotic duty to portray the part this old Hill-side Village has taken in our nation's history. Our reporter has been holding intercourse with the oldest inhabitants, and searching among the almost extinct archives of our village to learn, if at any time there has resided within its borders a nurse or body-guard of the immortal Washington; or if any of the old stone mansions in our locality has ever been his resting place, during his military marches through our valley. But we are compelled to confess that, if George Washington ever made Bellvale his head-quarters for a brief season, the record of that great event has been completely lost.

We can look, however, upon the ruins of a once great iron industry, which tradition tells us helped furnish the material to carry on that great conflict which resulted in handing down to us this great and glorious union. If Bellvale has lost the record of the part she took in forming this government, she has not lost the record of her liberal contribution of her sons to perpetuate it, when the hand of rebellion was

raised to destroy it. It seems proper at this time to have recorded in the "Art Immortal" the names of these sons, so many of whom gave their lives for the cause, and whose graves are scattered over those terrible fields of carnage. Those who gave their lives on the battle field or in camp are:

George Shawcross, Zopher W. Wilson, James H. Bertholf, Martin Ackerman, Isaac Garrison, Joseph Brooks, John Hall.

Those who returned home, but have since joined their comrades across the Cold River are:

Capt. Daniel Sayer, Abraham Forshee, Henry Quackenbush, John Gannon, William Tomer, John Ackerman, Nathan Hunt, John Gray, Richard Quackenbush, Peter Flagler, David Raymond, John Butler, Robert Leeper, John Raymond.

Those, who returned home, and are permitted to witness and enjoy this great Centennial year of our Nation's Birthday, are:

Capt. John W. Houston, Liut. Norman A. Sly, Liut. William J. Sayer, Liut. Wm. R. Flagler, Jonas F. Quackenbush, Wm. M. Mann, Hiram G. Mann, James Horton, Peter D. Howell, Edward Royce, Charles Royce, Daniel Dugan, Benjamin Sprague, John K. Clark, Thomas S. Storms, John C. Degraw, Edward J. Blake, John Weymer, Oscar Weymer, William F. Quackenbush, Joseph Quackenbush.

When it is remembered that the census books gives this little place a population of only about 350, even placing the population of Bellvale and its surrounding at 500, it would give say 100 adult male citizens; so it will be seen by the above list that Bellvale nobly did her part in furnishing men to suppress the Rebellion, sending nearly one-half of her male population.

It should be mentioned that, at this period, Bellvale was the post office of

Greenwood Lake district, and that the burning patriotism of such men as Daniel Sayer, James C. Houston, and Wm. H. Wisner had much to do in influencing many from that district to enlist. They are not included in the list given, but they went forth under the same regimental colors as the Bellvale boys.

Hon. Samuel W. Eager says, in his History of Orange County, published in 1846, that Bellvale was located by Daniel Burt of Conn., in 1760, and about this time he erected the first mill in Bellvale. He was the father of the Hon. James Burt, born in Bellvale, Oct. 25, 1760, and the great grandfather of the eldest members of this family now living. He did not remain in Bellvale for a long period, but removed to the property one mile east of Warwick, which has ever since been held by his descendants, and known as the Old Burt Homestead. It is now owned by his great granddaughter, Mrs. Abbie B. Martine.

We shall publish in our next number an account of the social and material make up of Bellvale during the years, 1826 and 1827, by a resident of this place during that time. It is hoped this will be found a valuable and important number of our local history.

As one of the evidences of the great social changes that are constantly and almost imperceptibly occurring, we would note that we have before us an old ledger, kept by the late Stephen A. Burt the year of 1821, in which occurs the names of 333 customers then residents here. Out of this number there is not one-quarter of them now known, or in any way connected with Bellvale.

Our organ builder, Mr. P. T. Smith, has lately shipped the fourth church pipe organ within the year. These organs are manufactured for the old established and celebrated firm of Geo. Jardine & Son, New York City, builders of the following organs: Fifth Avenue Cathedral, St. George's Church, St. Paul's M. E. Church, New York, Brooklyn Tabernacle, and hundreds of other large organs of note and merit. Mr. Smith has been connected with this firm for forty-eight years, as apprentice, journeyman and branch manufacturer.

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STONE BRIDGE, N. Y.

East Bound Trains, Leave	West Bound Trains, Arrive
Passenger No. 2,.... 7.10 A. M.	Mixed No. 13,..... 8.35 A. M.
Passenger No. 6,.... 10.00 A. M.	Milk No. 3,..... 9.16 A. M.
Mixed No. 4,..... 12.12 P. M.	Mixed No. 5,..... 3.52 P. M.
Mixed No. 10,..... 4.37 P. M.	Passenger No. 9,.... 6.43 P. M.
Milk No. 8,..... 6.25 P. M.	Mixed No. 17,.....11.35 A. M.
Sunday Milk,..... 5.43 P. M.	Sunday Milk,.....11.32 A. M.

OUR LOCALS.

- Frank Weymer is about to enlarge his cottage.
- Wm. H. Wisner lost a promising colt last week.
- Mayor John Shea of Clifton, Kansas, with his family, will visit Bellvale this summer.
- The old roadway above Dr. Edmund Howell's, once so much traveled, is now almost impassible from neglect.
- Mr. Charles R. Cline will leave this week for a business trip in Pennsylvania.
- Miss Mary E. Bradner, is spending the present month in New York City.
- Rev. Mr. Dalton of Greenwood Lake, preached in our church last sunday evening.
- Mr. Henry W. Houston and nephews Charles, Floyd and James, are all now identified with the New York milk business.

-Quarterley Meeting will be held in our church, on Sunday next the 19, inst. at 10 30 A. M. The services will be conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. F. Belcher.

-Special pension examiner Thomas of Middletown was in Bellvale a few days ago interviewing Chaplain Champion in regard to certain cases, of which he had knowledge while in the army.

-The roadway up and over the Bellvale mountain to Greenwood Lake, now being so much used, is in excellent condition for the summer travel, and the huckster's wagons are already making things lively for the patronage of the residents around the Lake.

-A very interesting treasure of filial devotion was seen hanging on the walls of his residence, at the funeral ceremony of the late Abner Benedict, in a life size oil portrait of him, executed during the past winter by his devoted daughter Hattie. Its faithful execution was one of his last pleasant reflections.

-The great wealth of all kinds of fruit tree blossoms for the past week give promise of an abundant harvest of fruit so peculiar to this locality.

-All who are willing to open their homes for the entertainment of a few summer boarders, will please leave their names with our post master, David Roe Jr., and the number that they can accommodate.

-We are pleased to report to our local readers, that many who made our place their headquarters in their last summer's outing will return to us again this summer, and make music for us as formerly.

-The Brooks Brothers are making a number of new fences along the street in front of their village property, making a decided improvement.

Greenwood Lake.

--The proprietors of our hotels are preparing for Decoration Day. They all returned from Warwick last monday, with smiles on their faces about a yard long having obtained license for another year.

-Mrs. L. Y. Jenness of Tarpon Springs, Florida, has returned to the Lake for the season. Mr. Jenness will arrive next month.

FRITZ

DIED.

QUACKENBUSH-At Bellvale. N. Y., on April 21. Anna A. wife of Sidney Quackenbush, age 36 years, 8 months and 19 days.

BENEDICT-At Bellvale, N. Y., on May 7, Abner Benedict, age 77 years, 4 months and 3 days.

WALL-In New York City, April 6, Grover C. Wall, age 23 days.

WALL-In New York City, April 24, Mattie V. Wall, age 6 years, 4 months and 6 days.

WALL-At Bellvale, N. Y., at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Weymer, on May 2, William H. Wall, age 3 years, 1 month and 3 days.

The remaining child of these afflicted parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wall, has been removed to his grand parents near Middletown, in hopes that he may be saved from the fatal effects of the contagion that has so suddenly deprived them of all the rest of their interesting family of little ones.

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TIME.

STILL on it creeps,
Each little moment at another's heels,
Till Hours, Days, Years, and Ages are made up
Of such small parts as these, and men look back,
Worn and bewilder'd, wond'ring how it is.
Thou trav'lest like a Ship in the wide ocean,
Which hath no bounding shore to mark its progress.

—JOANNA BAILLIE.

BELLVALE 100 YEARS AGO.

Our reporter has been informed that John Lott was born on the site of the old forge in Bellvale over one hundred years ago, and is still living near Deckertown, N. J. Having failed to secure an interview with him, our readers will have to be content for the present with the following photograph of Bellvale as given by Mr. Charles Fitzgerald, who was a clerk in the Old Burt Store House, during the years 1826-7-8.

At this time, the late Nathaniel Jones and Thomas M. Burt were severing their business connection, and were succeeded by Joseph Brooks in the wool carding and spinning business, which was soon enlarged to a cloth manufacturing industry by the Brooks family. At this period, Benjamin Burt owned and occupied the dwelling and property, now known as the Houston village property, he also owned the saw mill and the farm property now owned by Andrew Houston. Stephen A. Burt

owned the present Burt homestead and the store business, established by him in 1815, and had purchased of Samuel Ketchum, the father of Mrs. Benjamin Burt and Mrs. Joseph Sayer, the hill-side farm still in the family name. The grist mill, established in 1760 by Daniel Burt, was at this period and for many years subsequent owned and managed by James Burt.

The next building to the west on the Warwick road was the school house, near the site of the present one, and the next was the home of Daniel Forshee, now the property of Henry W. Houston. The Forshees were weavers of carpet and those old fashioned bed coverlets. On the John W. Houston corner, was the old shingle house with a blacksmith shop across the way, occupied and run by Boss Forshee. The next resident was Hezekiah Miller on the now D. M. Hunt place, he was the cooper for this part of the town.

Leaving the old Burt corner and going north, the first house was a tenement belonging to the woolen mill and afterward enlarged for a home for the Brooks family. Then came a tenement on the Wilson tract, now the W. S. Clark property. The next was the Wilson home, first occupied by Ananias Wilson and afterward by his son Samuel. Ananias removed to the property

opposite the church purchased of Stephen Hall. There was, at this period, a dwelling near the house of J. C. Minturn occupied as a tenement by the floating population. At this time John Bradner, the father of the late Colvin Bradner, had purchased and occupied the farm property, first on the Greenwood Lake road, now owned by Miss Mary E. Bradner. The property now owned by William M. Mann was a part of the Benjamin Burt tract, and was probably used as a home for the man who ran the saw mill. At this time, the Cline property was owned by the Noble family, and occupied by the Garthwait's. At this period, the above district was covered by about fifteen dwellings, at present the same district only includes about forty dwellings.

The papers of that day, the Independent Republican and Goshen Democrat of Goshen, were carried by David Jones, who lived on the hillside just above W. H. Wisner's. It is probable these two papers were about all the newspapers taken in the place, and the few letters then received were mostly brought over by Judge James Burt from the Warwick P. O., and distributed from the village store.

The contrast between the amount of mail matter of the present day and the limited amount at this time is simply wonderful, many families now receiving more mail than was then received by the whole community. This was, of course, before the day of railroads, and the mails were probably, delivered at Warwick by stages, not over three times a week.

Since writing the above, we have learned that the ancestor of the once quite numerous

Minthorn family, William, had a home on the right of the highway between Boss, or Isaac Forshee's place and the Hezekiah Miller place. He afterward built a house for his son John, on the opposite side of the road, which was afterward occupied by the late Jas. C. Houston.

All evidence of these old houses has long since passed away save a pear tree or two and an old apple orchard.

It is possible that one of the first dwellings, erected in Bellvale, was the home of Daniel Burt, about 1760, on the site of the home of the late Stephen A. Burt. This must have been about the time of the erection of the old forge, near the store of J. C. Minturn.

It also appears that the first school house stood, where now is the garden of the Henry W. Houston place. Mrs. Sally Forshee, a descendant of William Minthorn, now in her 81st. year, recollects this old school house which was used as a tenement after the building of a new one. At this period, the ancestors, Richard and Rimier, of the now numerous Quack-enbush families had settled from Rockland Co., on the mountain road, two miles south of Bellvale, and there was none of the name in the village except John, the eldest son of Richard, who occupied the present Brooks home.

Daniel Burt erected the first grist mill in Bellvale about the year 1760, which was built of stone and stood just above the present Burt mill. This mill was entirely destroyed by a freshet, in the first years of the present century, and succeeded by the present one built by his son, the late James Burt.

There was also at this time, a dwelling and Pottery on the site of the now A. J. Burt cottage. This business was carried on by one Lewis Hanes. The old stone bridge in Bellvale, was built in 1831, at a cost of \$1,550. The contractor, getting about \$800., sinking the balance in the job.

Among the eldest native Bellvalians now living, we would note the three Clark brothers, David W., now 87 years of age, a resident of Campbell Hall, this county; Charles, now 85 years of age, residing at Horseheads, N. Y.; and Samuel S., now 82 years of age, at Middletown, N. Y. They are the last living, of sixteen children of Timothy and Rosana Clark, whose home was near the present residence of Dr. Edmund Howell.

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West Bound Trains, Arrive at Stone Bridge,

8.35 A. M. 9.16 A. M. 11.35 A. M. 3.40 P. M. 6.45 P. M.
Sunday Milk,..... 11.09 A. M.

OUR LOCALS.

—Brooks & Sons have two very comfortable tenements empty.

—Dr. E. Howell has recently burned a coal pit of 700 bushels of charcoal. He finds but little demand for it.

—Jeseniah Dolson has been employed by the newly made widow, Mrs. Lewis Quackenbush, to help run her farming operations.

—Miss Mary E. Bradner has lately purchased of Dr. Edsall of Warwick his carriage and saddle horse, "Chestnut Daisy."

—It is proposed having a bound volume of the RISING STAR deposited under the great Centennial Arch, to be erected in New York City.

—Our genial friend, Mr. Isaac B. Conklin of Brooklyn, has returned to his summer residence on Point Peter.

—Our editors are luxuriating on green peas, new potatoes, and strawberries.

—Mr. Frank Weymer has been treating his cottage to a coat of paint.

—Our Greenwood Lake items were received to late for insertion.

—Our editor acknowledges a complimentary box of mammoth strawberries, from the mountain home of Mr. R. E. Jermain. Thanks.

—The present season is, thus far, remarkable for its continuous rains and luxuriant vegetation. The above fact, and the suspension of Sunday excursion trains is felt at our summer resorts.

—The Annual Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival was held last evening at the church.

—Present prices in Bellvale: Butter, 20cts. per lb.; Eggs, 15 cts. per doz.; Potatoes (old), 55 cts. per bu.—And yet the farmers are not happy.

—We regret the necessity of announcing to our readers that Prof. Wilcox, successor of Prof. Winters as principal of our school, will be compelled to sever his relations with us at the close of the summer term. The citizens of Marlboro, Ulster Co., having just completed a very extensive and handsome school building, have felt it the proper thing to have as principal one who bears a passport from the Bellvale school of promotion; and with the backing up of its 1500 inhabitants have outbid us. We regret our financial inability to hold Prof. Wilcox, as he is a gentleman, a scholar, and a pleasant acquisition to our society.

—Coe H. TenEyck of Greenwood Lake delivered at Brooks & Sons' woolen factory, a few days since, his clip of 250 lbs. of wool from about 70 sheep, for which he received 24 cents per lb. In 1819, the records say this factory paid 65 cents per lb.

—Mr. Albert Roe of Monroe, sold Brooks & Sons his clip of 500 lbs. of wool from 80 sheep, amounting to \$140.

—The *Rising Star* wishes to see more of our farmers engaged in sheep farming.

—The Ladies' delegation of solicitors in behalf of the Johnstown sufferers from Warwick visited Bellvale last week, and report a generous contribution from the few they had time to call on.

—The Johnstown calamity has taken the charm out of the prospective Ramapo water project, that has been hatching for some years since, for making immense reservoirs just above our village, as the head storage place.

—One of the pleasant pastimes of this village is lawn-tennis. There is a fine court on J. B. Bradner's spacious lawn, where, on pleasant afternoons, the tennis players may be seen enjoying this healthful game.

—Greenwood Lake and Tuxedo Park, that has formerly employed many of our mechanics, do not call for them this season.

Married.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quackenbush, Bellvale, on June 1, 1889, by the Rev. J. H. Champion. Mr. John VanSyckle and Miss Mary Quackenbush, both of Port Jervis.

DIED.

QUACKENBUSH—At Lawton, N. Y., on May 23, Lewis Quackenbush, in the 45th. year of his age.

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HOME.

CLING to thy home! if there the meanest shed
Yield thee a hearth and shelter for thy head,
And some poor plot, with vegetables stored,
Be all that Heaven allots thee for thy board,—
Unsavory bread, and herbs that scattered grow
Wild on the river brink or mountain brow,
Yet e'en this cheerless mansion shall provide
More heart's repose than all the world beside.

—ROBERT BLAND.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

The large, now uninhabited, tract of land two miles or more south of Bellvale was 100 years ago occupied by a number of families, filling an important position in the community, among which were the Finns, Scuses, Halls, Lockwoods, and others. It is said that John Hall, the grandfather of Squire Hall of Greenwood Lake, was the fiddler for this locality; and the music for all the first class apple cuts, quiltings, and corn huskings was furnished by him. This will account for the musical talent that has always been so prominent a feature in the Squire's character.

To those who remember the large family of Nathaniel Wright we would record that the old home, like many others of that period, has passed out of the family, and none of the eleven children remains in this locality. Robert, Townsend, Harriet, Henry, Isaac, and Mary have all since died. David, a resident of Washingtonville, N. Y., is

the second time a widower, and has four children: he is a successful lumber dealer. Laura of Stone Bridge, the wife of Henry A. Benedict, has a family of ten grown children—five boys and five girls. Martha, or Patty as she was called, is the wife of John Hoffman of Spring Valley, N. Y., and has four children. Elizabeth is the widow of the late David Burt of Mineola, L. I., and has a family of five children. Phebe A., the youngest, has a village home at Warwick, N. Y.

Mrs. Townsend Wright and daughter Phebe still occupy there old place and home, and are the last of the name at Bellvale.

There is not one remaining in this locality of the once large families of Adam and Peter Bennett, who occupied their adjoining farms near our village. The Adam Bennett place is now owned by the heirs of Mrs. James G. Hallock. The Peter Bennett place is the property of William Sheehan, who also owns the handsome property once the home of the Noble family.

Benjamin H. Bennett, the husband of Maria Bradner and a son of Adam Bennett, is a resident of Mitchel, Dakota. Their sons, John and Adam, remain at Oelwein, Iowa, the former home of their parents; they are both married and have families.

Of the family of John Forshee, whose home was on the now J. B. VanDuzer place, there is now six of the nine children living. John Cole and Joseph M. are both widowers, and are builders at Newark, N. J., They are both childless, Joseph's only son dieing some years since. Emily, whose second husband is James T. Monroe of Victory, N. Y., has four children. Her oldest, and only child by her first husband is Mrs. Dunlap of Oswego, N. Y.

Jane, and her two daughters have homes at Warwick, N. Y. She is the widow of Jas. H. Bertholf, who was a soldier of the 124th N. Y., Vols., and died in the army. Sarah, the wife of Washington Wood, has always resided on the old Daniel Wood farm near Warwick. They have two sons and three daughters, all married. Ann, the first wife of the late Edward Francisco, died many years since, leaving an only son, residing near Paterson.

Mary, the widow of the late David Quick, died some years since, leaving an only daughter, Minnie, now of Port Jervis, N. Y. Abraham, unmarried, who was one of the gallant soldiers of the 124th N. Y., Vols, died a short time after his return home from exposure, and disease contracted while in the army. James, who married Hannah Monell, resides at Warwick, N. Y., and has five living children.

The aged widow and mother, Mrs. Sally Forshee, now in her 81st year, resides in her comfortable village home at Bellvale, to which she moved from the old farm over forty years ago.

Joseph Brooks, one of the three brothers who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, about the year 1825,

settled in Bellvale. On his arrival he purchased the woolen mill plant of the Burt family, together with a quantity of adjoining land. He soon after enlarged the works, and for over sixty years their conservative old woolen factory has been one of the industries of this place. Of the six children of Joseph Brooks, the three eldest, Martin, John, and Sarah, are deceased; John only, leaving children. The three youngest, James, Thomas, and Mary J., are all living. James married Miss Waldron of Haverstraw, N. Y., and has two sons, and are the only descendants now residing here. They own and successfully run the woolen factory of their ancestor.

Thomas, who married Mary Cain, removed to Waterloo, Iowa, many years ago, and has, so far as we can learn, devoted his life to agriculture. He has no children.

Mary J., married John Garthwait of Elmira, N. Y., and has always resided there. They have a family of six children, living.

The Brooks families have always been distinguished for their temperate, industrious, and economical habits; are law abiding citizens and devoted to pastoral life.

In continuation of our article, "Bellvale 100 years ago," we are informed that Abijah Peck conducted a bridle bit and cutlery manufactory, on the place where Wm. M. Mann now resides, which was in full operation at the beginning of the present century, and was a very important factor in furnishing supplies for the American army in the war of 1812. A tannery was also conducted, near the site of the old forge, by Benjamin Bradner, father of E. M. Bradner of Warwick. This was at a later period.

John B. Weymer, who was a prisoner in Libby prison for a long time, during the late Rebellion, and whose home is Mc Cartney Cross Roads, DeKalb Co., Mo., has recently received an increase of his pension. He is largely indebted to Capt. John W. Houston, for his assistance in prosecuting his claim.

Peter B. Monell of Montross, Colorado, the eldest son of Samuel A. Monell, is married and has a family of children. His father resides with him since the death of his wife. Ira and Henry Monell, both unmarried, younger brothers of Peter, are residents of Sugar Loaf, Colorado.

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TIME TABLE.

Lehigh & Hudson River Railway.

East Bound Trains, Leave Stone Bridge,

7.10 A. M. 10.25 A. M. 12.30 P. M. 4.47 P. M. 7.22 P. M.
Sunday Milk,..... 6.47 P. M.

West Bound Trains, Arrive at Stone Bridge,

8.35 A. M. 9.16 A. M. 11.35 A. M. 3.40 P. M. 6.45 P. M.
Sunday Milk,.....11.09 A. M.

OUR LOCALS.

—Harry Flagler is clerking for J. C. Minturn.
—Will Powell, the pleasant caterer for the hotels and families around the Lake, is on the sick list.
—P. T. Smith, our experienced organ builder, is particularly busy this summer, tuning and repairing organs and pianos.
—The arrival of a number of guests, has necessitated the opening of the Point Peter House, one month earlier than last season.
—L. Y. Jenness of Tarpon Springs, Florida, arrived at the Traphagen House, Greenwood Lake, on Friday evening last.
—Miss A. G. Champion, A. B., of Ontario, Canada, is home at the parsonage with her parents.
—Charles R. Drury of Brooklyn, is stopping for a season at the Howe cottage.
—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Houston and sons, have just returned from the city, and taken rooms in their farm house for the summer.
—The Van Benschoten sisters—Miss Van Benschoten and Mrs. Dean, who have spent so many summers in Bellvale,—and Miss Dean, have been at the Shawcross cottage for the past two weeks. Their stay will be necessarily short this summer, which we all regret.
—D. Wells Clark of Campbell Hall; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Burt, Charles M. Houston, James Houston, George Estwick, and Miss Helen Fern of New York City; the Quackenbush sisters of Paterson; Theodore Mackrell of Newburgh; Henry Mackrell Jr. of Port Jervis; E. T. Howell of Long Island; James Horton of Elmira; Miss Gussy Carlock, Miss Katie Royce, and Luther Conklin of Brooklyn, have recently visited, or are at present visiting their friends at Bellvale.

—Miss Fannie Rude, Miss Jennie Houston, Miss Addie Vanness, Miss Fannie Howe, and Miss Annie Quackenbush, our native school teachers, are all home for their summer's vacation.

—Miss Dora Van Dervelde, teacher in the primary department of our school, is attending the summer school for teachers, in Ulster County, N. Y.

—In making up our mid summer number we would say to our readers, that the season thus far, will be memorable for its frequent and heavy rains, which, together with the early warm spring, has produced a most remarkably luxuriant growth of vegetation. The hay crop, the only one raised here of much importance, is the greatest for years. Small fruits are abundant, hundreds of bushels of cherries waisting for the want of hands to gather them. The apple and pear crops will not be large. Potatoes have never given a brighter promise of an abundant yield, but the price of milk, the only thing sold to any extent, is so low—1½ cts. per quart, that but few of the farmers are holding their own, and the tendency of all who can, is to desert their old homes and migrate to the villages and cities. Only such farm and mechanical labor is employed, as is absolutely necessary.

—The roadway, up and over the mountain to Greenwood Lake, begins to be illuminated with the best rigs of the Orange Co., young man, with his best girl dressed in her new spring suit; and as we rustic wayfarers look on and enjoy the pageant, we conclude there is some of the country folks that don't intend to take a "back seat" on style. Some of these couples look "just too lovely for anything."

—In perfecting the biography of the S. A. Monell family, we add that Mary, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Samuel Raynor, and with her husband and children, reside on their pleasant property on Warwick mountain.

—Jonas Lockwood, one of those who deserted their mountain homes south of Bellvale, and son Norman, with their families are residents of Cherokee, Iowa.

—Edward S. Hasbrouck, the husband of Sarah VanDuzer, has recently purchased and settled on the Ed Moffat place, at Craigville.

DIED.

CHERRY—Near Oxford, N. Y., on June 20, 1889, John Henry Cherry, age 40 years, 5 months and 10 days.

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HOME.

BREATHES there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,

This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned

From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentered all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

—SIR WALTER SCOTT.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

Of all the families who settled at, and were identified with the village of Bellvale, in the early years of the present century, there is now none left who contribute as largely in number of families, and social make up of the village, as the descendants of John Bradner, whose father, Colville, purchased of John Taylor of New York City, in 1790, the farm now known as the Bradner homestead. John Bradner was a direct descendant of Rev. John Bradner, who emigrated from Scotland about the year 1721, and who was the first minister at Goshen. Colville, the father of John, at this time owned the now Henry A. Benedict farm near Stone

Bridge, where he brought up his family of ten children. John, who always resided on the Bellvale purchase, married Mary Robison, and they had thirteen children.

Julia, the eldest, married James H. Smith. They resided at Victory, N. Y., where they both died, leaving four children, two of which are now living.

Colvin, who inherited the homestead, married, at a late period of life, Joelanor Benedict. They are both deceased, leaving one child, Mary E., who inherited the homestead from him.

Sarah, who married John P. Pierson, and whose home has always been at Warwick, N. Y., had eight children, of which four are now living. Mrs. Pierson, now in her 80th year, is the oldest living member of this large family. Her husband has been dead many years.

James, whose first wife was Clarisa Gaity, settled at Bradford, N. Y. They had eight children, six of which are now living. His second wife was a Mrs. Morgan, who still survives him.

Adolphus B., who has always resided at Bellvale, married Pauline Weymer, and they had ten children, four of which only, are living. The mother died about a year since, and the father still occupies their old home.

Ann, who married Alfred S. Wood, and eventually settled near Elmira.

N. Y., had eight children, of which only three are now living. The father died several years ago.

Maria married Benjamin H. Bennett, and they emigrated to the far west, many years ago, and finally settled at Mitchel, Dakota. They have five children, all living.

Amelia, who married Thomas G. Prendergast, settled in Chicago. They have five children, who, with their mother, still reside there. The father died many years ago.

John R., who married Sarah Pitts, has always resided at Warwick, N. Y. They have three children: two sons and one daughter.

Coe and William, both died young.

Gideon S., married Jemima Borman, and for many years, they have resided at Greenwood Lake. They had ten children, of which eight are now living.

Catherine, who married George W. Snook of Titusville, N. J., at which place she still resides, has four children. The husband and father, died several years ago.

Of the descendants of this once large family of native Bellvalians who now have homes at Bellvale, the children of Adolphus B., are: Amelia, the widow of James H. Shawcross; Colvin Jr., who married Adaline Benedict; James H., who married Sarah A. Poppino—two sons and two daughters; John B. who married Clara R. Hunt—has two daughters; and Mary E., only child of Colvin. The Bradners are of a conservative disposition, domestic in habits, and loyal to their families; six well appointed homes in our village, are now owned by the descendants of John Bradner.

THE BENNETT FAMILIES.

Of the Bennett families who occupied adjoining farms north of the village of Bellvale, in the early years of the present century, Peter, whose wife was Margaret Horton, had eleven children.

Hannah, the first wife of Samuel A. Monell, Jane E., Juliette, Martha R., Margaret, the first wife of William Hallock, Mary D., the second wife of Samuel A. Monell, Lydia, the wife of W. K. Weygant, and Thomas E, are all deceased. Sarah A., the widow of J. L. Sayer, with two children, residing at Sayerville, Benjamin T., whose wife was Emma Treasure, with three children, and Frances A., the wife of Theodore Weygant of Highland Mills, with eight children, are all living.

Of the family of Adam Bennett, whose first wife was Mary Galloway, and whose second wife was Harriet Wright, with their children, Dewitt, and Ann Eliza, who was the first wife of William Bertholf, are all deceased. Of the living children, Ruth is the widow of Herman Shulting of Passaic, N. J., with six children: Jane E., the wife of William Williams of New York City, with two children; Benjamin H., of Mitchel, Dakota, with five children; Peter, of Passaic, N. J.; Thomas, of Sugar Loaf, whose wife was Mary Wells, with two children; Mary, the second wife, and now the widow of William Bertholf, of Loch Sheldrake, N. Y., with six children; Adam, of Passaic, N. J., whose wife was a Miss Edsall, with two children; and Robert, residence unknown.

Adam and Robert, are the only children by the second wife.

WILLIAM S. CLARK.

Perhaps, no single individual in Bellvale, for the fifty years succeeding the year 1825, was more universally known, than Dr. Clark. At an early age, he was indentured to the late Joseph Brooks, to learn the woolen manufacturing business, which he followed many years.

Inheriting a taste for intellectual culture and musical talent, the Dr. was never so much at ease, as when in the company of people of culture, where he was often the life of the party. His widow, who was Fannie Degraw, and his children: John K., Ann, Norman, and Abbie, all survive him. He was related to the celebrated Ben Butler, who in appearance, he closely resembled.

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OUR LOCALS.

--At our recent school meeting, Andrew Houston was elected District Clerk, for his 25th year.

--A large percentage of the hay crop, has been ruined by the frequent heavy rains.

--The oat crop, although not an important one in quantity, is also seriously injured.

--James Weymer and Son, are preparing to open their hoop-pole yard for another winter's work.

--Miss Jennie Houston has just completed the four years Chautauqua Course, and has received her diploma

--As errors are liable to occur in our Biographical Department, it will be a favor to hear from those who can correct them.

--Our school will open Sept. 2, with Prof. Henry W. Saxe of Chester, as Principal, and Miss Dora VanDervelde, assistant.

--The Quackenbush Brothers, our blacksmiths, have done quite an extensive business this summer, selling new wagons and carriages.

--Charles Lockwood has added another, to the many caterer wagons, that cross the mountain to Greenwood Lake.

--Present prices in Bellvale: Eggs, 18 cts. per doz.; Butter, 22 cts. per lb.; Fowls, 10 cts. per lb.; Chickens, 14 cts. per lb.; Potatoes, 50 cts. per bu.; Hay, \$9.00 per ton; Milk, 1½ cts. per qt.; Corn, 60 cts. and Oats, 40 cts. per bu.

--Parties wishing to communicate with Bellvale by telegraph, will, when possible, use the Postal Line, which has an office in our village. If by the Western Union, the charges will be 15 cents extra.

--Shawcross & Bradner, two of our enterprising carpenters, are at present engaged on the VanVleck cottage, Warwick Woodlands.

--The Weymer brothers are supplying a greater quantity of catfish to the families here, than has been offered in many years. They are taken from the head waters of Greenwood Lake.

--As was feared, the large prospective potato crop has commenced to rot. The potato, like the hay crop, was too big a thing to be realized without a blight.

--The general health of Bellvale, is remarkably good, the present season.

--William H. Wisner took from his home fish pond, recently, a four pound german carp, which he pronounces a good table fish.

--Bill Mann has been quite busy of late, filling orders from his helgramite plant. The swollen stream makes the gathering of the crop, more difficult than usual. The price is firm at \$1.00 per hundred.

--In consequence of the almost constant rain storms, the mountain roadway to Greenwood Lake has become very rough; but it would require a pile of roughness, to deter the constant stream of travel from its Sunday, and other attractions.

--Andrew Houston on his mountain farm, is making the finest dairy of milk, and securing the largest cut of hay, of any farm in this part of the town, in proportion to its valuation: all the result of devoted attention to the legitimate duties of the farm. He will harvest over 200 loads of hay.

--The arrival of summer boarders this season, is much later than usual, but at the present time, the indications are that the number will be as great as formerly.

--The Point Peter house is having a good season. The Dikeman and Howe cottages, are both full, and have been compelled to turn away many applicants.

--The artists, who desire to take summer pictures of our many picturesque waterfalls, will never have a better opportunity than the present time.

--We hear but little talk this summer of the Ramapo water project. Will our genial friend, Jackson, rise and explain? If the Wayanda continues at its present high water mark, it would supply the entire demand of New York City.

--Our native Bellvalian, David Wright Esq., has transferred his extensive lumber operations, from the pine woods of northern Michigan, to the southern forests of Alabama, where he has recently purchased an immense tract of timber land, as well as some city property in Montgomery, Ala. He has also made a plant for his shipping interest, at Pensacola, Florida. The ambition of Mr. Wright, would be a credit to many of our young men, who take more interest in selecting a package of cigarettes, than they do in developing a successful future.

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Bellvale.

BEAUTIFUL VALE set in emerald green,
A gem in the landscape, of hamlets the queen;
Crowned with mountains majestic and hills lofty heights,
In THREE, romance, beauty and grandeur, unite.
Fair home of my childhood here often I strayed,
By the streams through thy woodlands; and here I first laid

On the altar of home, my hearts love and trust;
Here affection still elings to those who are dust,
And have laid in the valley many long years,
Asleep till we meet when the morning appears;
And the sunlight of glory illumines the way
That leads from the grave to the regions of day.
Though distance and absence and space intervene,
And time, since those days and now, come between,
With new ties and new friendships, my being to grace
That home and those friends in my heart find a place.

[The above beautiful poem, as a tribute to her native Bellvale birth-place-by a doubly widowed mother-has been offered for insertion, as an expression of her reflections after years of her life spent in distant places and more elegant surroundings.]

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE BURT FAMILY.

As stated previously in the STAR, the first plant made in Bellvale by the Burt family, was about the year 1760, in the erection of a stone mill and other industries. Soon after the year 1800, James Burt, conceiving the idea that the splendid and frequent waterfalls in the stream passing through the place, were destined to make it a successful manufacturing centre, located here his son-in-law, Nathaniel Jones, and his sons Benjamin and Thomas; and subsequently on the removal of Nathaniel

Jones to Warwick, his son, Stephen A. Burt. The introduction of steam railways and kindred inventions in remote localities at a subsequent day, has resulted in the conviction that the prediction of the importance of water privileges alone, was not well taken.

Benjamin Burt was the oldest son, and after his marriage with Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel Ketchum, settled on the property now in part owned by the widow of James C. Houston. The saw mill property and large lauded interest were owned and occupied by him. Benjamin Burt and his wife both died in the year 1836, within a few months of each other, leaving a family of thirteen children.

Elmira, the eldest child, married John Burt, and settled in Coshocton, Ohio. She was the mother of fourteen children, and died in 1855.

Mary, the second child, married Joel Benedict, by whom she had four daughters. Julia, Libbie, Mary and Abbie; all living but Abbie. Her second husband was William Herrick, who left her again a widow with a son and daughter. The daughter is Rowena, the wife of Judge F. V. Sanford.

James Monroe Burt, the eldest son, was educated for the legal profession; he went out with the forty-niners to California and passed the remainder of

his life there. He was never married and died in 1884.

Phebe married William L. Benedict, now deceased. She has had sixteen children, and now resides in the home she has always occupied, near Warwick, N. Y. Her son, Thomas M., was public printer under the Cleveland administration.

Benjamin Coe Burt married Mary, a daughter of Benjamin Sayer. They had six children, now all deceased. His second wife was Mary J. Woodruff, by whom he had eight children, six of whom are living with their widowed mother near Sandusky, Iowa. The father died about one year since.

Thomas married Hannah, a daughter of Benjamin Sayer. They have four living daughters; a son dying in infancy. Their daughter Delia is the second wife of the Rev. V. B. Carroll. Their home is at Warwick, N. Y.

Grinnell, whose first wife was Jane, a daughter of Isaac VanDuzer, by whom he had six children, two sons and four daughters. The sons died in infancy. His second wife is Louise, a daughter of Samuel Pierson, by whom he has twin sons. Their home is at Warwick.

Elizabeth and Hannah are unmarried, and reside in New York City.

Abbie married Charles H. Leggett. They reside at Oroville, Cal., and have had eight children.

Cordelia married Horatio G. Abbie, by whom she had two daughters. She is now a widow, and resides with her only living daughter, Gertie, in New York City.

Howard, at an early age, settled in California and died there while yet young, in 1864. He was unmarried.

Benjamin, the youngest child, was an orphan from his birth. He lived to the age of 23 years and died, unmarried, at his home in Iowa, in the year 1859.

The successful career of a number of this large family of children, orphaned and separated in childhood, is particularly noticeable in the important and prominent positions they have and are filling in their day and generation; indicating that the sons and daughters of this little hillside village, are doing their part in moving the car of progress—from more advantageous standpoints.

PETER CONKLING—THE SAGE OF POINT PETER.

This centennial history of Bellvale will be incomplete without a brief mention of Peter Conkling, who settled about 80 years ago on the spot where is now situated the Point Peter house. He originally came from Long Island, and after a few years sojourn at Blooming Grove and Mount Eve, settled, and spent the remainder of his days on Point Peter.

One of his distinguished characteristics, was his ability to stand on the crest of his rocky home and send greetings and appointments to the residents of Bellvale valley below—sometimes a distance of two miles or more. He was a man of remarkably strong physique and convictions, a mason by trade, and laid stone wall the day before he died. He married Lucretia Tucker, by whom he had ten children.

Esther, married Samuel Pelser; Sylvanus H., married Adaline Turner, and their children are: Isaac B., Luther, Charley, Cornelia and Sylvanus; all residing in Brooklyn. Mary Ann, married William Teachman; John B., married Sarah Stalter; Madaline, married Peter Board and was the mother of Joseph Board, of Chester. Henry T., married Elsie J. Garrison, and their son, Joseph, now owns and occupies the homestead. Harriet, married John Gray; Eliza N., married Abram Conkling; James H., married Mary Webster; Abigail, married Joseph Eager. This large family of children are all dead but Harriet, Eliza, Mary Ann and Abigail. Peter Conkling and his descendants, were characterized as provident, honest and faithful workers in the great human hive, and were ever alive with their sympathy for all in need of charities.

The summer home of Isaac B., is one of the characteristic places on Point Peter.

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—The J. C. Minturn store house in lower Bellvale, is being treated to a new roof.

—Brooks & Sons, a few days since, made a large shipment of their popular style of knitting yarn.

—Those ladders, made at the factory of James Weymer, are just what everyone needs.

—Our miller Mr. Van Dervelde, is the only party, we have yet heard of, who will send anything to the Orange County Fair, from this place.

—Those who wish to raise their own strawberries, should lose no time in putting out the plants, if they expect a crop next summer.

—It is a strong argument for local peach culture, in saying, that the only good peaches we have seen were grown in this section.

—Mr. P. Rand of the New York Cotton Seed Oil Trust, with his family, spent their summer's outing at Bellvale.

—The number of boarders entertained here this season are: Dikeman Cottage, 23; Howe House, 26; Shawcross Cottage, 13; Burt Homestead, 12; and Mrs. Daniel Horton, 4.

—It is conceded by the oldest inhabitants that this year, stands next in order of deluges, to the one in which the Ark was used.

—The Mackeever family of New York City, whose summer has been spent at Peach Farm, west of Warwick, often take in the home of the RISING STAR with their handsome team and turnout, as a favorite part of their drive.

—President Tom Fowler and party, stopped over on Sunday last at Omaha, Neb.

—Owing to the storm of Thursday last, the Quackenbush sale was postponed one week.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Van Duzer have just returned from their annual fall visit, to their numerous friends in New Jersey.

—Our neighbor Jermain in his frequent pleasure drives, indicates that he is now enjoying the comforts of his mountain home.

—Edward Houston, one of our Bellvale boys, left a few days since, to commence a four years' educational course at Bethlehem, Pa. He proposes adopting civil engineering for a profession.

—Mr. and Mrs. Magnus and daughter, Miss Gussie Carlock, and Miss Katie Royce, of Brooklyn, are spending a season at the Royce cottage.

—Bellvale Ozone.—The Misses Lizzie and Anna Hearn, on their departure for their Brooklyn home, report a gain in weight of 14½ and 11½ lbs., during their four weeks outing at Bellvale. Previous seasons, they have invariably returned from the sea-coast, without any apparent gain in weight.

—Miss Masterson of Jersey City, whose genial presence has brightened our rural surroundings during the past two seasons, gave an ice cream and refreshment entertainment, at the Dikeman cottage, on Friday evening last, to celebrate the closing of a very successful season at this house. Miss Masterson has promised an autumnal visit at nutting time.

—A musicale and cotillion was given by Mr. and Mrs. David Roe Jr., on Friday evening last, for the departing guests of the Burt homestead; under the direction of Mrs. Riding, whose cultured musical life made her renderings a rare treat in our village.

—The departure of some twenty guests from our station on Saturday morning last, has about, cleared out the summer boarders.

—Among those who annually take their outing in the autumnal season, are the Estwick family of New York City, and Miss Sarah E. Wilson of Brooklyn. Miss Wilson is already here, enjoying the early fall drives and entertainments of her many friends in this, her native place.

—Ernfield, the artist, has been absent from the village, almost, the entire summer, in pursuit of his favorite amusement,—fishing. For several weeks past he has been guiding a millionaire, over the festive Greenwood Lake fishing grounds.

—In response to our call on Mr. Jackson to explain the cause of the lull, in the Ramapo water project, he writes:—"New York politicians do not care for Ramapo water. They drink Croton, with just sufficient whiskey to kill the animaleculæ."

—The contract for building that long-talked-of school house at Greenwood Lake, has been given to Shawcross & Bradner, our Bellvale carpenters, and work on the cellar has already commenced

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Without and Within.

If every man's internal care
 Were written on his brow.
 How many would our pity share
 Who raise our envy now?
 The fatal secret, when revealed.
 Of every aching breast,
 Would prove that only while concealed
 Their lot appeared the best.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE BURT FAMILY.

In concluding the biographical history of the above family, Stephen A. Burt settled in Bellvale about the year 1815, and was the first merchant of the place. The store-house having been erected for him by his father, James Burt. In this now old store, since enlarged, he conducted the business for some fifty years. It was one of the prominent establishments of this section up to the introduction of railway intercourse. He married Paulina Fairfield of Lincoln Co., Me., May 27th, 1818, and succeeded Nathaniel Jones in the occupancy of the dwelling in which they spent their entire married lives. Stephen A. Burt died at the age of 86, and his wife at the age of 78 years, their deaths occurring within six months of each other. They had eight children:

Caroline, the second wife of Charles

Brown of Darien, Conn., died at that place at the age of 51 years, leaving one daughter, Jennie, now Mrs. Charles Vail of Norwalk, Conn.

Edward, died at his home in Bellvale in his 24th year, of typhoid fever. He was an art student at the time of his death, and unmarried.

Fairfield, whose death occurred in his 28th year, in New York City, died from the result of the same fever contracted at the same time. He was unmarried.

Augustus James is now the only one of the children remaining in the place. His wife was Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Wilson. Of their nine children, only four are now living. May, the wife of David Roe, Jr.; Gertrude, the widow of Jessup Miller; and Maud, are residents of Bellvale. Stephen A. is married and resides in New York City.

Abbie Jane died in infancy.

Abbie Jane, [2nd.] the wife of David W. Stevens, died at the age of 35 years, leaving one daughter who bears her name, and resides with her father at Lawton, N. Y.

Anna Scott married Pierson E. Sanford of Warwick, N. Y. They have two living children: Pauline S., the widow of Dr. Fred Bradner, and Edward B.

John, the youngest, now in his 55th year, is a widower and childless. His home is at Westminster, Md. His wife was Miss Mary Hammond of Pine Plains, N. Y.

As the descendants of this old Bellvale family, have nearly all deserted their native heath, and gone out to the more active fields of labor in the world, it will be for other biographers to name the part they are performing, in moulding the social and business relations in which they are connected.

Two of the corners of the old cross-roads are still occupied as they were one hundred years ago—the store on one corner, and the Burt homestead on the other. On the opposite corners, the Houston dwelling, formerly the home of Benjamin Burt, and the more recently erected A. J. Burt cottage.

The old grist-mill property, descending from James Burt to Stephen A. Burt, is now the property of Mrs. P. E. Sanford.

The saw mill property, formerly a part of the Benjamin Burt tract, is now owned by Andrew Houston.

JOSEPH B. VAN DUZER.

The Van Duzers, although not an old, Bellvale family—having succeeded to the farm and home of John Forshee more than forty years ago—have since filled so important a place in the social and business make up of Bellvale, that they should constitute a part of our biographical history. Joseph B. Van Duzer, a son of John Van Duzer, married Anna, a daughter of Col. John Sly. They settled as above, and had four children who grew to maturity. Sarah, married Edward S. Hasbrouck, and

they have two sons; John, married Caroline, a daughter of Gideon S. Bradner. They died within a year of each other, leaving one son; Jennie and James, remain at home. Their mother died several years ago.

Mr. Van Duzers second wife was Margaret Van Buskirk of Saddle River, N. J., and they constitute one of the most respected and best regulated families in our community.

THE WHEELER FAMILY.

Joel Wheeler, a descendant from the Long Island family of that name, settled on the property still in the family name, on the Warwick road, over one hundred years ago. He was twice married, and the father of five children, of whom Col. William F. Wheeler, one of the sons, was born in 1791. His wife was Juliett Van Duzer, and their children were: Dinah E., Robert, Ann E., Isaac V., Joel, William W., and Milton V., all now deceased.

Isaac V., who inherited the property, was married to Miss Phebe Bull of Oxford, N. Y., in 1853, by whom he had six children: Juliett V., Carrie B., William F., Jesse C., Anna M., and Alice. The son, William F., whose wife was Miss Tillie Wisner of Chester, N. Y., with their three sons and one daughter, occupy the old home.

Isaac V. Wheeler died in 1876, in his 53d year, of typhoid pneumonia. His son Jesse C., died several years since, of the same disease.

The widow of Isaac V., with the remaining four children, have homes in Warwick village. The daughter, Anna M., is the wife of William Hynard, one of the successful merchants of Warwick, N. Y.

The largest real estate holdings, of the Bellvale district, has always been in the Wheeler family. The family have always been conservative, successful farmers.

A native Bellvalian, now a resident of a distant state, writes that the mission of the *Rising Star* will not have been accomplished, until it contains descriptive sketches, of those distinctive geniuses, like Old Ephe Townsend, Johnny and Mary Ann Cornford, Tom Shader, Matt Gaune, and W. F. Fern, who made the music in Bellvale, in their time. These characters are worthy of the pen of a Dickens. Will some of our readers favor us with a sketch of them? and oblige.

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OUR LOCALS.

- James Rude is clerking at Lafayette, N. J.
- The Point Peter house entertained 69 guests, the past season.
- H. W. Houston, lost one, of his team of farm horses, recently.
- Miss Mary E. Bradner, lost her saddle horse, Chestnut Daisy, last week.
- Mrs J. C. Minturn, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.
- Our chief Hunter, George Shorter, has taken a week off, and diligently pursued his favorite amusement--hunting--and seems just as happy, as if he had secured a string of game.
- Rev. T. Dewitt Talmadge's Brooklyn Tabernacle, was burned down, on Sunday morning last.
- Cimeland, has recently been improved by some fancy farm fences. Farmer Joe, reports the pumpkin crop a failure.
- The Reformed Church of Warwick has ordered, through the agency of our townsman, Mr. P. T. Smith, a first class Jardine Organ, to be built expressly to suit the unique peculiarities of the church building.
- Mr. and Mrs William H. Estwick, son and daughter, after making their annual visit at Bellvale, have returned to their home, in New York City.
- The unprecedented disagreeable weather, the present autumn, not only prevents the enjoyment of residents and guests, but prevents the anticipated visits of friends.

--J. B. Bradner sold last week, through the agency of R. B. Van Vleck, the Rumsey cottage at Greenwood Lake, to Adan D. Pultz, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

---Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Champion, have just returned from a ten days' autumnal drive, through the Hudson River counties, among the Dr.'s former parishioners. We always miss the Dr. when he is absent.

--Andrew Houston has recently sold a 40 acre tract of land, to John Utter, adjoining the latters place.

--Walter S. Quackenbush is erecting a new cottage, in place of the one recently burned. Carpenter Flagler has the contract.

--Artist Ernfield, is very much improving the appearance of Prospect Cottage, with a new coat of paint

--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vreeland have returned to their home at Bellvale, after spending the summer at Mocopin, N. J.

--Mrs. William R. Flagler of Bellvale, and Mrs. Luther Conking of Brooklyn, are visiting their brother Griffin, in Ulster Co.

--Mrs. Sally Forshee has just returned from a week's visit, to her daughter, Mrs. Washington Wood, much improved in health.

--Mrs. H. L. Dikeman and daughter Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Miller J. Poppino and son, returned on Saturday last, from a week's visit to friends in Ulster Co.

--Frank L. Hall, the popular Greenwood Lake merchant, has recently purchased the lot known as Philip's point, on the west arm of Greenwood Lake, from his father-in-law, Mr. P. T. Smith. Mr. Hall will erect a handsome cottage on it in the spring.

--The *Rising Star* extends its congratulations, to the senior editor of the *Warwick Dispatch*, on his acquisition of "That New Hat" As he is one of the rising young Democratic political aspirants, we naturally ask, "where did you get that Hat?"

--That remarkably well preserved and active old man, John Lott, now in his 97th year, walked from Glen mere Lake, on sunday last--having lost his way--making a distance of about ten miles, to spend a few days in Bellvale. He works at the cooper trade in his little shop, almost every day when at home.

Married.

DAVIS--MANN--At the Parsonage, Bellvale, Sept. 15, 1889, by the Rev. J. H. Champion, Mr. John Davis, to Miss Caroline Mann, both of Bellvale.

QUACKENBUSH--HUNTER--At Chester, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1889, Mr. Jesse Quackenbush, to Miss Ella Hunter, both of Greenwood Lake.

MCDUGAL--RUDE--At Hamburg, N. J., Oct. 3, 1889, Mr. Wilson McDougal, of Lafayette, N. J., to Miss Fannie E. Rude, of Bellvale, N. Y.

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November.

The melancholy days are come, the saddest of
the year.
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows
brown and sear.
Heaped in the hollows of the grove, the autumn
leaves lie dead :
They rustle to the eddying gust, and to the rab-
bit's tread.
The robin and the wren are flown, and from the
shrubs the jay,
And from the wood-top calls the crow through all
the gloomy day.

—BRYANT.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE HOUSTON FAMILY.

The Houston family came originally from Scotland, going from there to Ireland, and thence emigrating to America. The earliest members of the family settling in this part of the country were James and Thomas Houston, who settled at Campbell Hall. James had thirteen children; the youngest of whom Andrew, in 1799, married Phebe Wisner, sister of the late William R. Wisner, and lived for some time on the farm now owned by Thomas B. Sly, near Stone Bridge. He afterward moved to the farm now occupied by Andrew H. Houston. He died in 1838, leaving three children: Wm. Wisner, James C. and Ann. His wife survived him ten years.

James C. Houston, whose family particularly concerns the Bellvale his-

tory, married Annis B. Wood in 1829, and they made their first home on the now John W. Houston place, soon after purchasing the Daniel Forshee property, where they spent most of their married life. Leaving this for a home for their son Henry, they moved in 1872 to the corner property, opposite the store, where Mr. Houston died in 1881. His widow survives him and makes her home with her children.

Mr. Houston erected the dwelling now occupied by his son John, for a home for his mother and sister, and from this house, his sister Ann was married to Cornelius B. Wood of Chester, leaving at her early death three daughters, of whom only Mrs. Albert Marvin of Newburgh, is now living. After the death of his mother, James C. Houston and his family became the only representatives of the name in Bellvale. He had seven children.

Phebe Ann and family, are mentioned in the W. H. Wisner biography, published in No. 4.

Mary E., married Edward Francisco of Little Falls, N. J., in 1858, who died in 1888 leaving her with four sons; James Houston, Sherman G., Frank and Ellsworth. Their only daughter, Minnie, died in 1875.

Amelia, married J. Nelson Bertholf,

and lives near Sugar Loaf, N. Y. They have three children; Cornelia, Annis, and Lydia, having lost two sons in their infancy.

Andrew, whose first wife was Abbie Benedict, who died early in life, left two children—Charles and Jennie. His second wife was Sarah Willersdorff, who also died early in life, leaving four children—Bulah, Allen, Edward, and Cassie, all living but Allen. His present wife was Martha Bertholf, by whom he has one son, Fred.

John W., who was a Captain in the 124th Regiment, N. Y., Volunteers, during the late rebellion, married Julia Baird of Warwick, whose death occurred several years ago. He has five children—Floyd, George, James C., Frank and Clara.

Henry W., and family, are mentioned in the Wilson biography, published in No. 2.

Cornelia died in her early girlhood.

The Bellvale branch of the Houston family, are patriotic, loyal to their families, charatable to all appeals from those in need, and an honor to the community in which they reside.

THE OLD AUNT HANNAH CLARK PLACE.

Perhaps no home or family, in our locality, have thrown open so wide their doors to the homeless and friendless, as that home known in the first half of the present century, as the Aunt Hannah Clark place, and subsequently, the John T. Hunt place. The property was held in the name of Jedediah Sears, and passed from him to James Clark, thence to his widow, and from her to Mrs. John T. Hunt—Passing a few years since, out of the family, to

Sidney Quackenbush, its present owner. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunt, both now over 80 years of age, reside with their widowed daughter, Mrs. George W. Dikeman, on the old Wilson homestead. Their daughter Sarah has a home with them. Mrs. Dikeman has three daughters; Jennie, the wife of Miller J. Poppino, Nettie and Bertha, residing at home.

Dubois M., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunt, married for his first wife, Sarah A. Fick, who died several years ago. His second wife is the widow of the late Smith Hulse of Goshen, and they own and occupy the handsome property of the late H. E. Ketchum.

THE FLAGLER FAMILY.

Hiram G. Flagler, a native of Dutchess Co., N. Y., whose wife was Sarah J. Wiley of Cornwall, N. Y., settled at Bellvale about the year 1840, and up to the time of his death in 1872, was the proprietor of the chair manufacturing industry of this place. They had ten children.

Thomas, now deceased, leaving one son.

Jane, the wife of William H. Gardner, has four sons.

Harriet, the wife of C. D. House of Chester, N. Y., has three children.

Mary, the widow of Alexander Vail, whose residence is New York City, has one son.

Peter, deceased, whose widow and children reside in Brooklyn.

William R., who succeeds his father in the dwelling and chair factory, married Jennie Shawcross, and they have four children.

Griffin, who married Helen Haines, has five children, and they reside in Ulster Co.

Hannah, who married Luther Conkling, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

John and Caroline, died in childhood.

Mrs. Flagler, now in her 79th year, makes her home at Chester, N. Y.

The son William R., as Lieutenant in the 56th N. Y., Volunteers; the grandson Thomas, as a competent telegraph operator; and the sons of Jane, as Attorneys and Teachers, are well known outside of their immediate neighborhoods.

Mary, John, William, and George, children of William F. Fern, are all dead, only Nellie of New York City, and Libbie of Passaic, N. J., remain of this large family, which constituted a part of Bellvale from 1840 to 1865.

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OUR LOCALS.

---WANTED, a man to put life in the old saw mill plant.

---J. H. Francisco of Little Falls, made a fraternal visit to Bellvale, recently.

---Sidney Quackenbush is building a new ice house, size 18 x 30, with 16 ft. posts.

---Lawrence Kane is also building an ice house on his, Noonan, place.

---Jonas F. Quackenbush appears on our Boulevard, with a new black roadster.

---Distant lovers, matrimonially inclined, often drift into our parsonage to be united by our genial Dr. Champion. If the Dr. stays long enough, this will be, in time a kind of "Gretna Green."

---We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from Henry Monell, a former resident here, who is now located at Raw Hide Buttes, Wyoming Territory, engaged in copper mining.

---A Fifty-fourth Anniversary entertainment, was given by Mrs. Dikeman, at Maple Grove cottage, on Tuesday evening last, in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunt. The collation was varied and abundant, and the aged bride and groom, as well as the guests, spent a pleasant social evening.

---To the European and Pacific Slope readers of the *Star*, we desire to say that we have this autumn, the same frequent and incessant rains, that characterized the spring and summer. Its effect is to suspend all kinds of out door labor, and results in serious damage to our farming and labor interests.

---Present prices in Bellvale: Butter, 27 cts. lb.; Eggs, 30 cts. doz.; Milk, at creamery, 2½ cts. qt.; Potatoes, 80 cts. bu.; Winter Apples, \$1.50 to \$2.50 bbl.; Corn, 55 cts.; Oats, 35 to 40 cts.; Buckwheat, 55 cts per bu.; Live hogs, 5 cts. lb.; Dressed Shoats, 7 to 8 cts. lb.; Pigs, four weeks old, \$2.50 each.; Fowls, 10 cts. lb.

---The autumn pasture is still quite abundant.

---Game is not abundant, a though our professional hunters are bringing in so ne quite nice catches.

---The Hickory and chestnut crop is light. Black walnuts and butternuts are quite abundant, on the few trees left.

---Mrs. William P. Wisner is seriously ill, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. F. Wheeler. There is but little hopes for her recovery.

---Bellvale, a' though so near the mountain side of wooflands, burns largely of coal as a fuel, and most of the consumers have laid in a winter's supply at \$5 00 per ton. Wood is sold to the few who use it, at \$1.50 per load, or \$3 00 per cord.

---Henry W. Houston's young stock came down from the Sayer cattle range, with one heifer short. Some circumstances indicate that it may have been s'aughtered by poachers.

---Six pupils in our school were made happy last Monday by being promoted to the principal's room, as the result of an examination held last week. Their names are as follows, ranged in order of excellence in examination. Blanche Quackenbush, Edith Quackenbush, May Herrmann, Grace Flagler, Lulu Clark, Maggie Quackenbush.

---Peter D. Howell and Stephen A. Weymer, who recently completed a handsome barn for David W. Stevens, are now engaged in building a barn for Mr. Davis, near Oxford, to replace the one burned, the past summer.

---It is said that Scott Lines, a son-in-law of Jonas Lockwood of Cherokee, Iowa, will close out his plant on the Alva Hall place, and with his family, remove to Iowa, the present season. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lockwood have spent some time in this vicinity, this fall.

---The building of the new East-Side road at Greenwood Lake, is said to be so great and expensive an undertaking, that the cautious town officials, seem afraid it will make some dissatisfaction. We learn that Engineer Colwell's specifications call for a grand Boulevard, and that the tax payers will object to paying taxes to make it, and be compelled to endure poor, stony, narrow roads, in their own locality.

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December.

Snow hides the leafless vines
That fleecy blossoms bore.
In long and lonely lines
Beside the streamlet's shore,
For suns that beam no more
Above earth's frozen bier
The tall bare trees implore,
"Farewell, farewell, old year!"

BELLVALE M. E. CHURCH.

The first Church organization here, was a class in connection with New Windsor Circuit in 1809. Meetings were held at William Wisner's and Ananias Wilson's, and afterward in the upper part of the school house, known as the Tabernacle.

The present church edifice which now adorns our village, was erected in 1853 and dedicated in 1854. The following were the trustees:

Colvin Bradner, Townsend Wright, Samuel Wilson, William H. Wisner, Benjamin H. Bennett, Thomas Brooks, John R. Wilson.

Rev. A. C. Fields, and Rev. J. Millard, the pastors of the circuit, started the subscription to build the church in 1852. The following are the ministers to the present time:

1853, W. H. Bloomer and J. Millard; 1854, George W. Dikeman and W. H. Bloomer; 1855, C. F. Pelton and Mr. Lockwood; 1856, C. F. Pelton and J. H. Hawxhurst; 1857, J. H. Hawxhurst and R. Ammerman; 1858,

R. Ammerman and Joel Croft; 1859, Joel Croft and J. W. Jones; 1860-'61, Nathan H. Bangs and J. Elliot; 1862-'63, U. Messiter and R. L. Shurter; 1864-'65, R. M. Roberts; 1866-'67, Horace Wood; 1868, M. E. Rude; 1869-'70, J. H. Lane; 1871-'72, C. C. Miller; 1873, John W. Felvus; 1874, Charles Roehr; 1875-'76-'77, Amos N. Mulnix; 1878-'79, Nelson Brusie; 1880-'81, F. T. Angevine; 1882, F. A. Rogers; 1883-'84, T. A. Kenney; 1885-'86-'87, Richard Kiklehan; 1888-'89, J. Hiram Champion.

We would state that at the period when two ministers are credited to Bellvale in the same year, that at this time, Bellvale, Florida and Greenwood Lake were included in one charge, with one minister stationed at Florida, and the other at Bellvale. It was subsequently changed by Bellvale and Greenwood Lake only, being associated with the minister in charge at Bellvale.

BIOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE ELMER FAMILY.

Before we close these biographical sketches, we must make mention of the Elmer family, once prominent in this neighborhood. Jesse, the son of Dr. Elmer of Florida, N. Y., married Sarah, the third daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Minturn, the original owner and occupant of the J. B. Van Duzer place. He died in 1835, in his 71st year; his wife in 1850, in her 82d year. The result of this marriage was six

children; four daughters and two sons.

Temperance, the eldest, loved by all and known throughout the place as Aunt Temy, died July 4th, 1879, in her 89th year, unmarried.

Julia, married Ananias Ketchum of Greenwood Lake. They had one son, the late Horace E. Ketchum. She survived her husband a few years, and died in 1864, in her 73d year.

Clara C., who resided the greater part of her life in New York City, purchased the present Dubois M. Hunt place, where she died in 1868, in her 74th year, unmarried.

Nathaniel, married Mary Bolton. He died in 1837, in the thirty-eighth year of his age. His wife died in 1884, at the age of seventy-four years. They had one son, the present William B. Elmer of the Elmer house, Cornwall, on the Hudson.

Thompson, married Ruth German and settled in Mechanicsville, N. Y. They had nine daughters, of whom seven are now living. Mrs. Elmer died at the age of seventy. Her husband survived her a few years and died in 1884, at the age of eighty-one years.

Eliza Ann, married William Wilson. She died in 1875, in her sixty ninth year, leaving one daughter, Sarah E., now residing in Brooklyn.

This old family is nearly extinct, William B., and son of Cornwall, are the only members now bearing the family name.

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

In the earliest record of school matters obtainable, we find Benjamin Burt, John Garthwait and William F. Wheeler, as trustees.

The first teacher of whom we can get any

account of was Paul R. Brown, who was succeeded by the following teachers:

Joel Armstrong, Aaron V. Hill, James B. Wood, George S. Conklin, James Hulse, Charles Jessup, Ira Olmstead, Harvey Reed, David T. Foss, Mr. Johnson, J. L. Sayer, Miss Shorter, Thomas G. Prendergast, John Lane, Miss Monell, and Miss Clark, who taught previous to 1852, and subsequently by the following teachers to the present time.

Charles J. Doherty, William H. Gardner, George W. Comstock, David G. Leslie, David H. Van Duzer, Cordelia Burt, James H. Coles, Julia Benedict, Isaac T. Birdsell, Mary J. Sly, Annie Corlee, M. Van Ostrand, William H. McElroy, C. Williams, Robert W. Rude, Emma Matchett, Mark E. Rude, Addie Cox, Annie McElroy, T. Brown, A. J. Curtis, W. H. Kanouse, Kate Cooper, George T. Baxter, Charles Pose, Fannie Rude, Miss Corliss, Mary H. Wisner, Kate Quackenbush, Miss McMullen, Josephene Howe, Thomas Kane, I. W. Litchfield, Addie Quackenbush, George H. Brooks, O. E. Shaul, B. W. Winters, Frank H. Wilcox, Dora VanDeive'de, Henry W. Saxe.

The above being the first and only enumeration of our teachers, it is possible that some names may have been omitted.

Stephen A. Burt was district clerk for sixteen consecutive years. Andrew Houston has filled the same office for the past twenty-four years.

The whole number of children, of school age, residing in the district in 1830, was 76, of whom 70 attended school some portion of the year. The whole number now is 112, of whom 95 attended school some portion of the year.

The first school house was near the H. W. Houston dwelling, the second, since made into a barn near its old site, gave place for the present brick school house, built in 1879.

Various private schools have been established, perhaps, more in number than usual for so small a village. The last and most pretentious one was the Home School for young ladies, by Miss Hogarth, at the old Burt homestead which closed about ten years ago.

Of late years the village has been noted for its great number of teachers who have gone out as instructors, in other localities.

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OUR LOCALS.

--To get a sleigh ride, "go north" not south.

--Mrs. Jacob Utter is quite ill with pleurisy.

--Miss Mary E. Bradner is taking lessons in art work, including decorative china painting.

--Miss Sarah E. Wilson of Brooklyn, will spend the holidays with friends at Bellvale.

--Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. Charles Colard and Miss Jennie Weyner, which happy event will take place on Christmas day.

--John W. Utter, is making great improvements on his newly purchased farm property.

--One little red fox, with ten hounds and three hunters in close pursuit, passed over the hills just above the village, yesterday.

--Charles Lockwood and Scott Lines have each closed out their personal property at auction, since our last issue. Scott goes west; Charley is thinking what is best to do.

--The stables of the Hillside Stock Farm, are being filled with young horses to winter. The proprietor is devoting considerable labor in the changing of fences and grading around the dwelling.

--As we go to press, this afternoon of the 14th, we are having the most pronounced fall of snow of the season, indicating that sleigh rides will be in order after to-day.

--There is too many scholars, who are not in their places in the school room, at nine o'clock a. m. The list of tardy ones must be on the increase.

--The fire at Greenwood Lake on Thursday evening last, which destroyed the tenement house of Samuel H. Garrison, did considerable damage to the dwelling and furniture of Jacob Ryerson, Jr. The heroic efforts of Mr. Ryerson and neighbors saved the house.

OUR VALEDICTORY.

With this issue, the *Rising Star* will conclude its year, and end your subscription.

While none of its readers are more conscious of its imperfections than its editors and publishers, still, we hope that in the great future, those familiar with the past history of Bellvale will find in its little pages, matters of interest, not to be obtained in any other way.

The publishers state that they are having bound in a neat and substantial manner about fifty copies of this volume, the price of which will be fifty cents each. As this is the limit of the edition, we ask those who desire a copy to give early notice.

On the first of January next, the subscription books with all the right, title and interests in the paper will be transferred to Messrs Ketchum & Litchfield, publishers of the WARWICK VALLEY DISPATCH, in which will be completed the biographical matter not completed in the *Star*.

We will esteem it a favor to be informed of any families, matters or individuals that have been omitted in our issues, as our successors desire that its history shall be completed in their bright and spicy paper.

And now, bidding a final adieu to our readers, expressing our thanks for the generous support we have received in our large subscription list, and making our last bow to the public that has so patiently borne our imperfections, we transfer the remaining part of its mission with unbounded confidence to the broader columns of the WARWICK VALLEY DISPATCH.

--The teams engaged in hauling the materials, through the mud and over Bellvale mountain, for Artist Welles' new house at Greenwood Lake, have some heavy work to do.

OBITUARY NOTES.

In perfecting our year's record of Bellvale matters, we would note the deaths of the following native Bellvalians: Hiram A. Jones of Newburgh, Harriet Conkling, widow of John Gray of Washingtonville. Also, Emma, child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Howell, and Mabel, child of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Quackenbush of Bellvale.

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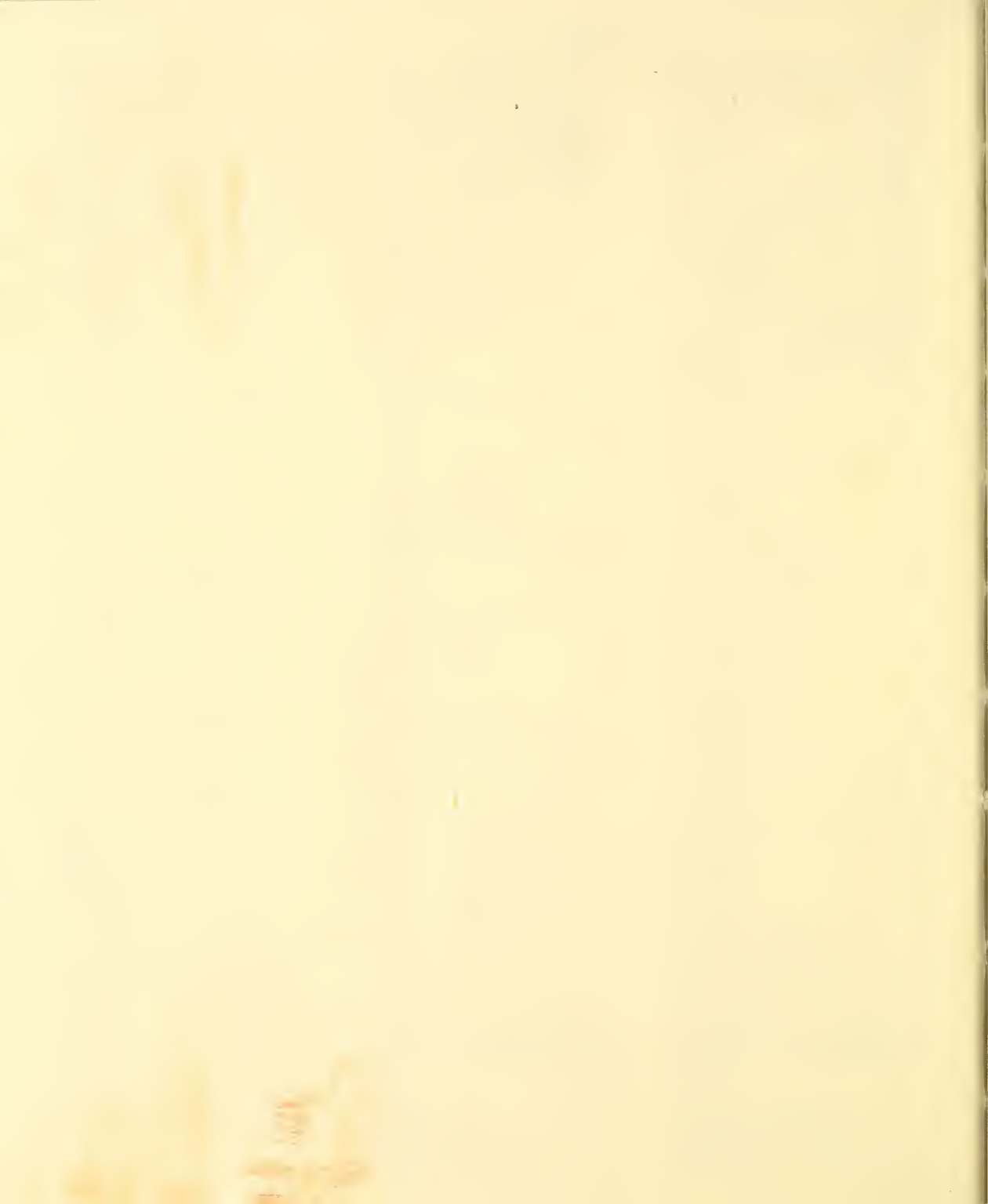
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