



R. S. BATTLES

In 1861 R. S. Battles was married to Miss Charlotte M. Webster, a native of Girard, born Jan. 25, 1835. She was a daughter of James and Mary (Leffingwell) Webster, natives of Hebron, N. Y., and Berkshire, Mass., respectively. Mrs. Battles was educated in a private school at East Springfield and when the Girard Academy was opened in 1851 she attended school there for two years, graduating in the first class of that institution. Later, she attended Brooklyn Heights Seminary at Brooklyn, N. Y., from which institution she was also graduated. Mrs. Battles was an unusual woman in many ways. She identified herself with every progressive movement that had for its object the upbuilding of the community and for the betterment of society. She was a member of the pioneer Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle class at Chautauqua, and was a charter member of the first literary club, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, of Girard, now known as the Travelers' Club. She was the honorary president of this club at the time of her death, Oct. 25, 1920. She was also a charter member of the Willcox Library Association, and was its secretary at the time of her death. Her constant and deep interest in education demands more than passing mention. She was keenly alive to the merits of advanced education, and was instrumental in aiding many young people to acquire an education. The outstanding monument to her interest in education and love to her town is the Battles Memorial School, erected at Girard in 1910. This splendid building is one of which the town may well speak in unmeasured terms and is a partial revelation of the deep springs of her philanthropy.

The religious interest and effort of Mrs. Battles is no less deserving of unstinted praise. Early in life she united with the Presbyterian church and through her long life she was a devoted follower of the Master. She played the melodeon, the first musical instrument used in the church, and she was identified with the choir as a singer and leader. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society for many years and served as its secretary. She gave unstintedly of her time, talent, and substance to the work of the church.

To R. S. and Charlotte (Webster) Battles were born three children: Mary, James Webster, and Miss C. Elizabeth Battles. Of these the first two died in infancy and Miss C. Elizabeth resides at Girard, where the Battles name has long stood for the highest integrity and best citizenship.

Miss C. Elizabeth Battles is a member of the Elk Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Board of

Trustees of Edinboro State Normal School, a member of the Board of Education of Battles Memorial School, a member of the Board of Directors of Willcox Library, and president of the R. S. Battles Bank of Girard. She attended Lake Erie College (then Seminary) at Painesville, Ohio, and Mt. Vernon Seminary, Washington, D. C.

The Battles homestead at Girard is located on the land which was purchased from the Holland Land Company by Asa Battles about 100 years ago.

John B. Brooks has gained prestige as one of the representative lawyers of northwestern Pennsylvania. His office is at 816 Commerce Building, Erie. Mr. Brooks was born in Crawford County, Pa., March 29, 1871, and is the son of Amaziah and Mary Brooks, natives of the same place.

John B. Brooks was reared and educated in his native state and after completing his high school course at Conneautville, attended the University of Michigan receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895 and Bachelor of Laws in 1896. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature 1898-99 and has an extensive practice throughout this section.

In August, 1899, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage at Rock Creek, Ohio, with Miss Genevieve Wilbur, a native of Geneva, Ohio. They have three children: Annette, Helen and Robert.

Mr. Brooks is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elk lodges, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Erie Club, the University Club, the Kahkwa Club, the Maennerchor Club and Yacht Club.

Mr. Brooks is the head of the law firm of Brooks, English & Quinn.

William F. Detzel, the able and highly esteemed chief of police of Erie, is a native of this city. He was born July 18, 1863, and is the son of Matthias and Apalonia Detzel.

Matthias Detzel and his wife were natives of Bavaria, Germany. They were married in Erie, April 12, 1857. In early life he engaged in farming but in 1865 became interested in the grocery business, which he successfully followed until 1882. At that time he conducted a restaurant at 1306 Parade Street. Mr. Detzel served as alderman of the Second Ward and was elected the first superintendent of the streets of the City of Erie in 1867. He died Nov. 4, 1905, and his wife died Sept. 20, 1885. There were 12 children in the Detzel family as follows: Mary; Frank J.;

Margaret, deceased ; Elizabeth, deceased ; William F., the subject of this sketch ; Joseph B.; Eugene, deceased; Caroline, John, Adam J., Ida, and Peter Detzel.

William F. Detzel has spent his entire life in Erie. After attending the parochial and public schools he began life as a moulder. On June 30, 1890, he was appointed patrolman on the Erie police force and was later designated as roundsman. He was assigned as a plain clothes bicycle police officer and continued in that capacity until appointed captain of police, April 4, 1905. Mr. Detzel was one of the first four detective sergeants and continued in office as captain of police until Dec. 4, 1911, at which time he was appointed chief of police by Hon. William J. Stern, then mayor of Erie, in which capacity he has since served.

Mr. Detzel was married on June 21, 1883, to Miss Minnie Uhr, a native of Erie and a daughter of John and Margretta (Paul) Uhr, natives of Germany, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Detzel were born two children: Charles J., a police officer, resides at 613 East 11th Street ; and Mrs. Elizabeth Heisler, resides at 717 Vine Street, Erie.

Mr. Detzel is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks, Eagles, and Moose lodges. He is a progressive citizen and a capable and efficient officer.

William E. Beckwith, president of the Marine National Bank, ranks among Erie's leading financiers. He is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 17, 1863, and the son of William J. and Mary J. (Havens) Beckwith.

The Beckwith family were residents of New England for generations, where William E. Beckwith obtained his early education. He was a student in a private institution at Old Lyme, Conn., and among his teachers in his native town, who strongly influenced his after career, was Professor Stone. After a few months of uncongenial experience in a general store near home, the boy received a letter from his old instructor, who had removed to Erie, urging him to complete his education at the Erie Academy in which he was then teaching. Mr. Beckwith was thus induced to move to this city and for three years was an industrious student at the Erie Academy. Then, in 1883, he became a clerk in the book store of Ensign & Sherwood, and in 1886 he commenced his identification with the Marine National Bank. He commenced at the bottom of the scale and has steadily risen to the top, serving as cashier for a number of years before his election to the presidency.

Mr. Beckwith was married to Miss Clara Bull, a native of Markham, Canada, and the daughter of Henry W. Bull. To this union were born five daughters: Lois H., Mary E., Esther, Winifred and Helen Beckwith.

Mr. Beckwith is a member of the Presbyterian church and his wife belongs to the Episcopal Church. He and his family are well and favorably known and have a host of friends and acquaintances throughout the community.

John St. Lawrence holds a place of prominence among the successful business men of Erie, where he is associated with the General Electric Company as general superintendent of the local works. He was born at Hartlepool, England, Dec. 29, 1880, and is the son of John and Jane (Walton) St. Lawrence.

John St. Lawrence, Sr., is a native of England. He was educated in the public schools there and engaged in the dry goods business for several years, coming to Canada in 1883, where he engaged in the same line of business for 40 years. He now lives retired at London, Ont. His wife was born at Middlesborough, England, and died at London, Ont., Oct. 12, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. St. Lawrence four sons were born : Oswald L., Fredrick W., and Francis E., all living at London, Ont., and John, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

John St. Lawrence was reared in London, Ont., and after attending the public schools there, he learned the machinist and tool making trades in the engine building establishment of E. Leonard & Son, of London, Ont. He was employed for three years as a tool maker and as foreman with several Ontario concerns, after which he entered the University of Toronto, where he received his degree in mechanical engineering. In 1905 Mr. St. Lawrence came to the United States and until 1910 was engaged in various capacities with the Westinghouse Machine Company and the Carnegie Steel Company, both of Pittsburgh, and later with the American Clay Machinery Company of Willoughby, Ohio, as assistant superintendent. In 1910 he became connected with the Erie City Iron Works as superintendent of the engine departments, severing this connection in 1912 to join the Erie Works of the General Electric Company as "assistant mechanical superintendent. Since that time he has held several positions with the local works, leading to his appointment in 1918 as general superintendent.

On Oct. 17, 1910, Mr. St. Lawrence was united in marriage with Miss Ethel M. Brock, of London, Ont., and a daughter of William and Anne (Edmonds) Brock, natives of Cwmavon, Wales. Mr. Brock died June 22, 1889, and his wife died April 6, 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. St. Lawrence five children have been born: Dorothy Mary, Jean Muriel, Margery Ethel, Marianne Edmonds, and John, Jr.

Mr. St. Lawrence is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Shrine and Erie Consistory, and belongs to the Erie Club, University Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Francis E. St. Lawrence served throughout the World War, enlisting in the Army Medical Corps of one of the first regiments sailing from Canada in the spring of 1915, and returning in the summer of 1919.

Oswald L. St. Lawrence served throughout the Boer War in a regiment sent from Canada to South Africa to aid England.

Edward Hayes, alderman, is known as a progressive and enterprising citizen of Erie. He is a native of Ireland, born May 2, 1853, and the son of Patrick and Johanna (Cowhey) Hayes.

Patrick Hayes spent his entire life in Ireland and was a weaver by trade, using the hand loom. He did an extensive business and was very prominent in his time. He died in Ireland, April 15, 1875, and his wife, who had settled in Philadelphia after her husband's death, died Sept. 24, 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes the following children were born: Ellen Graham, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is 87 years of age ; Bridget Hayes, died at the age of 60 years ; Mary Morrison, died at the age of 57 years; Patrick Hayes, died at the age of 65 years ; John Hayes, died at the age of 61 years; and Edward, the subject of this sketch.

Edward Hayes received his education in the schools of his native land and began life as a weaver. After coming to this country he located in Erie and from 1881 until 1905 was employed at the iron molding trade. In April, 1905, he began a term as clerk to the mayor and in February, 1908, was elected alderman and re-elected in 1914. He was again re-elected in 1920 and will serve in this capacity until January, 1926.

On Jan. 13, 1878, Mr. Hayes was married at Philadelphia to Miss Ella Bray, a native of Erie, and the daughter of John and Mary (Delaney) Bray, natives of Ireland. Mr. Bray died Sept. 17, 1898, and his wife died July 6, 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were born three children, as fol-

lows : Mary, born June 14, 1879, died Dec. 16, 1882; Ida M. Carey, born May 22, 1884, lives at Erie ; and Edward S., secretary of Board of Assessors of City of Erie, born Nov. 21, 1886, lives at Erie.

Mr. Hayes and his family are members of the Catholic Church and are highly esteemed members of their community. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

J. M. Sherwin, attorney, was born in and is still a resident of Erie, and is the son of G. W. F. and Jennie (Moorhead) Sherwin.

G. W. F. Sherwin, deceased, was among Erie County's representative citizens, and was closely identified with many of its important interests. He was born in this county, July 12, 1831, his parents being Dr. Ira and Sarah (Wilson) Sherwin. He took up the profession of civil engineering and in 1850 went to St. Louis, Mo., where he engaged in surveying for the North Missouri Railroad and later for the Belleville & Alton Railroad. He made the first soundings for a bridge over the Mississippi River for that line and was engineer in charge of the erection of the bridge. Mr. Sherwin laid out Sioux City, Iowa, and Niobrara, Nebr. In the latter town there were 2,000 Indians living at the time. After his return to Erie he served as city engineer from 1866 until 1870 and as water commissioner from 1879 until 1884. He was one of the first five trustees of Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, and also served as superintendent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Mr. Sherwin died Sept. 24, 1887, and his wife died in March, 1892. They had three children : Josephine M., deceased ; Anna F., who resides with her brother, J. M., at 245 West 10th Street, Erie ; and J. M., the subject of this sketch.

J. M. Sherwin was educated in the public schools of Erie and in 1886 graduated from Erie High School. He then entered Adelbert College, of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He studied law with Hon. S. A. Davenport of Erie and was admitted to the Erie County bar, Nov. 18, 1890. Subsequently he was admitted to and has practiced in the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and the United States Courts, as well as in the courts of Erie County, and is now engaged in the practice of law in Erie.

Mr. Sherwin is a Republican, and he and his sister hold membership in the Central Presbyterian Church. He was elected first president of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and held that office in 1902 and 1903. He is now vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and is affiliated with the fol-

lowing clubs and lodges: Erie Club, University Club, the Erie Motor Club, Erie Real Estate Board, Engineers Society of Erie, Kahkwa Club, is president of the Lawrence Park Realty Company and attorney and director of the Peoples Bank of Erie.

Edward Petrillo, one of Erie's capable and prominent attorneys, was born at Naples, Italy, Nov. 7, 1885, and is the son of Vincent and Adelaide (Holme) Petrillo.

Vincent Petrillo was a native of Naples where he spent his entire life. He was a student at the Seminary of Jesuits and was graduated in law at the University of Naples. He was a leading banker and exporter of diamonds. Mr. Petrillo died March 15, 1916, and his wife died Nov. 18, 1916. They are buried in Naples. To Mr. and Mrs. Petrillo were born two children: Emma Martina, born March 29, 1884, resides at 47 Via Cimarrona, Naples ; and Edward, the subject of this sketch.

Edward Petrillo spent his boyhood in Naples and Rome and in 1908 was graduated from the Royal University at Naples, with Doctor of Law Degree, and in March, 1910, passed the examinations for consular and diplomatic service. He came to the United States on April 26, 1910, in the Italian Consular service, and was located at Atlantic City, N. J., for five months. On Nov. 2, 1910, Mr. Petrillo came to Erie to make arrangements to open a consular agency in Erie. Being attracted by the beautiful city and induced by friends he gave up the service and applied for his first naturalization papers. He began to read American and Pennsylvania law at the office of Monroe Echols, Esq., and took his examination for admission to the state bar in July, 1919. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on Sept. 29, 1919, and to the Supreme Court of the United States on Oct. 9, 1924.

On Jan. 22, 1910, Mr. Petrillo was married at Malta, England, to Miss Carrie Hulse, a native of Byrnt, Syria, and the daughter of Consul Guido Hulse and of Carrie (Schwartz) Hulse, natives of Germany and London, England, respectively. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Petrillo resided at Naples. Mr. Hulse died in 1899 and his wife died Oct. 5, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Petrillo a son was born, Edward G. Vincent Petrillo, Jr., born March 6, 1913.

Mr. Petrillo held the Italian rowing championship for sculling during the years 1907 and 1908 and was Italian interscholastic swimming champion during the year 1908. He has made a special study of languages

and besides English, speaks German, French and Italian fluently. Mr. Petrillo is a Republican, and belongs to the University Club, the Erie Motor Club, the Elks lodge. His wife is affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

William J. Stern, a former mayor of Erie, who has been actively identified with the interests of this city for many years, is a native of this state. He was born at Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24, 1863, a son of Martin and Mary Virginia (Lerch) Stern, the former a native of Worms, Germany, and the latter of Jersey City, N. J. The parents are both now deceased, the father died June 24, 1896, and the mother died Nov. 12, 1912. Of the children born to them, two sons besides William J. are now living, Joseph A. of Erie, Pa., and Harry H. lives at St. Petersburg, Fla.

When William J. Stern was a baby, his parents removed from Allentown, Pa., and located in Chicago, Ill. There he was reared and attended school until he was 11 years old, when the family came to Erie. Here he continued his schooling and attended the Erie High School, being a member of the class of 1883.

Mr. Stern began his business career as a bookkeeper in their wholesale cigar, tobacco and liquor store which was then located in No. 1 Noble block. He assisted in building up this large business house and was a member of the firm of Joseph A. Stern and Brother, which was later located at No. 719 State Street. The business of this company was one of the largest of its kind in northwestern Pennsylvania and for over 30 years enjoyed the reputation of being leaders in its line and reliable in every way. Joseph A. Stern and William J. Stern sold this business in April, 1914, owing to the failing health of Joseph A. and the additional fact that William J. had been elected mayor of Erie and wished to give his undivided attention to the duties of that office.

Mr. Stern was a charter member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce and served on its board of directors for nearly 20 years. He was president of that organization during the year of 1909, and his term was characterized by the building up of the depleted financial condition of the organization, enlarging its membership, increasing its activities along practical lines, which has aided materially in the development of the city of Erie. At the expiration of his term as president of the organization, he was offered another term, but refused to accept because it had been the custom up to that time, of the president serving but one term, and

Mr. Stern refused to permit his case to be an exception to that custom. So active and progressive had his administration of the affairs of the Erie Chamber of Commerce been, that hundreds of Erie citizens signed a petition in the winter of 1910 asking him to become a candidate for the office of mayor.

While Mr. Stern had always been a Democrat, being a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis in 1904, which nominated Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidency, he was nominated by the Republican party as its candidate for mayor. He was elected to that office after one of the most spirited and exciting elections ever held in Erie, defeating Robt. F. Devine, the democratic candidate, and Hiram Edward Reed, the candidate of the Erie Churchmen's Federation.

Mr. Stern was inaugurated mayor on Dec. 4, 1911, and served until the first Monday in 1916, performing the duties of that office with integrity, dignity and strictly according to business principles. Many municipal improvements desired by the people, some of which had been talked about for years, were either accomplished, plans made for, or contracts executed for, during this term of four years. A system for the collection and disposal of garbage with the building of the incinerator plant near Belle Valley, the building of the Liberty Street subway, the making of a contract with the New York Central Lines and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the building of subways at Parade, Division, Peach, Sassafras, Chestnut and Cherry streets, and a new depot, the starting of a system of surface drainage sewers in Southwest Erie, the building of a high tension wire conduit for taking down the poles on State Street, were among the many outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Stern's term as mayor of this city.

On Aug. 3, 1915, occurred the disastrous Millcreek flood. This catastrophe was so ably and quickly handled by the city administration that it received the commendation of the state officials and the people generally. The city council, of which Mr. Stern was a member, decided then that Millcreek should never again menace the lives and property of the citizens, and within a few weeks, after this great calamity, employed competent engineers to study and devise plans for the covering of Millcreek, which resulted in the adoption of the plans to build a tube which now carries off the waters of this once troublesome stream.

The year of 1913 was one of much responsibility and activity for Mr. Stern as chief executive of the city. During this year the celebration

of the 100th Anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie was carried out, and it is generally admitted that Erie's celebration of that historic event; excelled all other lake cities. A great industrial strike occurred this same year, which involved great responsibility for the chief executive of Erie. During this time, the state police were brought here to maintain the peace of the city after a long period of strife. The bitterness arising from this industrial strike undoubtedly was responsible for the defeat of Mr. Stern for re-election to the office of mayor. Miles B. Kitts was elected at a special election held in March, 1916.

In the spring of 1916, Mr. Stern became representative of Graham & Company, Philadelphia investment bankers, and continued in this business until early in 1917, when he was induced to accept the position of secretary of the Erie Board of Commerce. He served in that capacity during the period of the World War, which imposed heavy duties upon the incumbent of that office, one of the many being that of federal fuel administrator for Erie County. He continued to serve as secretary of the Board of Commerce until after the death of his first wife, when he resigned.

Mr. Stern was first married in June, 1888, to Miss Anna C. Cronin. One child was born to that union, Robert H. Stern, who died in infancy, in November, 1890. Mr. Stern was united in marriage in November, 1922, to Miss Maud C. Hayward of Erie, Pa., and they are living in the family residence at 563 West 8th Street.

Mr. Stern was appointed a member of the Pennsylvania Fuel Commission by Governor William C. Sproul in August, 1922, and served on this commission until its abolishment in the spring of 1923. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Vincent's Hospital Association and is now serving his 16th year as president of that institution. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, United Commercial Travelers, and attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Frank B. Quinn, one of Erie's capable and excellent attorneys, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Dushore, June 24, 1889, and is the son of Mathew M. and Nora J. (Pender) Quinn.

Mathew M. Quinn is a native of Ireland and his wife was born at Dushore, Pa. He has been engaged in the lumber business practically his entire life and has met with success. He lives at Williamsport, Pa., and his wife died April 12, 1916. To Mr. and Mrs. Quinn were born five children: Anna M. Brink, lives at Williamsport, Pa.; John E., lives in

Chicago ; Charlotte E. Drick, lives at Williamsport, Pa.; Matthew M., lives at Watson, N. Y.; and Frank B., the subject of this sketch.

Frank B. Quinn was educated in the schools of Dushore, Pa., and after completing his high school course there he entered Susquehanna Collegiate Institute. He is also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and after teaching school four years in Bradford County, Pa., he engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie, where he has been located for nine years. His offices are located at 816 Commerce Building.

On June 26, 1917, Mr. Quinn was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Harrington, a native of Dushore, Pa., and the daughter of James J. and Margaret, (Gohan) Harrington, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Harrington is deceased and his widow lives at Dushore, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Quinn have been born four children: F. Bernard, Margaret, James and Mary K. Quinn, all at home. The residence is at 411 Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Quinn and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church and he belongs to the University Club of Erie and the Elks Lodge. He is a Republican and a representative member of his community.

Charles C. Eaton, attorney, is among Erie's most prominent and influential citizens. He was born at Phillippsville, in Erie County, Aug. 9, 1868, and is the son of Charles A. and Emily F. (Moore) Eaton.

Charles A. Eaton, deceased, was a Civil War veteran and a well known pioneer of Erie County. He was born in Greenfield Township, Erie County, and when a young man learned his trade as blacksmith at North East. He conducted a blacksmith shop at Lowville, Pa., for several years, and later removed to Phillippsville. After a number of years he operated a shop at Wattsburg, Pa., but later returned to Lowville, where he died April 7, 1918. During the Civil War Mr. Eaton served as a member of Company L, 102nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in service three months and was honorably discharged June 23, 1865. Mrs. Eaton, who was born at Greenwich, Washington County, N. Y., now resides at Lowville. To Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were born five children as follows: Charlotte E. Jones, lives at Erie ; F. E., lives at Lowville, Pa.; C. A., lives at Painesville, Ohio; W. C., lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; and Charles C., the subject of this sketch.

Charles C. Eaton spent the early part of his life at Phillippsville and later lived at Wattsburg and Lowville. He attended the district schools, Wattsburg High School, Edinboro Normal School and graduated from

Clarion Normal School in 1892, after which he engaged in teaching. He taught school at North East, as well as in Venango and Mill Creek Townships, and after his graduation from Clarion Normal School in 1892, he was appointed principal of Glade High School, East Warren, Pa., where he remained five years. Mr. Eaton then took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar of Erie County in July, 1899. Since that time he has engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie with offices at 902-05 Ariel Building.

On Dec. 22, 1892, Mr. Eaton was united in marriage with Miss Florence M. Titus, a resident of Phillipsville, Pa., and the daughter of Isaac L. and N. Cornelia (Terry) Titus, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Titus resides with the Eaton family at 125 West 21st Street. His wife died Jan. 27, 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Eaton a son was born, Homer T. Eaton. He was born Aug. 2, 1898, and is now a law student.

Mr. Eaton is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

David Nye McBrier, president of the Erie Steam Shovel Company, is a member of a family that has long been identified with the industrial interests of northwestern Pennsylvania. He was born at Allegheny City, now Pittsburgh, Sept. 22, 1856, and is the son of James and Mary Elizabeth (White) McBrier.

James McBrier, deceased, ranked among the leading manufacturers of Erie County. As president of the Ball Engine Works, vice president of the Lake Carriers Association, a member of the board of directors of both the Erie Trust Company and the First National Bank, and prominent in municipal affairs, he was widely known. Mr. McBrier was born in Allegheny City, Pa., the son of William and Mary (McMasters) McBrier. The father was a native of the north of Ireland, but coming to the United States when a young man: he was for many years engaged in the lumber business in Allegheny City and other points in Pennsylvania. The son, James, received his educational training and his start in business life in his native city. He became associated in business with his father when a young man, and after the latter's death, he successfully carried on large interests. In 1872, while still in business in Allegheny City, he with several other gentlemen, established a wholesale lumber business in Erie, and in 1878 he located permanently in this city. In 1887 he became interested in the Ball Engine Works, being made president of the company

in the same year, and he continued at the head of that large and important industry until the time of his death, Jan. 4, 1912. He was for many years largely interested in the lake trade, at one time owning three large freight steamers, and was heavily interested as a stockholder in steamship companies, and as above stated was for a time the vice president of the Lake Carriers Association.

Mr. McBrier was married to Miss Mary E. White, who traced her ancestry in America to the Mayflower, the Hon. D. N. White, her father, at one time being proprietor of the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette. She died May 18, 1922, and with her husband is buried in Erie cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. McBrier the following children were born : David Nye, the subject of this sketch ; Annie Mary, born March 9, 1858, now deceased ; William Schoyer, born March 5, 1860, now deceased ; Harvey Lewis, born July 28, 1861, lives in New York City; Helen Thatcher, born Jan. 25, 1863, now deceased ; Mary Louisa, born Sept. 7, 1864, lives at 351 West 6th Street, Erie; James Hubert, born Nov. 14, 1865, now deceased; Lucy Swift, now Mrs. Alex Jarecki, born Jan. 31, 1869, lives at 305 West 6th Street, Erie; and Frederick Bell, born May 7, 1873, lives at 241 West 7th Street, Erie, a sketch of whom appears in this history.

David Nye McBrier was educated in the public and private schools of Pittsburgh, and in 1877 attended Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa., for two years. He began his business career in the lumber business with his father in 1876 and in 1880 came to Erie, where he was interested in the same line of business. From 1887 until 1888 Mr. McBrier took charge of his father's saw mill and timber lands in Alabama and the following year was elected vice president of the Ball Engine Company. Upon the death of his father in 1912, he was elected president of the company, now the Erie Steam Shovel Company.

On April 11, 1879, Mr. McBrier was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Gilmore Alston, a native of Allegheny City and the daughter of Archibald and Cynthia (Gilmore) Alston, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Alston died in 1908 and his wife died in 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. David Nye McBrier were born four children: Lloyd Alston, who died in 1919 ; William Schoyer, died in infancy; Lynette Fullerton, now Mrs. T. B. Ely, lives at 404 16th Street, Franklin, Pa.; and Helen Thatcher, died in 1919. Lloyd Alston McBrier, deceased, served as a private in the Spanish-American War in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. McBrier have 11 grandchildren. Mrs. McBrier died June 23, 1925.

Mr. McBrier is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as Elder since 1890, and he is a member of the University Club, Kahkwa Club, Lehigh Alumni Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican and served as a member of the Perry Memorial State Commission.

Frederick Bell McBrier, vice president and general manager of the Erie Steam Shovel Company, ranks among the prominent and influential business men of Erie. He was born at Allegheny, Pa., May 7, 1873, and is the son of James and Mary Elizabeth (White) McBrier. A complete sketch of the life and business career of the late James McBrier appears in the sketch of David Nye McBrier.

Frederick Bell McBrier received his education in the public schools of Erie and after his graduation from Cornell University engaged in the manufacturing business with his father, who was the founder of the Ball Engine Company. He has since been connected with this concern and its successor, the Erie Steam Shovel Company, and is now serving as vice president and general manager. He is a director of the Erie Trust Company.

On May 30, 1913, Mr. McBrier was united in marriage with Miss Grace Parker Richardson, a native of Winchester, Mass., and the daughter of J. H. and Lydia (Thompson) Parker, natives of Massachusetts, who now reside at 337 West 6th Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. McBrier were born two children : Lydia Mary and James Richardson McBrier, both students.

Mr. •McBrier is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Erie Club, the Kahkwa Club, Lake Placid Club and the Zeta Psi fraternity. He is a representative citizen of the community and the McBrier family is one of the well established and well known families of this section.

E. P. Alberstadt, alderman, was born in Erie, May 1, 1886, and is a he is held in the community.

Tobias S. Alberstadt was born at Hessen Dormstadt, Lombertheim, Germany. After coming to this country he located in Erie where he became a prosperous wholesale liquor merchant. He was a member of the select council and died July 7, 1899. He is buried in Trinity cemetery, Erie. His wife, who was born in Erie, resides with her. son, E. P. Alderstadt. There were six children in the Alberstadt family: W. A., lives

at 120 East 26th Street, Erie; J. T., lives at 1139 West 30th Street, Erie; Mrs. John Selinger, lives on West Lake Road, R. F. D. No. 1, Erie; Barbara, lives at 141 West 25th Street, Erie; Catherine, deceased; and E. P., the subject of this sketch.

E. P. Alberstadt received his education in the schools of Erie and began life as a bookkeeper. After serving as constable he was elected city alderman on common council of Erie on Jan. 1, 1920.

Mr. Alberstadt is a Republican, a member of the Catholic church, and belongs to the Elks and Eagle lodges, the Maennerchor, the South Erie Turnverin' and the South Side Benefit Association. Mr. Alberstadt ranks among the substantial citizens of Erie and merits the approval in which son of Tobias S. and Catherine (Metz) Alberstadt.

Burton Lewis **Delack**, who is connected with the Erie Works of the General Electric Company as assistant manager, is a representative citizen of his community. He was born at Morristown, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1882, and is the son of John and Rosette (Scofield) Delack.

John Delack was a native of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and a Civil War veteran. He engaged in general farming at Morristown, N. Y., for many years, and died at Schenectady, N. Y., in January, 1912. During the Civil War he served with the Northern Army four years and six months. His wife resides at Alexandria Bay, N. Y. There were six children in the Delack family: Effie and Hermon, deceased; John Howard, lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gertrude Houghton, lives at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.; Joseph Harold Howland, lives at East Orange, N. J.; and Burton Lewis, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public school of Morristown and receiving a degree of B. S. in electrical engineering from the Thomas S. Clarkson Memorial College of Engineering at Potsdam, N. Y., Burton Lewis Delack became interested in electrical engineering with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. After two years in the testing department, he spent 16 years with the Railway Motor Engineering Department, and in January, 1920, became manufacturing engineer of the motor department, Erie Works, and in July, 1923, was appointed assistant manager.

On April 20, 1910, Mr. Delack was married at Schenectady, N. Y., to Miss Ruth M. Waite, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a daughter of Benjamin Clayton and Ellen Elizabeth Waite, natives of New York. Ellen Elizabeth Waite died Dec. 31, 1886. Mr. Waite is now a resident of

Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Delack have three children : Burton Benjamin, David Scofield, and Esther Delack, all at home.

Mr. Delack is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, Erie Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, University Club, and the Lawrence Park Golf Club. He is also a member of the school board, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community.

Dougald Angus Currie, vice president and general manager of the Erie Foundry Company, is among the prominent and successful business men of this section. He was born at Midland, Mich., Nov. 14, 1886, and is the son of Dougald and Flora Currie. There were six children in the Currie family, as follows : Mary E., lives at Lansing, Mich.; Gilbert A., lives at Midland, Mich.; John J. ; Flora, lives at Midland, Mich. ; Donald; and Dougald Angus, the subject of this sketch.

Dougald Angus Currie was educated in the public and high schools of his native state and began life teaching school. In 1906 he came to Erie and became associated with the Erie Foundry Company as a clerk. In 1914 he was promoted to secretary and assistant general manager of the concern, and was promoted to his present position as vice president and general manager in 1923. Mr. Currie has many other local interests, and is vice president of the Erie Metal Furniture Company and a director in the Hogan Spencer Whitley Company.

On April 29, 1911, Mr. Currie was united in marriage with Miss Ann M. Quinn, a native of Erie.' They have two children, Mary Frances and James Angus.

Mr. Currie is a Republican, a member of the Erie, Kahkwa, Rotary Clubs of Erie ; the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh; the Cleveland Athletic Club ; the Aviation, Town and Country Club of Detroit ; and the Masonic lodge and Shrine. He is widely known and is representative of the best citizenship in Erie County.

Marvin E. Griswold, president of the Griswold Manufacturing Company, is a member of a family that has long been prominent in the industrial activities of Erie. He was born at Erie, Nov. 18, 1868, and is the son of the late Matthew Griswold, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Marvin E. Griswold received his early education in the public schools of Erie, and after attending Erie Academy he entered Yale University,

from which he was graduated. He spent two years with the H. S. Ely & Co., of New York City, real estate operators, and was later treasurer of the Shaw Piano Company until 1897. He then became connected with the Griswold Manufacturing Company at Erie, which was established by his well known father in 1865. Mr. Griswold served as treasurer of the company for some time and was later elected president, which office he now holds.

On Sept. 24, 1895, Mr. Griswold was united in marriage with Miss Leila Lee, who was born in New Castle, Pa., the daughter of Ambrose R. and Mary (Stephens) Lee, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have a son, Lee, who was born Feb. 16, 1899. He is now a student in the law school of Yale University.

In politics, Mr. Griswold is identified with the Republican party and in 1920 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. He has also served as state senator. Mr. Griswold is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Erie Club, University Club, Kahkwa Club, Erie Yacht Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He has inherited the stability and genius of his father and is one of the progressive and successful men of the county.

Alexander Jarecki, president of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company of Erie, was born in this city April 19, 1866. He is the son of Charles and Louise (Becker) Jarecki. Charles Jarecki was of Polish ancestry and was president of the company up to the time of his death. His wife was of German descent.

Alexander Jarecki was educated at Erie Academy and later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, Mass., where he studied mechanical engineering. His first occupation after completing his collegiate course was in 1888 as superintendent of the foundry of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company, and he has remained continually with the company in various positions. For several years he was secretary of the company and after the demise of his father became president, which position he now holds. He is also vice president and director of the Lakeside Forge Company, director of the Perry Iron Company, director of the Second National Bank, vice president and director of the Continental Rubber Works, director of the H. F. Watkins Company, treasurer and member of the board of managers of Hamot Hospital, a member of

the board of managers of the Community Chest of Erie, director and member of the executive committee of the North Western Electric Service Company, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Testing Materials, the National Foundrymen's Association, president of the Pipe Fittings and Valve Exchange, and a member of the executive committee of the National Founders Association.

Mr. Jarecki was married on Jan. 22, 1891, to Miss Lucy McBrier of Erie, and they are the parents of Frances Jarecki (now Mrs. Collins) of Erie, and Carl A. Jarecki, who is secretary of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Jarecki is a member of the American Iron & Steel Institute, the Engineers Club of New York, the Erie Club, Erie Yacht Club, University Club, Kahwka Club, all of Erie, and the Technology Club of New York.

During the World war, Mr. Jarecki served on the War Service Committee and on the Erie County Council of National Defence. The Jarecki Manufacturing Company was engaged in war work for the United States government during the war.

Albert E. Rose, secretary and treasurer of the Skinner Engine Company, is among the enterprising and successful business men of Erie. He was born in this city in November, 1868, and is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Doll) Rose.

Jacob Rose was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and his wife was born in McKean Township, Erie County. After coming to Erie Mr. Rose entered the employ of the Erie Pail factory. He met an accidental death in June, 1873. His wife died in November, 1912, and they are buried in Erie cemetery. Albert E., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

Albert E. Rose was graduated from the old Erie High School at 7th and Holland Streets, in the class of 1888, and began his business career as a bookkeeper for Henry G. Fink, in the Erie Steam Bending Works, in whose employ he remained seven years. He entered the employ of the Skinner Engine Company as a bookkeeper in May, 1897. He was later promoted to cashier and in 1917 elected secretary. Mr. Rose has served as secretary and treasurer of the company since 1922.

In December, 1901, Mr. Rose was married to Miss Henrietta S. Hornaman, who was born near Cambridge Springs, Pa., the daughter of E. C.

and Mary (Kanengeiser) Hornaman, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hornaman died in 1917 and his wife died in 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose were born three children: Chester E., Elizabeth L., and Frederick A., all students.

In politics Mr. Rose is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Salem Evangelical Church and belongs to the Masonic (Keystone) lodge. He and his family are favorably known in Erie and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Daniel G. Curtis, who is connected with the Erie Lumber Company, wholesale lumber dealers, ranks among Erie's foremost business men and representative citizens. He was born at Warren, Pa., April 19, 1871, and is the son of John Gould and Mary Antoinette (Chambers) Curtis.

John Gould Curtis was a native of Newtown, Conn., and his wife was born at Dundee, N. Y. In 1850 he came to Steuben County, N. Y., and engaged in the lumber and tanning business with two uncles and three brothers. Later, he took the management of a tannery at Emporium, Pa., where he was married and where he lived for about three years. He then moved to Warren, Pa., where he spent about a year, during which time he and his brother, David, purchased timber lands in and about Ludlow and established a saw mill there. A few years later he started tanning rough leather and established what is now the J. G. Curtis Leather Company plant, the largest of its kind in the world. Mr. Curtis died at Erie, March 23, 1918, and his wife died Jan. 14, 1923. They had three children : Maymie, born at Emporium, Pa., died in infancy; John Simeon, lives in Erie; and Daniel G., the subject of this sketch.

Daniel G. Curtis spent his youth at Ludlow, Pa., and attended Warren (Pa.) High School. He began life in his father's saw mill and engaged in the lumber and leather manufacturing business. He spent five years supervising several of their saw mill operations in Alabama and Mississippi and then went to California, where he assembled two large tracts of sugar and white pine timber and one redwood operation and timber tract near Eureka in Humboldt County. He later purchased several tracts of fir and cedar timber in British Columbia and in 1909, with Mr. Z. T. Brindley of Erie, established the present Erie Lumber Company.

On Dec. 9, 1896, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Allan Eldred at Buffalo, N. Y. She is a native of Lottsville, 'Pa., and the daughter of Byron and Harriet (Allan) Eldred, natives of Pennsylvania.

There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis : John Gould Curtis, born at Erie, at present a third year student at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.; and Harriet Eldred Curtis, born at Erie, at present a senior at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Curtis is a Republican and he and his family hold membership in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of Erie. He is affiliated with the following clubs and lodges: Tkrian Lodge No. 362, F. & A. M., Erie Chapter; Mt. Olivet Commandery ; Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection; Erie Consistory, 32nd degree ; Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Kahkwa Club ; Erie Yacht Club ; Erie Chamber of Commerce ; and the Erie Rotary Club.

Dr. John W. Wright, Health Officer of the city of Erie, was born in Richmond Township, Crawford County, Pa., Sept. 24, 1868, the eldest son of D. A. and Virginia (White) Wright. His father, D. A. Wright, was born at Busti, Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1840, the son of William and Elizabeth (Kelso) Wright, who were natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and New York. His death occurred in 1921 at Jamestown, N. Y. Virginia White, the daughter of David and Polly (Lyon) White, was a native of Crawford County, Pa., where she died in 1871. The Wright's, Kelso's, Lyon's and White's were all American born, prior to the Revolution. D. A. Wright and Virginia White were married in 1865 and lived in Crawford County until Mrs. Wright's death. During this period two children were born to them, John William and Robert Lyon, the latter of whom now resides in Dunkirk, N. Y.

Following the death of his mother, Dr. Wright lived with his' aunt, Mrs. Brian Hill, and his grandfather, William Wight, in Richmond Township, where he attended school for a number of years, later removing to Union City, Erie County, where he attended high school.

In 1887 he entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1890. He began the practice of his profession in Wattsburg, Erie County, in 1891, removing to Erie in 1895, since which time he has been a resident of that city.

In 1896 he was appointed health officer of Erie by the Hon. Robert J. Saltsman, at which time he was also designated as Deputy Inspector to the State Board of Health for the Erie District and later, in 1900, succeeded Dr. Charles B. Kibler, of Corry, as County Medical Inspector, holding that position until the year 1921.

In 1908, when Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, established a series of tuberculosis dispensaries throughout the state, Dr. Wright, owing to the fact that he had devoted a great part of his life to work of this character, was appointed physician in charge, since which time he has held that position. He is a member of the Erie County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies, and the American Public Health Association.

In 1897 Dr. Wright entered the Pennsylvania National Guard, succeeding Dr. Wallace R. Hunter, as Assistant Surgeon in the Fifteenth Regiment. When the war with Spain was declared he volunteered with that organization, leaving the United States service with the rank of major. When the Pennsylvania Naval Division was organized in Erie, Dr. Wright was appointed assistant surgeon to assist in its establishment and served for a short period with them.

In 1900 Dr. Wright was united in marriage with Clara Katharine Keller, a native of Erie. As the result of this union, two children were born, Eduard, who died in early infancy, and Elizabeth Keller-Wright, who still survives. Mrs. Wright died in Erie in 1911. Later Dr. Wright was married to Dr. Katherine Law, also a native of Erie, following which union there has been one child, Virginia Law-Wright, now living.

Otto George Hitchcock, vice president and secretary of the Hays Manufacturing Company, with which he has been identified since boyhood, is a native of Erie, born Oct. 14, 1874. He is the son of Andrew J. and Katrina (Wuertz) Hitchcock, natives respectively of Connecticut and Germany, the former being born in 1850 and the latter in 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Hitchcock were married at Titusville, Pa., where for many years the father was engaged in railroad work. He removed to Erie in 1874 and was for some time a foreman for the Hays Manufacturing Company. He died in 1912 and his wife died in 1916.

Otto George Hitchcock received his elementary education in the public schools of Erie and Completed it under various private tutors. In 1893 he entered the employ of the Hays Manufacturing Company, as an office boy, and gradually advanced to his present responsible position as vice president and secretary to which he was elected when the business was reorganized in 1900, under its present name of the Hays Manufacturing Company.

On Dec. 19, 1901, Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta VanCleve, a native of Sewickley, Pa., and a daughter of Dr. R. S. and Catherine (Spencer) VanCleve, natives of Erie. Dr. VanCleve was a distinguished Presbyterian minister of Erie for many years and died in 1920. His wife died in 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock were born three children: Frances, a student at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.; Katrina, attending preparatory school; and Otto G., Jr., a junior high school student.

In November, 1923, Mr. Hitchcock was elected school director. He served as president of the Manufacturer's Association during the years 1916-17-18-19, as president of the Chamber of Commerce 1921-22, as a director of the Y. M. C. A. and the Community Chest. During the World War he served as chairman of the Industrial Committee on Liberty Loan drives. Mr. Hitchcock is a member of the first Presbyterian Church of Erie, and belongs to the Erie and Kahkwa Clubs. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen.

Edmund W. Sheldon, president of the National Foundry Company, ranks among Erie's progressive and enterprising business men. He was born at Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1857, and is the son of Philo Burt and Mary Esther (Waldo) Sheldon.

Philo Burt Sheldon was a native of Huron, Wayne County, N. Y., and his wife was born at Prattsburgh, Steuben County, N. Y. They are both deceased and buried in Erie. There were two children in the Sheldon family: E. W., the subject of this sketch; and Mary Honor Sheldon, deceased.

Edmund W. Sheldon lived at Prattsburgh, N. Y., until he was 11 years old, his family having settled there when he was a small child. He then lived at Rochester N. Y., until 1875, when he removed to Erie. Mr. Sheldon began his business career as a bank clerk with the Erie Dime Savings & Loan Company, now the Erie Trust Company. In 1881 he became associated with the Erie Car Works, Ltd., and in 1898 organized the National Foundry Company with C. W. Davenport, of which concern Mr. Sheldon is now president.

On Oct. 12, 1882, Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Davenport, a native of Erie, and the daughter of William R. and Elizabeth W. (Shirk) Davenport, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Davenport died in 1888 and his wife died in 1894. To E. W. and Mary (Davenport) Sheldon two daughters were born: Elizabeth S., the wife of A. Hunter Willis, treasurer and

works manager of the National Foundry Company; and Helen S., the wife of Jack G. Osborne, who is engaged in real estate in Erie.

Politically Mr. Sheldon is a Republican. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Kahkwa Club. He is well and favorably known in Erie and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community.

E. L. Rifling, who is successfully engaged in the manufacturing business, is among the progressive business men of Erie, where he was born in 1872. He is a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Ackerman) Rilling.

Christopher Rilling was a native of Germany, as was also his wife. He was a millwright by trade and engaged in the manufacturing business, and later engaged in farming until he retired. He and his wife died in 1909. They were the parents of 13 children, of whom the following are now living: C. H., lives at Girard, Pa.; C. W., lives at Chicago, Ill.; John S., lives in Erie; Mrs. Susan R. Porsch, lives in Erie; Mrs. P. Myers, lives in Erie; and E. L., the subject of this sketch.

E. L. Rilling was educated in the public and high schools of Erie and began his business career as a time clerk. In 1908 he was elected treasurer and general manager of the Hollands Manufacturing Company, in which capacity he has since served.

In 1906 Mr. Rilling was married at Guelph, Canada, to Miss Henrietta Isabel Cameron, a native of Glencoe, Canada, and the daughter of Duncan and Roxanna (Shanks) Cameron, residents of Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Rilling have been born two daughters: Helen Elizabeth, and Emily Louise Rilling.

Mr. Rilling is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and Shriner, and belongs to the Erie Club. He is a representative and dependable citizen of Erie and has many friends.

Fred C. Schmidt, is a veteran of the World War and a well known citizen of Erie. He was born in Cleveland, July 15, 1888, and is the son of Frederick and Margaret (Winfield) Schmidt.

Frederick Schmidt was born in Germany and his wife is a native of Erie County. He is a machinist by trade, at which he has been employed since his arrival here in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt live at 356 East 12th Street, Erie. They have three children: Fred C., the subject of this sketch; Frances, twin sister of Fred C., lives in New York City, where

she is employed as a buyer by the firm of Lord & Taylor; and Louise, born July 12, 1896, married Frank Raid, lives at 412 West 19th Street, Erie.

Fred C. Schmidt's parents came to Erie when he was two months old. Here he was reared and attended the parochial and public schools of Erie and began life as an apprentice in a local boiler shop. He served as a member of the Erie police department for nine years, being appointed by Hon. Michael Liebel, Jr. MT. Schmidt was then elected constable of the second ward for two terms but before completing his second term was elected alderman, in which capacity he is now serving.

On April 24, 1918, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Charlotte Jankowska, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bosacka) Jankowska, natives of Poland. Mr. Jankowska lives at 413 William Street, Buffalo. His wife died in 1900.

Mr. Schmidt is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the East Erie Turnverin, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Erie Maennerchor Society.

During the World War Mr. Schmidt enlisted from Erie on Feb. 23, 1918, and was sent to Camp- Lee, Va. He sailed for overseas in June, 1918, and served throughout the war with the 340th Infantry, 85th Division. He returned to this country, April 5, 1919, and was honorably discharged.

F. Dana Payne. One of the best known and most esteemed of the younger business men of the City of Erie is F. Dana Payne, who is connected with the Modern Tool Works as manager. He was born in this city, June 7, 1893, and is the son of Frank H. and Grace (Barber) Payne, residents of Erie. A complete sketch of the life and business career of Frank H. Payne, manager of the American Meter Company, appears elsewhere in this history.

F. Dana Payne received his education in the public schools of Erie and Pottstown, Pa., and is a graduate of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. He began his business career as an apprentice machinist and was later promoted to cost clerk in the employ of the Modern Tool Works. Mr. Payne now is manager of the plant, which is numbered among the city's leading industries.

On April 17, 1917, during the World War, Mr. Payne enlisted in the United States Navy as a seaman and served as machinist mate on a

submarine chaser. He was promoted to ensign on the U. S. S. South Carolina and was later appointed lieutenant at the naval experimental station and hydroplane school at New London, Conn.

Mr. Payne was married Nov. 8, 1922, to Miss Mary W. Mead, a native of Erie, and the daughter of John J. and Mary (Boland) Mead, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York, who reside at 807 West Ninth Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Payne has been born a son, F. Dana Payne, Jr. The Payne residence is at 1347 West 10th Street.

Mr. Payne is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife holds membership in the Catholic Church.

Benjamin Emerman, retired, is among Erie's honored pioneer business men. He was born at Konigsberg, Germany, July 4, 1855. He spent his boyhood in his native land and began life as a grain merchant. He came to this country in 1881, arriving at Baltimore, Md., on Saturday, July 2nd, the day on which President Garfield was shot. He engaged in the retail dry goods business with a capital of \$60.00 and in 1883 established a wholesale dry goods business at Lancaster, Pa. Five years later he removed to Cleveland, where he established a jewelry business and two years later he located in Canton, Ohio, where he engaged in the dry goods business. In 1895 he went to Akron, Ohio, where he established an iron and steel scrap business. Five years later he again located in Cleveland and organized what was at that time one of the leading concerns of its kind in the country, the C. A. & C. Iron & Metal Company, with general offices in Cleveland and branch offices at Akron and Canton. In 1904 Mr. Emerman disposed of this interest and founded the Erie Iron & Metal Company at Erie, and the outgrowth of this company is the present Emerman Company. In 1920 Mr. Emerman resigned as president of the company and retired, but was elected chairman of the board of directors. He is now actively interested in the Emerman Properties Company, whose aim is to develop business and residential properties throughout the city.

On Nov. 3, 1887, Mr. Emerman was united in marriage with Miss Leah Luntz, a native of Konigsberg, Germany, and the daughter of Rev. E. W. Luntz. Reverend Luntz resides in Pittsburgh and is 83 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Emerman have been born the following children: Mrs. Meyer Green, a widow, lives in Cleveland; Herman, engaged in the iron and steel scrap business, at Massillon, Ohio; Maxwell V., deceased; Har-

vey, president of the Emerman Company, Erie ; Mrs. Leo A. Weil, lives in Erie ; Louis Bart, deceased ; and Allen H., secretary of the Emerman Company, Erie.

Mr. Emmerman is a Republican.

Allen H. Emerman is well and favorably known in Erie as a successful young business man. He was born at Akron, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1899, and is the son of Benjamin and Leah (Luntz) Emerman, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Allen H. Emerman was reared in Cleveland and was a student at Central High School. He was graduated from Central High School, Erie, and after spending one year at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., he attended the University of Michigan for two years, but left to enter service during the World War. In 1919 he became secretary of the Emerman Company, which position he has since filled, and in 1923 he was appointed general manager of the Emerman Properties Company. He is also managing another Emerman interest known as the Times Square Garage.

Mr. Emerman is a member of the West Eighth Street Temple. He has acquired some repute as an amateur entertainer in singing and dramatic work.

Joseph L. Stadler, vice president and superintendent of the Superior Bronze Corporation, is a prominent citizen and successful business man of Erie. He was born in this city, July 26, 1880, and is the son of Joseph and Adelaide Stadler.

Joseph Stadler was born in the United States and his wife is a native of Germany. For 35 years he has been engaged in railroad service and resides at East Eighth Street, Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Stadler have six children: Edith, married B. W. Neimaier, lives in Erie; Katherine, married F. I. Pease, lives at Columbus, Ohio; Alois Stadler, lives in Philadelphia ; Frank, lives at Youngstown, Ohio ; Charles, lives at Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Joseph L., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph L. Stadler was educated in St. Mary's Academy, Erie, and began life as a moulder. For several years he has been connected with the Superior Bronze Corporation which he founded and is now vice president.

On Jan. 24, 1903, Mr. Stadler was married to Miss Ella Harned, the daughter of Randolph Harned. Mr. Harned resides at Crossingville, Pa.

His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stadler have two children: Lawrence, a student at Notre Dame University, and Margarite, a student at Villa Maris Academy.

Mr. Stadler and his family are affiliated with the Catholic Church and he is a member of the Elks Lodge.

William A. Parker, manufacturer, is recognized as one of the representative business men of Erie. He was born at Adams, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1866, and is the son of James A. and Amanda (Whitehead) Parker.

James A. Parker was born at Henderson, N. Y., in 1832, and died in 1908. In early life he was a locomotive engineer, and later practiced law. He also engaged in the manufacturing business. His wife died in 1915, and they are buried at Adams Center, N. Y. William A., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

William A. Parker was educated in the public schools of Rome, N. Y., and began life as a draftsman and machinist. He developed a method of making castings in permanent molds and started operations in 1906. The present factory building was erected in 1912 and enlarged in 1919 and in 1924, and employs 75 men. The Parker White Metal & Machine Company has a valuation of \$150,000, the business being founded by Mr. Parker without any capital.

On Nov. 26, 1895, Mr. Parker was married at Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Jessie Whittingham, a native of that place, and the daughter of Charles and Mary (Fellows) Whittingham, natives of England. Mr. Whittingham died Nov. 23, 1909, and his wife died March 14, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have three children : Norman A., production manager of his father's business; Edythia L., a Normal student; and Robert W. Parker.

Mr. Parker's ancestors settled in Massachusetts in 1685, having come here from Manchester, England. Several of his direct lineage held commissions in the French and Indian wars, American Revolution, War of 1812, and the Civil War. A revolutionary uniform is still in possession of the Parker family.

Mr. Parker has a fox ranch near Fairview Village, Pa., where he is raising silver foxes for the market. He now has 12 pairs of these foxes, one pair of which are very fine silver foxes that is worth on the market \$5,000. Another interesting feature of his fox ranch is that it is located on a mound about 600 feet in circumference, which bears every evidence of prehistoric existence. In grading on this spot, Mr. Parker unearthed

considerable pottery, etc., which would indicate that this was an ancient mound.

Mr. Parker is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal church, and belongs to the Erie Consistory and Zem Zem Temple. Mr. Parker is a self made man and is well and favorably known in Erie County. Mrs. Parker is identified with the Women's Club of Erie.

James D. Hay ranks among the representative and successful business men of Erie. He is general manager of the Cascade Foundry Company. Mr. Hay was born at Fairview, Erie County, Aug. 31, 1848, and is the son of William and Juliette (Demsey) Hay.

The Hay family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this section of the state. It was in 1802 that James Hay, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from his native state of Maryland and made the family homestead in Erie County. John Hay, son of James, served as a captain in the War of 1812, and John Hay, the famous author and distinguished statesman, was also a member of this family. William Hay was born in Maryland in 1802 and was reared and educated in Erie County. He married Juliette Demsey, a native of Erie and the daughter of John Demsey, a pioneer millwright and carpenter who built many of the early mills of the county. Her father also served in the War of 1812. Mrs. Hay died in 1879, the mother of four sons and six daughters. Henry, deceased; William C., served in the Civil War as captain of Company H, 111th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; John, enlisted in Company A, 145th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, at the age of 17 years; James D., the subject of this sketch; Carolina, married S. R. Miller, both deceased; Lucinda, married William Cole, both deceased; Mary, married Joseph Wilcox, and they lived on a farm near Amboy, Ohio; and they are both deceased; Eliza J., married Charles Loverin, and they are both deceased; Adelaide, the widow of Charles P. Cummings, lives at Marshalltown, Iowa; and Nellie, married D. E. Waters, lives at Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. Hay died in 1883 and his wife died in 1879. He was a Republican, active and interested in local politics, a public spirited man, and a member of the Methodist church.

James D. Hay received his early education in the schools of Fairview Township, and then entered the University of Michigan. He served as superintendent of Shadeland Stock Farms in Crawford County, Pa.,

from 1882 until 1890, when he moved to Erie and took a position in the Department of Internal Revenue. In 1895 he became deputy sheriff under George Evans and the following year was elected Register and Recorder of Deeds and Wills in Erie County. He was re-elected in 1899 and served six years. In 1902 he became general manager of the Cascade Foundry Company, which position he now holds. From 1916 until 1922 Mr. Hay served as water commissioner on the Erie Water Board.

On Dec. 23, 1879, Mr. Hay was united in marriage with Miss Lillian L. Davie, a native of Erie, born Feb. 19, 1854, and the daughter of O. J. and Esther (Gallowhur) Davie, natives of Pennsylvania and both now deceased. To this union were born four children: Donald D., born Oct. 9, 1881, a major in the United States Army, resides at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Florence Ester Hay, Born March 6, 1883, lives in Erie; Carlyle Hay, born July 21, 1887, died Nov. 29, 1892; and John Harold Hay, born Dec. 13, 1888, a physician in Pittsburgh at the time of his death, Dec. 2, 1915. Mr. Hay's wife died Dec. 16, 1892, and he was married on Dec. 24, 1907, to Miss Anna Lipton, a daughter of E. B. and Martha (Pruden) Lipton, of Erie.

Mr. Hay is one of the leading Republicans of the county, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks and Masonic lodges, the Consistory, Shrine and is a Knight Templar. He is well and favorably known throughout the community in which he has spent his entire life.

Joseph E. Nason, one of the capable and excellent citizens of Erie, engaged in the manufacturing business, is a native of Erie County. He was born in Fairview Township, Nov. 7, 1881, and is the son of D. W. and Polly (Washburn) Nason.

D. W. Nason was born in Fairview Township and began life as a farmer. In 1885 he established a retail house furnishing business in Erie, which he successfully conducted for 17 years. He served as county treasurer for one term and as secretary of the Poor Board for several years. He died Oct. 20, 1911, and his wife, who was born in McKean Township, died March 15, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Nason had four children: Myrtle M., lives at 927 Weschler Avenue, Erie; Mrs. Martha A. Eldredge, lives at 48 Fountain Street, Dayton, Ohio; W. S., lives in Erie; and Joseph E., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph E. Nason attended the public schools of Erie and began life