



CHARLES B. PHELPS was born in Chatham, now Portland, Connecticut in 1788 and pursued his professional studies under Judge Reeve and Noah B. Benedict, Esq., and was admitted to the Bar in September, 1809. Entered into practice at Woodbury, and there continued the exercise of his profession to the time of his death, December 21, 1858. He was Judge of Probate for nearly thirty years and was an authority on Probate Law. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1831, 1837, and 1852 in which latter year he was elected its Speaker. In 1843 he was elected to the Senate and was its President pro tem. In 1850 he was elected Judge of the County Court, holding the office three years. In Mr. Cothren's history of Woodbury, will be found a lengthy biography of this honest lawyer. Picture, page 94.

RALPH P. PHELPS, attorney in Winchester, 1832. (Connecticut Register.)

E. FRISBIE PHELPS, graduated from Yale Law School, and was admitted to this Bar from Harwinton in 1866. He soon removed from the State. Is now in New York City in the insurance business.

ELISHA PHELPS, born in Simsbury. Graduated from Yale College in 1800; attended the Litchfield Law School and was admitted to this Bar in 1802. Settled in his native town, where he died in 1847.

AMOS PIERCE (PEARCE), graduated at Yale, 1783. Died in Woodbury, 1798.

JAMES PIERCE was admitted by the County Court in 1799.

JOHN PITCHER was admitted by the County Court in 1816. Lieutenant-Governor of New York.

JOHN PIERPONT, born in Litchfield September 10, 1805; member of the Law School; admitted to the Bar in 1826. He removed to Vergennes, Vermont. Was Judge of the Supreme Court and held other important offices in that State.

ORVILLE HITCHCOCK PLATT was admitted to this Bar in 1850. He was born in Washington, Conn., and his early life was that of a hard working farmer boy. Both parents being of good New England stock, earnest in religion, patriotic, and having the courage of their convictions, he inherited that breadth of mind and strength of character for which he became so prominent. Beginning in the old red school house, and afterward attending the Academy, in which he later on taught, he was still further furnished, by close and persistent study at home. Having chosen the law as his profession he entered the office of Gideon Hollister and Fred. Beeman in Litchfield in 1848 and in due time was admitted to this Bar. He began his practice at Towanda, Penn., but in a short time returned to Connecticut and settled at Meriden, where he soon became a prom-