

church, and has held the chairmanship for several years of the society's committee. He was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for five years. During the current year he declined a unanimous re-election to the superintendency of the school, being compelled to adopt this course on account of increasing duties in other directions. Mr. Williams is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., of Southington. His family consists of a wife and daughter, the former being Miss Josephine E. Woodruff of Southington prior to her marriage. The daughter is Miss Martha J. Williams. In politics Principal Williams is a republican. He is secretary and treasurer of the Plainville Cemetery Water Company, and as a citizen of the town is held in the highest esteem.

NELSON MORSE, NORTH WOODSTOCK: Farmer.

Nelson Morse was born in East Woodstock, May 3, 1818, being now in the seventy-third year of his age. He is a descendant in the eighth generation from Anthony Morse, who emigrated to this country from England and settled in Newbury, Mass., in 1635. To this same line belonged also Jedediah Morse, author of the well-known Morse Geography, and Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph. Nelson Morse lived at home on his father's farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he left the farm and learned the trade of blacksmithing and general carriage ironwork. He followed the business of country smithing several years, manufactured carriages and wagons in company with L. M. Dean, in 1840 and 1841, and for a short time afterwards alone. He changed his business later to that of carriage spring making, which he carried on until 1866 when he returned to farming, in which occupation he has since been engaged. His early education was such as the common schools of his native town afforded, and his entire life has for the most part been spent in North Woodstock. Mr. Morse is at present living with his third wife, who before her marriage was Miss Lucia A. Bass; his first wife, Pamela Lyon, and his second, Jane Carey, both being deceased. There are three children living, Sidney Nelson, who graduated at Yale University in the class of 1890, Anna Clift, and Henry Waldo. He is a republican in politics, and has held the offices of justice of the peace, selectman, county commissioner, and representative in the state legislature.



NELSON MORSE.

In religious matters Mr. Morse is a Congregationalist, and a member of the Third Ecclesiastical society of North Woodstock.

L. J. NICKERSON, CORNWALL: Attorney-at-Law.

Leonard J. Nickerson was born at Cornwall, October 23, 1857. After leaving the Alger Institute, in Cornwall, where he acquired his education, he taught school for several years and studied law with Hon. A. D. Warner, then of Cornwall. He was admitted to the bar April 22, 1879, a few months after becoming twenty-one years of age. He entered at once into the practice of his profession in Cornwall, and was admitted to practice in the United States courts in April, 1882. From that time on he has devoted his time almost exclusively to his legal business. Mr. Nickerson is a republican, and as such has been called to fill various public offices. He represented Cornwall in the state legislature in 1883, and drafted the temperance law which was passed by the general assembly of that year. He was secretary of the Cornwall board of education for nine years, and has held other positions of public trust.



L. J. NICKERSON.

COMFORT S. BURLINGAME, CANTERBURY: Agent Brooklyn Creamery.

Comfort Starr Burlingame has been a member of the general assembly through three sessions, his first term occurring in 1879. He was returned for the consecutive sessions of 1887 and 1889. His colleagues from Windham county in 1879 were ex-Speaker E. H. Bugbee of Killingly, Clark E. Barrows of Eastford, at present deputy United States marshal for eastern Connecticut, Randolph H. Chandler of Thompson, Charles P. Grosvenor of Pomfret, William C. Jillson and John L. Hunter of Windham, and Colonel Wm. E. Hyde of Killingly, who served as aid-de-camp on the staff of Gov. Henry B. Harrison. Windham county has not often been represented by a finer group of men. Mr. Burlingame was ap-



C. S. BURLINGAME.