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Dr. Edwin Carman - Descendent of a well known family, his ancestors being among the early pioneers of Long Island, Dr. Edwin Carman, born in East Rockaway, has remained faithful to the time honored traditions of the island and has resided there all his life, his present home being at No. 118 West Merrick Road, Freeport.

Edwin Carman was born October 6, 1867, the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Hewlett) Carman, his mother an only daughter of Richard Hewlett. His early years were spent in the public schools, after which he took a business course at the Claghorn Business College, Brooklyn. A business career did not appeal to him so he resolved to study medicine and surgery, and enrolled accordingly in the Long Island College Hospital for the regular course. In 1889 he was graduated with full honors as M. D. His preceptor and friend was the noted physician and surgeon, Dr. James A. Hutchison. In May, 1889, he located in Freeport, where he has since practiced his profession. Although his general practice was good, Dr. Carman has specialized in gynecological work, particularly obstetrics. He is highly proficient as an obstetrician, having probably delivered more infants than any other doctor on Long Island. Although Dr. Carman has a large clientele he yet finds time to devote to the general welfare of the community. He is affiliated with the Nassau County and Long Island Medical Associations, and for ten years was physician to the Alms House. For one year Dr. Carman was the health officer of the town of Hempstead and held the same office in Freeport for eighteen years. He assisted in the organization of the South Shore Hospital and for years was chief examiner for the Equitable and New York Life Insurance Company, in his section of Long Island.

Dr. Carman has always been active in civic affairs and all movements for the public weal have always found him ready to assist. He is a member of Lodge No. 600, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the South Shore Yacht Club. The doctor takes an interest in athletics and sports of all kinds, particularly being a devotee of baseball. For a time he was president of the South Shore League. In religion Dr. Carman is an Episcopalian.

On June 8, 1892, Dr. Carman was married to Florence A. Conklin of Freeport. They are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth.

George M. Bode, well and widely known throughout Nassau County, as a lawyer, financier and Mason, is today one of the prominent men of his section of Long Island. He was born in New York City, October 15, 1881, a son of George and Catherine (McElhose) Bode. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Nassau County, following which he attended the New York Preparatory School. He then matriculated at New York University and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1904. Following the completion of his scholastic and collegiate courses he engaged in the study of law in the offices of Henry Wendt of New York City. So well did he apply himself that he was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in February, 1904 after which he at once engaged in the practice of his profession with his preceptor, Henry Wendt. This association was successfully continued until 1914, at which time he removed to Nassau County, locating at Baldwin, Long Island. Somewhat later he came to Freeport, Long Island, and formed a partnership with Elvin N. Edwards, practicing in this connection for two years, at the end of which time the partnership was dissolved.
At the present time (1924) Mr. Bode is successfully engaged in general law practice alone, maintaining offices at Freeport, Long Island.

In addition to his legal profession, Mr. Bode is also deeply interested in the world of banking and finance, especially in that phase of savings institutions. He has organized three of these enterprises, as follows: The Baldwin Savings and Loan Association in 1921; the Freeport Savings and Loan Association in 1923; and the Bellmore Savings and Loan Association, also in 1923, being a director and attorney for each. These various organizations are all in a prosperous condition, the Baldwin Association especially having had a remarkable growth, its membership increasing in 1923 from 32,000 to 96,000. In both his legal and financial activities, Mr. Bode has evinced great ability and efficiency, as well as that prerequisite of all successful endeavors, complete integrity.

Politically, Mr. Bode allied himself with the Democratic Party upon attaining his majority, and since that time has ever been a firm and faithful supporter of his chosen party, taking a deep and personal interest in all public affairs. During the late World War he has signal service to the Federal Government as a United States Appeal Agent of local board, No. 3 of Nassau County. His professional affiliations include membership in Nassau County Bar Association; the New York State Bar Association; and the American Bar Association. Fraternally, Mr. Bode has been especially active and prominent in Masonic circles, being a member in good standing of Marton Lodge, No. 63, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Long Island Lodge of Perfection. He also holds membership in the Hempstead Masonic Club; and the Baldwin Masonic Club.

George M. Bode married (first) in 1904, Lillian Klapper, a daughter of William and Frances Klapper, of Hempstead. Lillian (Klapper) Bode died in 1909, leaving two sons: George Arnold, born in 1906; and Henry Frederick, born in 1908. Mr. Bode married (second) in 1912, Mary G. Sneyd, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The family residence is maintained at Baldwin, New York.

Stephen P. Pettit - As president of the Citizen’s National Bank of Freeport, Stephen P. Pettit holds a distinguished position in the progress of Long Island, while his individual enterprises and activities are those of the leader of men. An outstanding real estate executive in the history of New York’s steadily growing suburban district, Mr. Pettit has done much for the people and his work is widely appreciated. An eminently practical man of settled convictions and broad vision, Mr. Pettit has won his way upward from the rank and file of business affairs and his achievements are those of the man of strength and judgment.

Stephen P. Pettit was born near Rockville Centre, Nassau County, August 19, 1878, and is a son of Smith and Ida (Payne) Pettit. His education was received at the Ocean Side and Baldwin schools, and as a young man he first became identified with the progress of his day as the driver of a hack. This was of course before the days of the automobile, but he continued along that line of endeavor for only a comparatively short time. While still in school he had been active in various positions such as were available for leisure hours and he began his work as a hackman during his school vacations and on Sunday. When still a very young man he served as constable of Hempstead, and his early acquaintance with the various communities of Nassau, and
nearby counties led to his entering the real estate field. He has now for a full quarter of a century been engaged along this line and has sold upwards of twenty-five hundred lots in Freeport alone.

During the greater part of this time Mr. Pettit has been identified with the present organization which was incorporated in 1921, Mr. Pettit becoming president, and T. Benson Smith secretary and treasurer. They handle a general line of real estate development, sale and brokerage, also negotiate loans and act as auctioneers. Their insurance interests are extensive including fire and various kinds of casualty insurance and these allied lines of activity as handled by the concern comprise one of the most important interests of its kind on the south shore. The company is capitalized at one million dollars. Some of the more important developments which this concern has given to the counties of Long Island include Silverlake Park and Silverlake Heights, both in Baldwin, and each comprising four hundred lots. This is a very select and attractive development and already two hundred houses have been built, one hundred and fifty more are now in course of construction, and the section is considered one of the finest in this region. Baldwin Plaza is another of the Pettit developments and includes one thousand lots opposite the famous Gold Course. The firm has also developed the Gunther Estates at Valley Stream, where the four hundred lots are all sold, also Bellmore Plaza of three hundred lots, where active building is in progress. Perhaps one of the most important and spectacular achievements of this concern is at Atlantic Beach, where they have developed three thousand five hundred lots along the ocean front between Long Beach and Rockaway. There extensive improvements have already been constructed and many cottages have been erected. They have also reached out in their operations to a distant point and are now handling several parcels of acreage in Palm Beach County, Florida. In the immediate village of Freeport the company owns about thirty stores with apartments or office rooms on the upper floors, and in Freeport and vicinity they own a great quantity of undeveloped land in small parcels.

Mr. Pettit’s unfailing interest in all that makes for the community welfare added to is demonstrated ability led to his prominence in financial affairs a number of years ago. He became one of the organizers of the Citizen’s National Bank of Freeport, which was chartered in November, 1919, and opened its door for business January 14, 1920. Elected president at the inception of the project, Mr. Pettit still serves in this capacity ably and well. The institution is capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars with a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars and its growth and success has been phenomenal. The first days’ deposits aggregated more than two hundred thousand dollars and they have now on deposit upwards of two million dollars. One feature of the institution which is highly commended by every thoughtful citizen is the savings department for school children which opened in 1922 and in the two years since its inauguration has received on deposit close to forty thousand dollars all in the small deposits of school pupils. The institution is very extensively patronized for one so recently established and its handsome building which was erected in 1922 is one of the show places of Freeport. They handle a general banking business with the powers of the Trust Company and the Citizens National Bank is considered one of the solid financial institutions of Long Island. The officers are: Stephen P. Pettit, President; Edward S. Keogh, Vice-President; Simon Bauman, Vice-President; Robert G.
Anderson, Vice-President, and Percy Smith, Cashier. The directors comprise the above gentlemen with the exception of the cashier, William J. Duane; Jacob Post; Michael J. Coffee; Dwight C. Baker, Doctor William J. Runcie, Clarence A. Edwards, T. Benson Smith, Charles F. Behr, Hyman Schloss, William J. Martin, and G. Bennett Smith.

Other branches of public activity also commanded the attention of Mr. Pettit, and he has always been a leader in Republican Party affairs. He has served as police justice of Freeport, and was sheriff of Nassau County from January 1, 1914, to December 31, 1916. At several different times he has served as delegate to the State Convention, and bears a constructive part in all that tends to promote the welfare of the community. He is president of the Long Island Bankers' Association; vice-president of the Long Island Title Company; director of the Atlantic Beach Association, Inc. He is identified with the Freeport Chamber of Commerce and fraternally holds membership in Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler; and he is Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is further a member of Freeport Lodge, No. 600, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and his clubs are: The Spartan; the South Shore Yacht; and the Palm Beach Yacht.

Stephen P. Pettit married, September 14, 1910 Mary Madison of Freeport, and they reside at No. 137 South Grove Street, Freeport, Long Island.

Roswell Davis- Quite as well know as any man of his age who had held positions of honor and trust in Suffolk County, Roswell Davis played a prominent part in the business development of the community of Freeport. Two decades ago he came to Freeport, and since then he has not only made it his home, but his interest and activities for the benefit of the township had placed him among the foremost of its citizens in regard to service rendered. He set his hand to the task of every progressive matter, and there has been little of general public advancement accomplished that had not felt the impress of his personality. Financial institutions, fraternal and religious organizations, and the social life of the section were forwarded by his broad sympathy and substantial help, and he was one of those men who, no matter what it might be that he undertook to do, carried it along to completion.

Roswell Davis was born July 9, 1854 at Mt. Sinai on the north shore of Long Island, the son of Joel and Hannah M. Davis, and a member of a large family consisting of Susan, Amelia, Elisha, John, Harrison, Vincent, Roswell, and Ida, all of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Davis attended the village school, Millers Place Academy, and the Port Jefferson School. On October 30, 1870, he started out upon his business career in a clerkship in the store of John P. Mills, at Yaphank, at a salary of ten dollars a month, so continuing eleven years, when he bought the business of E. W. Mills, and met with merited success in mercantile life. In 1884 he built his own store, one of the best in the county. Active in politics at the time, he was postmaster of the town of Brookhaven by a majority of eight, the first Republican ever elected to that office in the town. Mr. Davis suffered a very serious illness from September, 1903, to May, 1904, and finding himself physically unable to conduct his mercantile business, he removed to Freeport in order that his daughters might benefit of the schools there. In 1905, when the First National Bank of Freeport was organized, he was elected its first president, which office he held to the time of his death. This bank, of which he was one of the organizers and sustainers throughout,
had a very modest beginning; on its opening day, there were fifteen depositors, with $6,000 deposited, the total resources being $25,000, which had increased to July 29, 1924, to $2,705,386.67, the capital at present being $100,000, with a one hundred per cent dividend. Mr. Davis’ principal business in Freeport was insurance. He wrote his first policy in the German American Insurance Company, now the Great American Insurance Company, in the summer of 1876, and besides that he held the agency for some of the oldest and most reliable insurance companies in the field.

Mr. Davis’ fraternal affiliations were those of Spartan Lodge, No. 953, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arcanum; and the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1868, superintendent of its Sunday schools both in Yaphank and Freeport, and teacher of its classes from his seventeenth year onward. A home lover, he spent most of his time with his family.

Mr. Davis married, September 9, 1880, Josephine Hume, and they were the parents of two children: Florence Hume Davis, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin; and Mary Baker Davis, a graduate of Wilson College, Pennsylvania. Florence Hume Davis went to France under the supervision of the Red Cross in the World War, remaining in the service until after the armistice. Mary Baker Davis, who married William C. Raynor of Freeport, is head bookkeeper in the First National Bank, with which institution she became associated in 1913, immediately after her graduation from Wilson College.

Roswell Davis died at the home of the family on Rose Street, Freeport, October 28, 1924, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident in September. One of the first citizens of the village, a man of sterling character, devoted and dependable in all his undertakings, he held the good-will and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

James E. Stiles- The journalist is at the forefront in the making of the Long Island of today, his prerogative as an active leader in all community matters being freely acknowledged by the public whom he serves by means of the press. James E. Stiles, prominent newspaperman in this section of the State, had made careful study of the requirements of Nassau County in the matter of news-gathering and publishing, and he accomplished a most acceptable work for the section when he decided to publish the Daily Review of Freeport, which is the only daily newspaper in Nassau County.

One of the established institutions of the county today, the “Daily News,” is the outcome of an idea that was put into operation by Mr. Stiles immediately upon his graduation from Wesleyan University in 1914. A native and resident of Freeport, he that year launched the “Nassau Post,” with no plant and with but little material at hand required for the initial work of such a publication. He gathered the news and the advertising, and with some help from others had the first edition of the new paper published. In 1917-1918, Mr. Stiles bought the “South Side Observer,” which was the re-made “Picket” of Civil War days, a newspaper that had been started in 1863. The “The Post” and “The Observer” of Rockville Centre were combined, and as a result the Stiles newspapers for the first time had a printing plant sufficient for the needs. In 1920 there came a still more important step, when the “Nassau County Review,” of Freeport, and the “Hempstead Inquirer,” one of the oldest newspapers on Long Island, were adopted into the Stiles combination. These newspapers, amalgamated, made the “Nassau County Review,” a twenty-four page weekly publication, and the growth of the
papers made a new home necessary, and the Daily Review Building, the present home of the newspaper, on Observer Street, in Rockville Centre was erected. Eventually, as the result of the persistent exigencies of the time and the hour, and the outcome of many plans pro and con of the management, the “Daily Review: came into existence, March 7, 1921, and it has made name and place for itself throughout the county. It is a member of the Associated Press, and of the Audit Bureau of Circulation. Soon outgrowing the small press upon which it was first printed, it is now the daily product of the Scott Speed King. Probably not even Mr. Stiles, editor, publisher, and chief owner of the publication, expected to have his vision of a daily newspaper in Nassau realized so early in his newspaper career as it was; part of it was due to the conditions in the county; part to the men he had taken into his newspaper family; but by far the greater part to his own progressiveness, and his willingness to take a chance on the future of the county, but one that has been fully justified. Mr. Stiles had the advice of some of the soundest and best business minds in the county, and he backed his procedure with their judgment and his own. Therefore, today, “The Daily Review” having started with the merest skeleton of a newspaper organization, is a highly organized news-gatherer and purveyor of news, chronicling all worthwhile events in its territory, and continually expanding. Associated with Mr. Stiles in the publication of the newspaper are: Vernon A. Williams, Hempstead representative; Charles B. Davey, Mineola and Courthouse; Cecil Johnson, Freeport; “Jack” Dubois, Baldwin and Roosevelt; James O’Connell, Rockville Centre.

Raymond J. Miller, president of the Village of Freeport, and secretary and treasurer of Wm. G. Miller, Inc., real estate dealers, developers, and insurance agents, through steady progress, has become one of the most influential businessmen in that section of Long Island. Besides his business connections and public official associations, he is also actively interested in financial institutions, and prominent in the fraternity and social life of the community. Mr. Miller is the son of William G. and Mary E. (Randall) Miller, born April 30, 1882, and educated in the public schools of his native village and graduated from Bryant and Stratton Business College, February 19, 1900, he entered the office of the Royal Insurance Company, No. 50 Wall Street, New York City, where he learned the insurance business with his father in the real estate and building business, and the insurance department of the establishment is carried on by the son of Raymond.

On April 11, 1911, the Miller firm was incorporated, with headquarters at No. 24 South Grove Street, Freeport; William g. Miller is president of the company, William G. Miller Jr., vice- president and Raymond J. Miller, secretary and treasurer. Building has been one of the company’s chief activities, doing construction work independently and also controlling on a large scale some of the principal contracts executed on Long Island. Among the more notable structures erected by the company are: The First National Bank of Freeport, the Freeport Bank Building, the Columbian Bronze Corporation, the Grove Street School, and virtually all the business buildings on Grove Street, the South Shore Yacht Club, The Freeport Club, the C. A. Fulton Building, as well as scores of residential buildings, all of them being in Freeport. The company’s development projects on the personal side have been extensive, embracing properties offered for
Max Gordon, D.D.S. - Holding a leading position in professional advance in Freeport as a successful dental surgeon, Doctor Max Gordon, is a noteworthy figure in that he has achieved his present position after coming to America early in life from his native Russia. Doctor Gordon is one of the thoroughly progressive and sincere young men of Freeport, and stands in a group which will unquestionably, with the passing of years, carry this community to outstanding importance in the history of Long Island.

Max Gordon was born in Russia, January 2, 1894, and is a son of Meyer and Rose Gordon, his parents now residents of Arverne, Long Island; his father a retired business man. The family coming to America in 1900, Doctor Gordon received his early education in American public schools and following his high school course he attended City College, New York, then covered a four years course at the College of Dental and Oral Surgery, from which he was graduated in the class of 1922. He is thus finely equipped for his professional work and his success is only a matter of time. His present office established in 1923 is in the Flatiron Building of Freeport. His is engaged in practice with Doctor Kriesberg and they are following general lines of dental surgery. Doctor Gordon served in the World War, entering the service in February, 1918, and receiving his honorable discharge in January, 1919, active meanwhile as a member of the Medical Corps at Camp Mead, Maryland. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Ocean Side Democrat Club of Arverne, where he resides and also maintains a branch office. He attends the Temple of Israel, at Arverne.

Robert Grant Anderson - For years active in the public service of Freeport, Long Island, Robert Grant Anderson is bearing a constructive influence in present day advance in various branches of the public service and now holds the important position of commissioner of jurors of Nassau County. His long experience and forward looking attitude are counting definitely for the local welfare and he is considered one of the prominent men of this section.

Robert G. Anderson was born in Merrick, Long Island, February 24, 1869. Educated in the public schools of his birthplace and Freeport High School, Mr. Anderson was first active in the business world in association with his father. The elder Mr. Anderson was then proprietor and manager of a leading market of Freeport, which at that time was one of the largest and most important markets on the south side. Robert G. Anderson was
appointed postmaster of Freeport, March 1, 1900, and this was the beginning of a long and honorable public service. Taking up the duties of this position with characteristic energy and applying to their fulfillment his thorough business ability, Mr. Anderson served for a period of sixteen years in that responsible office. On January 1, 1917, he was appointed commissioner of jurors of Nassau County, and still ably fills this office. Meanwhile, in the years 1918-19, Mr. Anderson served as president of the Village of Freeport, and under his administration many important measures were carried into effect. This was the trying period of the World War and the civic bodies entertained on an average five hundred to one thousand soldiers each day. Mr. Anderson gave unsparingly of his time and efforts to this cause. His entire public service has been marked by self-forgetful endeavor and the practical application of thorough-going business principles. Mr. Anderson’s political affiliation is with the Republican Party, and he is further prominent in local advance as one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank, being third vice-president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Odd Fellows, and Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also a member of the Spartan Club. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert Grant Anderson married, in June 1893, Charlotte M. Southard, of Baldwin, and they have one daughter: Helen Grace. They reside at No. 34 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport.

Wallace R. Post - The lumber and building material products business has no more thorough exponent and practical leader on Long Island than Mr. Post, whose Rockville Centre establishment is conceded to be one of the most extensive plants devoted to its purpose in this part of the State. Mr. Post has had a thorough training and experience in his field, his course of activity having been lifelong in the one line from office boy to the chief executive of a corporation, to the end that the concern and his own signature are well known throughout the State for influence and excellence in lumber dealing. He is the son of Isaac J. and Abby (Smith) Post.

Wallace R. Post was born in Freeport in 1881, and he received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, and at the Heffley Branch of Pratt Institute. Upon graduation from the Institute, he at once became associated with the lumber interests, and for the long period of twenty years he was connected with the Ross & Randall Lumber Company. Entering that firm as an office boy, he worked his way up to the position of vice-president of the concern. Wallace R. Post Company, Inc., was established in 1921, and incorporated at the same time, with Mr. Post as president and treasurer, Jacob Shapiro as vice-president, and Chester G. Stewart, secretary. The plant is situated on Maple Avenue, Rockville Centre, and with a business that covers Nassau County, they deal in all kinds of building material. The establishment is known as one of the most thorough as to its methods of operation, the building itself being eighty by three hundred and sixty feet in measurement, and the timber yard one hundred and sixty-five by two hundred feet, which secures ample space for carrying the full amount of stock required for all occasions; while the company also maintains a manufacturing plant, which turns out all kinds of mill-work. Mr. Post has taken a deep interest in the progress of his home village, Freeport, and has served as treasurer of the village and as a member of the School Board. He is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics; his religious fellowship is with the Methodist Episcopal
Church.

Mr. Post married, in 1901, Bessie Snedeker, of Freeport, and they are the parents of the following children: Grace, Helen, and Ruth. The family resides at No. 47 North Grove Street, Freeport.

**Harry G. Clock** - Bench and bar at Freeport, and throughout that section of the State, hold in merited esteem the abilities and talents of Mr. Clock, who as a practicing lawyer has built up a very substantial and enduring structure of general trial practice. His reputation for thoroughness and comprehensiveness is by no means confined to the bounds of this township, and he is known for his succinct and forceful methods as well as for his general legal information. Descendant of early settlers on Long Island, his patronymic is an outstanding title to his claim of direct relationship with generations of an old clan. He is a son of Lorenzo D. Clock, and of Eliza Jane (Jarvis) Clock. Mr. Clock, the senior, followed the sea in early life, and he was a Sandy Hook and eastern coast pilot. A grandfather of Harry G. Clock, (Nathaniel O. Clock), purchased a large tract of land known as the John Mobray Patent, and there he reared his family. The Clocks had settled in the Mohawk Valley at a very early day, and thence they came to Long Island. The Clocks and Thurburs, of German origin; and the Jarvis and Howell families, coming from England, intermarried.

Harry G. Clock was born at Islip, and received his education in both public and private schools. Making special preparation for his life-work he matriculated at the University of Michigan, where he was graduated with the class of 1887, and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1888 he was admitted to the Bar and entered upon his career in New York City. He located at Freeport in 1901, where, although he has a large general practice, he is largely engaged in trial work. He has traveled much, and visited Europe upon several occasions.

Mr. Clock’s club affiliations are those of the Nassau County Bar Association; and the Michigan Club, of New York. He married, October 10, 1889, Jennie Woodend, of Huntington, Long Island, a daughter of William D. Woodend, M.D., and they are the parents of Herbert W. Clock. The latter received his education at Oxford University, in England, and he is now associated with the Stanley E. Gunnison Advertising Agency, in New York City. During the World War, he served as a first lieutenant of infantry with the Fifty-first Pioneers in the Army of the Occupation. He also played on the Allies Armies’ football team, and was the first American to become captain of an English college football team. He is an all-around athlete, and won the middleweight championship while in college.

**Hilbert R. Johnson** - A distinguished figure in Freeport is Hilbert R. Johnson, successful lawyer, prominent executive in fraternal affairs and leader of civic advance. Mr. Johnson has been active professionally for about fourteen years and in his public services the people have definitely realized much benefit. His election to the office of village president which he ably filled in 1923, was an honor gladly accorded to him by the people with whom he comes in daily contact. Mr. Johnson is the son of August and Bertha (Thurston) Johnson, both now deceased. August Johnson was born in Sweden, and came to America as a young man locating in Jamaica. Coming to Freeport in the early eighties he was for thirty-two years identified with the Long Island Railroad, as
superintendent of gate construction. The family consists of five children.

Hilbert R. Johnson was born at Freeport, November 8, 1888. His early education was received in the local public schools and following the completion of the high school course, he covered the necessary preparatory work for matriculation at New York University. Entering the law department of this institution from which he was graduated in 1909, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law. Not yet twenty-one years of age, he could not practice until he attained his majority. He was admitted to the bar of his native State in February, 1910, and at once began practice in Freeport. He has followed general lines of advance, specializing in real estate law. In this field he has devoted much time to special lines of study and research and with his comprehensive knowledge of law he is contributing largely to the progress of the community. He is coming to be recognized as an authority on this phase of legal procedure. An able trial lawyer, and possessing the wide vision and keen judgment which makes his services of special value Mr. Johnson has been recognized also as one of the men needed in the public service. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Johnson has been active in civic affairs ever since gaining the franchise and in 1921, he was elected village trustee of Freeport, polling a record vote which even surpassed that of the village president, in a contest among three candidates. Serving two years as a trustee, Mr. Johnson was elected president of Freeport in 1923, serving one term with honor and distinction. He is president of the Freeport Business Corporation; vice-president of the Johnson Realty Exchange Incorporated; secretary and treasurer of the South Shore Business Corporation; and president of the Freeport Republican Club. He was one of the organizers and the first captain of Patriot Hose Company No. 4 of Freeport, and in all that pertains to the local advance he bears a constructive part. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is identified with Morton Lodge No. 63, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Freeport Council No. 57, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which he holds high rank, having served as National Deputy Councilor for the State of Connecticut. He is further identified with the Woodmen of the World; Fraternal Council, Royal Arcanum; and a member of the South Shore Yacht Club of Freeport; his chief leisure interest is in all outdoor sports. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hilbert R. Johnson married on August 26, 1916, Margaret Winifred Taylor, of Freeport, who is a direct descendant of Zachary Taylor, the twelfth President of the United States. The Johnson residence is at No. 88 South Bay View Avenue, Freeport.

James H. Cruikshank - It can frequently be observed that in a family where a member of a former generation was prominent in the exercise of any business or profession there seems to be implanted a latent tendency to return to the calling in which a former member made a name and achieved a reputation and practical success. Such seems to have been the case in the family of James Cruikshank, who by the older generation of New Yorkers is still remembered as the owner of what was practically the first real estate concern in New York City.

His grandson, James H. Cruikshank, who is a native of Hempstead, Long Island, having been born there on December 8, 1877, was educated in the public and high schools of his native place and then attended several courses in the famous Packard
Business College in New York City, from where he graduated with distinction. Having completed his professional education, he first thought of devoting himself to the insurance business, and having personal connections with one of the leading companies in that line, he entered, in 1899, the services of the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company, working in their New York office and remaining in their employ until the year 1902. About that time he began to take an interest in the real estate business and believing the chances of promotion in that line more favorable and more rapid than in the insurance business, he changed his position and connected himself with the real estate concern until 1907. In that year he felt that he had gained some practical experience, and having also saved a little capital, he felt justified in going into real estate business for himself, and in opening an office at No. 50 Pine Street, New York City. His enterprise and initiative have been fully rewarded and the business done by the firm has been most satisfactory. He buys and sells all kinds of real estate, and is an acknowledged expert in that line of business. In politics, Mr. Cruikshank is a Republican, and in religion a Methodist. His clubs and other connections include membership of the Babylon (Long Island) Yacht Club, and the Real Estate Board of Brokers of New York City. Mr. Cruikshank's hobby is yachting, and he now owns the auxiliary sloop yacht, “Passaic,” formerly owned by Commodore Frederick C. Bourne, of the New York Yacht Club. Mr. Cruikshank keeps his boat at Bay Shore, Long Island, and sails on the Great South Bay.

James H. Cruikshank married, in 1901, Etta L. Neumann, who is a native of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank reside at Freeport, Long Island.

Bergen T. Raynor - To go from law into business or banking is a road frequently traveled by young Americans when arriving at the crossroad which seems to mark the entry of so many careers. Bergen T. Raynor, cashier of the Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre, Long Island, after devoting some time to the study of law and a brief practical career in a law office which had the advantage of giving him an insight into questions and problems of practical life, took up banking as his vocation.

Born in Raynor, South Hempstead, Long Island, on February 4, 1872, as a son of Thomas and Susan (Jackson) Raynor, Bergen T. Raynor was educated in the public schools of Freeport, and took up, at the age of fifteen, the study of law with Dwight L. Jones, and in an apprenticeship as lawyer's clerk, lasting four years, he learned principles of law in their application to business life. In April, 1891, he accepted a clerkship in the bank of Rockville Centre, advancing step by step to the position of cashier. In 1917 he became cashier of the First National Bank of Wrightstown, New Jersey, continuing in that position until September, 1919, when he was called to his present post of cashier of the Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre. Early in life Mr. Raynor became a member of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been active in all kinds of church work, filling many positions and is now a trustee of the church. For some years Mr. Raynor occupied the position of treasurer of the village of Rockville Centre. He is a member of Massapequa Lodge, No. 827, Free and Accepted Masons, the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Mr. Raynor is the descendant of an old Anglo-American family, whose oldest American ancestor, nine generations back, was Thurston Raynor, who was born in
England in 1594 and sailed to this country in 1634. The regular order of the genealogical line is through, Edward 2, Samuel 3, Joseph 4, Thomas 5, Thomas 6, John 7, Thomas 8, Bergen 9.

Mr. Raynor married on October 10 1894, Olive Charity Smith, daughter of Alfred B. and Arietta (Brower) Smith, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Lucian Bergen, who is an electrical engineer, and in 1920 graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic College of Troy, New York. During the latter part of the war he was in training for service in the fleet as a student and was enrolled in the Navy. 2. Miriam E., now a student at the State College at Albany.

Dr. Leo Halpin - A well known physician and surgeon of Freeport, Long Island, is Dr. Leo Halpin, of No. 111 West Merrick Road. Dr. Halpin was born and reared in New York City, but prefers the progressive Long Island city to the metropolis, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Freeport well over a decade, first settling here in April, 1913.

Leo Halpin was born in New York City, in July, 1883, the son of Zachariah and Hannah (Power) Halpin. He was educated in the public schools and later attended Manhattan College. Science called him early, his objectives being medicine and surgery. He entered the medical department of Cornell University an institution requiring genuine scholarship, and in 1906 was graduated with high honors. As an intern in the Knickerbocker Hospital, he became a highly efficient surgeon, and for a time located in the Washington Heights section, practicing his profession. In 1913 he came to Freeport and has since been an active practitioner in the community. Dr. Halpin has achieved considerable fame as an able physician and skillful surgeon. He is associate physician to Nassau Hospital, and visiting surgeon to Mercy Hospital. He is well thought of in the profession, and is a member of the Nassau County Medical Society.

Despite the doctor’s many duties he still finds time to take an active interest in movements aiming for civic improvement. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1253; the South Shore Yacht Club; Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1975; Modern Woodmen of America; and of the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Halpin takes a deep pride in his adopted city; he is on the advisory board of the Freeport Theatre Company, and an honorary member of the Lights Club.

Dr. Halpin married, in 1909, Flora Reinhard, of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Halpin are the parents of four children: Leo, Jr.; John; Mary Rita; and Elizabeth Ann.

George Morton Levy - The sphere of juridical action upon which Mr. Levy entered almost from the year that he was admitted to practice at the bar, is that of the successful attorney who has proved his abilities to measure up to the demands of several of the most important branches of the profession, with his offices at Freeport, and with a domain of law practice that is county-wide. Mr. Levy has secured and maintains to an eminent degree an increasing repute for obtaining most desirable results whether as a trial lawyer, or in the province of the proceedings of corporation law. He has the endowment of a penetrative and clear insight into causes both civil and criminal, and possesses a sustained record of managing cases of large import to satisfactory issues. Mr. Levy is a son of Adolph and Annie (Katts) Levy. Mr. Levy, the senior was born in
Germany, but came to this country in his youth, and was a pioneer in the hotel industry at Seaford, where he conducted the old South Side Hotel; indeed, he was vitally interested in many other hotels of his day. Previous to his death he was in mercantile business.

George Morton Levy was born in Seaford, Long Island, June 26, 1888, and received his education in the public and the high schools of Freeport, graduating at the high school with the class of 1903. Soon afterwards, he matriculated at New York University, graduating there with the class of 1907, and receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He points with pleasure to the fact that his preceptor in law was George Wallace, of Jamaica, who is known as the father of Nassau County. Mr. Levy is essentially a trial lawyer, and the record that he has made as a criminal lawyer is an enviable one in that branch of practice. He does not specialize therein, however, but gives most attention to civil cases, while his firm takes care of considerable corporation law business, representing some twenty-five corporations.

Mr. Levy's fraternal affiliations are with Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler; St. Cecille Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lodge No. 600, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a prominent member of Nassau, and New York County Bar Associations, and his clubs are the Lights Club, of which he is an honorary member; the Milburn Country Club; and the New York Assembly Society, a college fraternity.

He married, in May, 1921, Beatrice Baldwin, of Freeport, and they are the parents of: George Morton Levy, Jr.

S. Dimon Smith - village treasurer of Freeport, who has filled that office approaching fifteen years, is the son of John D. and Matilda (Chapman) Smith, born at Jamaica, Long Island, June 6, 1878. His father was reared as a farmer and followed that vocation. For some time he was employed in the Queens County clerk's office. He was also chief of the Jamaica Fire Department, and active in the civic affairs of the community. His grandfather, Seth Chapman, on his mother's side was a representative man of the Friends or the Quakers. His Grandmother Smith was of one of the old Jamaica families and lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. S. Dimon Smith was educated in the public schools and at the Friends Academy, Locust Valley, Long Island, and at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Having finished his schooldays, he became connected with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Jamaica. Later he was promoted to examiner of titles for that company, and remained with the concern eight years. He then removed to Freeport and engaged in the real estate and insurance business for about twelve years, after which he devoted his entire attention to his official duties of village treasurer, to which position he was elected in 1911, and which he continues to fill with satisfaction to the electorate. He also has charge of the receipt of all tax arrears and receipt of the water tax. Mr. Smith has been a member of the Fire Department since 1898, and for two years chief of the department.

Mr. Smith is a member of Spartan Lodge, No. 956, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Modern Woodmen; and the Progressive Republicans' movement.

Mr. Smith was married, September, 1905, to Florence B. Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Randall. They are the parents of two children, Leonard Dimon Burnett
and Doris Chapman Smith. The family house is at No. 27 Lena Avenue, Freeport.

**Hyman Schloss** - Making his venture into the mercantile life early in his career, Mr. Schloss has encountered such increasing and substantial success solely because of his own well-applied energies and perseverance, that the business block he has built at Freeport, and the business that he has founded and maintained here, are sufficient proof of his inborn qualities as a prudent and progressive merchant. He well remembers the initial start he made in his life-work as a traveling salesman, and the opportunities which presented themselves in business enterprise and advancement and gave voice to his desire to become an established factor in this township. His success is the result of his own valiant effort to win out through all difficulties. He is a son of Abraham Wolf Schloss.

Hyman Schloss was born in Russia, October 12, 1870, and came to the United States while in his boyhood. Early in life he entered the mercantile line, and has made a decided success of his business career. His start was that of traveling salesman in Pennsylvania, and locating in Freeport about 1890, he resumed a business here that had been started in a small store in Bellmore, Long Island. The old opera house was his first location in Freeport, later he transferred his business to Main Street and Merrick Road, and purchased the land on which his present building is built. Formerly interesting himself in the clothing business, he some time afterwards confined himself to the dry goods trade in its various departments. His establishment has the record of being the first business house in Freeport to arrange for advertising purposes; window displays; fixtures; and gas hanging lamps; as well as the first to have electric lighting in his establishment. A progressive factor in all things pertaining to the advancement of this community, his future plans are on a par with every forward step already taken. He was one of the founders, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens National Bank.

Mr. Schloss’s fraternal affiliations are those of the Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Free and Accepted Masons of Brooklyn; and the Long Island Grotto. He is a member to the Tuscan Fellowcraft Club; the Freeport Chamber of Commerce; the Men’s Club of Temple Israel; the Freeport Lights Club; the lodge of the Rebekahs; and he is one of the charter members of the Wide Awake Fire Engine Company.

Mr. Schloss married, in 1895, Lillian Livingston, of Easton, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of Mervin Livingston Schloss, a dental surgeon; and Lawrence Livingston, who is in business with his father at Freeport.

Dr. Mervin Livingston Schloss was born December 12, 1895, and attended the public and high schools of Freeport, from which he was graduated, later he matriculated at the New York College of Dentistry, graduated as third honor man, with the class of 1919, and began practice at Freeport in 1920. He is an oral surgeon of the staff of Columbia University, and operates at the Vanderbilt Clinic. During the World War, he served in the dental department of the United States Navy. Dr. Schloss’s fraternal affiliations are those of the Brooklyn Lodge, No 704, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Modern Woodmen of America; and his clubs and societies are: Freeport High School Alumni Association; Long Island
Grotto; Tuscan Fellowcraft Club; Sigma Epsilon Delta Fraternity; New York State Dental Society; the American Legion; the Lights Club of Freeport; and Men’s Club of Temple Israel.

Lawrence Livingston Schloss, the younger son of Hyman and Lillian Schloss, was born in Freeport, December 31, 1901, and received his education in the public and the high schools of his native place, after which he made special preparation for his life work in a course at Heffley’s Business College. He was employed for awhile with Sacks and Company, New York City merchants, but is now his father’s assistant in the latter’s business at Freeport. He is active in Boy Scout work, and has been scout-master of the Freeport Troop.

William F. Kraft, Jr. - Holding a broadly responsible position in the financial advance of Freeport, William F. Kraft, Jr., is active as cashier of the First National Bank of Freeport and in his fulfillment of the responsibilities of this position he is commanding the esteem and confidence of all with whom he comes in touch. Progressive in spirit and affiliated with many branches of organized endeavor he is considered one of the influential young men of the day on Long Island. He is a son of William F., and Theresa A. (Gull) Kraft, both residents of Bellmore, and natives of Long Island, but of German parentage. The father is now retired from active business affairs.

William F. Kraft Jr., was born in Brooklyn, December 23, 1892. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Smithville and later attended Freeport High School, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1910. Variously engaged for a time, Mr. Kraft entered the employ of the First National Bank of Freeport, in the capacity of clerk in February of 1911. Gifted with natural ability and always alert to the opportunity of usefulness, he advanced in the organization steadily and was given positions of larger importance until in 1920 he was made cashier of the institution. He still ably serves in this capacity and is considered one of the outstanding young men in Freeport. Mr. Kraft is a director of the Bellmore Building and Loan Association, and fraternally is identified with Spartan Lodge, No 956, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Freeport Council, No. 57, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and Fraternal Council, Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Bellmore Square Club; and the Men’s Club of Freeport. Mr. Kraft attends the St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

William F. Kraft, Junior, married in 1917, Florence Adele, of Bellmore, and they are the parents of two children: Hallie Adele; and John William. The family residence is in Bellmore, Long Island.

Albert W. Pearsall - The pursuit of the building trade is conducive to a first-hand knowledge of questions pertaining to the real estate and insurance business, and this is one of the reasons why builders of an enterprising turn of mind feel drawn to and take up these interesting and profitable branches. Albert W. Pearsall, a well known representative of the real estate and insurance business of Baldwin, Long Island, is a native of Freeport, Long Island, and a son of Carman and Sarah E. (Raynor) Pearsall. Having completed his education in the public schools of his native place, he served his apprenticeship with his father, one of the old builders of Freeport, and was associated
with him for ten years. In 1901 he came to Baldwin and established himself in the insurance and real estate business with R. P. Suits. After working with his partner for two years, he bought out his interest and has since been alone, and has developed one of the largest general insurance agencies in Baldwin. He has not only been engaged in the brokerage business, but also in the development of real estate, in which he has been very active. Mr. Pearsall has erected upwards of fifty houses in Baldwin and vicinity. In March, 1923, in partnership with Edward Bedell, under the firm name of the Pearsall & Bedell Development Company, they are now developing one hundred and fifty lots at West End Harbor, apart from many small undertakings. Mr. Pearsall is one of the most enterprising young business men of Baldwin; is a stockholder in various concerns; and was one of the organizers of the Baldwin Savings and Loan Association, of which he is the treasurer. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Baldwin Commercial Club. Mr. Pearsall and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he is an active member on the official board.

Mr. Pearsall married, on June 28, 1905, Bertha M. Whealey. Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall are the parents of five children: Helen; Grace; Albert, Jr.; Georgia; and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall are highly respected and very popular residents of Baldwin, and have a beautiful home at No. 40 Harrison Avenue.

**Chester A. Fulton** - A widely recognized figure in Freeport is Chester A. Fulton, who stands at the head of an important undertaking and funeral directing interest, one of the oldest of its kind in this section and under Mr. Fulton's administration one of the leaders. Mr. Fulton has proved himself a man of vision and of judgment, as well as a highly skilled scientist and professional man for his position in the community commands universal respect. He is a son of Joseph and Jennie (Griffin) Fulton, his parents highly esteemed farming people of Canada.

Chester A. Fulton was born near Camden, Canada, May 4, 1871, and his early years were spent on the homestead farm. His first experience in the business world was in the employ of a casket factory in Buffalo, New York, where his wages barely covered his board. Later he became identified with the Erie Railroad car shops, and next came to New York City where he was employed by the New York and Brooklyn Casket Company at their Brooklyn Plant. Mr. Fulton’s experience in this work led to his choice of a profession without doubt and being naturally a man who puts his whole soul into any endeavor he determined to prepare himself for professional activity in that field by the most carefully supervised study. He accordingly entered a leading embalming school after which, for ten years he was again with the New York and Brooklyn Casket Company. He then became identified with the National Casket Company as embalmer and in 1904 came to Freeport where he engaged in business with a small capital but with courage and faith in the future which counted for far more than mere money.

Mr. Fulton has taken over the interest which was established in 1884 by Carman Peasell, at that time and undertaking and furniture business, and was located at the corner of Church Street and Merrick Road. He has developed and enlarged the business by removing to a better location in 1912 by remodeling a handsome old dwelling. He erected his present fine building in 1923 which is known as the Shirley Building and contains complete headquarters designed especially for his needs. This is considered one of the most complete and up to date establishments on Long Island
having funeral parlors; display rooms; morgue; chapel and every modern phase which has been brought into existence to ease the pain of bereavement. A complete motorized equipment including two ambulances, and two hearses, form a special feature of the enterprise of which Mr. Fulton is noted. It is understood that he was the first undertaker in the State of New York to use motorized hearses and he was at the time severely criticized by the people, many predicting all kinds of disaster. His far-sighted judgment, however, has been well vindicated in the use of motor vehicles in funeral corteges. Mr. Fulton is a leading man in his profession and within recent years (1921) has received his son Chester C. in partnership with him.

Many affiliations command a share of the time and attention of Mr. Fulton; he is a member of the Queens-Nassau Undertakers Association; and the National Undertakers Association, of which his son is also a member. Mr. Fulton is identified as a charter member of Spartan Lodge, No. 856, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Chapter, No. 302, Royal Arch Masons; Clinton Commandery, No 14, Knights Templar of Brooklyn; Valley of Rockville Centre Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in which he holds the thirty-second degree; Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Freeport Lodge, No. 1235, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Freeport Lodge, No. 600, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Chester A. Fulton married, June 18, 1894, Cecelia Guedon, of Brooklyn, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Henrietta Jeanette, who died at the age of ten years. 2. Chester Curtis, who is associated with his father, and highly skilled in the business; married Marion Brownell, and has one daughter, Marion. 3. Shirley M., at home. Also and adopted daughter, Jennie Gissell. Mrs. Fulton is Past Matron of Freeport Chapter, No. 586, Order of the Eastern Star, and is active in the work of a Ladies’ Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which she is a member.

Clinton M. Flint - a prominent member of the legal fraternity of Long Island, and one time Police Justice of Freeport, was born at New Berlin, New York, September 7, 1874, a son of O. E. and Jennie (Madbury) Flint, respected residents of that place.

Clinton M. Flint’s early education was obtained in the public schools of his birthplace, and at Binghamton High Schools, Binghamton, New York, following which he matriculated at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, being graduated with the class of 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then supplemented his education and took up his legal studies by entering Cornell University, from which time-honored institution he was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York during the same year, and in September of 1901, he engaged in the practice of his profession by associating himself with the law firm of J. and T. E. Courtney, in Cortland, New York, which connection he maintained for a period of ten months. He then removed to Riverhead, Long Island, and was employed by Reeve & Bartlett of that place, later he was associated with Hon. Edgar Jackson, later of Baldwin, Long Island, onetime county Judge of Nassau County. This association was continued until 1905, their legal activities taking in all of Nassau County. In January of 1905 he began the practice of law independently at Freeport, Long Island, where he has since continued his professional activities alone. In 1913 he was elected to the office of Police Justice of Freeport, and in this responsible position
he served for seven years, following which he also gave able and efficient service to his community as Village Attorney. Mr. Flint’s professional career has been characterized from the very start by innate ability, well-schooled efficiency, industry and paramount integrity. At the present time (1924) Mr. Flint is one of the most active practitioners in Freeport.

Politically, he allied himself with the Republican Party upon maintaining his majority, and of his chosen party he has since been a loyal worker. He is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and fraternizes with an Ancient Masonic Fraternity being a member and Past Master of the Morton Lodge, No. 63, Free and Accepted Masons. He is Past High Priest of Freeport Chapter, No. 302, Royal Arch Masons; and a member of the Freeport Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. His religious affiliation is given to the Baptist Church. Clinton M. Flint was married on September 17, 1898, to Miss Carrie R. Stevens, daughter of Smith and Cynthia Stevens, residents of Etna, New York. To Clinton M. and Carrie R. (Stevens) Flint has been born one child, Gilbert, in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Flint are supporters of and workers in any worthy charitable or public welfare movement pertaining to their community. The family residence is at No. 258 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport, Long Island.

Morris B. Green, M.D. - With widely comprehensive preparations and the natural ability which counts so largely in the success of the professional man, Dr. Morris B. Green of Freeport has won high rank in medical and surgical advance in Freeport and is recognized as one of the coming men of his chosen profession. Dr. Green is a son of Isaac and Rose (Maslon) Green, former residents of Wisconsin, Minneapolis. His father died March 30, 1924, at the age of fifty-nine years.

Morris B. Green was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, May 8, 1895. Receiving his early education in the local public and high schools, he entered the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in the class of 1917. Thereafter taking up his professional preparations at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, he was graduated in the class of 1921, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship was spent at the Post Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, he then took further work at the Presbyterian Hospital and the New York Post Graduate Medical College. His first experience was in association with Dr. H. M. Keller of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, a very prominent surgeon of that section. After one year with Dr. Keller, Dr. Green opened his offices in Freeport, in September of 1923 and engaged in general practice. He has accepted both medical and surgical work, but his success in surgery thus far has led him to look forward to a career specializing in this branch of his profession. He is a member of the staff of the Nassau Hospital; also the Mercy Hospital; and is affiliated with the American Medical Association; the New York State Medical Society; the Nassau County Medical Society; the Long Island Association of Physicians; and the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. Fraternally he is affiliated with Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Tuscan Lodge, No. 704, Free and Accepted Masons; trustee of Modern Woodmen of America; and he is a member of the Men’s Club, of which he is president; the Temple Israel and he is identified with the Big Brother movement. A fine speaker and possessing a distinguished presence he does much public platform work both in civic and political affairs, supporting the Progressive Party. He is also a very prominent religious worker and his ability as a speaker is counting
largely in this field.

Morris B. Green married, October 16, 1922, Hortense Jonas Mayer, of Freeport. Mrs. Green is one of the most active of the young matrons of Freeport, especially in Women's Welfare work. She is a member of the Council of Jewish Women; the Sisterhood of Temple Israel; and the Order of the Eastern Star. The family residence is at South Long Beach and Smith streets, Freeport. The doctor and Mrs. Green are both interested in golf, tennis, horseback riding, and all outdoor sports.

**Jacob Shapero, D.D.S.** - Among the noteworthy professional men of Freeport, Dr. Shapero holds leading rank and his work is contributing definitely to the public health and welfare. His interest in various branches of organized endeavor links his name with some of the most worthy organizations of the community and he is a veteran of the World War. A son of Paul and Helen (Rosenblatt) Shapero, the doctor was brought to America at the age of six months, by his parents, who reared him in American traditions. His father died February 1, 1915.

Jacob Shapero was born in Russia, December 8, 1888. His early life was spent on the west side of New York City and his education was acquired in the public schools of the metropolis. He enjoys the distinction of having been one of the first graduates of De Witt Clinton High School of New York City, (1907) and shortly after matriculated at the New York College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated in 1910. For about five years Dr. Shapero practiced in Manhattan, then coming to Freeport, he established himself in the general practice of dentistry. He has done much to encourage dental hygiene among the people, especially among the children of this village and his excellent work has carried him to a position where he commands a wide and lucrative practice. During the World War, he was stationed at Camp Johnson, Florida, with the rank of first lieutenant and is still identified with the Reserve Corps. He is a member of the American Legion; Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America; the Men’s Club; and the Temple Israel. He resides at No. 60 West Merrick Road, Freeport, Long Island.

**Clarence A. Edwards** - a leader in the real estate and insurance business in Nassau and Suffolk counties, and man-of-affairs in Freeport, besides being a developer on a large scale, is also associated with financial institutions, and is a former president of the village of Freeport. He was born at Roosevelt, Long Island, June 6, 1884, son of Rev. Charles and Mary A. (Holloway) Edwards, his father having for many years been a minister of the Baptist Church.

Clarence A. Edwards attended the public schools, and supplemented his studies there with four years at the Dominion Business College, Toronto, Canada. Mr. Edwards’ business office is at No. 39 Railroad Avenue, Freeport, in which town he became established March 8, 1907. In 1907 he merged his business with that of H.P. Libby, the firm name becoming Libby & Edwards, and having offices at Freeport and Rockville Centre. The partnership existed until October 1, 1915, when Mr. Edwards acquired full control of the Freeport office, and he since has operated alone. He makes a specialty of insurance, and has, it is said, the largest business in that line in Nassau and Suffolk counties. He is the representative of twenty-five companies, carrying fire, casualty and life risks. He has been remarkably active in real estate operations, and some of the
largest transactions in that part of Long Island have passed through his office. He has also done a considerable amount of real estate development on a personal basis, besides acting as president of the Clark-Wood Realty Company, of which corporation he was the organizer in 1918. He was the organizer and is president and treasurer of Edwards & Holt, Inc., which was established in 1920 as a real estate and insurance concern, with offices at No. 12 Union Avenue, Jamaica, where they do an extensive business. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Citizen's National Bank; a director of the Freeport Savings and Loan Association; and president of the Freeport Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the village of Freeport, 1919-20, and was tax assessor of the town of Hempstead for five years.

Mr. Edwards is a Past Exalted Ruler of Freeport Lodge, No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member of the South Shore Yacht Club, Spartan Club, Long Island Real Estate Board, and the Garden City Country Club.

Mr. Edwards married, in March 1911, Christine Mulch, of New York City. They are the parents of three children: Clarence A. Jr., Margaret, and Roberta. The Edwards' residence is at No. 92 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport.

T. Benson Smith - The historian of Long Island, Dr. Ross, tells us that the name of Smith, though in many sections of the English speaking world regarded with the familiarity which is induced by its commonness, is in Long Island a name marking out its bearer as a citizen of distinction and old lineage. In Long Island to trace descent from one of the old families bearing that name is held as equal in dignity with the blue blood of Massachusetts. There were in this region in remote times many families of the name of Smith and so numerous did they become at an early period of the settlement that it was thought necessary to distinguish the various original families by some peculiar name. Thus we have the Rock Smiths, the Blue Smiths, the Bull Smiths, the Weight Smiths and the Tangier Smiths.

T. Benson Smith, a descendant of the Rock Smiths, the secretary and treasurer of the Stephen P. Pettit, Incorporated, was born October 25, 1880, at Freeport, Long Island, son of George B. and Mary (Flynn) Smith. George B. Smith was a noted man, and much respected in his community. T. Benson Smith was educated in the public schools, and in the law department of New York University; subsequently he engaged in the real estate business at Freeport. He organized the Freeport Ice and Fuel Corporation in 1912, one of the principal concerns in this part of Long Island, in the manufacture of ice and handling of coal. In 1916 he was appointed by President Wilson, postmaster of Freeport which office he filled until 1922. During all this time he had been active in his real estate business in the capacity of real estate broker. In 1921 he formed his present business connection with Mr. Pettit, and the Stephen T. Pettit Corporation was founded, to which he has given his attention ever since. He is thorough and active in his work and is well known as one of the most progressive men of Freeport. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank and is one of its directors, as well as a director and vice-president of the Olive Boulevard Corporation. Mr. Smith is a member of Lodge No. 1253 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in politics is a staunch Democrat and leader of his party in this section.

On April 29, 1905, Mr. Smith married Virginia E. Smith, daughter of Eugene F. and Amelia Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children: George G., and
William J. Martin - Largely successful in distributing coal and wood, both from the standpoint of individual achievement and the needs of the people, William J. Martin, of Freeport, is a leading figure in the business world of Nassau County. He has risen to his present prominence through his own energy and initiative, and is well known in other lines of important business activity, also in organized endeavor. He is a son of Edward and Mary E. (Murphy) Martin, for many years residents of New York City.

William J. Martin was born in the Herald Square section of New York City, January 17, 1885. Receiving his early education in the schools of the Metropolis, he attended St. Francis Xavier College, and his first activity in the business world was assumed with James L. Wells in real estate affairs and he remained in that connection for about ten years. Then coming to Freeport, Mr. Martin engaged in the coal and wood business, leasing the old Freeport Ice and Fuel Company’s plant for two years. This was in 1917, and in October, 1919, he opened his present yards, erecting modern buildings with special reference to his needs. He has established a very important and well-managed business, and in 1920 erected large coal pockets. Handling his bulky commodities with excellent judgment and ever forward-looking attitude, Mr. Martin has won the confidence and esteem of the people, and is considered one of the representative men of the day in local advance. Other business interests engage his attention, and since coming to Freeport he has done much to forward the local affairs and enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens’ National Bank of Freeport, and has been active since its inception as a director. He is a director of the Freeport Savings and Loan Association, and vice-president of the Long Island Service Stations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1253, of Freeport; Knights of Columbus; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He attends the Roman Catholic Church.

William J. Martin married, June 25, 1913, Anna Mahood, of Brooklyn, and they are the parents of three children: William J. Jr.; Edward S.; and Sarah Patricia. The family resides at No. 67 Bergen Place, Freeport.

Sylvester P. Shea - formerly as an agriculturist, then as Village Clerk, and now as Postmaster of the village of Freeport, Long Island, is well and widely known throughout this section of the island. He was born at Oceanside, Long Island, March 27, 1866, a son of Patrick H. and Marietta E. (Davison) Shea. The father, Patrick H. Shea, was born en route to America from Ireland, a son of the Shea family, both father and son becoming successful agriculturalists.

Sylvester P. Shea received his education in the public and night schools of his birthplace and neighboring communities and upon the completion of his scholastic work immediately began working on his father’s farm, giving his attention especially to marketing, which occupation he followed until 1902. During that year he was elected to the office of Village Clerk, ably discharging the duties devolving upon this office until 1922, when he received the appointment from President Harding to the Postmastership of Village of Freeport, his incumbency in the latter office dating from January 1, 1922. At the present time (1924) Mr. Shea is still identified with this responsible federal position.
Fraternally, he is prominent in Masonic, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Elk circles, being a member in good standing of Spartan Lodge, No. 956, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Lodge, No. 600, South Side Encampment; Daughters of Rebekah of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is now and has been for years treasurer of Freeport Lodge as well as representative to the Grand Lodge for several terms; is Past Grand and a Past District Deputy of Freeport Lodge, No. 600, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; is Secretary of Freeport Lodge, No. 1253; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Shea's religious affiliation is given to the Methodist Episcopal Church of his home town, and has given signal service to this body as president of the Epworth League for many years.

Sylvester P. Shea was married in 1890 to Miss Florence E. Madison, a daughter of James P. and Sarah A. (Ellison) Madison, respected residents of Freeport, Long Island. To Sylvester P. and Florence E. (Madison) Shea has been born one child, a daughter, Myrtle E. Shea. Mrs. Shea is active in the various societies of her church and is a member of Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shea give their support to all worthy charitable and public welfare projects, and are prominent in the social circles of their community. The family residence is at No. 38 Cottage Court, Freeport, Long Island.

George Cornelius Hoffman - With his modern printing plant at Freeport, which is the direct outcome of the plans and experiences filled with the live interest attaching to the career of a newspaperman and printer, Mr. Hoffman owns and supervises an establishment inclusive of every form and feature of the equipment that is the ally of the successful and thoroughgoing printer. That Mr. Hoffman has made a lifelong study of the principles of his vocation is evidenced in part in the great variety, as well as the superiority, of the product of his prinery. Newspaper work in earlier years found him an adept, while case-work and linotyping discovered the expert. His service in the World War also is a chapter of the story of larger human interest in his life. He is one of the most popular townsmen of Freeport, and he has filled with credit official position. He is a son of the late George H. and Mary Hoffman.

George Cornelius Hoffman was born in Brooklyn, March 3, 1897, and he received his education in the public schools of his native place. He then turned his attention to learning the trade of printer, his apprenticeship being in the employ of the “Nassau County Review,” printers. Thence forward, for a series of years, he was employed with newspapers in Freeport and Rockville Centre, so continuing up to 1922, when he started in business on his own account. The Hub Printing establishment, which was founded by Mr. Hoffman in 1922, with its location at No. 28 Church Street, Freeport is equipped with machinery of the most modern type, and here Mr. Hoffman produces all kinds of commercial printing for the firms and organization, business, social and general, of Freeport and vicinity. Called to service of the World War, he enlisted in the United States Navy, July 24, 1917, and was released from active service February 14, 1919. Embarking with his contingent from the United States, October 12, 1917, he was engaged in convoy and patrol duty a large portion of the time, his ship touching at most of the ports in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Hoffman is active in political affairs. His fraternal affiliations are those of the Free and Accepted Masons, with membership in Spartan Lodge, No. 956, and in Lodge No.
1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Freeport Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is also a member of the Freeport Ready Relief Association, the Freeport Mutual Benefit Association, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company of the Freeport Fire Department, filling various offices, as well as that of its captaincy for two years. It was while abroad in the service that he was raised a Mason in St. Thomas Lodge, in Gibraltar.

Howard E. Pearsall - village clerk of Freeport, who has also won considerable fame as an authority on volunteer fire departments, in which he has been actively interested practically all his life, is a native of Freeport, son of Wesley and Lydia G. (Hibbard) Pearsall, born June 29, 1890, the mother being a daughter of Rev. Eben G. Hibbard; the father lives at No. 27 Raynor Street, Freeport. The son was educated in the grade and high schools, and then entered the printing office of the “Nassau County Review,” Freeport, and in the employ of his brother, the proprietor, he learned the business in its various branches. He remained in his brother’s establishment for eight years, and next became superintendent of the “South Side Observer,” Rockville Centre, Long Island, with which concern he continued to be connected for two years. He then became engaged in the insurance business, establishing his office in Freeport. This he conducted for two years and then disposed of his interest, having been elected in January, 1922, to the office of village clerk, which position he has since filled, having resigned the office of village trustee, which place he had held for two years. Mr. Pearsall had also served as chief of the fire department, having been for seventeen years a member of the organization. He has made an intensive study of fire departments, their methods, efficiency, etc., and is looked upon as an authority on volunteer fire departments. He is frequently consulted along fire department lines. He still is connected with the Freeport department, being its secretary. In fact, it may be stated that Mr. Pearsall’s chief hobby is fire-fighting, and he is a member of the Nassau County Firemen’s Association, the Southern New York Firemen’s Association, The New York State Firemen’s Association, the International Association of Fire Engineers, and has represented his organization of Freeport at various conventions and other gathering having to do with fire department matters.

Mr. Pearsall is a member of Spartan Lodge, No. 956, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Chapter, No. 302, Royal Arch Masons, and is its secretary; the Masonic Club; the United Commercial Travelers of America; and the Church of Christ (Scientist), of which he is treasurer.

Mr. Pearsall married, September 7, 1911, Mae Condit, of an old New Jersey family, and born in Brooklyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Condit. They are the parents of two children: Shirley and Smith Pearsall. The family residence is at No. 173 Rose Street, Freeport.

Charles W. Raynor - one of the prominent members of the legal fraternity of Long Island, was born at Freeport, Long Island, on January 20, 1893, a son of Thomas and Mary A. (Smith) Raynor. The father, Thomas Raynor, was for many years a coast guard, having served in this capacity for more than thirty-five years along the coast at Short Beach. Of late years he had retired from the Coast Guard service. His death
occurred on May 21, 1920, during his sixty-first year.

Charles W. Raynor received his early education in the public and high schools of Freeport, Long Island, being graduated from the Freeport High School with the class of 1910. He then entered the Brooklyn Law School and was graduated from that institution in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He immediately took his examinations and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1916, and for sometime thereafter was connected with various law firms in the metropolitan section. In February, 1918, Mr. Raynor entered the World War as a member of the 302nd Supply Train, 77th Division, going overseas with his division in April, 1918. Mr. Raynor served throughout the war along the northern front in France. He accompanied his division back to the United States and was mustered out of the Federal service as a corporal on May 17, 1919, at Camp Upton. Soon after he associated himself with Sidney H. Swezey, in the practice of law, this association continuing from June, 1919, to April 1922. Mr. Raynor then entered the employ of Clark & Frost, of Mineola and Jamaica, continuing this connection for one year. In April, 1923, Mr. Raynor opened his own offices in Freeport, Long Island, and since that time has specialized in real estate law and surrogate practice with steadily increasing success.

Politically, Mr. Raynor is identified with the Republican Party. Fraternally he is a member of Spartan Lodge, No. 956, Free and Accepted Masons; Freeport Chapter, No. 302, Royal Arch Masons; Long Island Lodge of Perfection; and Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Raynor is also a member of the New York State Bar Association; the Nassau Bar Association; the William Clinton Post, No. 342, of the American Legion; the Henry Theodore Mohr Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Freeport. Mr. Raynor's religious affiliation is given to the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, Long Island. His professional offices are maintained at No. 31 Railroad Avenue, while his residence is at No. 67 Henry Street, Freeport Long Island.

Captain Edward G. Banvard - In motor car activities on Long Island the name of Nassau Motors, Inc., of Freeport, is one of large importance, and as the head of this corporation Edward G. Banvard takes leading rank in the progress of his day. His life-history is one of keen interest, for he has encountered many dangers and achieved much that contributed to the general well-being. Following the seas for many years, he has, since the World War, retired from the seafaring life and has taken up his present interests. As a progressive and outstanding figure in Freeport he holds the esteem and confidence of all.

The family of Banvard has been established in America since before the Revolution and is one of importance in more than one locality in this county. It was an old and honored name of France. Its original form was Bon-Verd, but was changed in the course of centuries to its present form. John Banvard, Mr. Banvard’s grandfather, was a well known artist of his day, painting in oils with the hand of the master. He came from Boston to New York City as a young man before success attended his efforts. Working his way west, he went down the Mississippi River on a small boat, where he did any work which was placed in his hands in return for his passage and keep. As the boat sailed down the river he painted a panoramic scene of the valley, making sketches on the boat and later executing the work on canvas. This painting was exhibited in England and France as well as in America, but upon its completion he found himself
penniless in New Orleans. The work was immediately recognized, however, as one of great importance and artistic value, and Mr. Banvard received large profit from the exhibit. Continuing with his work as an artist, he became a very wealthy man and traveled abroad. Following his return to America, he located in Cold Spring Harbor, in Suffolk County, on Long Island, where he built a famous castle, which he named the "Glenada." There he reared his family, and during his residence there he established the Banvard Museum in New York City. This venture proved so definitely unprofitable that he lost nearly all his wealth, and endeavoring to recompense himself he built Daley's Theatre, also continued to paint until his death.

Eugene Banvard, son of John Banvard, became a pioneer in real estate activities in South Dakota, where he went as a young man. There he reared his family and spent the active years of his life, returning east, however, in middle age, and his death occurred at the comparatively early age of fifty years. Eugene Banvard married Jessie Flemming, who was a descendant of Scotch ancestry, and they were the parents of five children; Edward G.; Ada, wife of Joseph de Roza of Hempstead; Adelle; James G.; and Jessie, deceased.

Edward G. Banvard was born in South Dakota, August 3, 1884. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his native State, he early conceived an ambition to follow the sea, and as a young lad completed his studies on the old school ship "St. Mary's." He worked up through the various stages of navigation to the office of master and became active in the foreign trade. He has visited practically all parts of the world and was master of the largest oil tank steamer afloat. During the World War he bore a dangerous and vital part in the progress of activities, conveying gasoline to the allies. In constant peril from submarines, Captain Banvard was many times on the edge of danger zones and had many narrow escapes from death, but eventually retired from the marine service without mishap. His retirement took effect in 1922, and turning his back permanently upon the seafaring life, he established himself in Freeport, in his present business. Associating himself with his younger brother, he established an automobile business and later received into the concern his brother-in-law, Joseph de Roza. In September, 1923, the concern was incorporated, Edward G., becoming president, Joseph de Roza, vice-president, and James G. Banvard, secretary and treasurer. The concern deals in Paige and Jewett cars, and the scope of their activity includes Freeport and an extensive surrounding territory. Located at No. 40 East Merrick Road in Freeport, they maintain a thoroughly efficient and up-to-date service station and are doing a large and ever-extending business in the distribution of these popular cars. Mr. Banvard was a resident of Brooklyn until 1923 when he removed his home to Baldwin, in Nassau County. He takes a deep interest in all community affairs, although not in an official way. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attends the Episcopal Church.

Edward G. Banvard married, in 1914, Louise Pertain, of Brooklyn, and they are the parents of two children: Jack; and Louise. The family resides at No. 87 Baldwin Avenue, Long Island.

Charles D. Smith - Varied interests have commanded the attention of Charles D. Smith, of Freeport, during his progressive and successful career, and as a leading
citizen of this community, Mr. Smith is esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. He has for many years been active in merchandising affairs and is still thus engaged, while he retains his interest in real estate matters and his newspaper activities are still well remembered by the leading people of Freeport. Mr. Smith is considered one of the prominent, broadly significant men of the day in this village and county.

The Smith family of which Mr. Smith is a member is a very old one in this part of the State and for many generations followed the Quaker faith. George Smith, Mr. Smith’s great-grandfather, owned property on what is now Merrick Road, lying between the present Church and Grove streets, the old homestead having stood on that property. Carman Smith, his son, was a sea-faring man and a builder of boats, also owned a small farm in the heart of the little hamlet which is now the prosperous and populous village of Baldwin. He married Phoebe D. Combs, also a member of a prominent family of this section. Carman M. Smith, son of Carman and Phoebe D. (Combs) Smith, and Mr. Smith’s father, was born and reared in Baldwin and became a prominent merchant of this section. He married Ellen V. Raynor, also a member of a prominent Long Island family.

Charles D. Smith was born in Baldwin, February 16, 1868. Receiving his education in the public schools of Freeport, he first became identified in the shoe business with an uncle, and while he was more or less definitely connected with merchandising activities in later years, he devoted his attention largely for a considerable time to real estate affairs. Meanwhile, Mr. Smith became identified with the newspaper world, founding the “Queens County Review” in November of 1895. This newspaper he conducted for some five years when he sold the plant to engage more extensively in real estate and building activities. He erected a considerable number of business and residential structures in Freeport, then, in 1912, retired from that field to give more particular attention to his mercantile interests which had gained increasing importance. He has for now, for many years, been at the head of the progressive establishment at No. 68 South Main Street, in Freeport, which does a general business along the line of shoes and men’s furnishings. At one time the interest was exclusively in shoes, but Mr. Smith added the men’s furnishings department, and under his able and judicious management the business has developed to large proportions. He still retains an interest in real estate activities, and is an operator in this field of more than local prominence.

A resident of Freeport since the age of two years, Mr. Smith has become deeply interested in every phase of community advance and he bears a part in many branches of worthy and constructive endeavor of civic or community importance. He is not, however, a leader in political affairs, but in every branch of activity which contributes to the general well-being of the community he is an eminently efficient and useful aid and associate. He served for six years on the Board of Education, but has otherwise chosen to bear his part in community affairs in an entirely unofficial way. He is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Charles D. Smith married Mary Ellen Horsfall, of Freeport, who was born in England, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Helen, wife of Lloyd R. Cutler, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, their only child a daughter, Mary Joan. 2. Miriam E., a graduate of Albany State Normal School and teacher of French and Spanish in the public schools of Mamaroneck, New York. 3. Charles Laurence, a graduate of Wesleyan University, class of 1923, president of his class, and a leader in college sports, especially football,
in which he was captain of his team. He is taking up a business career. The Smith residence is at No. 191 West Merrick Road, Freeport.

Charles F. Behr - a businessman who holds a prominent place in construction activities in Nassau County, was born in Brooklyn, June 8, 1889, and is a son of Henry C. and Mary (Winter) Behr, the father a native of New York City and formerly active in the art business on Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, but now deceased. Mr. Behr was educated in the Brooklyn schools and interested from boyhood in out of door life, he spent about two years in market gardening and general activities of this nature. The large importance of building and development work in this section then attracted his attention and he entered this field.

Mr. Behr established himself in what is now the populous community of Roosevelt in 1908 and maintained headquarters there for ten years. He was counted among the pioneers in this community in its present status, erecting a large share of the early homes which now forms this attractive village. He also built the present theatre which he conducted for a number of years. When Mr. Behr began operations here the village was composed of a small group of old farm homesteads but his work did much to bring into existence the present dignified and progressive civic body. The population has now (1924) reached nearly seven thousand souls. Mr. Behr maintained his office in Roosevelt until 1918 since which date he centralized his operations in Freeport. From the original purpose of simple contracting and building he has carried the interest forward to include large and important development operations and the concern within the past few years has averaged about thirty houses annually, all being sold on the partial payment plan. The specialty is bungalows and one of the most important developments Mr. Behr has ever handled was a four acre tract in Roosevelt where he built not only residence but business structures, theatres and so forth. Mr. Behr is considered one of the most noteworthy men in his chosen field of activity and in all community affairs. He serves as director of the Citizen’s National Bank, a member of Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Council No. 1974, Knights of Columbus; the Freeport Fire Department, and the South Shore Yacht Club. He attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Redeemer.

Charles F. Behr married October 26, 1910, Mary F. Hogan of Brooklyn, and they are the parents of one son: Charles T. The family residence is a handsome bungalow known as the “Pasadena” at No. 29 South Long Beach Avenue, Freeport.

Harry Barasch - Various interests have commanded the attention of Harry Barasch during his long residence in Freeport and he is considered one of the foremost businessmen of this community. Rising to success and importance through tireless energy and the exercise of an unlimited resourcefulness, Mr. Barasch has linked his name with many branches of community and general endeavor and giving his residence village his deepest loyalty and support. Mr. Barasch is a progressive public-spirited citizen, who may well be cited as an example for young men just starting out in life.

Mr. Barasch came to Freeport in 1902, when this was only a small community, practically a remote country village. Possessing business ability, and ambitious to establish himself in a mercantile interest, Mr. Barasch sought a location, but no vacant store awaiting him on the principal street of the community, he rented a small store in
the old Germond Building, on West Merrick Road. This was the original location of the Citizens’ National Bank, and is now, after alterations and improvements, the real estate office of Stephen P. Pettit, Inc. Mr. Barasch watched his opportunity to gain headquarters on Main Street and took advantage of the first vacant store, which became available about two months after his locating here. This store had been conducted as an ice-cream parlor and at that time the ice-cream trade was wholly a summer business. With the coming of cold weather the trade in ice-cream fell away to a point where no one considered it possible to maintain active operations. Mr. Barasch rented this store from the late James B. Raynor and secured the apartment above for his residential quarters. Mr. Barasch had only been settled here for four years when the owner determined to sell, and his tenant had the courage and faith in the support of the community to purchase the property. Although he paid a price for the plot and building which was considered exorbitant, he soon improved the building and from time to time modernized the property in many ways.

In 1913 Mr. Barasch made up his mind to branch out in another field. He built a small plant for the manufacture of handkerchiefs, installing the equipment for the popular Swiss embroidery. Importing his machines direct from Switzerland, he employed a considerable number of assistants, also distributing work in the homes and giving the housewives of Freeport an excellent opportunity for securing pin-money. For this plant Mr. Barasch bought a frontage of one hundred feet on Olive Boulevard, purchasing the property from Peter Hansen. The plant was largely successful, the output amounting to thousands of dozens, and the product was distributed to all parts of the world. The subsequent disturbance of working conditions, due to the activities of the World War, made the interest less and less profitable and Mr. Barasch eventually disposed of plant and machinery.

With the resourcefulness of the businessman, able to meet any emergency courageously and wisely, Mr. Barasch has, since the war, early in 1923, bought what is known as the “Review Building,” this being considered one of the best properties in the community, and it is a direct and concise estimate of his success to note that he paid for this property the sum of $62,000. At this location, in the comparatively short time which has since elapsed, Mr. Barasch has developed his original mercantile interests into one of the largely attractive and broadly comprehensive department stores in suburban New York. Mr. Barasch is confident that the future of Freeport is one of large and far-reaching importance and is doing a very definite and eminently commendable part in bringing this eventually to pass. He has countless friends in Freeport and vicinity and is considered one of the worthy citizens of this community.

Mr. Barasch has for a number of years been a director of the Freeport Savings and Loan Association; is now vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and in connection with his other activities serves as treasurer of Playland Park, an amusement enterprise of importance. Fraternally he is affiliated with Freeport Lodge, No. 600, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has for many years been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a charter member of the Freeport Camp, No. 14611, Modern Woodmen of America. He was president of Temple Israel, and was the leading spirit in the movement which resulted in the erection of the present temple on the corner of Broadway and Mount Avenue, one of the most magnificent edifices of its kind in this part of Long Island.
Harry Barasch married, on December 1, 1902, Regina Rattner, of New York City, and they are the parents of three children: Herman, Beatrice, and William. The family reside at No. 65 South Main Street, Freeport, Long Island.

Louis Appleton - A prominent executive in the hardware business in Nassau County is Louis Appleton, whose activities in this field are constantly widening and reaching out to larger success. Mr. Appleton is a thoroughgoing business executive and in his practical experience which preceded his present activity he gained breadth of viewpoint of definite importance to any progressive endeavor.

Louis Appleton was born in New York City, July 2, 1890. Received his early education in the public schools of the metropolis and covered special courses at night school taking the regents examinations in preparation for a higher academic course. A change of plan however led him to identify himself with the business world at the age of fifteen years. Thus in 1905 he entered the plant of Thomas B. Brooks, a well known publisher on West 18th Street, New York City. There he was employed until 1911, starting as clerk and resigning from the position of general manager of the entire business. With this excellent experience Mr. Appleton organized the firm of N. G. Schless and Company, Incorporated, in which he became a leading partner, the enterprise entering the advertising and printing field. Located at No. 424 West 33rd Street, New York City, this concern covering the metropolitan district and the direct-by-mail advertising field. This enterprise went forward successfully until 1922 when other interests attracted the various members of the firm and the corporation was dissolved. Mr. Appleton served as secretary and treasurer of this concern throughout its entire history and upon its dissolution he came to Freeport and purchased the property where he is now located. In acquiring the present hardware store, Mr. Appleton became the successor of Arthur Whitehouse who had conducted the interest for some years prior to March of 1922. Mr. Appleton has since conducted the business successfully, handling a general hardware interest and also developing a considerable trade in ships chandlery. The enterprise includes a wide assortment of house furnishings and is one of the most important interests of its kind in this county. During the period of only a little more than two years in which Mr. Appleton has stood at the head he has developed the business to a marked degree and his future is unquestionably one of large promise. He is keenly interested in local affairs, and is a member of the Freeport Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with: Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Temple Israel, and the Men's Club of that Temple.

Louis Appleton married, in 1913, Ruth S. Sonenblick, of New York City, and they are the parents of three children: Norman; Arnold; and Pearl. The family home is at No. 47 North Long Beach Avenue, Freeport, Long Island.

John N. Hartmann, Sr. - Son of German-born parents, and his father and grandfather having been veterans of the Civil War, and he a veteran himself of the New York Fire Department, John N. Hartmann is the chief of police of Freeport, and has become more than locally famous for the efficiency of the department and the high morale to which the members of the force under his command have been brought. He is known throughout the country, and particularly in New York State, for his lectures on fire-prevention and for the organization of fire drills and plant fire departments, in the formation and
administration of which he has given years of intensive study. In performing the duties
of the several responsible positions he has filled his motto has been, “A public office is a
public trust.”

John N. Hartmann is the son of Nicholas and Caroline (Schuyler) Hartmann, born in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1861. His parents were natives of Germany, and
emigrated while they were in their younger years to the United States. His maternal
grandfather, Michael Schuyler, was in the service of the United States Government. He
died in 1848, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, after holding for some years the position of
aid to the colonel. Carl Schuyler, son of Michael Schuyler, was a soldier in the Civil
War, and the father of John N. Hartmann, Sr. also fought for the Union in that conflict.
When the son, John N. was an infant, he moved with his parents to New York City, and
he was reared on the East Side, attending the public schools of the district until he was
about ten years of age. At that time he left school for a place in the employ of Edward
Ridley & Sons, dry goods dealers. He afterward began to learn the foundryman’s trade
at the foundry on West Houston Street. Starting at the bottom, he passed through all
the grades of promotion in the gift of the business.

On April 27, 1887, Mr. Hartmann was appointed a member of the New York Fire
Department, a circumstance which was destined to mean much to himself in his chosen
career and to the city he had elected to serve in the capacity of fireman. He saw
service with most of the companies located south of Forty-ninth Street, Manhattan. He
advanced to the position of captain and was in the service twenty-four years. He gave
without stint of the best that was in him for the promotion of the welfare of the
department. So valued were his services in the eyes of his superior officers that he was
accorded the privilege, as a lieutenant in Brooklyn, of organizing two truck companies in
that borough. During his entire career as an officer in command he never suffered an
accident and never lost a man. He himself was “always on the job,” as he put it. He
served in fighting some of the most serious fires in the history of the New York Fire
Department. Under his supervision, in the district he commanded, were some of the
large hospitals, housing scores and more of helpless persons; these were in his special
care. The volume of his work and the breadth of his experience were so great that the
details can hardly be touched upon in this review. Mr. Hartmann was chosen to take up
the work of instructor in fire drills at large manufacturing plants, and his efforts in that
direction were attended by excellent results. His most important engagement in that
line was at the duPont powder plant, where he worked out a system of fire drills said to
be second to none. Mr. Hartmann also was in great demand for his lectures on the
methods of fire-prevention, and these lectures he gave in churches, public halls and
other places the country over, and principally in New York State and on Long Island.
His services in this respect were given gratuitously, and through them, as well as his
career as an active fireman, he became, perhaps, as well known in the fire-fighting
world as any man who ever served in the fire forces of Manhattan and Brooklyn.
Captain Hartmann voluntarily retired from the New York Fire Department on September
1, 1910, after having been in the service twenty-three years and four months, feeling
that he had come to a point in his career as a fireman where he could not in justice to
himself continue longer on the active list. Since his retirement he has devoted much
time and effort in the giving of his fire-prevention lectures. During the World War he and
Mrs. Hartmann did all within their power to assist the soldiers in the American forces
and to encourage them in their display of patriotism. His attitude toward the United States Government during the World War emulated that of his father during the Civil War. The father, a native of Germany, came as an orphan boy to this country and learned the trade of metal spinner, which he made his vocation. He became an ardent American citizen, and served as a Union soldier.

Captain Hartmann, in 1916, came to Freeport to live, and he has since taken a deep and active interest in the affairs of the village. In 1920 he was tendered the office of head of the Police Department; he accepted, and has developed the department into one of the most efficient police forces to be found on Long Island. Every branch of the Freeport department has exhibited a heightened morale under Chief Hartmann's regime.

Chief Hartmann is a charter member of Spartan Lodge, No. 956, Free and Accepted Masons; charter member of the Consistory; member of the Veterans' Retirement Association of Firemen, of Brooklyn; Freeport Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Freeport Fire Department, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; the Men's Club of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of that church; member of the Men's Club of the Methodist Episcopal Church; honorary member of the Men's clubs of the Baptist and Lutheran churches; and member of the international Police Conference.

Chief Hartmann married, February 13, 1881, Charlotte Kraft, of New York City, a member of an old Long Island family, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Rose, who married Charles Graf, and have two children: Ruth and Esther. 2. John N., Jr., born July 5, 1892, who is a clerk in the Freeport post office. He entered the United States Army for service in the World War, in December, 1917, and was mustered out a corporal, in March, 1919, his station having been at headquarters of the Quartermaster's Department, Newport News, Virginia. He is a member of the Freeport Fire Department; of Spartan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the American Legion, Junior Order United American Mechanics; Protestant Episcopal Church; Order of the Eastern Star; Men's clubs of the Protestant and Methodist Episcopal churches. The Hartmann family residence is at No. 86 East Milton Street, Freeport.

**Rev. John L. O'Toole** - When Rev. Father O'Toole celebrated his twenty-fifth Jubilee as a priest in 1923, he had already been a pastor of Long Island churches ten years, and that decade had brought for him a fulfillment of many of his most desired hopes. Two parishes had benefited by his tireless efforts to make spiritual provision for the increasing Catholic population of each, the one through its actual establishment by him, the other through the increase of the value of its property and the erection of new buildings. His devotion, both in curacy and pastorate to Long Island pastorates, has been marked with a progress of the most noteworthy sort.

Rev. John L. O'Toole, a son of John L. and Catherine (McTierney) O'Toole, was born May 22, 1874, in Brooklyn, where he attended the public schools. He then took his collegiate course at St. John's College Seminary. He then went to Rome, Italy, where he was a student at the American College, and he was ordained in the Holy City on June 4, 1898, by most Rev. Archbishop Cassetta, and he returned to the United States that year. Father O'Toole's first assignment was to St. Patrick's Church, and afterwards, in succession, to St. Patrick's Long Island City, and to St. Charles', Brooklyn. He then established St. Leo's Parish, at Corona, where he continued as
pastor until 1913. In that year he was transferred to Holy Redeemer Parish in Freeport, as pastor, where, completing the building and furnishing the new church, he has established a new school containing twelve classrooms and an auditorium seating one thousand people, whose completion is announced for February 1925. In this parish there are 2,300 souls, including four hundred school children. Father O'Toole is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Frederick G. Joerissen - As distributor of the Ajax Tire in Freeport, Mr. Joerissen is a noteworthy figure in the automobile world, and his important branch of tire repairing is also giving his name marked local prominence. He is counted among the progressive and successful young men of this community, and commands the respect of all. A member of a prominent family in Freeport, long residents of Long Island, he is a son of Frederick C. and Martha (Conkey) Joerissen, of Freeport, the father well known as a real estate executive of Brooklyn.

Frederick G. Joerissen was born in New York City, May 10, 1898. His education was begun in the public schools, and he attended the grammar grades in Freeport, the family having removed to this community in 1906. He later attended Pratt Institute and the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he qualified as a mechanical engineer, and this profession he followed until 1922, with the interruption of his military service. Enlisting for activity in the air service on May 1, 1917, he was detailed to one flying field after another in the capacity of engineer, and during the period of his service was active in many parts of the United States, but was not sent across. He did much valuable and excellent work in this connection and was mustered out of the service December 6, 1918. Mr. Joerissen's present enterprise was established October 1, 1922, when he opened his headquarters at No. 48 West Merrick Road. He has developed an extensive and steadily growing interest, already covering the southern part of Nassau County, and with his natural business ability and practical experience added to his cordial manner of meeting his patrons, his future is unquestionably assured. Mr. Joerissen is a charter member of William Clinton Story Post, American Legion, and is affiliated with the South Shore Yacht Club, but has few other interests except of a business nature. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

Frederick G. Joerissen married Dorothy King, of Freeport, Long Island, and they reside at No. 315 Smith Street, Freeport.

David Levy - Counted among the foremost merchants of Freeport, Long Island, David Levy is bearing a noteworthy part in the business progress of Long Island, his endeavors contributing not only to his individual success, but to the progress and well-being of the people. Mr. Levy is a man of definitely forward-looking spirit, whose abilities would gain recognition in any realm of advance, and his work is of significance to this record of local progress.

Adolf Levy, father of David Levy, and the founder of the present business interest, was born in Moscow, Russia, in 1854, and died in Freeport in 1918. Coming to this country as a young man, he located in Smithville, in 1884, where he was active along retail lines. In 1890, he settled permanently in Freeport and established himself in general merchandising lines, specializing in men's clothing. He developed an important and ever-increasing business, which has eventually come into the hands of his son.
Adolph Levy married Anna Katz, who still survives him, and they were the parents of three children: Jean; George; and David, of whom further.

David Levy was born September 26, 1887, and was educated in the Freeport schools. Mr. Levy was active in his father’s store during vacation periods and leisure hours and thus it was with a thorough knowledge of the business that he entered the store. Giving to the progress of the organization the fresh energy and natural ability with which he was endowed, he added greatly in developing the business which was started on Merrick Road, later removed to Fulton Street, then, when the new building was completed, it was removed to its permanent headquarters. This is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date building, attractive and convenient in all its appointments and equipment, with a floor area of 47 x 70 feet. The completion of the present new building on Main Street, which has since housed the interest, marked Mr. Levy’s entry in the firm which from that time became Adolph Levy & Son. Since his father’s death Mr. Levy has been the head and owner of the business, with full control of its interests in his hands. He is considered one of the progressive young men of Freeport; has served as president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a director of the Freeport Bank. He is a member of Lodge No. 1253, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Massapequa Golf, and Men’s clubs, and the Temple Israel.

David Levy married Florence Friedman, of Oxford, Mississippi, and they are the parents of one child, Joyce.