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A HISTORY  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
POULTNEY, VERMONT,

FROM ITS SETTLEMENT

TO THE YEAR 1875,

WITH

FAMILY AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND INCIDENTS.

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cern from the first. In that he has been successful. The original capital was \$100,000, divided into one hundred shares, of which Mr. Jones now owns a majority. His last purchase was about two years ago, when he paid \$96,000 for eight shares, or \$12,000 per share. There has been but one sale since Mr. Jones' purchase, and that was one share about a year ago, at the same price. The moral tone of the New York Times is well known; it has been consistent, independent, fearless, and is now, as it has ever been, a terror to rings, plunderers and all evil doers; and in its character, we recognize that of George Jones and his worthy parents.

**JOSLIN.**—Lindsey Josselyn (as he spelled his name) was born August 12, 1749, in the Eastern part of Massachusetts (town not remembered). At the age of five years, his parents, with their children (Samuel, Jabez, Lindsey, Sarah and Joseph) moved to Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass. The Joslins were mostly iron mongers. Samuel and Lindsey were Bloomers, and soon after the close of the War of the Revolution, came to Poultney, and erected a forge about a half mile east of the village of East Poultney, commonly called the "Todd place." Jabez, who was a tailor, and Joseph, who was a blacksmith, soon followed. Jabez established himself near the present residence of L. E. Thompson. Joseph remained single for several years; finally he married, and settled in Western New York, where some of his descendants remain in and around Batavia, blacksmiths, machinists, gunsmiths, etc.

Lindsey Joslin married for his first wife Susan Welsh, in the year 1773, by whom he had six children: Jabez, Abi, Sarah, Lindsey, Alvin and Susan. I think the first three were born in Sheffield, Mass., and the last three in Poultney. He was frequently called out during the Revolution in the defence of his country, and assisted in the capture of Burgoyne. At the close of the war, as before stated, he came with his family to Poultney, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred August 12, 1826, aged 77 years. His first wife, Susan, died in 1794, leaving an infant daughter named Susan.

Jabez, the eldest son, m. a Miss Waldo, of Middletown, where he resided for several years; for a time was proprietor of the Valley Hotel (as it is now called); was town clerk, and held various town offices until about the year 1815, when he removed to Clarendon, Orleans County, N. Y., where he remained until his death, in March, 1873, aged 95 years.

Abi m. Rufus Branch, of Castleton, where they lived a few years—moved to Ohio and d.

Sarah m. Abel Hawkins (son of Moses H., of Castleton), was left a widow in middle life, with a large family, remained a short time in Castleton, then went to the State of Maine to live with one of her children.

Lindsey m. Polly Wait of Granville, N. Y., about the year 1814, went to Cayuga county, N. Y., then very thinly settled, engaged extensively in business, accumulated a handsome property, but by becoming surety for other parties, lost a large amount, was broken up in his business, went to McHenry Co., Ill., where he was a leading man in church and state for several years and died in Elgin, Ill., aged 75. He left several sons who have made their mark not only as business men, but in the learned professions—one clergyman, three lawyers and one physician. Alvin, the third son, left the paternal home in his minority, went to Pennsylvania with one Abyram Pierce, remained there a few years, took to himself a wife and removed to western New York.

Susan, the youngest daughter, went to visit her brother Lindsey, (in Cayuga county,) where she m. Frederick Croul, a well-to-do Dutchman. They both d. in middle life leaving two daughters of whom we have good reports.

Lindsey Joslin senior remained a widower until 1797, when he m. the widow of Daniel Richards, by whom he had two children, Joseph and Lucy. Joseph was b. Dec. 12, 1799; m. Caroline C. Ruggles Oct. 13, 1825. They have had six children:

Jenks, b. Dec. 24, 1827, and d. Jan. 24, 1833.

John Jay, b. May 11, 1829; m. Mary E. Andrus. Their children are, Hattie, Edna and Frank, all living. John Jay engag-

ed in the mercantile business, and is now trading in Denver, Colorado.

Frank, b. March 18, 1832, d. June 10, 1833

Jervis, b. Sept. 29, 1835; m. Sept. 5, 1867, to Marion, daughter of James Hastings, Brandon. They have two children, Nell and Ralph. Jervis is doing a jewelry business in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

William Jenks, b. Nov. 5, 1838, d. Jan. 18, 1841.

Carrie, b. Sept. 18, 1848, m. H. M. Bacon, Oct. 13, 1868, and is now living in Northfield, Minn.

The 13th of Oct., 1874, was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Dea. Joseph Joslin and wife. On returning from his office a few minutes after 8 o'clock in the evening, he was surprised to find his house filled with his neighbors and friends, who had come to pay their respects, in words and deeds suitable to the occasion.

JOHNSON, JOHN—Was a Dane. He was a soldier in an European army, and lost one arm while in service. He lived in Troy, N. Y. for a time after he emigrated to this country, and moved from thence to Poultney in 1835, or '36, and purchased the premises on which the depot now stands, known as the Ephraim Herrick place. He died April 9, 1867, at the age of 81 years; his wife died December 29, 1847. They had three children: William, John and Elizabeth. The two sons are clergymen of the Episcopal denomination, and of marked ability. Elizabeth was formerly a teacher of some note. The present residence of the children cannot be given.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM—Was an old resident, and lived in the south-east part of the town. He has been dead several years. Several of his sons still reside in that part of the town.

KENDRICK.—Rev. Clark Kendrick, of whom honorable mention is made in the history of the Baptist Church, married Esther, the sister of Judge Thompson, soon after he settled in Poultney, by whom he had eight children. Adolphus was clerk