

capital increased with them, till he became one of the principal men in the shoe and leather trade.

About the year 1845 he took into partnership his brother Joseph, and Mr. Hines, and for several years the business was carried on under the style of Wm. Burrage & Co. Subsequently, when they removed from Fulton Street to Pearl Street, Mr. Hines left, and Mr. Blake was taken into the firm, the name of which then became Burrage, Blake, & Burrage. This co-partnership existed about three years, when Mr. Blake left, and Mr. John Q. Henry became a partner. Subsequently, Mr. Burrage's health having become impaired, he deemed it best to retire from active business. He therefore sold out his interest to his brother Joseph, and Mr. Henry, who afterwards conducted the business under the firm name of Burrage & Henry, William contributing a portion of the capital and becoming a special partner in the firm. This arrangement existed until his decease.

About 1838 Mr. Burrage, with several other gentlemen, most of whom were engaged in the same business as himself, obtained an act of incorporation as the Shoe and Leather Dealers' Bank. He was on its first Board of Directors, and continued a director of the institution until his decease.

He was twice married: First, to Mary Ann Jackson, of Roxbury, May 14, 1835. She died March 5, 1840. They had no children. In 1841 he married Mary Gil-