

in Boston. John graduated from Harvard college, and is the expert chemist at the "Solvay Process Soda Ash Works," Syracuse, N. Y. Nida married Clinton D. Hardy, of the Lenawee County Savings Bank in Adrian, Mich.

Nathan A. was named for his grandfather, Nathan Andrews. He had only a common school education. He left home when only sixteen years of age, and fought his own way in the world. In 1850 he went, via the Isthmus, to California, and engaged successfully in mining. He was able to loan his oldest brother, John, money to complete his course at college. In 1859 he returned, via the Isthmus route, visiting his uncle, Charles Eaton, at Plaquemine, La., and visited his brothers and sisters, and his father in the East. He subsequently engaged in trade in Waterloo, Ind., and afterward in Chicago, Ill. In 1873 he returned to California, and pre-empted government land, which he has improved and which he has increased greatly in value, near Merle, San Diego Co., Cal. He has salt works on his place; also several hundred hives of bees. In 1880 he was visited by his brothers, John and Lucien, and in 1886 by his sister, Mrs. Pennock, and her husband. In 1887 he revisited his brothers and sisters in the East; and again, in 1889, he was present at the reunion of all his brothers and sisters at the old home at Eaton Grange. Forty years had then elapsed since they had all met together.

Frederick Eaton has been a merchant in Toledo, Ohio, for over thirty years. His education, outside of the public schools, was obtained in one term at Thetford academy. While on the farm he did his share of the hard work the year round. In mentioning Mr. Eaton during one of his annual purchases in Boston, the *Journal* referred to his first visit to that city as follows, including these facts of his career:

Mr. Eaton, being an entire stranger in Boston, was introduced to those firms by letters from Mr. Daniel Carr, the veteran store-keeper in Bradford, N. H., with whom he had first served as clerk, beginning in 1852 at \$55 a year, and from Mr. Otis Barton, a Manchester merchant, for whom he subsequently worked till going to Ohio. Mr. Eaton's oldest brother, Gen. John Eaton, now Commissioner of the United States Bureau of Education, was, in 1857, superintendent of the Toledo schools, and he lent his name and some of his earnings to the enterprise for a few years, the style of the partnership being Fred Eaton & Co. Their starting cash capital was only \$1,200, the opening stock of goods but \$3,000 in value, and the first year's sales but \$12,000. The financial crash