

ten A. M. the Corning mail arrived returning at two P. M. in an old-style springless but rocking coach ; the front "boot" for small packages, the back one for baggage and drawn by four spanking horses. The writer has often seen four and five in a train and travel was very light when but one was required. Green B. was superintendent of the Chemung Canal System, 1846-1848, and again, 1851-1852, during which time the canals did a large business. In 1835, he was a member of New York State Assembly, outliving all but three of his colleagues, Hon. Thurlow Weed, Daniel S. Dickinson and another. The riding cloak, which was part of his outfit, is now in possession of his grandson, Lieut. Bennett. He was Colonel of militia prior to 1840, and frequently said he greatly desired to go out in 1812, but was refused because of his youth. During the political excitement caused by the alleged drowning of Morgan, who was said to have betrayed the secrets of Freemasonry, by which the Hon. William H. Seward came into national repute, the Colonel was a "Masons' Jack," that is, one not a Mason, but who had faith in the good character of the fraternity. Later, he was a Democrat of the best school, and was certain that an honest Democrat's "the noblest work of God," and not scarce either. He knew but little about dirty politics, which he abhorred. He had much influence in the affairs of Chemung county, and in fact southern New York, prior to the war, and his advice was always sought in party councils. The things that came to him were unsought as he preferred to help others rather than himself. He had a large share of natural ability, and if his star had risen under later and brighter skies, he would have succeeded in professional life.

His issue. Seventh generation:

Thomas Strait, born 1822; married Mary Brown.

John McClure, born 1824; married (1) Elizabeth Tyler.

(2) Clymena Shutts.

Charles Mitchell, born 1826; married Melissa Cole.

Ephraim, born 1828; died 1853.

George Coryell, born 1830; died 1848.

Emily Peck, born 1833; married Willard Morse.

Issue by Anna Beers Tyler:

Stephen Beers, born 1840; married Sarah C. Shutts.

About 1850, Thomas Strait with his family removed to