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master, cavalry; April 28, Andrew Taylor, Halfmoon, first lieutenant, cavalry; Christopher Snyder, Halfmoon, second lieutenant, cavalry; Mina Morse, Halfmoon, cornet, cavalry; Duncan McMasters, Charlton, captain; William Fowler, Charlton, lieutenant; Robert Gilchrist, Charlton, ensign; August 18, Wright I. Esmond, Halfmoon, captain; William Gates, jr., Halfmoon, lieutenant; Abraham James, Halfmoon, ensign; August 20, Shadrach Burlison, Waterford, captain; Harry B. Scott, Waterford, lieutenant; Mason K. Eastman, Waterford, ensign; April 13, John R. McGregor, Wilton, aid-de-camp; July 7, Samuel Rice, Ballston, captain; A. R. Redfield, Ballston, lieutenant; James Wakeman, Ballston, ensign; June 30, Hiram Barras, Greenfield, ensign; Roswell Finch, Saratoga, ensign; Henry W. Peck, Saratoga, first lieutenant; Robert Burdee, Saratoga, second lieutenant; Henry W. Dennis, Saratoga, ensign; June 9, Alvah Dake, Greenfield, second lieutenant; Levi B. Alcott, Greenfield, ensign; March 9, William Stewart, Edinburgh, captain; Orson Wright, Edinburgh, lieutenant; August 31, Azariah E. Stimson, Galway, adjutant; John O. Ellithorp, Edinburgh, quartermaster; September 14, Clark Tabor, Providence, captain; Pardon Soule, Providence, lieutenant.

#### WAR OF 1812.

The war of 1812 caused little interruption in the development of the county, though many of its inhabitants, some of whom had fought in the Revolution, enlisted in the American army and took up arms against Great Britain. The Saratoga brigade of cavalry united with the companies organized in Rensselaer county, and on September 19, 1812, they left Troy for the Lake Champlain region. They were accompanied as far as Waterford by Governor Tompkins in person, and proceeded from there to Plattsburgh, where they participated in the victory over the British at that point. Early in 1813 many men from this county who had not already enlisted in the home companies, joined General John E. Wool's command being organized at Troy, and were sent to the front, where they served with honor. December 3, 1814, most of those who had fought in that war joined the Rensselaer and Albany county veterans in giving an enthusiastic reception to Commodore Thomas MacDonough, whose flotilla had achieved a complete and glorious victory over the British fleet on Lake Champlain. It is to be regretted that no complete official records of the men who served in this war are extant. As far as can be learned from meagre but authentic sources, however, the following enlisted from the various towns of the county, some of the names being those of members of the State militia which appear in preceding pages:

Saratoga Springs.— — Ham, — Danforth.

Milton.—Captain Reuben Westcott, Freeman Thomas, Cornelius Schermerhorn, Daniel Beach, W. J. Stillwell, Oliver Whitehead, John Wheeler, Timothy Bailey, Alvah Robertson.

Ballston.—Captain Isaac Curtis, Chester Clapp, Silas Smith, Wm. Evans, S. Curtis, Lewis Miller.

Saratoga.—Captain James Mott, Isaac Ackerman, Wm. Clements, George Strover, Henry D. Chapman, Nathaniel Somes, Elisha Phillips, Justus Fuller, Martin Rogers, Archibald Fuller, Wm. Ward, Samuel Eldredge, Nicholas Viele, John Rogers, James Rogers.

Stillwater.—James Hodgman, Lieut. John R. Myers, David C. Flagler, Wm. Baker, Peter Baker, Wm. Scouten, James McNeal, Thomas Elms, Daniel Hewett, jr., Samuel Edmonds, John Tompkins, David Blood.

Charlton.—Captain John Ferguson, Joseph Beach, James Ritchie, Lawrence Gardiner, Jared Smith, Delsa Benjamin, Ezra Seeley, — Swart, Captain David Gordon, Major Millard, Surgeon David Low, Jonas Crane, Thomas Kirby, Asher Cox, Joseph Watkins.

Waterford.—Teunis Waldron, — Nelson, Benjamin Goewey, Wm. Van Every, Rubens Ryms, James Wilson, Daniel Guire, John R. Maxiber, George Finan, George Musgrave, Philip Argersinger, Rusk Norway, Perth Mudhuling, Wm. Carpensy, George Nichols, John Ives, — Collins, — Kline, — Kuth.

Halfmoon.—Lieut.-Col. Shubael Taylor, Gilbert Williams, Samuel Coon, Oliver Waite, G. A. Robinson, Elijah Brown, Peter Van Santford, Isaac M. Deyoe, Wm. Smith, James Houghtaling, Ezra Crittenden, John Potts, Jeremiah Francisco, German Van Voorhees, Henry Soper, Esau Wilson, Thos. Follett.

Galway.—Ebenezer Olmstead, John McDonald, Wheeler Bradley.

Edinburgh.—Capt. John Gordon, Lieut. John Brown, Sergt. Silas Washburne, Col. Godfrey Shew, John Akley, Ananias Akley, Wm. Van Avery, Daniel Buckalow, Myron White, Nathaniel Robinson, Ephraim Potter, Wm. Hill, Solomon Scott, James Rhodes, Stephen White.

Malta.—Adj. Gould Morehouse, Seneca Hall, Daniel D. Tompkins, Eli Dunning, Peter Dunn, Barney Vail, John Story, John Van Arnam, Henry Pell.

Corinth.—Peleg Eddy, Daniel Cole, Thomas Wheaton.

Northumberland.—Adjutant Jeremiah Terhune, Charles McCreedy, Gamaliel McCreedy, Jeremiah McCreedy, William McCurdy (or McCreedy), William Coffinger, Higgins Coffinger, Joseph Stevens, — Osborne.

Hadley.—John Gilbert, James De Long, Rufus Wells, Harry Burke, Squire Lawton.

Moreau.—James Coburn, Samuel Putnam, Bloster Merritt, — Tompkins, Solomon Parks, Captain Elisha Danford, Truman Wilcox.

Greenfield.—None known.

Day.—Moses Colson, William Colson, jr., Daniel Fraker, Joseph Flansburgh, Thomas Totman, Zabin Shippy, Arnold Paul.

Wilton.—Colonel Seth Perry, Captain Jason Adams, Caleb Perry, James Woodard, Benedict Woodard, Henry Strong, Drew Laing.

Clifton Park.—Henry Palmer, James Groom, Adam R. Van Vranken, Michael Doty, John Millins, Peter Doty, Solomon C. Peck, Everett Hawley, Richard Spire, David Wiltsie, Andrew Evans, Jeremiah Clute, Timothy Doty, Deacon Palmer.

Providence.—None known.

elected in 1895 for three years. He is a member of Schuyler Lodge No. 676, F. & A. M., Rising Sun Chapter No. 131, R. A. M., Crystal Council No. 37, R. & S. M., and Washington Commandery No. 33 of Saratoga Springs, and the Knights of the Mystic Shrine of Troy.

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DR. JOHN K. ANDERSON.

DR. JOHN K. ANDERSON was born in Edinburgh, Saratoga county, April 19, 1818. For several years he engaged in school teaching in Saratoga county, Greenbush, Rensselaer county, Amsterdam, N. Y., and elsewhere, for eleven years occupying the position of principal of a graded school at Amsterdam. Having fitted himself for the medical profession, he finally became a homoeopathic practitioner, following that profession successfully for many years in Saratoga and Schoharie counties. While a resident of Saratoga county he served as justice of the peace in Edinburgh eight years, beginning with 1848, and in 1854 represented that town on the board of supervisors.

Dr. Anderson's maternal grandfather and great-grandfather both served in the patriot army in the Revolutionary war. His great-grandfather, John Kennelly, was taken prisoner by a band of Indian marauders on their way from Johnstown, N. Y., to Canada, in 1775. He lived near what is now Vail's Mills, Fulton county, N. Y. At the end of the third day of his captivity he escaped from them, returned home, took his family at once to an American fort; then took his son, John Kennelly, jr., only eight years old, and started for the American camp, where he enlisted and got his son accepted as a drummer. John Kennelly, sr., was killed in battle. John Kennelly, jr., Dr. Anderson's grandfather, served as a drummer through the entire eight years of the war, taking part in many battles. He is reputed to have been the youngest person serving in the American army during that struggle. Probably no one so young, beside him, was ever enlisted into the service of the United States, was honorably discharged and received a pension for life.

November 12, 1845, Dr. Anderson married Catharine Shew, daughter of Col. Lodewick P. Shew of Providence, Saratoga county. Her grandfather, Capt. Jacob Shew, served in the Revolutionary war. He at one time had the queue shot from his head, but was not aware of the fact until after the end of the engagement. He was carried into cap-

tivity to Quebec. His brother, Capt. John Shew, was killed by the Indians and Tories during one of their raids on the Ballston settlement. He resided in Milton. Col. Lodewick P. Shew, Mrs. Anderson's father, was commissioned colonel of the Saratoga county regiment of militia March 10, 1832. His brother, Col. John P. Shew, was also for many years in command of a New York regiment.

Dr. Anderson and his wife had six children—Abbie Pamela, wife of Thomas M. Billington of Amsterdam, N. Y.; Mary Matilda, wife of Deodatus W. Sturtevant of Amsterdam; Clara Louise, wife of Rev. E. Irving Rackette of East Orleans, Mass.; Kate Kirkwood, wife of Franklin P. Wemple of Fultonville, N. Y., now of Schenectady; Stephen Putnam, formerly city editor of the Saratogian, of Saratoga Springs; and George Baker Anderson of Ballston Spa, N. Y. Those living are Mrs. Rackette, Mrs. Wemple and George B. Anderson.

November 12, 1895, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson celebrated their golden wedding at Schenectady, N. Y. Both are still living—the former at the age of over eighty-one and the latter at the age of seventy-five years.

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#### REV. JOSEPH CAREY, S.T.D.

REV. JOSEPH CAREY, S.T.D., rector of Bethesda Episcopal Church of Saratoga, was born in New York city, December 23, 1839, being the second son of Robert and Ellen (Gordon) Carey. He was prepared for college in Newburgh Academy, and in 1859 entered St. Stephen's College at Annandale, Dutchess county, where he was graduated with high honor with the class of 1861. This college, it will be remembered, was founded by Bishop Horatio Potter of New York, who was Dr. Carey's spiritual adviser. In 1861, after his graduation, Dr. Carey entered the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, in New York city, where he remained for three years, and became one of the most proficient Hebrew scholars in his class, being nominated to succeed Dr. George H. Houghton as professor of Hebrew.

On July 3, 1864, he was ordained a deacon in Calvary Church, New York, by Bishop Potter, and after three months' service with the present Bishop Seymour of Springfield, then rector of St. John's Church, Brooklyn, he became, in October, 1864, rector of Grace Church, Waterford, where he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Potter,