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company; has been an efficient member of the school board, and emphasizes the necessity of improving the highways. Being careful and methodical in his way of doing business, he is now serving his third term as town clerk of Harrison township, the duties of which position he discharges with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. Politically he is a stalwart Democrat, and, though loyal to his party, at local elections he always supports the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

THOMAS BREWER.

Thomas Brewer is one of the leading citizens of the village of Mamaroneck. For many years he was prominently connected with its business interest, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born on the 12th of April, 1832, in St. Columb, Cornwall, England, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Tink) Brewer. His father was an agriculturist and Thomas spent his early boyhood days upon the home farm, but while still quite young was apprenticed to the saddlery and harness-making trade, serving for the regular term of seven years. During that time he thoroughly mastered the business in every detail and became a proficient workman. At the age of twenty-one he was married and immediately afterward came to America, making the voyage on a sailing vessel which reached its destination after seven weeks spent upon the briny deep.

Mr. Brewer located in New Rochelle, New York, his place of settlement being influenced by the fact that it was the home of an old acquaintance, Joseph Harvey. There he engaged in the manufacture of harness and saddlery for a number of years, and in 1854 came to Mamaroneck, where he carried on business along the same line for thirty years. Success attended his enterprise and well directed efforts, and his patronage constantly increasing he derived from his business an excellent income. He is now living retired, save that he is financially interested in the Union Savings Bank, and holds the office of vice-president in that institution.

In his political affiliations Mr. Brewer has always been a stalwart Republican and takes an active interest in local politics, but has never been an aspirant for office. For nineteen years he has been a member of the Royal Arcanum and in business and social circles he is held in the highest regard. He married Miss Ann Grigg, who was born and reared in Cornwall, England, and departed this life January 6, 1894.

Reuben G. Brewer, their only child, was born in New Rochelle, New York, on the 22d of July, 1853. He acquired his literary education in the schools of Westchester county and supplemented it by a commercial course

in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of New York city. At the time he completed his education, George I. Seney was president of the Metropolitan Bank, of New York. Going to Mr. Brewer's father, he told him he wished to take his son into the bank, and thus it was that at the age of sixteen years Reuben G. Brewer entered upon his career as a banker. His determination to master the business, his fidelity and efficiency, won him promotion to the rank of assistant teller, in which capacity he was serving at the time of the failure of the bank, in 1883. He then secured a position as bookkeeper in the Pacific Bank, at No. 470 Broadway, New York, where he remained until 1887, when he returned to his old home in Mamaroneck and became one of the organizers of the Union Savings Bank, of which he was made treasurer. In 1891 he aided in the organization of the Mamaroneck Bank and has continuously filled the position of cashier, in addition to his duties as treasurer in the other bank. Long years of experience have given him a thorough understanding of the banking business, and his ability in the management of such institutions is unsurpassed in this section of the state. Other industries have also been benefited by his skillful direction and sound judgment, and he is now connected with the firm of Foshay & Brewer, the leading dealers in lumber, coal and hardware in the village.

In 1877 Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Miss Irene E. Delanoy, of Mamaroneck, and they have five children: Reuben P., who is now bookkeeper and assistant teller in his father's bank; Nellie, Winnifred, Irene and Elizabeth, all living at their pleasant parental home.

Mr. Brewer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party in this locality. He has served as treasurer of the village and of the public-school fund of Mamaroneck, and has held the same office in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has discharged these official duties with the same thoroughness and fidelity that have characterized all his business transactions, and at all times he is found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him.

JOHN REEDY.

The genial and popular station agent at Pocantico Hills, Westchester county, was born March 26, 1852, in Kingston, Middlesex county, New Jersey, and is a son of John and Margaret (Reidener) Reedy. The father was of Irish parentage and was a railroad man by occupation. The boyhood and youth of our subject was passed in his native state and in New York, and his education was received in the public schools. In early life he learned telegraphy and soon became a good operator. He held a responsible position with