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The 1995 Genealogy of the Knauff Family gave information about the Gunn Family of Springboro, PA in Chapter 3. The primary information that was available at that time came from several sources. The first was a letter that was written in 1920 from Aaron D. Gunn of Lancaster, NY to Spencer C. Gunn of Albany, NY (1920 Letter). The second source was a list of Gunn Family members that was written in 1882 by an unknown person who was somehow connected to the Springboro, PA Gunn Family (1882 List). Other information came from the 1850 Federal Census entry for Spencer C. Gunn in Girard Township, PA. Some of the conclusions that were drawn in that study were not completely correct, since additional information has come to light in the past 20 years to provide a major advancement in what is known about the Springboro, PA Gunn Family. In summary, the family that was headed by Spencer Clay Gunn did not remain in Springboro for very long after the 1850 Federal Census, but most of them did return after 1880. The story is also seriously complicated by the fact that the Gunn Family had a habit of reusing the exact same names for their sons from one generation to the next.

Moses Gunn – The Immigrant from Scotland

The 1920 Letter describes the Springboro Gunn Family ancestor that came to America as having left Scotland, sailed to Canada, travelled south with a group of other people, crossed the American border near Lake Champlain into Vermont, and then remained near Bennington, Vermont as the others in the group continued on. This “young man not married” was very probably the Moses Gunn who was discussed in the Knauff Genealogy, and he would have been the great-grandfather of the author of the 1920 Letter, not the “grandfather” as it is stated. Moses Gunn first appears with a family in the 1790 Federal Census in the town of Shaftsbury in Bennington County, VT. It has since been found that the name ‘Moses Gun’ also appears in the minutes of a town meeting that was held in Bennington, Vermont long before that on March 28, 1781. Appendix A shows pages from a book that lists the names of volunteers from the Bennington, VT area that were involved in actions during the American Revolution, and the name of Moses Gunn is listed as a participant in two actions. It is not possible to prove with certainty that this is the same Moses Gunn in all cases, but it is very likely to be the case.

Aaron D. Gunn – From Vermont to New York

The Knauff Genealogy used the 1882 Letter to provide evidence that Moses Gunn had a son Aaron D. Gunn, born in July of 1790. Since Moses Gunn settled in the Bennington area unmarried, Aaron D. Gunn was born in Vermont. Town records of Shaftsbury, Bennington County, VT show that Aaron Gunn of Shaftsbury married Philinda Stratton there on December 13, 1813. Philinda Stratton was the daughter of Jonathan Stratton, a soldier of the American Revolution (*A Book of Strattons* [Volume 2], by H. R. Stratton, Hitchcock Genealogical Publishing, New York, 1918). A copy of the town record of the marriage is shown in Figure 1.

| MARRIAGE—BRIDE GROOM | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Name of Groom | Aaron Gunn | | |
| Name of Bride | Philinda Stratton | | |
| Residence of Groom | Shafterbury | | |
| Date of Marriage | December 11 th 1813 | | |
| Age in Years | No. of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | |
| Occupation | | | |
| Place of Birth | | | |
| Father's Name | | | |
| Place | | | |
| Mother's Name | | | |
| Place | | | |
| Officiating Party | Isaiah Matteson, (Min.) | | |

Figure 1. Marriage record for Aaron Gunn and Philinda Stratton.

When the author of the 1920 Letter refers to “the travels of those 4 brothers of the Scotch Land”, he appears to be referring to the four sons of Aaron D. and Philinda Stratton Gunn, and is generally eluding to their Scottish ancestry and is not stating that the four brothers were actually born there; contrary to the conclusion in the Knauff Genealogy.

The link between Aaron D. and Philinda Stratton Gunn to the Springboro Gunn Family is proved in a biography of Jefferson S. Gunn (*History of the City of Buffalo and Erie County: With Biographical Sketches of Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers*, Volume 1. By Henry Perry Smith. Mason Publishers, Syracuse NY, 1884, page 729) in Figure 2.

Gunn Jefferson S., p o Harris Hill, general farmer, born in Darien, Genesee county, in 1844, was a teacher twelve years; wife Emeline Rearick, born in Alden in 1825, married in 1848, and died March 23, 1876; second wife Caroline Zimmer, daughter of Gideon and Catharine Zimmer, of Franklin county, Pa., born in Ohio in 1829, married in 1877. Parents Aaron D., and Philinda (Stratton) Gunn, of Genesee county; the former was one of the early settlers of Erie county, and died in 1834, aged forty-seven; the latter died in 1848, aged forty-three; children four—Spencer C., Jefferson S., Cyrenius C., Cornelius C. Cyrenius was a graduate of the Albany State Normal School in 1846; he died of consumption at the age of twenty-four. The teachers of Erie county caused a monument to be raised to his memory, at Lancaster, Erie county.

Figure 2. Biography of Jefferson S. Gunn.

There are some very critical technical errors in the years that were reported in this biography. For example, Jefferson S. Gunn could not have been born in 1844 if his father died in 1834. However, the basic facts are true, and they can be verified. Aaron D. and Philinda Stratton Gunn left Vermont and settled in Genesee County, New York where Jefferson is reported to have been born. They had four sons: Spencer C, Jefferson S, Cyrenius C, and Cornelius C Gunn.

Aaron Gunn is found in the town of Pembroke, Genesee County, NY in the Federal Census for both 1820 and 1830. Figure 3 shows the 1820 listing with two males under the age of 10, one male aged between 26 and 44 and one female aged between 16 and 25. The two boys were Spencer C who was born in 1816 and Jefferson S who was born in 1819.

Daniel Gunn is listed as the head of household immediately next to Aaron Gunn in the 1820 Census in Figure 3, where he is listed as being of an age between 26 and 44, like Aaron Gunn. The exact connection between Aaron and Daniel Gunn is not known, but they must have been very close. This follows from some records of land transactions from the Holland Land Company that are given in Appendix B. Not only did Daniel and Aaron Gunn live near each other, they jointly purchased the property of Lot 36 in Darien, Genesee County, New York on June 24, 1817. This tells us when Aaron and Daniel Gunn appeared in Darien with some precision. Daniel Gunn appeared in the 1830 Census and 1840 Census in Genesee County, but no additional information is known about him, or his relationship to Aaron D Gunn.

The Number of Persons within my Division, consisting of 50 ¹⁰¹ ~~42~~ by me, this 20th day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

to part of Schedule of the whole number

| Name of the County, Parish, Township, Town or City, where the family resides | Name of Head of Family | Free White Males | | | | | | | | | | Free White Females | | | | | | | | | | Foreigners not Naturalized |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| | | under ten years | between ten and sixteen | between sixteen and eighteen | between eighteen and twenty | between twenty and twenty five | between twenty five and thirty | between thirty and forty | between forty and fifty | above fifty | under ten years | between ten and sixteen | between sixteen and eighteen | between eighteen and twenty | between twenty and twenty five | between twenty five and thirty | between thirty and forty | between forty and fifty | above fifty | | | |
| | Daniel Gunn | 2 | | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Aaron Gunn | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 3. Aaron D. Gunn listing in 1820 Federal Census in Pembroke, Genesee County, NY.

The 1830 Federal Census for Aaron Gunn is given in Figure 4. The listing shows one male under the age of 5 (Cornelius born in 1826), one male aged between 5 and 9 (Cyrenius born in 1823), two males aged between 10 and 14 (Spencer and Jefferson), one male aged between 30 and 39 (Aaron), and one female aged between 30 and 39 (Philinda).



Cyrenius C. Gunn
Died
April 16, 1847
Aged 24 Years

Figure 6. Gravestone for Cyrenius C. Gunn.

Cornelius C. Gunn

Cornelius Gunn also had a strong relationship with his brother Jefferson Gunn, as evidenced by information in the 1850 Federal Census that was discovered and provided by Diane Flynn in Figure 7. Cornelius Gunn was living in the home of Jefferson Gunn in 1850, but both Jefferson and Cornelius only had their initials used in the listing. The listing was only discovered by using the name Emeline Gunn to search for Jefferson's wife. The family is found in the town of Clarence, Erie County New York.

Figure 7 shows C. C. Gunn at age 24 in 1850, which corresponds to the date of birth for Jefferson's brother Cornelius in 1826. It was noted above that Cyrenius C. Gunn died in 1847, so that is not a possibility for a match. The occupation for Cornelius Gunn is listed as a "pedlar" with his place of birth being given as NY. The appearance of Aaron Gunn at age 7 with a birthplace of PA in this census listing is explained later, since he actually was a son of Spencer C. Gunn, and he was the Aaron D. Gunn who authored the 1920 Letter. He continued to live with Jefferson S. Gunn until his adulthood.

| SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants of <i>Clarence</i> in the County of <i>Erie</i> State of <i>N.Y.</i> enumerated by <i>him</i> on the <i>20th</i> day of <i>Oct</i> 1850. <i>Ass't Marshal</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--------------|----------|--------|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----|
| Dwelling-house numbered in the order of valuation. | Family numbered in the order of valuation. | The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family. | Description. | | | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age. | Value of Real Estate owned. | Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country. | Married within the year. | Attended School within the year. | Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict. | |
| | | | Age. | Sex. | Color. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | <i>Jefferson S. Gunn</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | | | | | |
| | | <i>J. P. Gunn</i> | <i>21</i> | <i>M</i> | | | <i>1500</i> | <i>N.Y.</i> | | | | |
| | | <i>Cornelius</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>F</i> | | | | | | | | |
| | | <i>Abel</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>M</i> | | <i>Bedder</i> | <i>300</i> | | | | | |
| | | <i>Agnes</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | | | | | |

Figure 7. Jefferson S Gunn listing in 1850 Federal Census in Clarence, Erie County, NY.

Diane Flynn also discovered that Cornelius C. Gunn is buried at Lancaster Rural Cemetery in Lancaster, Erie County, NY with his brother Cyrenius C. Gunn. His gravestone is shown below in Figure 8 to indicate that Cornelius Gunn died at an age of 25 years and 7 months, just one year after the 1850 Federal Census listing in Figure 7 was created. There is no evidence to suggest that Cornelius C. Gunn ever married or had any children.



Cornelius C. Gunn
Died
May 1, 1851
Age 25 y's &
7 mos.

Figure 8. Gravestone of Cornelius C. Gunn.

Jefferson S. Gunn

Most of what is known about Jefferson S. Gunn comes from the biography that is shown in Figure 2. He spent some years working as a schoolteacher, like his brother Cyrenius, and he married Emeline Rearick, who is listed in the 1850 Federal Census in Figure 7. Upon Emeline's death, Jefferson married Caroline Zimmer. Jefferson and Emeline Rearick Gunn appear alone in the Federal and New York State Census Reports for 1855, 1860, and 1865. A boarder was listed as living with them in the 1870 Federal Census. The listing for the 1875 NY State Census is shown in Figure 9, where William Gunn is listed as a "Son" at age 11.

I. Population. CENSUS of the Inhabitants living in the First Election District Page 12
of Clarence in the County of Dade, N. Y., on the first day of June, 1875.
(4) This Enumeration was made by me, on the 11th day of June, 1875.
George H. Vanhook Enumerator.

Figure 9. Jefferson S Gunn listing in 1875 NY State Census in Clarence, Erie County, NY.

The mystery of the appearance of the son William Gunn at age 11 in 1875 is clarified in the 1880 Federal Census listing in Figure 10, where William Kennedy aged 16 is listed as a “Foster Son”.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 11
Enumeration Dist. No. 82

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the Town of Danvers, in the County of Cris, State of N. Y.
enumerated by me on the 2nd day of June, 1880.

C. S. Danvers
Enumerator.

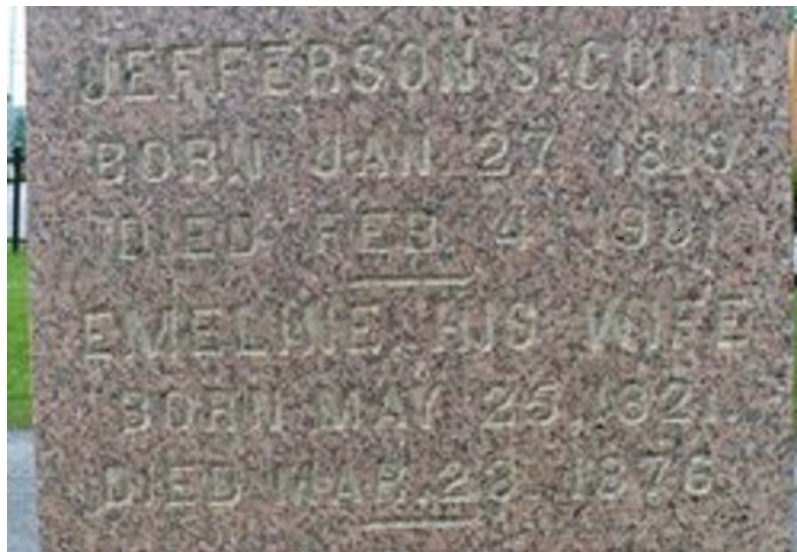
| No. of Family | Name and Sex of Head of Family | Personal Description | Civil Condition | Occupation | Health | Education | Nativity |
|---------------|---|---|-----------------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 2 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 3 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 4 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 5 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 6 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 7 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 8 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 9 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 10 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 11 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 12 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 13 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 14 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 15 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 16 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 17 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 18 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 19 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 20 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 21 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 22 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 23 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 24 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 25 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |
| 26 | John W. White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Male, White, W. Black, M. White, Mrs. (Dance, C.) | Married | | | | |

Figure 10. Jefferson S Gunn listing in 1880 Federal Census in Clarence, Erie County, NY.

The 1880 Census results show that Jefferson Gunn was born in NY and that both of his parents were born in Vermont. Jefferson Gunn now appears in the listing with his wife “Caroline”. Jefferson’s nephew Aaron D. Gunn, who was mentioned earlier, appears immediately before

Jefferson Gunn in the census report in Figure 10. Jefferson and Caroline Gunn appear alone in the 1900 Federal Census. There is no evidence that Jefferson Gunn had any children, and he died February 4, 1901.

Jefferson S. Gunn is buried with his first wife Emeline Rearick Gunn at Harris Hills Cemetery, in the town of Clarence in Erie County New York and a photo of their gravestone is shown in Figure 11.



Jefferson S. Gunn
Born Jan 27, 1819
Died Feb. 4, 1901

Emeline His Wife
Born May 25, 1821
Died Mar, 23, 1876

Figure 11. Gravestone of Jefferson S, Gunn.

Spencer Clay Gunn

Spencer Clay Gunn was born on March 25, 1816 and he was the oldest son of Aaron D and Philinda Stratton Gunn. It was noted in the Knauff Genealogy that his wife Sarah Jenks Gunn died in Springboro, PA and that remains were sent to Plattsburgh, NY for burial. Since they were in Springboro to be listed in the 1850 Federal Census, and Sarah Jenks Gunn died there; it was concluded that the family had remained in Springboro. However, evidence that has become available since the Knauff Genealogy was written in 1995 shows that this is not at all what actually happened. This family group made a very interesting journey to Plattsburgh, New York.

Spencer and Sarah Jenks Gunn are both buried at Riverside Cemetery, in the town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, NY. They are buried there with their son Cornelius T Gunn and his wife Louise A Davidson. A photo of their gravestone is shown in Figure 12.



The inscription of the gravestone references both couples:

Cornelius T. Gunn
1844 – 1908
Louise A. Davidson
His Wife
1847 – 1904

Spencer C. Gunn
Born
March 25, 1816
Died
July 19, 1879
Sarah A. Jenks
His Wife
Born
Jan. 19, 1819
Died
Feb. 1, 1892

Figure 12. Gravestone for Spencer C. Gunn and Cornelius T. Gunn.

The inscription of this gravestone notes that Spencer C Gunn died on July 19, 1879, and this was the source of the date of birth on January 19, 1819 that was mentioned above.

Spencer C. Gunn appears with his family in the 1850 Federal Census in Girard Township, Erie County, PA as shown in Figure 13. Spencer (aged 34) and Sarah (aged 31) are listed with all of their children: Eunice (aged 12), Amelia (aged 10), Aaron (aged 8) and the twins Cyrenius and Cornelius (aged 6). All children are listed as being born in Pennsylvania, to indicate that Spencer and Sarah Gunn moved there before 1838; but no census records can be found for them in 1840 in either Pennsylvania or New York.

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Genesee Township **in the County of** Essex **State** 405
of Massachusetts **enumerated by me, on the** 25th **day of** Nov. **1850.** E. W. Hunt **Ass't Marshal.**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | DESCRIPTION. | | | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 11 12 | | | 13 |
|---|---|---|--------------|------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----|
| | | | Age. | Sex. | Color, (White, black, or mulatto.) | | | | Married within the year. | Attended School within the year. | Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict. | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----|---|--|--|--|--|----|---|--|--|----|
| 2 | Spencer C. Gunn | 34 | M | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| 3 | Sarah A. | 31 | F | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| 4 | Eunice | 12 | F | | | | | Pa | / | | | 14 |
| 5 | Amelia | 10 | F | | | | | | / | | | 15 |
| 6 | Aaron | 8 | M | | | | | | / | | | 16 |
| 7 | Cyrenus | 6 | M | | | | | | / | | | 17 |
| 8 | Cornelius | 6 | M | | | | | | / | | | 18 |

| Name | Age | Place of Birth |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| Spencer C. Gunn | 34 | NY |
| Sarah A. | 31 | NY |
| Eunice | 12 | Pa |
| Amelia | 10 | " |
| Aaron | 8 | " |
| Cyrenus | 6 | " |
| Cornelius | 6 | " |

Figure 13. Spencer C. Gunn entry in the 1850 Federal Census.

The 1850 Federal Census entry in Figure 13 lists the birthplace of both Spencer and Sarah Jenks Gunn as New York, but this is most likely incorrect since Spencer was born in 1816 and his parents did not settle in Genesee County, New York until 1817. It is most likely that he was born in Vermont before his parents moved to New York, and his birthplace in Vermont is stated in most of the other records that are available.

Sometime between 1850 and 1860, a very major transition took place for Spencer and Sarah Gunn and their family. Figure 14 shows the 1860 Federal Census entry for Spencer C. Gunn in the Village of Plattsburgh in Clinton County, New York. Spencer is listed with an occupation of “Book Keeper”. Daughter Amelia is listed as a “Schoolteacher” and the twins Cornelius and Cyrenius are in the household. The children Eunice and Aaron D. Gunn from the 1850 Federal Census in Figure 13 are absent in the 1860 Federal Census listing after the family moved to Plattsburgh, New York. It was noted above that Aaron D. Gunn also appeared as a resident in the home of his uncle Jefferson S. Gunn in Figure 7. Aaron D. Gunn remained at the home of Jefferson Gunn until his adulthood, when he went back to Pennsylvania to enlist for service in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Appendix C shows a long article that was written about Aaron D. Gunn in 1927, in which Jefferson Gunn is referred to as “his uncle and foster father”.

Form V. S. No. 5-60M-2-15-18.

1. PLACE OF DEATH.

County of Butt Registration District No. 498

Township of Mill Creek Primary Registration District No. 2632

or Borough of 25 (No. Nicholson Street St. Ward.)

City of 25

2. FULL NAME Eunice P. Cornell

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
File No. 92351
Registered No. 986

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX F 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH May 30 1838

7. AGE 81 yrs. 5 mos. 8 ds. If LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min?

8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (House) wife

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Broom Tp, Pa

10. NAME OF FATHER Spencer Gunn

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Vermont

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Jones

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Do not know

4. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. (Informant) Mrs. Louther Gates (Address) Eric R. Fdb #3

5. Sept 9 1919 J. H. Mulholland Local Registrar

16. DATE OF DEATH Sept. 8, 1919

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY. That I attended deceased from Sept. 6, 1919, to Sept. 8, 1919, that I last saw him alive on Sept. 8, 1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:45 P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

79-90
Chronic Vascular Endocarditis
(Duration) 2 yrs. 3 mos. 0 ds.
Contributory (Secondary) Chronic Bronchitis
(Duration) 3 yrs. 3 mos. 0 ds.
(Signed) A. E. Lyons M. D.
Sept. 9, 1919 (Address) 613 N. 26th St. Phila. Pa.

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents). At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds. Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? Former or usual residence

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Spring Ave. DATE OF BURIAL Sept 10 1919

20. UNDERTAKER Geo. F. Joun ADDRESS Springboro Pa

Figure 15. Certificate of Death from Eunice Gunn Cornell.

—Mr. Hugh Mulholland and family have sold their farm as above, and moved to Cadyville, and he is in the employ of the Messrs. Hartwell. Mrs. Mulholland is a daughter of the late Spencer Gunn, who came with her father's family from Pennsylvania a few years since, and where she received an excellent education, and has been a successful teacher. She had a remarkable tact of infusing life and ambition into the beings of her pupils. Mrs. M. is assistant superintendent of our Sunday school, and has been a constant attendant for a long time. She will be missed from the circles in which she moved. We can but wish the family one and all the full measure of happiness vouchsafed unto man.

Figure 16. Newspaper article about Amelia Gunn Mulholland.

Spencer and Sarah Gunn moved again between 1860 and 1870 as shown by their entry in the 1870 Federal Census in Figure 17 where they are residing in Saranac in Clinton County, New York, which is not far from Plattsburgh. Spencer is listed with the occupation of “Lumberman” and their daughter Amelia is residing with them.

Page No. 26 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Saranac, in the County of Clinton, State of New York, enumerated by me on the 8th day of Aug, 1870.

Post Office: Redford James M. Sutton Ass't Marshal.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 8 | | 10 | 11 | | | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|----|---------|---------------|----|---|---|----------------|------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | 4 | 5 | 6 | | 8 | 9 | | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 191/191 | Gunn Spencer | 34 | M | W | Lumberman | 2000 | 3000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | " Sarah A | 32 | F | W | Keep House | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | " Amelia | 30 | F | W | Living at Home | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | | Sprinkle John | 35 | M | W | Farm Laborer | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | Barnett Mary | 19 | F | W | Domestic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 17. Spencer C. Gunn entry in the 1870 Federal Census.

Cyrenius Gunn is listed as a boarder at a hotel in Plattsburgh in the 1870 Federal Census and no census entry is found for Cornelius Gunn.

Spencer C. Gunn and his son Cornelius T. Gunn initiated a business venture that is very consistent with the occupational listing for Spencer Gunn as a “Lumberman” in the 1870 Census in Figure 17. Appendix D shows New York State records regarding the establishment of a corporation called the Saranac Lumber and Improvement Company in 1871 that was to be headed by James H. Totman, Spencer C. Gunn, Cornelius T. Gunn, George W. Hartwell and James Hammon. The purpose of the corporation was to make the Saranac River navigable from Saranac Lake to the dam in Plattsburgh for the floating and running of logs to Plattsburgh, and to then be able to charge timber companies for rights to use that waterway.

Spencer and Cornelius Gunn apparently remained active in the logging business, as noted by an article that is shown in Figure 18 about logging operations on the Saranac River in 1883 (*Plattsburgh Republican*, January 13, 1883, page 1). This was written four years after the death of Spencer Gunn, but his son and business partner Cornelius clearly was still involved with the lumbering business in that area.

Lumbering on the Saranac.

About 500 men are lumbering this winter in the woods lying about the headwaters of the Saranac. Cornelius Gunn is operating near the head of Loon Lake, hauling his logs to the Goldsmith pond. D. H. & W. Parsons are lumbering on Rand Hill, hauling the logs to their Gougeville mill: also on Cold Brook, and at Loon Lake, and on Alder Brook. W. W. & G. W. Hartwell are lumbering on their lots north of Rainbow Pond, and also on the South Branch. P. Hanlon is operating on his Goldsmith tract, and the Turner Brothers are cutting logs on Nigger Brook, a tributary of South Branch. Probably about 49,000 standards or 160,000 logs will be cut on the North Branch this winter, and 20,000 standards, or 75,000 logs on the South Branch.

Figure 18. 1883 article about logging operations of Cornelius T. Gunn.

Spencer C. Gunn was involved with a number of different activities. Figure 19 shows his listing for serving as the Postmaster in the town of Franklin Falls, in Franklin County, New York from National Archives, Appointments of U. S. Postmasters 1832 – 1971

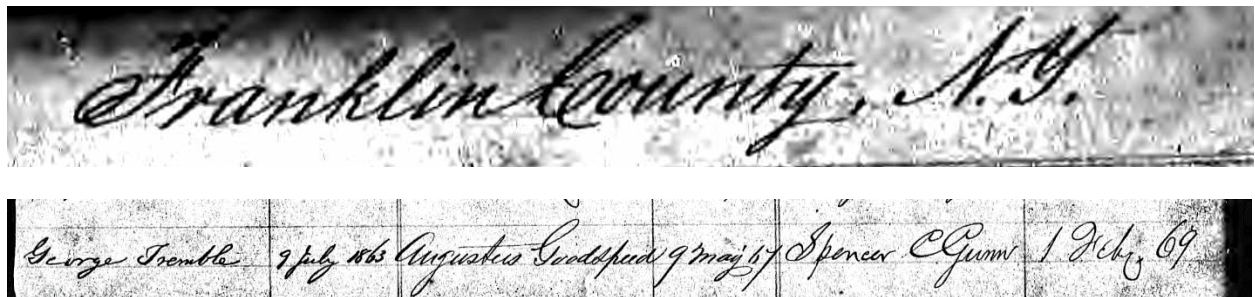


Figure 19. Spencer C. Gunn appointment as Postmaster of Franklin Falls.

In 1872, Spencer C. Gunn ran for elected office of Coroner as seen in the advertisement in Figure 20 from *Plattsburgh Republican*, November 2, 1872, page 2.

—For Coroner vote for SPENCER C. GUNN.

Figure 20. Campaign advertisement for Spencer C, Gunn.

The appointment of Spencer Gunn as Postmaster of Franklin Falls makes complete sense, since he and Sarah lived there from 1872 until the time that Spencer died in 1879, as owners of The Franklin House. This was a hotel in Franklin Falls that started as a way-station along a stage coach road, and developed into a popular spot for fishing enthusiasts to stay. A brief history of The Franklin House is shown in Appendix E from a 1921 history of the Adirondack Mountain area. The list of owners of the hotel indicates that there might have been a one year lapse between the death of Spencer Gunn and its sale to a new owner.

In 1880, one year after the death of Spencer C. Gunn, Federal Census records show Sarah Gunn residing in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Hugh and Amelia Gunn Mulholland in Saranac. The twin sons Cyrenius and Cornelius Gunn were both registered as heads of household in Plattsburgh. All records of the 1890 Federal Census were lost, so there is no way to use that to track movements of the family members. However, it appears that all family members, except Cornelius Gunn, returned to Spring Township, Pennsylvania after the death of Spencer C. Gunn, who was buried in Plattsburgh in 1879.

The reasoning behind the idea of the migration back to Spring Township starts with the fact that Sarah Gunn died there in 1892, and the article that is referenced in the Knauff Genealogy states that she had been living there with her children: Cyrenius T. Gunn, Mrs. C. D. Cornell (Eunice) and Mrs. A. Mulholland (Amelia); and that her remains were sent to Plattsburgh for burial. Eunice Gunn Cornell never left Springboro when the rest of the family went to Plattsburgh, New York. The three children: Eunice Gunn Cornell, Cyrenius T. Gunn and Amelia Gunn Mulholland are all registered in the 1900 Federal Census in Spring Township. Cornelius T. Gunn remained in Plattsburgh where he was buried.

As further evidence of this migration, records of the settlement of the will of Sarah A. Gunn in the court records of Crawford County, Pennsylvania from 1893 make reference to the February death of Sarah A. Gunn of Springboro “our mother”, and it is signed by Cornelius T. Gunn of Plattsburgh, Aaron D. Gunn of Gunnsville (NY), Amelia G. Mulholland of Springboro, Eunice G. Cornell of Springboro and Cyrenius T. Gunn of Springboro. The residence locations are directly associated with the signatures in this document. The family obviously started out in Springboro and also went back there, after a long absence in the area of Plattsburgh, New York. This excludes Spencer C. Gunn died in Plattsburgh, and Cornelius T. Gunn who remained in Plattsburgh when the family returned to Spring Township, Pennsylvania.

Cornelius T. Gunn had a son named Spencer C. Gunn, again using the tradition of reusing first names for sons. This son settled in Albany, New York and he was the recipient of the 1920 Letter that was written by the Aaron D. Gunn of Gunnsville (Lancaster), New York in the preceding paragraph. The 1920 Letter was written when Spencer C. Gunn of Albany was trying to verify his Scottish ancestry to join the St. Andrews Society. It apparently worked, since a 1921 biography of Spencer C. Gunn of Albany in Appendix F mentions his membership in this society.

Appendix A

Moses Gunn and Vermont Soldiers in the American Revolution

THE STATE OF VERMONT

ROLLS OF THE SOLDIERS

IN THE

REVOLUTIONARY WAR
1775 TO 1783

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE

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[Capt. William Hutchins' Company]

A Pay Roll of Capt. William Hutchins' Company in Col. Hericks' Regiment of Militia in the service of the State of Vermont, commencing the 11th of October 1780.

| NAMES | Days | Per day | Amt. wages | Miles | Amt. travel | Total |
|------------------------|------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Lt. Nathl. Fillmore | 20 | 0.4.3 | 4. 5.0 | 150 | 2.10.0 | 6.15.0 |
| “ Joseph Rudd | 20 | 4.3 | 4. 5.0 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 6. 5.0 |
| En. Lebbeus Armstrong | 20 | 3.0 | 3. 0.0 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 5. 0.0 |
| Sergt. Daniel Harmon | 8 | 1.7 | 12.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.12.8 |
| Hezekiah Armstrong | 19 | 1.7 | 1.10.1 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 0.1 |
| John Rudd | 8 | 1.7 | 12.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.12.8 |
| Elijah Hyde, Corpl | 18 | 1.5 | 1. 5.6 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 5.6 |
| Ezekiel Smith, “ | 18 | 1.5 | 1. 5.6 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 5.6 |
| John Armstrong | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| John Smith | 17 | 1.4 | 1. 2.8 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 2.8 |
| Ezekiel Harmon | 18 | 1.4 | 17.4 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.17.4 |
| Austin Harmon | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Phineas Scott | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Eleazer Hawks | 18 | 1.4 | 1. 4.0 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 4.0 |
| David Robinson | 18 | 1.4 | 1. 4.0 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 4.0 |
| ✓ Jesse Field | 18 | 1.4 | 1. 4.0 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 4.0 |
| Timothy Follett | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Epaphras Ripley | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Reuben Clapp | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Daniel Herrick | 20 | 1.4 | 1. 6.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 2. 6.8 |
| Benajiah Story | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Thomas Story | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Jacob Story | 10 | 1.4 | 13.4 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.13.4 |
| Silas Rice | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Joseph Roe | 20 | 1.4 | 1. 6.8 | 120 | 2. 0.0 | 3. 6.8 |
| Nathan Hazen | 10 | 1.4 | 13.4 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.13.4 |
| Ebenr. Griswold | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Bildad Hubbel, Jr. | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| • Elnathan Hubbel, Jr. | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Nathan Hutchins | 12 | 1.4 | 16.0 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.16.0 |
| Eben ^r Ayer | 20 | 1.4 | 1. 6.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 2. 6.8 |
| Moses Gunn | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Saml. Hunt | 6 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1. 8.0 |
| Benj. Fassett | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Nathl. Wood | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Charles Brown | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1. 0.0 | 1.10.8 |

| NAMES | Days | Per day | Amt. wages | Miles | Amt. travel | Total |
|------------------------|------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| William Hazen | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Elijah Davis | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Doppon [Dopson] Bennet | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Joseph Nelson | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Selden Bennet | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Silas Harmon | 6 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 8.0 |
| John Cox | 6 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 8.0 |
| Gaius Harmon | 6 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 8.0 |
| Joshua Harmon | 6 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 8.0 |
| Jedediah Merrill | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Timothy How | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Simon George | 14 | 1.4 | 18.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.18.8 |
| Saml. Tubbs | 9 | 1.4 | 12.0 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.12.0 |
| Daniel Pratt | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Andrew Wood | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Philemon Wood | 8 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1.10.8 |
| Joshua Carpenter | 5 | 1.4 | 6.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 6.8 |
| Jonathan Fisk | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Jonathan Hill | 7 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 9.4 |
| Andrew Pember | 5 | 1.4 | 6.8 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 6.8 |
| Roger Kinsley | 4 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 5.4 |
| Cyprian Herrick | 4 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 5.4 |
| Joseph Willoughby, Jr. | 4 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 60 | 1.0.0 | 1. 5.4 |
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Moses Gun, who was not entered in the within pay roll, served 5 days, 60 miles travel,

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£119.17.1

Nathl. Fillmore, Lieut.

State of Vermont, Bennington, June 19, 1781. Personally appeared the above named Nathl. Fillmore and made oath that to the best of his knowledge the within roll is just and true.

Before me. John Fassett, Jr., Assistant.

Pay Table Office, Bennington, June 19, 1781. The within roll examined and approved and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same to Lieut. Nathl. Fillmore or bearer, being the sum of one hundred and nineteen pounds seventeen shillings and one penny, lawful money.

John Fassett }
Timo. Brownson } Committee.

June 18, 1781. Recd. of Ira Allen, Treasurer, one hundred nineteen pounds seventeen shillings in full.

Nathl. Fillmore, Lt.

[332] [Capt. Hezekiah Armstrong's Company]

A Pay Roll of Capt. Armstrong's Company of Militia in Col. Walbridge's Regiment, who went over the mountain to assist the sheriff.

| NAMES | Com- menced | When re- turned | Days | Miles | Pr day | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Hezekiah Armstrong, Capt. | Sep. 9 | Sep. 12 | 4 | 50 | 6.0 | 2. 0. 8 |
| Eleazer Hawks, Lieut. | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 4.6 | 1.14. 8 |
| Lebbeus Armstrong, En. | " 10 | " " | 3 | 40 | 4.6 | 1. 6.10 |
| Daniel Harmon, Sergt. | " 9 | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Jonathan Nelson | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Andrew Wood | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Phineas Scott | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Austin Harmon [Hermon] | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Alexander McColluck | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Reuben Clapp | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| David Robertson | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| William Hutchins | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Theophilus Clark | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Benjamin Fay | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Moses Gun | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Joseph Hubbell | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Zimri Hill | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| John Gridley | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Nathan Delano | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Benjamin Fassett | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Timothy Follett | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Ichabod Hawks | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Henry Walbridge, Jr. | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Nathl. Brush | " 10 | " " | 3 | 40 | 3. | 1. 2. 4 |
| Isaac Tichenor | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 3. | 1. 2. 4 |
| Moses Yale | " 9 | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| William Munro | " " | " " | 4 | 50 | 3. | 1. 8. 8 |
| Eliakim Perry | " 10 | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Caleb Clark | " " | " " | 3 | 50 | 1 | 1. 5. 8 |
| Benjamin Harwood | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Lemuel Cleveland | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Nathan Warren | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Hezekiah Dewey | " " | " " | 3 | 50 | 1 | 1. 5. 8 |
| Joseph Robertson | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Daniel Pratt | " " | " " | 3 | 50 | 1 | 1. 5. 8 |
| Bildad Hubbel | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Benjamin Butler | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Nathaniel Butler | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Francis Herrick | " " | " " | 3 | 40 | 1 | 1. 2. 4 |
| Hugh Steward | Sep. 9 | " " | 4 | 50 | 1 | 1. 8. 8 |
| | | | | | | £ 54. 4. 2 |

Attest,

Hezekiah Armstrong, Capt.

Pay Table Office, Bennington, April 29, 1783. The within pay roll being approved, the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay unto Capt. Hezekiah Armstrong or bearer, fifty-four pounds four shillings and two pence, agreeable to the within roll.

£54.4.2

Isaac Tichenor,
Timothy Brownson, } Committee.

Treasurer's Office, Sunderland, May 6, 1783. Recd. of Ira Allen, Esq., Treasurer, the contents of the above order, being fifty-four pounds four shillings and two pence, lawful money.

Hezekiah Armstrong, Capt.

[31] [Col. Ebenezer Walbridge's Regiment—Officers]

Pay Roll for Col. Eben^r Walbridge's Reg't of Field and Staff Officers, on an Expedition to assist the Sheriff of Windham County.

| NAMES AND RANK | Days in service | Wages & rations per day | Miles travel | Pay per mile | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Eben ^r Walbridge, Col. | 6 | 0.13.4 | 45 | 4 ^d | 4.15.0 |
| Sam ^l Robinson, Lt. Col. | 6 | 0.10.8 | 45 | 4 | 3.19.0 |
| Bigelow Lawrence, Maj. | 6 | 0.9.4 | 46 | 4 | 3.11.4 |
| Alex ^r Brush, Adjt. | 6 | 0.6.0 | 45 | 4 | 2.11.0 |
| | | | | | £ 14 16.4 |

Eben^r Walbridge, Col.

Pay Table Office,) The within roll is approved and the
Bennington, Feb. 28, 1784 { Treasurer is directed to pay the same,
being fourteen pounds sixteen shillings four pence, lawful money,
to Col. Ebenezer Walbridge, or bearer.

Saml. Bartlit,
Timo. Brownson, } Committee.

Treasurer's Office, Bennington, March 1st, 1784. Rec'd of the Treasurer the contents of the above order.

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Eben^r Walbridge.

Appendix B

Holland Land Company Transactions for Aaron and Daniel Gunn

WESTERN NEW YORK
LAND TRANSACTIONS,
1825-1835

*Extracted from the Archives of
the Holland Land Company*



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THE TOWNSHIPS OF THE HOLLAND PURCHASE, WITH REFERENCE TO TOWNS AS NOW ORGANIZED

(Taken from O. Turner, *Pioneer History of the Holland Purchase*, Buffalo: Jewett, Thomas & Co., 1849.) This is as of 1849. For changes to Towns that have taken place since then, consult a modern atlas.

ALLEGANY COUNTY

T.1,R.1, Bolivar
T.2,R.1, Wirt
T.3,R.1, Friendship
T.4,R.1, Belfast
T.5,R.1, Caneadea
T.6,R.1, Hume
T.1,R.2, Genesee
T.2,R.2, Clarkesville
T.3,R.2, Cuba
E. pt.-T.4,R.2, Belfast
W. pt.-T.4,R.2, New
Hudson
T.5,R.2, Rushford
T.6,R.2, Centreville

WYOMING COUNTY

T.7,R.1, Pike
T.8,R.1, Gainesville
T.9,R.1, Warsaw
T.10,R.1, Middlebury
T.7,R.2, Eagle
T.8,R.2, Weathersfield
T.9,R.2, Orangeville
T.10,R.2, Attica
T.7,R.3, China
T.8,R.3, Java
T.9,R.3, Sheldon
T.10,R.3, Bennington
T.7,R.4, China
T.8,R.4, Java
T.9,R.4, Sheldon
T.10,R.4, Bennington

GENESEE COUNTY

T.11,R.1, Bethany
E. pt.-T.12,R.1,
Stafford
W. pt.-T.12,R.1, Batavia
T.13,R.1, Elba
T.11,R.2, Alexander

GENESEE COUNTY

(continued)
T.12,R.2, Batavia
E. pt.-T.13,R.2, Elba
W. pt.-T.13,R.2,
Oakfield
T.11,R.3, Darien
T.12,R.3, Pembroke
T.13,R.3, Alabama
T.11,R.4, Darien
T.12,R.4, Pembroke
T.13,R.4, Alabama

ORLEANS COUNTY

T.14,R.1, Barre
S.pt-T.15R.1, Barre
N. pt.-T.15,R.1, Gaines
T.16,R.1, Carlton
T.14,R.2, Barre
W. tier lots-T.15,R.2,
Ridgeway
SE pt.-T.15,R.2, Barre
NE pt.-T.15,R.2, Gaines
T.16,R.2, Carlton
T.14,R.3, Shelby
T.15,R.3, Ridgeway
T.16,R.3, Yates
T.14,R.4, Shelby
T.15,R.4, Ridgeway
T.16,R.4, Yates

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

T.1,R.3, Portville
S. pt.-T.2,R.3,
Portville
N. pt.-T.2,R.3, Hinsdale
S. pt.-T.3,R.3, Hinsdale
N. pt.-T.3,R.3, Rice
T.4,R.3, Lyndon
T.5,R.3, Farmersville
T.6,R.3, Freedom

| NAME | SURNAME | DATE | LOT | S T R D REF-PAGE |
|----------------|----------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| John | Stimers | 09No25 | 1,3,5 | 061003 R 508-0060 |
| John A. | Fillmore | 25Ja23 | 7,9 | 021003 R 508-0060 |
| Abijah | Jones | 02My14 | 9,11 | 041003 R 508-0060 |
| Hazekiah | Howe | 14Mr22 | 11 | 021003 R 508-0060 |
| Lewis | Maynard | 27Se23 | 1,3,5 | 061003 R 508-0060 |
| Lake | Cotton | 18Se16 | 3 | 001103 R 508-0060 |
| Benjamin | Pratt | 02My18 | 19 | 001103 R 508-0060 |
| Ebenezer, Jr. | Howes | 04Ap12 | 18 | 001103 R 508-0060 |
| Jonathan | Fox | 29Ja11 | 9 | 001103 R 508-0060 |
| Orange | Carter | 28My05 | 22 | 001103 R 508-0060 |
| Daniel & Aaron | Gunn | 24Jn17 | 36 | 001103 R 508-0060 |

T11 R03 is in Darien, Genesee County, based on code.

WESTERN NEW YORK
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1804-1824

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| Rue & Eli | Wheelock | 26No17 | 4 | 011202 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Rue & Eli | Wheelock | 26No17 | 4 | 051202 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Othniel | Brown | 22Fe17 | 11 | 061302 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Ichabod | Smith | 06Se14 | 2, 4, 6 | 061003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Ichabod | Smith | 15Se15 | 3, 5 | 081003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Ichabod | Smith | 27Fe18 | 3, 5 | 081003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| William P. | Harris | 25De16 | 5 | 091003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| John | Toles | 13Jn17 | 5 | 031003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| John | Toles | 13Jn17 | 3 | 031003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| John | Toles | 13Jn17 | 1 | 031003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Elisha | Hoard | 28Au17 | 7 | 091003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Pomroy | Warren | 28Au17 | 7 | 091003 | W | | | 495-0078 |
| Anson | Strudeviant | 24De06 | 11 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| William | Hedger | 12My12 | 1 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Solomon | Freeman | 12My12 | 2 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Caleb | Blodget | 11Jn07 | 20 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Jehiel | Woodard | 23Jn07 | 44 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Russell M. | Freeman | 23Jn07 | 36 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| William | Parker | 23Jn07 | 20 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Seldin | Woodworth | 23Jn07 | 20 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| William | Throop | 23Jn07 | 20 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| James | Day | 01Sr07 | 23, 31 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Joseph | Little | 26Oc07 | 38 | 001103 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| John G. | Brown | 25De07 | 14 | 001503 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| Darius | Knickerbocor | 27No09 | 1 | 021603 | P | | | 495-0079 |
| John | Cotton | 25De16 | 11 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| James R. | Jackman | 13My17 | 1 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| William | Bump | 13My17 | 2 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| Quartus | Lee | 12Jn17 | 20 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| Jehiel | Woodard | 24Jn17 | 44 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| Jonathan | Durkee | 24Jn17 | 44 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| Thomas | Durkee | 24Jn17 | 36 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |
| Danl. & Aaron | Gunn | 24Jn17 | 36 | 001103 | W | | | 495-0080 |

Appendix C

Newspaper Article about Aaron D. Gunn

Source: From Diane Flynn. *Buffalo Evening News*, March 30, 1927.

Civil War Vet, 85, Motorist, Learned to Drive When Only 79

Mazes of City Traffic and Traffic Rules Now Too
Much for Him, However.

By LEROY E. FESS.

News Staff Correspondent.

LANCASTER, March 29.—You are never too old to learn.

Aaron D. Gunn says this and proves it. He has been a motorist for six years. In 1921 he bought an automobile and learned how to run the "goll darned thing" in two lessons. He will be 85 years old in August.

"I'm an old school master and I guess I know whereof I speak," declared Mr. Gunn. "There's no such thing as being too old to learn new tricks. Take me, for instance. I was 79 when I got my car and started in. The agent took me for two rides, and at the end of the second one I made him walk home—I didn't need his instructions any more."

Up until two or three years ago, Mr. Gunn frequently drove his machine to Buffalo and maneuvered his way through downtown Main street traffic.

Traffic Rules Puzzle.

"But I don't do it any more—'cause why? 'Cause I'm getting too old? Not on your life! Simply because there are so many traffic regulations in Buffalo today that it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure them out. You can make a left turn on Main street at some intersections and during certain hours of the day.



AARON D. GUNN

I don't know where that place is and I don't know what the hours are. So I solve the problem by staying away from the city."

Mr. Gunn claims the distinction of being the oldest motorist, in point of age, in Erie county. At first he was tempted to make a sweeping statement and claim the motor age championship for all western New York.

Comes now the application of Elam Thomas of West Albion, Orleans county, who like Mr. Gunn will be 25 years old in August. Mr. Thomas has been a motorist for the last 13 years, and was seven years younger than Mr. Gunn when first he laid hands on a steering wheel. Motorist Gunn has him beaten in that respect, having been by far the older of the two to learn the gentle art of automobile driving.

Williamsville also has an oldest motorist. He is Charles H. Pomeroy, 82 years old. All three aged motorists, Gunn, Thomas and Pomeroy, are Civil war veterans.

Discussing the problems of driving Mr. Gunn bewailed the speed and carelessness of flaming youth and of other drivers as well, who tear down the street with no regard for life, limb or property. There always will be accidents just as long as these drivers are allowed to operate, according to Mr. Gunn. He expressed the opinion that fully 99 per cent. of all automobile accidents are avoidable.

Used to Teach School.

For 13 winter terms, back in the balmy old days of the 30's, Mr. Gunn served as a district school master in rural Erie county. Many famous men of today received their introduction to "Readin', writin' and 'rithmetic" in his class room. Two of the most notable ones died recently. They were the late Dr. Grover Wende of Buffalo and the late Supervisor Otto H. Wende of Alden. Both as boys attended Mr. Gunn's school at Millgrove, where he taught five terms, from 1878 to 1884.

Schools of today are better certainly in countless ways than the old-

fashioned rural school of yesterday, opined Mr. Gunn. But, he said, they have yet to beat the method of teaching that the old school masters used to employ back in the hickory stick-golden rule days. Just what this method was Mr. Gunn couldn't explain.

"An intangible something that they haven't got nowadays," he said.

When Mr. Gunn taught, the school year was divided into two terms, the summer and the winter term. The latter began in November and continued until May, and was by far the bigger session, as many large boys attended who, during the summer months, had to stay home and work on the farm. The summer term began in May and continued until November, and was usually taught by a woman teacher.

Retires as Farmer.

Mr. Gunn retired as a farmer ten years ago and came to Lancaster to live from Gunnville, near Clarence, which place was named after his uncle and foster father, the late Jefferson S. Gunn. He was born in Pennsylvania, but came to this county to live when he was six years old. He studied to be a school teacher at the old Clarence academy.

When he was 30 years old, he returned to his native state and enlisted in the 140th Pennsylvania infantry in the second year of the Civil war. He served until the close of the war. His regiment was third in severity of losses of all the outfits in the Union army. It saw action in 12 major battles, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Spottsylvania Courthouse, and a large number of skirmishes.

At the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864, Mr. Gunn, who was a corporal, was wounded in the thigh, captured by the rebels and slept in a hospital tent all night between two dead men. Mr. Gunn probably is the last living survivor of the famous regiment, as it was nearly wiped away in the battle of Gettysburg when it went into action with 37 men and came out with four.

Appendix D

New York State records regarding the Saranac Lumber and Improvement Company

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incurred under any of the provisions thereof, nor for damages which may result from the erection, use or maintenance of a dam or reservoir authorized to be erected and constructed by this act.

CHAPTER 685, LAWS OF 1871.

AN ACT to incorporate the Saranac River Improvement and Lumber Company.

Sec. 1. James H. Totman, Spencer C. Gunn, Cornelius T. Guernsey, George W. Hartwell, James Hammon, and their associates and successors, are hereby declared a body corporate in fact and law, under the name of the "Saranac River Improvement and Lumber Company;" under which name they shall have succession, with power to purchase, hold and improve such real estate as may be necessary for the purposes contemplated in this act. The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be transferable in such manner as the by-laws of the said corporation may direct. The said corporation may commence business so soon as ten thousand dollars of the capital stock shall be in good faith subscribed, and twenty-five per cent thereof paid in, and shall commence business within one year from the passage of this act, and shall, within two years from the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, have the river so improved as to run logs from Hunter's Home to Goldsmith's pond.

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Sec. 3. The object and business of said corporation shall be to improve the Saranac river and the south branch thereof from the outlet of the Lower Saranac lake to the lower dam in the village of Plattsburgh, and also the north branch of said river from Hunter's Home to the junction of said north branch with the south branch of said river, and to make the same navigable for the floating and running of logs down the same, and further to carry on the business of floating and running logs down said river and the branches thereof to the several booms above the saw-mills thereon.

Sec. 4. The said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to clear out, deepen and improve, by shutes or flumes the channel of said river between the points mentioned in the preceding section, as may be deemed necessary to afford a sufficient depth of water to readily and conveniently float logs down said river; and to build and maintain reservoirs of sufficient capacity to furnish a supply of water for that purpose, and to make and maintain, by the construction of booms, convenient passages through the ponds of said river and its branches, to the channel below said ponds, and to build shutes for the passage of logs over the dam on said river and its branches. And the said company is hereby authorized to charge for floating and running logs down said river and its branches, at a rate not exceeding one-half cent per mile, per standard of twenty-two inch measure, and such reasonable charge as they may fix and determine, not exceeding five cents per standard of twenty-two inch measure, for passing logs through such shutes and flumes just below Hunter's Home, upon the north branch of said Saranac river, which shall be paid to said company for all logs run by them, or in the drives under their care and supervision, by the person, persons or firm owning said logs, and the said company shall have a lien upon said logs until such charge is paid. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the said company to take or appropriate any dam or pond now on said river, except for the purpose of building the shutes, flumes or booms hereinbefore provided for; or to take any unimproved power except solely for the purpose of said reservoirs, or to deprive the owner of any water power or water privilege of any right to use the water of said river that he now possesses.

Sec. 5. The owner of logs floated down the Saranac river, or its branches, shall provide and maintain proper side booms for the reception and storage of the logs at their place of destination, so constructed as to leave at all times a channel or passageway through the pond of the width of twenty feet, for the passage of logs and timber to the channel below.

Sec. 6. The damages sustained by any parties by reason of damming said river and branches and setting water back upon their lands, and making said reservoirs or for taking lands for the purposes of such shutes and flumes, or running said shutes or flumes over such lands may be settled and adjusted by agreement and release between the owner or owners of said land and said corporation, and such agreement or release shall be recorded in the county clerk's office of the county in which said lands are situate, and shall forever preclude such owner or owners from all further claim for damages; and in case said several parties and said corporation cannot agree upon the amount of damages, the same shall be assessed by three commissioners to be appointed by the county court of the county of which the lands are situate, upon the petition of the commissioners herein named; and the commissioners so appointed shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, and shall proceed, on six days' notice of the time and place, serve on the owners or occupants of the lands proposed to be taken and take a view of the lands and premises, and hear the parties and such witnesses as may be produced before them, and shall assess the damages required to be assessed, and the assessment agreed to by a majority of them shall be valid; an award for the same shall be made and delivered to the party or parties entitled thereto, and shall be paid upon demand by said corporation and when paid, said award shall be filed in the county clerk's office of the county in which said lands are located, and which shall ever preclude such parties or their representatives or assigns from all further claim for damages. The said commissioners are hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses which may be produced before them, as provided by this section. The said commissioners shall be entitled to five dollars per day each, for time actually spent in the investigation of the question of damages under this section, and all costs of commissioners shall be paid by the said corporation.

Sec. 7. The corporation hereby created shall possess all the powers and be subject to the liabilities prescribed in the title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 8. This act shall not be construed to repeal, modify, or in any way change the law of eighteen hundred and fifty-three, declaring the Saranac river a public highway.

CHAPTER 375, LAWS OF 1882.

AN ACT to provide for the improvement of the north branch of the Saranac river in the counties of Clinton and Franklin, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Sec. 1. The sum of six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of removing obstructions from, and otherwise improving the north branch of the Saranac river, public highways for the passage of lumber, logs and other timber, in the counties of Clinton and Franklin.

Sec. 2. Within thirty days after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as possible, the governor shall appoint three persons who shall constitute a board of commissioners, whose duty it shall be to superintend and control the removal of obstructions, and the making of improvements in the river designated in the preceding section of this act, in such manner as in their judgment will best facilitate the passage of lumber, logs and other timber over the same. The commissioners appointed under this act shall serve without any compensation save their actual expenses, to be audited and paid by the comptroller out of the moneys herein appropriated.

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CHAPTER 359, LAWS OF 1890.

AN ACT for the improvement of the south branch of the Saranac river, and making an appropriation therefor.

Sec. 1. The sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the improvement of the channel at the little falls,

Appendix E

History of the Franklin House

A HISTORY OF THE ADIRONDACKS

BY
ALFRED L. DONALDSON

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His wife then moved to Harrietstown and lived with her son, Frank, until her death in 1910.

The hotel at Franklin Falls—The Franklin House—built by Peter Comstock under Mr. Tremble's supervision, is the one that became famous as a half-way house in the old days of stages. Its career was decidedly checkered, and it frequently changed ownership, as the following table will show:

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| Peter Comstock | 1852-62 | Isaiah Vosburgh | 1880-81 |
| Hand Rice | 1862-63 | N. I. Arnold | 1881-86 |
| Enos Fletcher | 1863-64 | Dr. S. W. Dodge | 1886-88 |
| Lewis L. Smith | 1864-68 | Harvey Dodge | 1888-91 |
| A. W. Moody | 1868-72 | Paul Smith | 1892 |
| Spencer C. Gunn | 1872-79 | | |

When Paul Smith became owner of the hotel and water-power at Franklin Falls, he closed the old house to the public. A bit of sentiment was involved in the acquisition, for it was there that he was married in 1859, when the hotel was the finest one in the mountains. In 1912 he completed at the falls a handsome and costly hydro-electric station, of which he was very proud. One of the last pleasure-trips he ever took was to see the machinery of this new plant set in motion. He was then in his eighty-seventh year. He came in an automobile, traversing a road he had often traveled in the early days no faster than oxen could move, and he rested for the last time at the old hotel where he had been married fifty-three years before.

To show how lively this now deserted spot had once been, I quote a passage from Charles Hallock's "The Fishing Tourist," published in 1873. He is speaking of approaches to the Adirondacks, and after calling attention to the beauties of the Wilmington Notch road, he says:

By the other route there is a romantic bit of scenery at the Franklin Falls of the Saranac; but its natural charms are disfigured by one of those utilitarian improvements, a saw-mill. Here is the "half-way house" where passengers for Smith's and Martin's dine. Two seasons ago (1871), while indulging in a post-prandial cigar, I took the trouble to count the names on the little hotel register, and found that they numbered fifteen hundred!—and the season was only half over.

Appendix F

Biography of Spencer C. Gunn of Albany

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Connections Must Be Perfect

High Explosives Principle Applied to Our Credit System

By *W. R. Stevens*

Credit Manager, Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.

IN view of the highly successful results obtained from our present method of supervising our credits it may be interesting to the 34,500 readers of *THE CREDIT MONTHLY* to learn something of our system—What we do, and how we do it.

In the first place we are firmly sold on the principle that while a salesman's chief function is to sell, he can render extremely valuable service to the credit department of his organization by timely calls on his tardy customers. On that theory we have built our structure, encouraging him to put forth his best foot in this direction when called upon.

SALESMAN IN CREDIT WORK

A short time ago one of our salesmen in the Pittsburgh district, while making a small town heard rumors that a certain operation in which we were interested was about to fail successfully and move what assets there were in the way of equipment out of the state. He immediately investigated for himself, developed the fact that there was foundation for the rumor and engaged an attorney, who through the usual methods prevented the plan from being carried out. Our account was saved. The salesman used his head. He did not have time to lay the proposition before our nearest branch office and get instructions. His train-

ing pointed out the solution and he acted promptly and wisely.

Another instance of timely assistance on the part of our salesman comes to mind: That of diverting a shipment to prevent loss through insolvency. One of our salesmen overheard a conversation on a train regarding financial troubles of an account he knew was ours: In fact he knew a carload of our material was then rolling to this customer. He arranged with the agent not to make delivery to the original consignee, found a buyer the same day and delivery was effected to the new purchaser without a hitch, all of which was justified by the facts and proved by subsequent happenings to be a good day's work.

Selling Hercules explosives "to the world" obviously calls for the maintenance of highly developed branch office organizations, a large number of which are located throughout this country. Each branch office is under the direct supervision of a manager, the office details being looked after by his right hand man, who holds the title of chief clerk. All billing is done at the branch offices, monthly statements are mailed from them, and all customers' accounts are kept with the loose leaf ledger system. Reports such as invoices, sales sheets, credit sheets, stock records, etc., are all made in duplicate, the originals

being sent to the home office, where they are distributed to the various departments interested and where duplicate ledger accounts are kept for the convenience of the home office credit department.

Therefore, in case of fire resulting in partial or total destruction of the records at any branch office, business could be carried on almost without interruption by having the necessary copies forwarded from the home office. Another distinct advantage of this lies in the fact that the home office, as well as the branches, always has a complete set of up-to-date records, and through this plan, one is kept constantly in touch with the other without confusion.

AVERAGE ACCOUNT LARGE

Our individual sales for the most part involve large amounts; consequently an enormous volume of business is transacted with considerably fewer accounts than would be necessary were our product distributed in small quantities. As a result of this our branch offices are comparatively small and in many instances the chief clerk is assistant to the manager and among other things assists materially in the promotion of the sales end of our business.

Responsibility for the condition of the accounts is centered at each office and practically all questions of credits and collections are handled

Spencer C. Gunn



B. 1879, Plattsburgh, N. Y. M. 1902. Ed. Cornell, 1901. Presbyterian. Member, St. Andrews Society, Albany Chamber of Commerce. Recreations, walking, nature study, gardening and keeping the home pipe burning. Favorite reading, Saturday Evening Post, New York Tribune, The Credit Monthly and Henderson's Seed Catalog. Bus. Addr., A. P. W. Paper Co., 1271 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.

Worked with Canton Bridge Co., Canton, O., from 1901-1910, as timekeeper, traffic manager, assistant bookkeeper, head bookkeeper and office manager. From 1910-1912, was public accountant in New York State Audit Co., Albany. From 1912-1917, was auditor in A. P. W. Paper Co., Albany; and since 1917 has been credit manager for the same firm.

Sec. of Albany Association of Credit Men, 1918 to 1919. Representative, 1919-1920, State Legislative Committee. Pres. of Albany Association, 1920-1921. Member, 1919-1921, The Credit Monthly Committee; 1921—, member, Committee for Revision of Constitution and By-Laws.

William H. Preston



B. 1860, Polo, Ill. Ed., public schools. Member, all Masonic orders, 8hrine, Seattle Commercial Club, Associated Industries, Masonic Club, Recreations, automobilism, fishing and camping. Favorite reading, good business and current magazines, good novels. Bus. Addr., The American Credit Indemnity Co. of N. Y., 309 White Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

General agent, The American Credit Indemnity Co. of N. Y. Formerly treas., Knapp & Spencer Co., Sioux City, Iowa. Located there at time of organization of National Association of Credit Men. Was one of the leading spirits in the formation of the National Association.

First Pres. of the National Association, elected at Toledo in 1896. National director; chairman, National Membership Committee; pres. of Sioux City and Los Angeles Association of Credit Men; honorary pres. of Los Angeles assn. and honorary member of Seattle assn.

Rufus K. Storm



B. 1868, Hackensack, N. J. M. 1908. Ed., Public schools. Officer, Second Reformed Church, Hackensack; Member Hackensack Golf Club and Original Field Club. Recreations, golf and walking. Favorite reading, fiction, history and periodicals. Bus. Addr., General Chemical Co., Hackensack, N. J.

Started with Brown, Place & Co., wholesale hosiery and underwear importers. En-

tered office of Dundee Chemical Works in 1888, becoming acting office manager in 1898. Entered employ of General Chemical Co. at its inception. Became plant accountant, chief accountant, and finally credit manager. Organized the credit department when it was started several years ago. Served his town three years on Board of Education; in 1920 was re-elected for second term of three years as member of governing body of his town.

Vice-Chairman of Interchange Bureau Committee; member of Exec. Com. of N. Y. Assn.; chairman of the N. J. State Councillors.

Peyton B. Bethel



B. 1877, Louisville, Ky. M. 1908. Ed., Center College. Member, Christ Church, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Rotary Club, Board of Trade, Sons of American Revolution. Recreation, golf. Favorite reading, Literary Digest, The Credit Monthly, trade papers and current news. Bus. Addr., Falls City Clothing Co., Louisville, Ky.

Started with father who was president of Carter Dry Goods Co., wholesale, Louisville, Ky., and was with them five years. Formed Nelson Bethel Clothing Co., manufacturers, about 1902; was secretary. In 1905 consolidated with others and formed Falls City Clothing Co., and was first sec., later, v-p. and sec. and in 1920 was elected pres. Assisted pres. of Nelson Bethel Clothing Co. in credits and collections and did general work in office; was made credit manager of Falls City Clothing Co. when organized. In assuming presidency of company still keeps a watch on credit and collections. Active in Liberty Loan campaigns, etc. Appointed by U. S. Labor Director and served eighteen months as sec. of U. S. Community Labor Board.

Interest in Association work began in 1905. Pres. of local association and adjustment bureau several times; chairman of most committees. Has had several committee chairmanships in National Association; elected National director at Detroit.

Alvin K. Matzger



B. 1879, Washington, M. 1908. Ed., Public schools. Mason. Member, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association; Seattle Golf and Country Club; past pres., Sales-managers' Association. Recreations, automobilism, golf and walking. Favorite reading, biographies of successful men, financial periodicals. Outing. Bus. Addr., Saxony Knitting Co., Saxony Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

First commercial experience as bookkeeper in flouring mill. Started at tender age and served one firm 19 years. Became an officer in the firm and specialized in credits. Branched out into textile manufacturing and is now pres. of the Saxony Knitting Co. Three years ago with three associates organized the Seattle Chain Co., which made an enviable record during the war in anchor chain manufacturing.

Member of Seattle Association of Cre-

dit Men 12 years. Served as chairman of several committees; on board of directors 6 years; pres., 1918-1919, national director, 1919. Elected delegate to attend National Convention five consecutive years.

Group Conferences

SECRETARY TREGOE has determined that the Group Conferences devoted to various lines of business will be given special attention at the San Francisco Convention and hopes to find a way of "heading up" these conferences in such a way that their deliberation will focus into the general convention.

The groups organized at this writing are as follows:

Clothing and Allied Lines.—H. W. Louis, Brownstein-Louis Co., Los Angeles, Cal., chairman.

Drugs and Allied Lines.—A. F. Stepan, Western Wholesale Drug Co., Los Angeles, Cal., chairman.

Dry Goods, Notions and Allied Lines.—W. A. Yeomans, Spokane Dry Goods Co., Spokane, Wash., chairman.

Furniture and Allied Lines.—E. K. Scherer, Evansville Metal Bed Co., Evansville, Ind., chairman.

Groceries, Provisions, Confectionery and Allied Lines.—J. T. Young, Idaho Wholesale Grocery Co., Pocatello, Idaho, chairman.

Wholesale Hardware, Automobile Accessories, Electrical Supplies and Allied Lines.—W. M. Levensaler, Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., San Francisco, Cal., chairman.

Hats, Caps and Allied Lines.—J. M. Hannaford, Gordon & Ferguson, St. Paul, Minn., chairman.

Implements, Vehicles and Allied Lines.—A. H. Thoda, James & Graham Wagon Co., Memphis, Tenn.

Millinery and Allied Lines.—Eugene Stern, Levis-Zukoski Mercantile Co., St. Louis, Mo., chairman.

Paints and Varnish.—C. D. Potter, Devoe & Reynolds Co., New York, N. Y., chairman.

Paper Supplies and Allied Lines.—T. H. Cree, Ailing & Cory Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman.

Jewelry and Allied Lines.—J. M. Kucera, Norris-Allister-Ball Co., Chicago, Ill., chairman.

Manufacturing Iron, Steel, Electrical Supplies, Machinery, Automobile and Allied Lines.—Chairman to be appointed.

Banking.—As usual, the banking members will hold their conference under the direction of the Robert Morris Associates, Alexander Wall, Secretary, Lansdowne, Pa.

Benefits of Interchange Bureau Plan

Chicago.—The Credit Interchange Bureau and its peculiar advantages were never better described nor more convincingly set forth than in the four-page leaflet, issued by the Credit Interchange Bureau Committee of the Chicago association under the title: "Is This Service Worth Looking Into?" Any association contemplating opening such a bureau or desiring material with which to build up its present bureau, should send to F. E. Alexander, Manager, 226 West Adams Street, Chicago, for a copy of the pamphlet.