

[Bennett, William]

William, third son of Amos [and Jennett Sterling] Bennett, was born in Duanesburgh, New York, May 26, 1794, died October 12, 1873. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and after his marriage settled on a farm in the same town. This he later disposed of and moved to a farm in the town of Glen, Montgomery county, later selling this and purchasing a smaller farm in the town of Mohawk [Herkimer] county, where he died. His father, having no martial music for his military company, impressed [drafted] his boys into the service, bought them drums and a fife, had them take lessons from Nicholas Harry Hill, an old revolutionary [war] musician of the neighborhood, and with two brothers Amos and William as drummers, and Ira, another, as fifer, all took part in the company on training days, playing snare drums and fife. He [William] was a Universalist in religious faith, and in earlier life a Democrat, as were also his brothers. In later life he became a Republican. He married, January 15, 1831, Elma Strong, born in Schenectady county September 3, 1809, died April 30, 1900, daughter of Solomon Strong. Children: 1. Isabella, born March 17, 1832; married Jacob Van Epps; resides in Montgomery county, New York. 2. Lewis Jackson, born on the farm in Duanesburgh, Schenectady county, New York, July 7, 1833....married in Johnstown, New York, October 6, 1857, Mary F. Spalding, born June 1, 1840, daughter of Andrew and Emeline (Hamilton) Spalding, of Johnstown, New York. 3. Louise Janette, January 14, 1836; married Alonzo Devenbergh of Montgomery county. 4. Sarah Ann, May 9, 1838; married John H. Vorhees; resides in Queens, Long Island, New York. 5. Lydia Ann, February 27, 1840, died May 14, 1856. 6. Francis Marion, July 27, 1842; married ___ Suits; resides in Montgomery county. 7. Jane Elizabeth, June 18, 1845; married John Hand; resides in Amsterdam, New York. 8. Amos, April 29, 1848, died September 17, 1848. 9. Amos F., February 17, 1850; married Elizabeth Vrooman; resides in Buffalo. 10. William James, February 3, 1852; married Hannah Moore; resides in Johnstown, New York. 11. Martha E., April 22, 1854; died May 28, 1900; married John Dockstader. 12. Maria L., April 13, 1856; married J. Vedder Morris; resides in Amsterdam, New York.

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