

[Dow, Amos]

Amos, son of Captain Solomon and Elizabeth (Buzzell) Dow, was born at Plainfield, New Hampshire May 22, 1811, died April 25, 1903. He was twelve years of age when his father died and then went to live with his uncle, Martin Montgomery, a substantial farmer and large landowner, of Attica, New York. When he grew up he learned the shoemaker's trade and the art of tanning leather. He removed in manhood to Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, where he bought a tannery, and established a general store. He prospered in business and in 1855 removed to East Randolph, New York, where he continued in mercantile life until 1880. He purchased the present bank building in East Randolph in 1874, but two years previous to this date had entered the banking business by buying out the Thomas J. Chamberlain Bank, and began conducting the private banking house of Amos Dow, to which he admitted his son Charles as a partner. The latter sold out to Seth W. Thompson, and the firm was known as Dow & Thompson until 1881. From this time until 1891 the bank was conducted by Amos Dow, he having bought Thompson's interests, and then the People's State Bank bought the business, Amos Dow still holding stock in the concern. He was a capable man of business and a wise, conservative financier. He inherited the family characteristics of thrift, energy and industry, prospered in all his undertakings, and held a leading position in his community. He was supervisor from East Randolph and secured from the board proper recognition of his town. In religion he was a Universalist, in politics a Whig and later a Republican.

He married, in 1838, Eliza Ann Gates, born October 2, 1816, died February 23, 1895. Children: 1. Frank, born at Silver Creek, New York, September 1, 1839, died there 1865; he served in the civil war as private in the Ninth Regiment, New York Cavalry; married Anna Sawyer. 2. Rollin, born March 31, 1846, died in East Randolph March 18, 1908; was a merchant of East Randolph; married, December 11, 1867 Nellie M. Gates [children's names omitted]. 3. Helen, born October 22, 1848; married S. G. Jones and resides in Tacoma, Washington [children's names omitted]. 4. Charles, born at Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, December 12, 1850. 5. Harriet, born September 3, 1860; married John F., son of Seth W. Thompson of Jamestown, New York.

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