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JOHN C. GRISWOLD.

John Cowles Griswold, son of Seth and Zerviah (Cowles) Griswold of Connecticut, was born in Sangersfield, Oneida County, New York, August 1, 1819, where his father died in 1821. In 1831 Mrs. Griswold came to Arkwright with her eleven children and settled on lot twenty-five and commenced to clear a home in the forests. Near this home Mrs. Griswold spent the remaining twenty-six years of her life. Of her sons only one, John, always lived near this pioneer home.

John C. Griswold's education was received at the district schools in Arkwright and one term attending school while holding the office of Trustee.

At the age of eighteen he was Captain of a company in the One Hundred Sixty-ninth Regiment, Forty-third Brigade, Twenty-sixth Division of home militia, a position he held for several years.

John C. Griswold married Susan Briggs January 11, 1844. Their children were Cassius M. and DeWitt C. who died aged ten.

In 1862 Mr. Griswold helped raise what became Company F of the One Hundred Fifty-fourth New York Volunteers and was commissioned First Lieutenant by Gov. Edwin D. Morgan November 3, 1862, and the following May was promoted to Captain.

This regiment saw severe service and in the battle of Chancellorsville May 2, 1863, Captain Griswold had his arm shattered by a bullet. He was a captive in Libby prison with the late Captain J. B. Fay of Portland and was liberated through the agency of Samuel B. Jones, formerly of Fredonia, who was at Richmond at the time. After he was exchanged he came home, but soon returned to service though with impaired health. He was honorably discharged at Chattanooga in 1864 because of a severe illness which prevented his being with his company in their march to the sea.

He was held in high esteem by the members of his company.

On March 4, 1864, while Captain Griswold was still in the service Mrs. Griswold died at Fredonia. In August, 1868, Mr. Griswold married Alice Hill.

For over forty years Captain Griswold was Justice of the Peace in Arkwright; for several terms he was Justice of Sessions, and for six terms represented the town on the Board of Supervisors.

In every position he was the same kindly conscientious and true man and was highly esteemed in the town and county. He died July 24, 1892.

The postoffice named Griswold for John C. Griswold was established in 1891 and was discontinued in 1900 by the establishing of rural free delivery.

CASSIUS M. GRISWOLD.

The successful farmer as a rule is a pleasant, intelligent and thoughtful person. As an example of this ideal condition of the farmer is the gentleman whose name heads this article. He is a son of John C. and Susan (Briggs) Griswold, who settled in Arkwright in 1831. He was born December 7, 1845, and his life has been a busy and influential one. Mr. Griswold's education was received in the common schools. He taught several terms in this county and one in Holt County, Missouri. Reared as a farmer he has made this occupation the well-spring from which he has drawn a competence. He has resided on the present farm since 1868 with the exception of four years in Gerry and two in Ellington. He was married May 27, 1868, to S. Alice Terry, a daughter of Levi and Eliza Terry, pioneers of the Town of Gerry. Mrs. Griswold is a kind and interesting woman, a fitting companion for her husband. Their children are Evangeline E., John D., Ada L., Myron D.,

Mr. Griswold was Supervisor of his town for two terms, 1886-7, and has held various other town offices. He has also represented his town upon the Republican County Committee for years. At present he is the Master of Charlotte Center Grange, No. 669. He is a hospitable entertainer and a friend of all who deserve his friendship.

FRANK W. HORTON.

In the year 1849 Wesley Horton purchased the farm in the Town of Arkwright where he has since resided and thereon on April 26, 1861, was born to him a son, Frank W. Horton, the subject of this sketch.

Frank W. Horton gained his education in the public schools of Arkwright and in the Normal Training School at Fredonia. In the year 1880 he commenced learning the trade of a cheesemaker. For several years he worked at cheesemaking during the summer and taught school during the winters.

In 1886 he purchased the cheese factory at Arkwright Center and has conducted