

**DANA P. HORTON.**

Hon. Dana P. Horton, now deceased, was one of the men who did much to upbuild the County of Chautauqua, of which he was a lifelong resident. He was born in the Town of Gerry December 24, 1837, but for many years resided at Findley Lake. He was a son of Charles and Charlotte (Sheperdson) Horton and was a descendant of Barnabas Horton of Revolutionary fame. He was left an orphan when only two weeks old and spent most of his boyhood days in the family of his maternal grandparents.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Horton felt it his duty to serve his country in the field and, on September 3, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred Fifty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, First Brigade, Second Division of the Eleventh Army Corps as a Corporal. He fought with distinguished bravery in some of the fiercest battles of the war and was successively promoted to Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and finally Captain of his company. He was never captured by the enemy but was at one time wounded and obliged to spend some time in the hospital.

When the war closed Captain Horton returned home and resumed the duties of a peaceful and public spirited citizen. He took a prominent part in the political affairs of the county and in 1884 was nominated and elected to the State Assembly. He was renominated and elected in 1885 and again in 1887. For sixteen years he was a member of the Board of Supervisors, serving a part of the time as the representative of the Town of French Creek and the remainder from the Town of Mina. Captain Horton was appointed Distributing Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington for the terms of 1895 and 1896 and was reappointed for the next term but owing to failing health was unable to serve. Captain Horton was twice married. His first wife was Clarissa Montague, who died many years ago leaving one daughter, Clara Horton. On December 17, 1884, he was wedded to Miss Mary E. Baker at Findley Lake, and to them was born a daughter, Laura Horton. Captain Horton died December 27, 1897.

**W. LEVERN NUTTALL.**

W. Levern Nuttall of Findley Lake was born February 2, 1869, in Pittsfield, Pennsylvania. His parents, Jeremiah and Ann Kay Nuttall, were English and came to this country when quite young with their par-

ents, who were among the early settlers of Warren County, Pennsylvania. The Nuttall family contained three children, Ina, Vern and Grace. The subject of this sketch attended district school at Smith Hill, Pennsylvania. When thirteen years old he began to attend union school at Sugargrove, Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1885. The same year he entered the Academic Department of the Sugar Grove Seminary and was graduated with the class of 1890. During the years he was attending these institutions he spent part of the time teaching school, also one year clerking in a store near Bradford, Pennsylvania. In March, 1888, he formed a partnership with George C. Murray, purchased a stock of general merchandise and began business at Lottsville, Pennsylvania. His sole capital at this time consisted of fifty dollars in cash, good health and a determination to succeed, which he did. He remained here nearly three years, selling his interest in the business in January, 1891. He left the following April for the Pacific Coast. During the next two years he was engaged in teaching school, clerking and dealing in real estate at various places on Puget Sound. He returned East early in 1893 and entered into partnership with James J. Brookmire. They bought the stock of general merchandise of Charles Durham at Findley Lake. Later they started a branch store at French Creek. This was afterwards disposed of and the business at Findley Lake enlarged. In 1898 the business was again extended by the addition of the adjoining building together with the hardware stock of Beebee Brothers.

In 1900 the firm was changed from Brookmire & Nuttall to Brookmire, Nuttall & Company, John H. Ottaway having bought an interest. In 1902 the firm was dissolved, W. L. Nuttall continuing in the dry goods, clothing and general merchandise trade, and Brookmire & Ottaway taking the hardware business.

In 1904 Mr. Nuttall purchased a half interest in Xynglesyde Point, one of the most beautiful building spots on Findley Lake, and is active in improving and laying out the property.

On January, 1, 1894, Mr. Nuttall was married to Grace Mildred Duryea of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, an accomplished young lady and a teacher of music and elocution. She died November 27, 1895, of typhoid fever, leaving one daughter, Rhea Geniveve. Little Rhea was a very delicate child and did not live to reach her third year, dying Jan-

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