

his purchase per annum being over two hundred tons of grapes. The wine product of these grapes is shipped all over the country and some to foreign lands, which fact is proper attestation not only of its quality but also of the esteem in which it is held by the commercial world. The qualities which have earned for his wines such a wide reputation are purity and honest value.

DOCTOR E. ISHAM. Longevity appears to run in families to a greater or less degree and the Isham family seems to be especially endowed with long life. David Isham (grandfather) attained to a full century lacking one year. One son reached the same age while the father of subject was eighty-nine years of age when he died. Doctor E. Isham is a son of Joshua and Lucinda (Chamberlain) Isham, and first looked upon the blue skies of heaven and the green grass of earth near the scene of his present home in Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, September 19, 1843. The Isham family is one of Scotch extraction. David Isham (grandfather) lived in Vermont and died when ninety-nine years old. Joshua Isham (father) was born in Rutland, Vt., in 1778, and remained there until 1840, when he came to Chautauqua county and soon after settled in Westfield town on the farm where his son now lives. He died in 1867, aged eighty-nine years. Mr. Isham was a carpenter and joiner by trade which he followed nearly all his life. He was a republican and member of the Universalist church. In 1839, he married Lucinda Chamberlain, a native of Thetford, Vermont. She died in 1879, aged sixty-eight years, and was also a member of the same church. They had three children.

Doctor E. Isham was reared on a farm and then mastered the carpenter and joiner's trade which he is now working at to a limited extent. His education was received at the public schools. When but nineteen years of age,

August 22, 1862, he enlisted in Co. E, 154th regiment, New York Infantry. He served until January 22, 1864, and was then discharged from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., having been wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville. His left foot was shot away by a cannon ball on June 3, 1863, and he was confined to the hospital from that date until discharged. He then returned to Chautauqua county and lives upon the old homestead two miles east of Westfield village, engaged at his trade and grape culture.

On January 8, 1868, he married Nancy Bush, a daughter of Henry Bush of this town. They have four children, three sons and one daughter: Arlington D., Stella V., Claude E. and Earnest J. One child, Clyde, died in infancy in August, 1888, aged nine months.

Dr. E. Isham is a member of William Sackett Post, No. 324, G. A. R., and affiliates with the Republican party.

ROBERT KANE. Among the descendants of the people whose lives are spent amid the beautiful lakes and hills of Ireland, the "Emerald Isle of the Sea," we enroll the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Robert Kane, a son of Thomas and Mary (Conigham) Kane, was born on the 10th day of June, 1852, his native city being Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, New York. Charles Kane (paternal grandfather) was a native of Ireland, where he lived until summoned to another and a better world. The maternal grandfather of Robert Kane, James Conigham, was also a native of Ireland, where he spent his entire life. Thomas Kane (father) was born in Ireland, but emigrated to "the land of the free and the home of the brave" in 1845, and located where he landed, in the city of New York. He resided here a few years, and deciding he could better his fortunes by seeking "fresh fields and pastures new," removed to Dunkirk, this State, in 1860. For the past few years he has been

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