

a strong factor in the ultimate development of Barberton's business activities, as well as greatly increased prosperity along all lines.

WILLISTON ALLING, president of the Dime Savings Bank at Akron, and formerly county recorder of Summit County, was born October 26, 1842, in Vienna Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and is a son of Jonathan and Maria (Clark) Alling. The parents of Mr. Alling came to Trumbull County from Connecticut, in which state he resided until he was twelve years old. He then became a member of his uncle's family, in Northampton Township, Summit County. After remaining with his uncle for three years, he secured farm work in Tallmadge Township. In August, 1862, he enlisted from that township for service in the Civil War and for three and a half years thereafter was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged in December, 1865.

Mr. Alling then returned to Tallmadge Township and engaged in contracting and building, in which business he continued until 1897. Mr. Alling became president on its organization of the Dime Savings Bank, at Akron, which is now one of the leading financial institutions of the city. The other officers of this bank are: Clint W. Kline and Charles Switzer, vice-presidents, and William H. Evans, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock of this bank is \$50,000, with a surplus of \$2,250. The bank is situated in the Masonic Building on the corner of Mill and Howard Streets.

Mr. Alling was married in 1867 to Emilie A. Carter, who was born in Brimfield, Portage County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Horatio L. and Julia A. (Lyon) Carter, natives of Massachusetts. He and his wife have been the parents of six children: Julia M., Walter C., Ruth W., Fannie M., Mary E. and Edwin L., of whom the last mentioned died in December, 1904. The family has a high social standing in Akron.

Politically, Mr. Alling is a staunch Repub-

lican, and at various times he has served in important offices. For twenty-one years he was a justice of the peace, for several years county recorder, and for a long period an active and useful member of the Board of Education of Tallmadge. Mr. Alling and family reside at No. 39 South Balch Street. The Alling family are members of the West Congregational Church.

JOSEPH COOK, an old and honored citizen of Akron, now retired from active business life, was born in England in 1847. His parents came to America when he was an infant, settling first at Danville, later at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and still later at East Liverpool, Ohio.

He was reared up to the age of sixteen years in East Liverpool, obtaining his education in the public schools. He was still a schoolboy when he first enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company F, Fourth Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, in which he served, nevertheless, with the courage and efficiency of a man through the eight months for which he had contracted. After his discharge he re-enlisted, entering Company A, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served four months, and being honorably discharged, came to Akron. Here he enlisted for the third time, in Company A, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one year, but as this was an old regiment, it was soon mustered out, and Mr. Cook was transferred to Company E, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he remained until the close of the war, being finally mustered out in the fall of 1865. He had served under General Butler in the Eastern army and under General Kelley in West Virginia, his last field service being with the Army of the Cumberland.

Mr. Cook then returned to Ohio, his parents in the meanwhile having settled on a farm in Summit County, where he remained until he had recuperated from his long period of fatigues and exposure incidental to army

life. Settling in Akron, he became interested in a pottery business with John Richardson and David Butler, under the firm name of Richardson, Cook & Butler. This firm was afterward incorporated as the Akron Stoneware Company, of which Mr. Cook was president and general manager for three years. Failing health caused him to dispose of his interests in the company, and he took a season of rest. He subsequently returned to the pottery business, however, under the firm name of Weeks, Cook & Weeks, building a pottery plant and managing the business for four years. He then sold out to F. H. Weeks, and turned his attention to improving his education, which his early enlistment had interrupted, to that end taking a complete course in Hammel's Business College, at Akron.

Mr. Cook then accepted a position as manager with the Wood Type and Novelty Company, and so continued until the business was closed out. For some four subsequent years he was associated with the Drop Hammer Forge Company, filling the office of president, and later went into business with Charles S. Hart, under the firm name of Hart & Cook, which connection lasted for fifteen years. At the same time Mr. Cook was president and general manager of the Akron China Company, but he sold his interests therein and later became connected with the Cleveland China Company in the decoration of china and white ware. After four years Mr. Cook practically retired, in 1905, from active business life, although he owns a large amount of land, to which he gives attention, and he is also financially interested in the Aluminum Flake Company. He was for so long an active factor in the city's business life that his name is a familiar and an honored one in the local marts of trade. He has also been active in political life to the extent of working for civic reform and good government, but has consented to service in no office, except on the school board, where he continued for four years.

On October 9, 1873, Mr. Cook was married to Mary P. Norton, who is a daughter

of Thomas Norton, and who was born in the pleasant old home at No. 1320 East Market Street, in which Mr. Cook and his family now reside. Six children have been born into their household, namely: Eva, who married Carl Trulson, residing at Cleveland; Thomas M., residing in Nevada; Mary P., who lives at home with her parents; Martha, who married John Lemmon, and resides in Oakland, California; George W., residing in Oakland, but in business at San Francisco; and Celia, who resides with her parents. Mr. Cook is a member of Akron Lodge, F. & A. M.; Buckley Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic; the Odd Fellows, and of some purely social organizations.

RICHARD L. MOORE, postmaster at Cuyahoga Falls, and one of the representative citizens of the place, was born at Blacklick, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1880, and is a son of McConnell and Elizabeth (Mildren) Moore.

The Moore family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. William Moore, the great-grandfather of Richard L., was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where his life was spent, engaged in agricultural pursuits. His son, Hugh Moore, was born in Westmoreland County in 1806, and died in Sugar Creek Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in 1900. He followed the trade of blacksmith. His wife was Fannie, daughter of John Shryock, of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and they reared the following children: John and William, both deceased; James, residing at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Lavinia, deceased; Thomas H., residing at Los Angeles, California; McConnell, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Sarah Jane, who is the wife of Captain Samuel J. Nickerson, of Indiana, Pennsylvania; Margaret Ann, widow of John Adams, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; and George H., of Rimersburg, Pennsylvania. The mother of the above family died at the age of eighty-three years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore were devout Presbyterians, Mr. Moore being an elder in the church. McConnell Moore, father of Richard L.,