

He was desirous of helping those who needed help and whom he thought would make good use of it. His integrity was unimpeachable, and he expected to find the same in those with whom he dealt. The detection, during a business transaction, of one dishonest intention in a man caused him never again to have any dealings whatever with that person. Though certainly not a speculator, he was a far-seeing man, possessing mental acumen and sound judgment. He perceived there was plenty of material in the raw hides in the district for the manufacture of leather; so he supplied a tannery and established a remunerative industry. He saw a source of undeveloped wealth in the oak on his properties, so he organized a systematic shipment of oak log rafts to Quebec. Asa Werden was of a retiring disposition, and was not greatly in evidence in public life; but owing to his prominent position in the county he was induced to represent it in Parliament, which he did for many years. As a Magistrate he was frequently appealed to as arbitrator, when his advice to the parties invariably was to settle their disputes without litigation. He was greatly interested in educational matters and was a most generous man, giving bountifully but stealthily. He was first buried on the old homestead, but the body was subsequently disinterred and removed to Picton.

Ellen E. Werden, fifth daughter and ninth child of Asa Werden, married Edward Miller. They settled in Athol, and had ten children. Of these, Herbert S. Miller, well known throughout the Bay of Quinte region, was born at Salmon Point. He received his early education at Picton, and soon after turned his attention to the cheese business, the great future of which he already foresaw. After some years of practical training and experience he commenced business in 1880 as a cheese and hop dealer throughout the counties of Prince Edward and Lennox and Addington, with headquarters at Picton. His business has steadily grown until he has become, perhaps, the largest buyer in the Bay of Quinte district. He is a member of the Picton Dairyman Association and one of the solid business men of Picton.

In 1817 Elias Werden with his wife and seven children came to Prince Edward county, where his brother Asa had preceded him by some years. It was their hope to trace out and establish their claim to their grandfather's property in Gaspé. But in this they did not succeed, for through the long minority of the heirs the great political changes and the imperfect registration of those

times, the title had lapsed past all recovery. Elias Werden engaged in farming in Athol, and also worked at his trade as a carpenter. His noble wife and himself wielded a strong influence for good in the community in which they lived, by their high sense of morality, uprightness and courtesy. They never accumulated much property, but they directed their efforts mainly to the careful training of their large family. Their reward lay in seeing their children grow into upright, cultured men and women, who trusted in God and were loyal to their country. The twelve sons and daughters whose names appear in the genealogy, passed the greater part of their lives in Prince Edward county and the adjacent counties of Hastings and Northumberland. Only two of them, William W. and Sarah V., died under seventy years of age; and several passed their eightieth birthday. George L. is the only one now living, and he is now (1904) in his eightieth year. Many of Elias Werden's descendants still live in the county, and some are located in other parts of the Dominion and in the United States. Wherever found, they take their place among the leading families of the community, and are to be identified with whatever makes for culture and prosperity.

A well-known descendant of Elias Werden, and son of Albert Werden, is William H. Werden, of Sophiasburgh. In early life he was appointed ensign in the 3rd Battalion of Prince Edward Militia upon the recommendation of Colonel Ruttan. His commission was issued by Governor-General Monck and countersigned by W. Powell. He owns a farm of one hundred acres under a high state of cultivation and is one of the leading citizens of Sophiasburgh.

#### ASA WERDEN.

##### THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN:

- I. Clara Werden, b. 1802; m. Miss Leavens; set. Pickering. Issue: (1) a son, (2) Byron, (3) William, (4) Louisa, (5) Elizabeth, and (6) another.
- II. Aaron Werden, b. 1804; m. Catharine Davis; set. Hallowell. Issue: (1) Antoinette, (2) Helen, (3) William, (4) Elizabeth, (5) Gage, (6) Emma C., (7) Wilfred, and (8) Frances.
- III. Deborah Werden, b. 1806; m. William Gage; set. near Pickering. Issue: (1) Werden, (2) Ulysses, and two daughters.
- IV. Amelia Werden, b. 1808; m. Bernard Daynard; set. Athol.