

HONORABLE RECORD


Sketch of Hon. Clark King,
Wellknown Citizen of
Montpelier

SOME REMINISCENCES

Has Held the Offices of High Sheriff
and State Senator—Tells of the Big
Flood of 1862.

Hon. Clark King, one of the best known of the older residents of Montpelier, was born in what is now known as East Montpelier on October 8, 1850. East Montpelier was not cut-off from the township of Montpelier until about 1854. His father was Dr. Nathaniel C. King, who came from Rochester, Mass., having been born in 1759, being the son of Jonathan and Mary (Clark) King.

Dr. King had a long and interesting career. He taught school in his youth, but deciding to make the medical profession his life work, he studied for a while under Dr. Foster, of Rochester, and then attended lectures at the medical school at Dartmouth College. In 1812 Dr. King came to Vermont taking up his practice in North Montpelier, but in 1814 he forsook his own private interests to follow his country's flag, and served as surgeon in the second war against Great Britain. After his marriage to Miss Fannie Davis, the daughter of Nathaniel Davis, a prominent citizen of Montpelier, he gave up the practice of medicine and engaged in mercantile trade with his



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father-in-law. He was very successful in this, becoming one of the wealthy men of Vermont. All through his life he showed himself to be patriotic and public spirited. He represented his town in the Legislature of 1849-50, and served for a long time as Justice of the Peace.

Five children were born to Dr. and Mrs. King, of whom Clark King is the youngest. Dr. King died on Dec. 1, 1882, and was the oldest man in town at the time, being 93 years of age. Mrs. King was born in 1794, died in 1847.

Clark King received his early education at the academy in South Woodstock. After this in his early life he became a farmer in East Montpelier, holding nearly all the town offices. In 1867 he was elected High Sheriff of Washington county. Mr. King tells of the incident as follows: