

of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and has secured for him a well-merited competence,

JOSEPH SVOBODA, wood carver and dealer in furniture and wall paper, Kewaunee, was born in Bohemia March 3, 1859. His father, John Svoboda, was born in 1833, was a cloth weaver, and a jeweler to some extent, and the grandfather, Emmanuel, was also a cloth weaver. John Svoboda was married in 1857 to Anna Krcil, who became the mother of eight children, of whom two sons and two daughters died in Bohemia, leaving one son and three daughters as survivors.

Of these, Joseph Svoboda came to America in 1879, locating in Carlton, Kewaunee Co., Wis., and for three years worked at carpentering, which he had learned in the old country. He then bought a farm in Carlton, in the meantime sending money to Bohemia to aid his father, mother and sisters in reaching Carlton, and subsequently, in 1886, brought over his foster brother. The mother died in Carlton in June, 1891, and the father in May, 1893. Mr. Svoboda carried on farming for seven years, although he worked at his trade at the same time. In the spring of 1891 he rented his farm, located in the city of Kewaunee, and started his present business, making a specialty of artistic church furniture and fine wood carving. He has achieved a high reputation, having made some of the most beautiful altar furniture in the State, drawing his own designs and making his own patterns. This industry enables him to employ steadily three assistants. He had acquired a high and chaste idea of his art by working in different cities in Austria and Turkey before coming to America, although his education had been confined to the common schools, and this privilege had not been attained until after reaching his twelfth year.

Mr. Svoboda was married in May, 1881, to Miss Anna Langer, daughter of Joseph Langer, a pioneer of Kewaunee county, and this union has been blessed with six children, viz.: Antone, Katy, Anna, Bohomila (who died in infancy), Joseph and Emily. In politics, Mr. Svoboda is a Democrat, but is not violently partisan, contenting himself with the exercise of his franchise as an American citizen. He and wife are both members of the Catholic Church.

*Great Grandfather of
Jeanne J. Hagston Chase*

LEVI BARABOO, proprietor of the "Leplant House," in Egg Harbor, Door county, was born June 16, 1841, in Upper Canada, third son of Andrew Baraboo, a native of the same country. Andrew Baraboo was twice married, and by his second wife had six children—four sons and two daughters—of whom our subject was the fifth in the order of birth. The father died when Levi was but twelve years old, the mother a few years later, thus leaving the lad obliged to support himself at an early age.

For a short time after his father's death Levi Baraboo lived with his eldest sister, who was married, and at the age of thirteen began to work in a brickyard, being employed four summers by the same man, during the winter season living with an uncle, who was a tavern-keeper. By this time he was old enough to work at lumbering, an occupation he followed until he reached the age of twenty-five years. In the fall of 1865 he went to Crown Point, N. Y., near Lake Champlain, in the neighborhood of which place he found employment cutting cordwood, and here he was married, in 1867, to Miss Mary Minor, also a Canadian by birth. After his marriage he continued in the neighborhood of Lake Champlain about a year, working in a tannery, and then removed to Door county, Wis., where his father-in-law and two of his brothers had