

Lorenzo M. Armstrong, of this village, occupies the position of Assistant Cashier at the First National Bank, where he has been employed since 1916. His fine business acumen has won for him many friends.

Armstrong is a graduate of Amherst and Revereview Academy. He lived in New Haven, Conn. prior to coming to Red Hook.

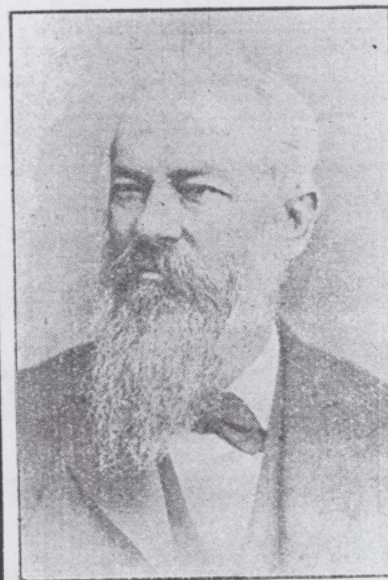
He is keenly interested in athletics and was assistant football coach at St. Stephen's over a period of 5 years. He is a School Director, Trustee of Christ Church, Secretary of the Parish, Village Treasurer and a member of the Red Hook Fire Company.

Mr. Armstrong is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. He is married and has one daughter, Marjorie, and two sons, Lorenzo, Jr. and John.

Lorenzo M. Armstrong



Robert L. Massonneau



Robert L. Massonneau, one of the founders and one of the first directors, was president of the First National Bank from 1875 to 1898. He was born in Red Hook, the son of Robert C. Massonneau and of the third generation of Massonneaus born in Red Hook. In early life he was a member of the firm and active in the conduct of the J. & P. Hendricks Co., manufacturers of tobacco. During the Civil War he sold his interests in the factory and devoted his time to the affairs of the First National Bank.

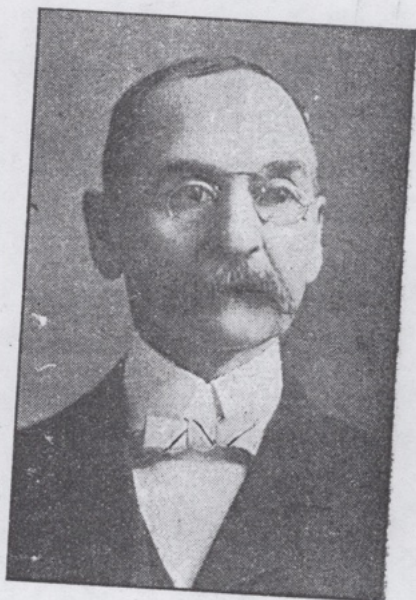
Frederick L. Cotting



Frederick L. Cotting, present Assistant Cashier

Maynard Ham

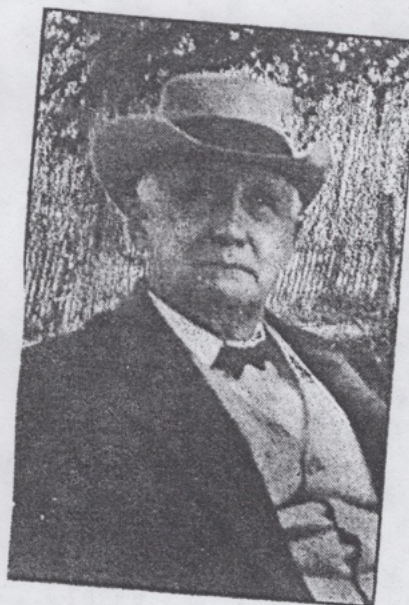
Edward L. Parsons
(5th Cashier)



Edward L. Parsons was born in Sodus, N. Y. He served during the Civil War as clerk at one of the Regimental Headquarters. At the close of the war he was highly complimented on his work and told his clerk's records were among the best sent in from the field. Later in life he made his home in Red Hook and was elected a director of the First National Bank in 1907 and served as its Cashier from 1908 to 1911.

Mr. Parsons was well thought of in the community. He was public spirited and lent a helping hand often to his neighbors and friends.

John N. Lewis
(5th President)



John N. Lewis was born March 26th, 1830, at Annandale in the house built by his grandfather, Thomas Lewis, about 1750. He was elected a Director of the First National Bank in 1875 and was the 5th President of the institution, serving from 1901 to 1912.

Mr. Lewis was an admirable character and was actively identified with the various neighborhood activities throughout his life. He served for many years as School Trustee and Assessor of the Town of Red Hook. He was an Elder of St. John's Reformed Church of Upper Red Hook and was at one time a director of the Dutchess Insurance Company of Poughkeepsie and of Galtandet Home for the Deaf.

Mr. Lewis died June 15th, 1914, in the same house in which he was born.

William E. Traver



William E. Traver, Vice-President of the First National Bank, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1908 and has been Vice-President since 1921.

Dr. Traver, who by profession is a dentist, was born in the Town of Red Hook and received his early education in the local school. He was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College and began the practice of his profession in Red Hook, where he was located several years, moving to Rhinebeck only a few years ago, where he established an office.

Dr. Traver's personality and his standing in the community have won many friends for the bank. For several years he was trustee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of which church he is a member. He is a member of Hendrick Hudson Lodge of Masons.

Miss Minnie G. Curtis



Miss Minnie G. Curtis, a native of this village and a graduate of the Red Hook High School, has held the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank since 1910.

Miss Curtis was formerly assistant post mistress of the village. She has taken an active part in the affairs of the community and is prominently identified with its many social affairs. For many years she was organist of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Theodore F. Cookingham is a First National Bank director and the owner of a large fruit and dairy farm just north of the village.

He is a man of broad agricultural experience and has been President of the Town Mutual Insurance Company for the past four years. He served for 12 years as President of Red Hook High School Board and was a director for many years in the Town Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Cookingham's various activities and his close identification with the business life of the community has won for him a position of leadership in the community.

Theo. F. Cookingham



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John S. Crouse

(2nd Cashier)



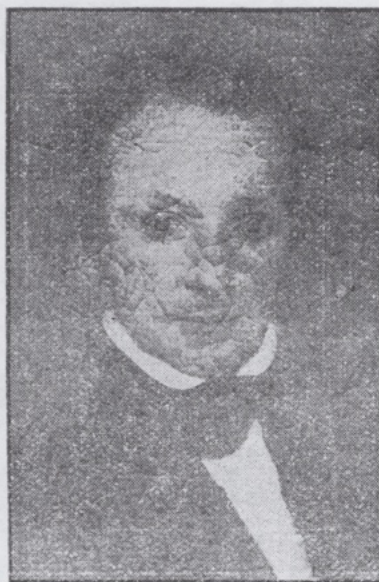
John S. Crouse was born in town of Clinton, Dutchess County, September 26th, 1828. He was in freighting business at Hyde Park with his uncle, Spencer Bennett and later continued in the same business at Poughkeepsie. In 1852 he entered the employ of the Poughkeepsie Bank, now the Poughkeepsie Trust Company. There he was considered an expert in detecting counterfeit money and was so skillful that other banks often called on him to render like service for them.

When the First National Bank in this Village was about to open for business he came to Red Hook and opened its books. In May, 1865, he became Cashier, which office he held until 1893. He was elected a Director in 1875. The Bank continued to flourish under his administration.

Mr. Crouse was of an unassuming character and his quiet, jovial nature won for him many friends.

William Chamberlain

(2nd President)



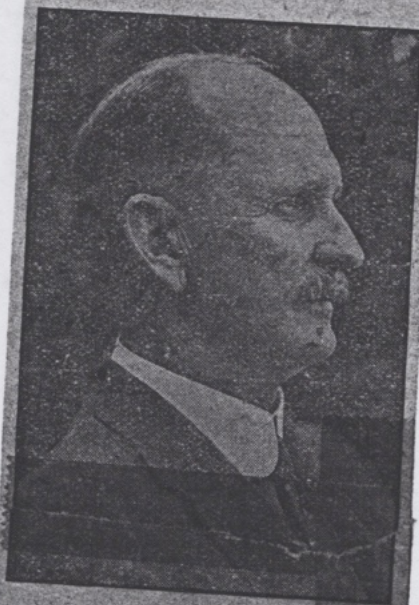
William Chamberlain was born on a New Hampshire farm, from which he went to New York City to make his fortune. He entered the business of importing fruit in which he prospered. Later he came to Red Hook and purchased a large tract of land, known now as the Heberle, Trow and Timpson Farms. His lands extended into the Village of Red Hook on the north side of West Market street and included the land where the homes of William H. Boice, Albert F. Kerley and A. Stickle are now located.

He was a man of great executive ability. He was one of the founders of the bank and a member of the first Board of Directors and 2nd President of the Red Hook Bank during the years 1866 to 1875.

Mr. Chamberlain was the first president of the New York Central Railroad. It was thought that his object in buying up property in Red Hook was to induce the railroad to run its tracks directly through the village. Many estates along the Hudson were bought at that time as Mr. Chamberlain gave them his guarantee that their property would not be disturbed by the tracks of the proposed railroad. However, he was out-voted in the meeting of the railroad board of directors and the road was laid out in its present location despite his efforts.

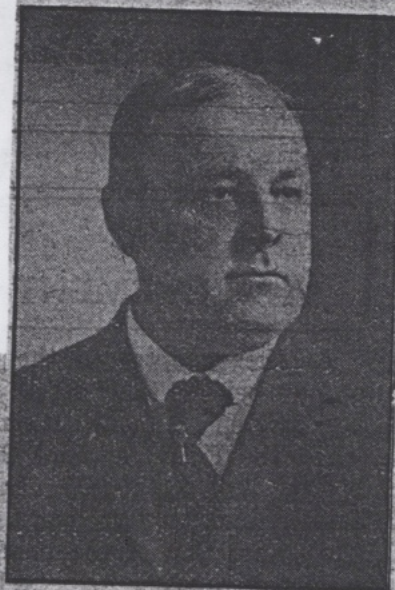
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Charles B. Hoffman



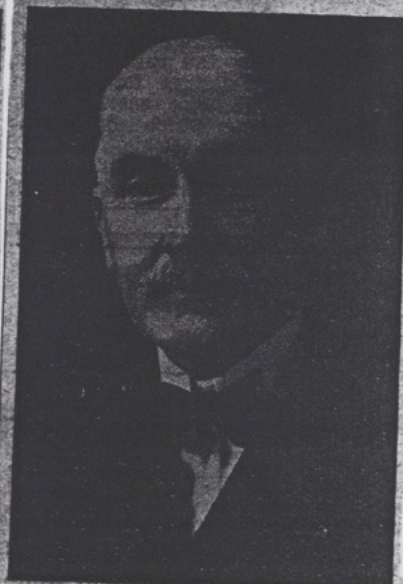
Charles Beckman Hoffman was born in the town of Red Hook. He was educated in the De Garmo Institute in Rhinebeck. In early life he was a farmer and his homestead was the farm now owned by the estate of Lewis H. Teator. Later he became a clerk in the store of Lucky Platt and Company in Poughkeepsie. He then turned to Red Hook and became manager of Hoffman & Co., a most successful business here. He retired and occupied himself with the affairs of the

Edwin H. Weaver



Edwin H. Weaver was born in the city of Albany. It was there that he received his early training in banking as a member of the staff of the New York State National Bank. On May 31st, 1904, Mr. Weaver was chosen as the cashier of the Red Hook Bank and served in this capacity until 1908 when he resigned. Mr. Weaver was also a director of the institution, having been elected to this office on May 29th, 1905.

William Platt Adams



William Platt Adams, until his recent death, served as a Director of the First National Bank from 1916 until July 31st, 1928.

He was a lineal descendant of President John Quincy Adams. He attended the DeGarmo Institute, at Rhinebeck, from which he was graduated in 1879. He was also an alumnus of Union College at Schenectady. He took up his residence in Red Hook in 1909. He was president of the Dutchess County Historical Society, President of the Dutchess County Health Association and a trustee of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank. He was also associated with other organizations.

Although of an unassuming and reserved nature, he was extremely public spirited and was ever ready to render generous community service.

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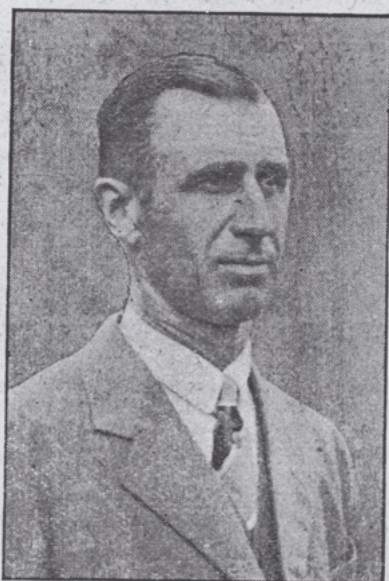
Eugene P. Budd



Eugene P. Budd, born in the town of Clinton, has been a director of the First National Bank since 1915. He attended De Garmo Institute at Rhinebeck and was graduated from the New Paltz Normal school. For several years he taught school, but later in life took up farming in Red Hook, where he now owns and operates a 365 acre dairy and fruit farm. He is active in the affairs of his community, a director of Town Mutual Insurance Company, a member of Dutchess County Farm Bureau, Red Hook Grange, a member and a charter member of Hendrick Hudson Lodge F. & A. M.

He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook.

Ezra B. Cookingham



Ezra B. Cookingham, who was elected a director of the First National Bank in 1927, was born in Red Hook and received his early education in the local school and later attended the Riverview Military Academy in Poughkeepsie. He took up farming as his work and now owns and operates one of the finest dairy and fruit farms in the township.

He attends St. John's Reformed church at Upper Red Hook.

Albert F. Kerley



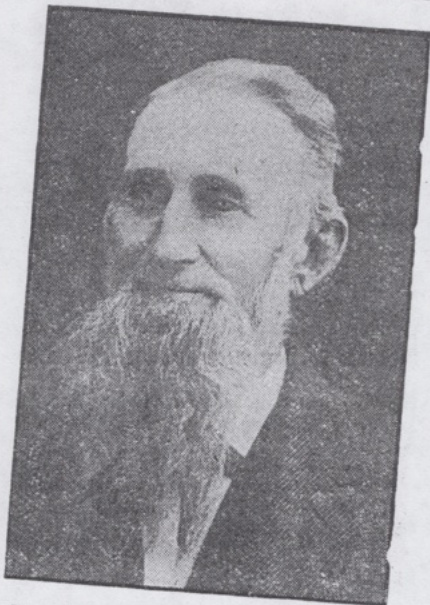
Albert F. Kerley, Cashier of the First National Bank, has served in this capacity on the bank staff since 1911. Mr. Kerley has been affiliated with the banking institution since 1904, beginning his employment as assistant bookkeeper.

Mr. Kerley was born in the town of Red Hook. He is a graduate of the Red Hook High School and of the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. His faithfulness to his work and his splendid business and executive ability early won for him the position of Cashier. Mr. Kerley has given to his office excellent judgment and his is an outstanding personality at the bank.

Outside of his banking interests, Mr. Kerley is Secretary and Treasurer of the High School Board, Trustee and Director of the Town Mutual Insurance Company Incorporated. He is a member of the Dutchess County Farm Bureau, a member of the Red Hook Farmers Co-operative Association and a member of Hendrick Hudson Lodge of Masons.

Mr. Kerley is married and has one daughter, Elizabeth, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Benjamin B. Hoffman



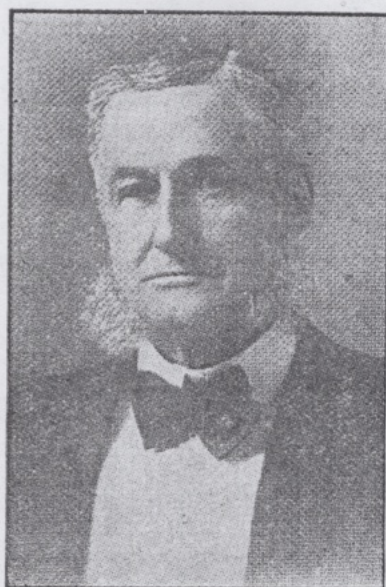
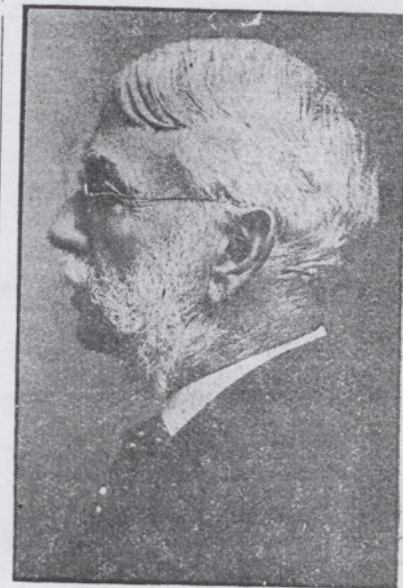
Benjamin Beckman Hoffman, born in Red Hook, was one of the first stockholders of the First National Bank. He was elected a director in 1877 and was its fourth president from 1898 to 1901. Mr. Hoffman was an active business man of the village and he conducted a butcher shop in the store now occupied by Paul Fragomen. Later he was a partner in the well-known tobacco firm, Hoffman & Co. He was a careful, keen business man and added materially to the strength of the directorship of the bank. His advice was frequently sought by investors of the town.



WILLIAM S. MASSONNEAU

Allan B. Hendricks, the oldest living depositor and assistant Cashier of the First National Bank from 1904 to 1918, was born in Red Hook, the son of Jeremiah Hendricks. As a young man he was engaged in the freighting business under the firm name of Allan B. Hendricks & Co., Barrytown. At one time he conducted the Red Hook Mill. Later in life he was actively associated with the affairs of the Bank, being assistant Cashier from 1904 to 1918. He has for over fifty years been a representative of several insurance companies and continues in active business at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Hendricks' activities and interest in behalf of the bank span the whole life of the institution. He may well say with a famous statesman of history: "All of which I have seen and a part of which I have been." Few men have been accorded the privilege of so long and so intimate a connection with any institution as Mr. Hendricks has enjoyed.



Philip H. Stickle, the oldest living first stockholder and the second oldest living depositor, was born in Red Hook. From young manhood he has operated the splendid fruit and dairy farm which has been in the Stickle family for four generations. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Stickle has identified himself with the affairs of his town. He served as Supervisor for two terms, 1878-1879, Assessor for eight years, Town Auditor for three years, member of the town license board for two years and for many years trustee of School District No. 5.

Mr. Stickle is now a director of the town Mutual Insurance Company, a member of the Dutchess County Farm Bureau, member of Poughkeepsie Lodge B. P. O. E. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and has always been actively associated with its affairs.

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