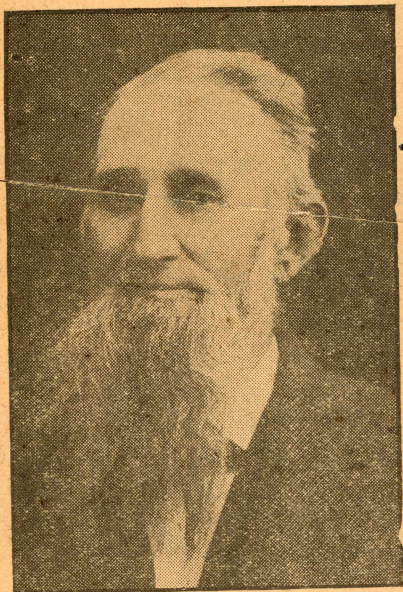


Benjamin B. Hoffman



Benjamin Beekman 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.