

John S. Crouse

(2nd Cashier)



John S. Crouse was born in the town of Clinton, Dutchess County, September 26th, 1828. He was in the 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 Co. 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.