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Country Club. In politics he is a Republican, with independent proclivities; in religion a Presbyterian, and he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. His home is at 38 West Fifty-third street; his office at 2 Wall street. He married, April 13, 1887, Mary (Ide) Low, born November 30, 1857, daughter of Henry Ide, of Wrentham, Massachusetts. Children: Lyman Northrop, born in Brooklyn, June 21, 1889; Francis Worthington, born in Brooklyn, April 10, 1891.

According to the best historical and traditional evidence the family of Terrill, or Terrell, in this country, is of Anglo-Norman origin, and was founded in England by Sir Walter Tyrell, a Norman knight, about 1066, when William the Conqueror took possession of that country. From this old Anglo-Norman stock descended three brothers, William, James and John Terrell, who, during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, being Quakers, and grievously persecuted on account of their religion, passed over into Ireland, as English colonists "within the Pale," and after a temporary residence emigrated to America, some time between 1665 and 1700. William Terrell settled in Virginia, one of the other brothers settled in North Carolina, near Virginia, and the third brother is supposed to have settled in New England. Another tradition is that the three brothers were sent to Virginia by King James the Second of England about 1687, as explorers and huntsmen for the crown, and that they were each awarded for their services a royal grant of fifteen hundred acres in the counties of Hanover, Caroline and King George.

The name Terrill is spelled in various ways. The founder of the family in England, Sir Walter, who crossed from Normandy in 1066, with William the Conqueror, seems to have spelled it Tirell, as appears from an engraved stone in Battle Abbey, which stands near the battlefield of Hastings. Since then various forms have been adopted by different branches of the family, such as Tyrell, Terrell, Terrill, Tirrel, Turrell, Tyrel and Terrail. The several branches of the family are scattered widely over the United States. The branch using the form Terrill is largely in New England, the middle eastern states and west of the Mississippi. The branch using the form Terrell is chiefly to be found in the middle west and southern states. From this latter branch came General W. H. H. Terrell, now or late of Indianapolis, Indiana, Ex-Governor Terrell, of Georgia, and the influential Terrell family of Texas.

Several immigrants of the name of Terrill appeared at an early period in Connecticut. Roger Terrill, progenitor of an important branch of the family, was then in Milford and Stratford. He signed the fundamental articles for the settlement of Woodbury, Connecticut, whither he came with the first settlers, and where he died April 17, 1722; his widow, Sarah, died April 13, 1728. William Terrill was a resident of Norwich, Connecticut, among the earliest and was one of the petitioners asking to be allowed to remain when the permanent settlement was made. He may have been father of John Terrell, who was a taxpayer as early as 1664 and was one of the grantees of New London, Connecticut. John married Sarah, daughter of Isaac Willey, and died February 27, 1712, the death of his wife occurring March 7, of the same year. No children are mentioned in her will, but it is thought that he had children by a first wife, for the church records mention two children, William and Mary, baptized May 7, 1671.

(I) Lewis Terrill was son or grandson of John Terrell, of New London, and was born 1700-10. He married (first) December 25, 1733, Mehitable, daughter of Joseph Hebard (Hibbard), of Windham, Connecticut. He married (second), May 30, 1745, Anna Simons. He settled at Mansfield, Connecticut, many of the settlers of which were from New London. Children of first wife, born at Mansfield, Connecticut: Mary, February 21, 1734-35, baptized May 4, 1735; Mehitable, March 11, 1737; Triphena, October 23, 1739. Children of second wife: Thomas, born at Coventry, Connecticut, in 1746; Arad, mentioned below; Lewis, October 8, 1752; Anne, November 10, 1754; Josiah, August 23, 1756; Hannah, at Windsor, June 27, 1758; Eunice Simons, January 9, 1762.

(II) Arad, son of Lewis Terrill, was born at Coventry, August 23, 1750. He removed from Coventry to Hampden, formerly part of Hampshire county, Massachusetts, where he lived several years. Later he went to Bennington county, Vermont, and died there, leaving many descendants in that State. He was a blacksmith as well as a farmer, and was an industrious and upright man. He married Jemima Brace. Children: Timothy, mentioned below, Thaddeus, Samuel, Jemima, Susan, Anna, Mehitable and Lewis. According to the census of 1790 Arad had a family consisting of two males over sixteen, two under that age and four females, and was living at Rupert, Bennington county, Vermont.

(III) Timothy, son of Arad Terrill, was born in Hampden, Massachusetts, August 7, 1770, died at the age of sixty-two. He was

a farmer. In politics he was a Whig; in religion a Congregationalist. He went to Vermont with his parents and married at Rupert (first) November 22, 1792, Martha Leavitt. He married (second) Charlotte Fullington, of Fairfax, Vermont. Children of first wife, born at Rupert: 1. Triphena, August 4, 1796; married Hiram Cady and moved to Brown county, Wisconsin, in the fifties, settling at De Pere. 2. Moses, mentioned below. 3. Aaron, July 19, 1801, died in Vermont; lived at Morristown and followed farming. 4. Asaph L., September 2, 1803; a farmer at Underhill, Vermont. 5. Rachel, died young. 6. Arad, April 2, 1808; settled in Jefferson county, New York, and died there. 7. Silas H., December 11, 1810; died of typhoid fever in Underhill in 1861. 8. John, February 2, 1814, died at Morristown, Vermont. Children of second wife: 9. Joseph, October 4, 1815; carpenter at St. Joseph, Michigan, where he died early in life. 10. Timothy, December 19, 1819; lived at Morrisville, Vermont. 11. Malana, November 27, 1824; married ——— Lee, of Jericho, Vermont.

(IV) Moses, son of Timothy Terrill, was born May 9, 1799, at Rupert, Vermont. He attended the district schools as opportunity offered, but the schools being widely scattered and of low standards, most of his education was obtained after he came of age. He bought a tract of land near his father's farm and cleared it, built a house and in the course of time developed one of the best farms of that section. He died there in 1883. He was a man of great energy and industry and wrung, by hard labor and shrewd management, a comfortable competence from the stubborn soil. In politics he was a Democrat in early life, but when the anti-slavery agitation began to affect politics he joined the Liberty party, and afterward, when it was first organized, the Republican party. He represented the town in the state legislature. He was active and influential in local affairs, public-spirited and generous in support of church and charity.

He married (first) in October, 1825, Matilda, born at Cornish, New Hampshire, April 14, 1801, daughter of Moses and Miriam (Harding) Weld. Her parents moved to Vermont when she was ten years old and there she was brought up and educated. Her father, Moses Weld, was son of Moses Weld, grandson of Moses Weld, great-grandson of John Weld. Joseph Weld, father of John, was son of John and grandson of Joseph Weld, the immigrant, who arrived in New England in the year 1838 among the earliest settlers from Wales, one of the most prominent pioneers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in military and

civil life. Of him Savage said: "He was the richest man of the colony at the time of his death. As a recompense for his important services he received valuable estates in West Roxbury, recently known as the Bussey farms, bequeathed to his son John. He stands third on the organized roll of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and was chosen ensign at its organization at Boston, on the first Monday of June, 1638. He was captain of the Roxbury Company, and was in the regiment of which John Winthrop was colonel and Thomas Dudley was lieutenant colonel." The family was originally from Wales, but came to New England from county Suffolk, England, and is traced back to 1352, when William Weld was high sheriff of London. The first wife of Moses Terrill died April 13, 1830, and he married (second) Minerva Calkins, born at Hyde Park, Vermont, April 18, 1803, died in October, 1901, aged ninety-eight years and six months. Children of first wife: Moses Weld, mentioned below; Newton Alonzo, a farmer in Morristown; other children died young. Children of second wife: Lester H., born January 7, 1833, died at Middletown, Connecticut, September 1, 1898; Benjamin F., December 13, 1834, resides at Middlefield, Connecticut; Burton, 1836, lived three or four months only; Emily Matilda, May 9, 1839, married Samuel C. Town, of Morristown, where she still resides; Carlos B., September, 1847, resides at Morristown, Vermont.

(V) Moses Weld, son of Moses Terrill, was born in Morristown, Vermont, October 2, 1826. He attended the public schools in his native town and was a student for one year at the academy in Johnson, Vermont, and two terms in a select school. His health and strength not being suited to the hard labor of a farmer's life, he was trained for a mercantile career, beginning as clerk in the general store of Hon. V. W. Waterman, at Morristown. After two years in this store he spent another two years as clerk for P. S. Benjamin, at Wolcott, Vermont, and then, in partnership with W. G. Ferrin, bought the business of Mr. Benjamin. But after a year the firm was dissolved and the store was sold. Mr. Terrill then established a general store in Morristown and conducted it successfully for twelve years. In 1861 he became interested, with Rev. E. Dickerman, of Morristown, Vermont, in the manufacture of a clothes wringer which Dickerman had invented. In the same year they became associated with the late David Lyman, of Middlefield, Connecticut, removing their business to that town, where was organized the Metropolitan Washing Machine Company, and later the Metropolitan Manufacturing



Company, with Mr. Terrill as president and David Lyman as treasurer. After the death of Mr. Lyman, in 1871, Mr. Terrill became treasurer of the company. The patent was valuable and the business proved profitable. He continued to act as treasurer of the company until it was consolidated in 1891 with the American Wringer Company, when he retired from active business. However, in October, 1891, on the incorporation of the Rogers Manufacturing Company, at Rockfall, Connecticut, he became a large stockholder and was elected president, though he did not take an active part in its management. He was an active, progressive and enterprising man of business, winning success and a fortune from legitimate industry. The same high standards that characterized his private life were applied to his dealings in business. His integrity was never in question. He was always alive to the duties of citizenship and took his part in public affairs. In politics he is a Republican. His first vote was cast in 1848 for the Free Soil candidate for president. He represented Morristown, Vermont, in the state legislature in 1855-56 and served in the general assembly of Connecticut in 1860-67-83. He was first selectman, assessor, justice of the peace, member of the board of relief and school visitor. From 1861 to 1892 he lived at Middlefield, and since then at Middletown, Connecticut. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal churches of Middlefield and Middletown and served on the boards of trustees. At the time of the erection of the new church, in 1866, at Middlefield, he was one of the leaders in giving and securing contributions to the building fund.

He married, at Morristown, Vermont, July 17, 1848, Almira Ortensia, born June 24, 1826, daughter of John and Hannah (Jacobs) Ferrin, the former a representative in the Vermont legislature. She died March 6, 1896. Children: 1. John Martin, born June 3, 1849, at Morristown, now a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut; formerly in the livery stable business; married Theresa Maria Wetherill, of Middlefield, Connecticut; children: Edith, Alice, Whitman, Helen, John, Marjorie and Ferrin. 2. Willis Edward, born June 16, 1851, mentioned below. 3. Frederick Weld, April, 30, 1853, at Morristown, Vermont, a prominent citizen of Middlefield, Connecticut; has represented the town in the general assembly of the state, and was a delegate to the constitutional convention held at Hartford in 1902; married Mary Ida Louise Skinner, of Middlefield; children: Ivy Laura, Moses Weld, William Ward, Lily May, Whitman Earl, Alma Anner, Paul Ferrin and Maria Ward. 4. Lily

May, January 8, 1864; married, at Middlefield, June 2, 1887, Rev. David George Downey, who has been pastor at Hartford, Connecticut, Mamaroneck, New York, Stamford, Connecticut, and St. John's Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and is now corresponding secretary of the board of Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters at Chicago; child, Bradford, born at Stamford, Connecticut, October 29, 1894. 5. May Lily, June 10, 1868; married, January 15, 1896, Thomas Charles Cheney, attorney at Morristown, Vermont, state's attorney, clerk of the state legislature several years and speaker of the house of representatives for two terms.

(VI) Willis Edward, son of Moses Weld Terrill, was born June 16, 1851, at Morristown, Vermont. He attended the public schools there and at Middlefield, Connecticut, whither he went with the family in 1862. He also took a course at the United States Business College at New Haven, and spent two years—1866-67—and the winter term, 1870-71, at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts. He entered the employ of the Metropolitan Manufacturing Company, of which his father was president, and was shipping and stock clerk for three years. In 1874 he left the company and engaged in business as a merchant on his own account, and for eight years conducted a general store at Middlefield. He disposed of this in 1882, and was not again actively engaged in business until 1884, when he went to Eustis, Florida, where he was a successful general merchant for eight years. Mr. Terrill represented Middlefield in the Connecticut legislature two sessions, 1877-78, and was county commissioner of Middlesex county for five years, 1879-84. He served two years in the city government of Eustis, as an alderman. In 1891 he returned to Connecticut, and in 1892 settled in Middletown, where he now resides. On the organization of the Rogers Manufacturing Company, at Rock Falls, Connecticut, in October, 1891, he became a stockholder and was made secretary-treasurer and manager. In 1905, after the death of the president, Moses Weld Terrill, he became president of the company, and has since continued to act as president and treasurer. He is at present a director of the Middlesex County National Bank, of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank of Middletown, and a member of the executive committee of the First Ecclesiastical Society. For two years he was a member of the city council of Middletown. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Terrill married, September 5, 1872, Sarah Wilson, born August 2, 1849, at North

Killingly (now part of Putnam), Connecticut, daughter of Captain William and Mary Sophronia (Wilson) Clapp, of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Lowell Clapp, father of Captain William Clapp, lived at Oswego, New York; died August 2, 1820; married Lucy, daughter of John and Annis (Bowman) Day, of Dayville, Connecticut. A history of the Day family appears elsewhere in this work.

William Clapp, father of Mrs. Terrill, enlisted in the civil war from Pomfret, Connecticut, as a captain in Company F, Eleventh Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; returned home on account of illness, but was again in the service as captain of Company D, Twenty-first Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and took part in the engagement at Newbern, North Carolina. Children: 1. Horace, born September 24, 1839; married (first) Lucinda Parrot, daughter of Samuel Williams, March 22, 1859; married (second) Mrs. Julia B. (Webster) Lyon, a widow; had no children; died August 31, 1891. 2. Albert, born at Relayville, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1841; married, March 18, 1860, Ella Thompson, of Greenwich, Rhode Island; enlisted in Company I, Third Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and was assistant sergeant major, then first lieutenant; was killed at Napoleonville, Louisiana, January 18, 1865; had no children. 3. Edward, December 25, 1842, died December 28, 1842. 4. Ellen, born at West Thompson, Connecticut, April 24, 1846, died at Danielson, Connecticut, October 14, 1875; married, March 17, 1864, John Park Dexter, of Pomfret, Connecticut, and had one child: William Clapp, born October 21, 1874, at Danielson, Connecticut. 5. Sarah Wilson, married Willis Edward Terrill, as mentioned above. 6. Lowell Lawrence, born at Pomfret, March 31, 1852, died November 19, 1879; graduate of Woodstock Academy, 1872, and of Yale University, class of 1876.

Sarah Wilson (Clapp) Terrill, wife of Willis Edward Terrill, graduated from Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in the class of 1871. She is a member of the Congregational church of Middletown, and of Wadsworth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of that city. Her grandmother was Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Williams) Starr. Her mother's father was Jonas Hewes, son of John and Sarah (Hewes) Wilson, and was a drummer in the war of 1812. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Edward Terrill: 1. Child, born September 20, 1875, died at birth. 2. Olive Clapp, born at Middletown, December 20, 1892; graduate of the Misses Pattens' Select School, Middletown, class of 1909; now a student at Welles-

ley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, class of 1913.

The Maxwell family is one of the oldest in Scotland.

Before the year 1200 the family was prominent in Roxburghshire, Dumfriesshire, Renfrewshire, Lanarkshire, Kirkcudbrightshire and Wigtonshire. The family possesses the earldoms of Dirleton and Nithsdale, baronies of Herries, Innerwick, Caerve-rock, Eskdale and five baronetcies. A branch of the family settled in the north of Ireland, when the Scotch and English Protestants were granted lands by James, king of England, who dispossessed the Irish Catholics. We have the record of James Maxwell, precinct of Liffey, county of Donegal, in Ulster, who was a tenant of Peter Benson on a fifteen hundred grant in 1619, according to the survey of Nicholas Pynnar. Maxwell was there in 1616. In 1653 James Maxwell was one of the Scotch ordered to remove from Ulster by the king's commissioners. He was then of Route Quarters, county Antrim. At the same time we find Captain Colin Maxwell in Lord Clanboy's quarters among those ordered to remove. Lieutenant Colonel George Maxwell was one of the Protestant officers who signed an agreement at Londonderry, Ireland, March 1, 1688-89, to oppose the Irish enemy, etc. The family multiplied, especially in counties Downs and Antrim, in which there were in 1890 forty-eight births in Maxwell families.

(I) Hugh Maxwell lived at Minterburn, county Tyrone, Ulster province. He was among the Scotch-Irish who sought a home in New England. He settled in Bedford, Massachusetts, and later at Heath, Massachusetts.

(II) Hugh (2), son of Hugh (1) Maxwell, was born in Minterburn, Ireland, April 27, 1733. He was a soldier in the American army in the revolution and attained the rank of colonel. He died October 14, 1799.

(III) Sylvester, son of Hugh (2) Maxwell, was born in Heath, Massachusetts, in 1775, died in December, 1858. He graduated from Yale College in 1797, and practiced law at Charlemont, Massachusetts. He married Tirzah Taylor, of Buckland, and they had four sons and four daughters.

(IV) George, son of Sylvester Maxwell, was born July 30, 1817, died April 2, 1891. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. At the age of seventeen he removed to Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he was town clerk for ten years. In 1843 he came to Rockville, Connecticut, where he was for four years in business as a general merchant.