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OF

ITS PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

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JACOB I. KNICKERBOCKER

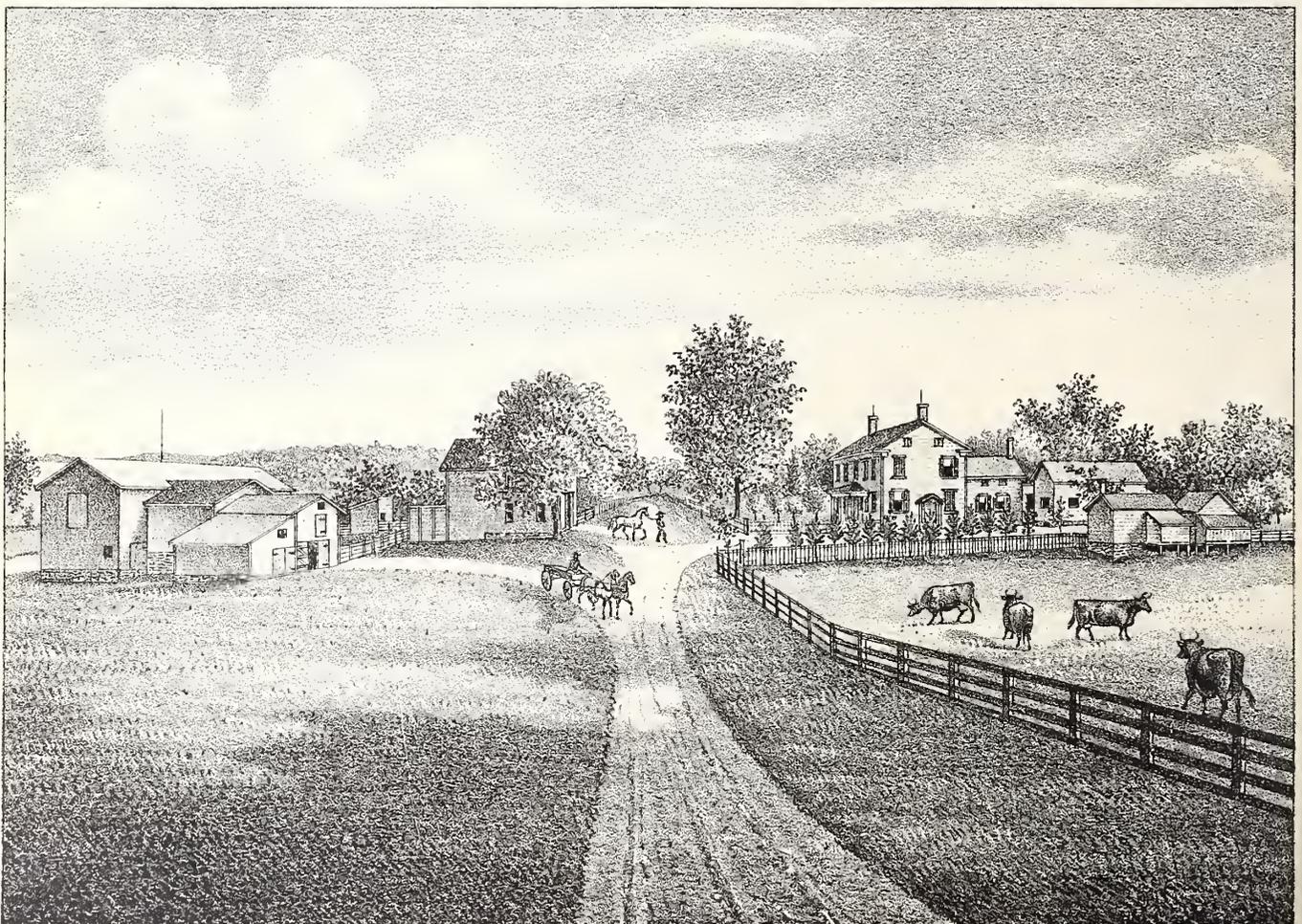
was born at Copake, Columbia Co., N. Y., Oct. 4, 1817. He is second son in a family of four sons and five daughters. His parents were of Dutch descent, but of American birth. Mr. Knickerbocker had limited opportunities for an education from books, spending his minority at home on the farm. At the age of twenty-one he married Maria, daughter of Philip and Christina (Carl) Niver, and the next year (1839), with a limited capital, he began farming for himself. By industry, economy, and good judgment in all his business relations, he has become the possessor of a farm of two hundred and thirty-



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five acres, upon which he now resides. Mr. Knickerbocker's life has been wholly devoted to agricultural pursuits. Characteristic of him are his resolution to carry forward to a successful completion whatever he undertakes, his uniform temperament, and his plain, unassuming ways. He has been an unswerving member of the Democratic party since his first vote, and is a member of the Reform Church.

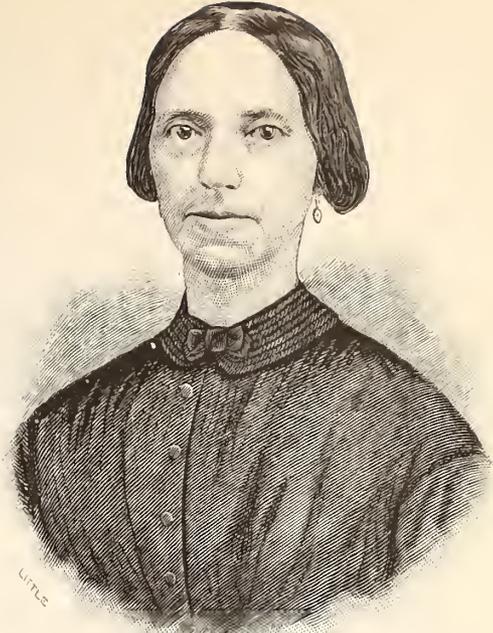
His children are Philip, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. S. Niver, and Homer. The first three of these are children by his first wife, who died in 1865. He married his present wife in 1867.



RESIDENCE OF J. I. KNICKERBOCKER, SCHODACK, N. Y.



MR. MILTON KNICKERBOCKER.



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Milton Knickerbocker was born in the town of Aneram, Columbia Co., N. Y., Jan. 10, 1815. He was the oldest in a family of four sons and five daughters. His father was an officer of the artillery in the war of 1812. His parents, whose ancestors were emigrants from Holland, removed from the place of his birth when he was only three years of age, and he remained with his grandparents, who lived upon the farm, until 1839. After reaching his majority and until this time, he had shared with his grandfather in the proceeds of the farm, and had in this way obtained a very liberal start in life for a farmer. He purchased one hundred and eight acres the same year in Schodaek (since increased to one hundred and thirty acres), and owns another farm of one hundred and fourteen acres near Castleton. Thus as a farmer Mr. Knickerbocker has spent some forty years in this town.

The same year of his settlement in Schodaek, February 21st, he married Sally A. Pockman, of

that town. Their children are James H., died at the age of nineteen; Mrs. Albert Shufelt; Mrs. Gideon Pockman; William S., Milton Irving, and Frank P.

Mr. Knickerbocker has been called to bear a share of the public burdens of his town, and to his credit and the satisfaction of the people has discharged the duties of those offices. For twelve years he served as justice of the peace, three years as supervisor, and one year as associate judge. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party until 1872, when he supported Peter Cooper, and from that time until the present he has been a staunch supporter of the Greenback party. Mr. Knickerbocker has not been solicitous of public position. He possesses that force of character and integrity which wins the esteem of his fellow-citizens; is a man of sound judgment, positive convictions, and plain, unassuming ways. His wife, a woman of rare excellence and a model helpmeet, died April 2, 1878.