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# THE LEADING CITIZENS OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY

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health, never having had any long sickness, her final illness being less than an hour. Only a few hours before the change she remarked that her memory had failed to such an extent that she considered herself a know-nothing. Some one jokingly replied that she had better join a know-nothing society, at which she looked up, laughing, and said, "I should not have to go far." She was an esteemed member of the Congregational church, and reared her family in the same faith. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution, and the name of Knowlton is an honored one in the military annals of Connecticut. Her only living son is Moses Camp, a well-to-do farmer, residing on the old homestead. He married Amelia Worthington, a native of East Haddam and a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Willey) Worthington.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston have one son, James H., who was born April 15, 1849. He married Elizabeth Van Valkenburg, the three children born of their union being: Adelaide, a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., now teaching French and German in Portsmouth, N.H.; Blanche; and May. In politics Mr. Preston has always stood on the side devoted to the highest interests of humanity, having been a strong abolitionist in his earlier days, later a strong Republican, and now a firm and influential Prohibitionist. Religiously, he and his wife are consistent and active members of the Congregational church.

As may be gathered from the above, they are worthy representatives of good old New England families.

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**W**ILLIAM H. KNICKERBOCKER, who has conducted a successful blacksmithing business at Woodville, in the town of Washington, for many years, was born in Kent, Conn., November

26, 1836, son of William and Harriet (Johnson) Knickerbocker. Mr. Knickerbocker's father was a native of Dover, N.Y.; and when a young man he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed during the active period of his life. He settled in Kent, where he resided for many years, becoming well and favorably known as an industrious and useful citizen. His last days were spent in Providence, R.I., where he died at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, Harriet Johnson, who was a daughter of Hezekiah Johnson, of Kent, became the mother of the following children: Julia, who became Mrs. Monroe, and has two children—George and Mary; Frederick; Oscar; Delia, a twin sister of the latter, who became Mrs. Taylor, and had five children, namely—William, Mary, Ida, Louis, and Martha; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Edward, who was twice married, his first wife being Ellen Varney and his second Ellen Huntley. The mother lived to reach the age of seventy-six years.

William H. Knickerbocker received his education in the district schools, and at the age of fifteen began work at the forge. After learning the blacksmith's trade he worked as a journeyman, and finally settled in Washington in the village of Woodville, where he has carried on a thriving business for over thirty years. During his long residence in Woodville he has acquired a high reputation as a skilled and reliable workman, and has met with the usual reward of well-directed industry.

In 1871 Mr. Knickerbocker was united in marriage to Emma Briggs, daughter of David Briggs, of Washington, and has one son, Harry by name. Mr. Knickerbocker is a Democrat in politics, and has well served the town as grand juror, Constable, and in other offices. He attends the Congregational church.