Supreme Court of the Province, and in 1870, as his father had been before him, a Justice of the Peace. Sixteen years later, in 1886, the shire town of Kentville, where he had long resided, one of the oldest and most beautiful villages in the Province, was incorporated, and the prominent part he had always taken in its public affairs, and his high standing in the community naturally gave him a place on its first Council Board. Soon after he was asked to accept the responsible position of Clerk and Treasurer of the town, and this double office he held until his death.

In early manhood our father settled in Kentville, where after some years he married Anna Augusta Willoughby Hamilton, his brother John Rufus, also, soon after marrying her sister Josephine.

Our mother was the youngest daughter of Otho and Maria Starr Hamilton; a descendant of one of the well-known branches of the Scottish Hamiltons (her grandfather having been born and educated in Scotland), and of the American Starrs, and DeWolfs; and a near connexion of the Willoughbys. Her family belonged to the Church of England, and she and our father were married by the Rev. John Storrs, father of the present popular Vicar of St.