James raised a family of eleven, four sons and seven daughters, all of whom married. The sons were Charles, John, George and James Nelson. The last named and youngest was long known as Squire Pettes. He was an active magistrate.

The daughters were Nancy, married Alexander Brown; Amy, married Samuel Cook; Drusilla, married Rev. Charles Caleb Cotton; Fanny, married Henry Traver; Patty, married John Soles; Betsey, married — Wentworth; Charlotte, married — Searles.

James Nelson Pettes, born September 30th, 1805, died February 26th, 1871, married June 11th, 1838 to Louisa M. Dyer, born May 6th, 1808, died November 15th, 1883. Their children were: Helen M. Pettes, born May 10th, 1834, died November 15th, 1892; C. Augusta Pettes, born April 6th, 1836; Mary A. Pettes, born November 22nd, 1839; Harriet E. Pettes, born August 9th, 1843, died August 22nd, 1854; James C. Pettes, born September 22nd, 1845; Mereb L. Pettes, born June 28th, 1850, died July 23rd, 1850.

James C. Pettes and Emma A. Boright married October 2nd, 1866. Their children were: Frederick C. Pettes, born September 26th, 1867; Louise R. Pettes, born April 11th, 1869, died February 1st, 1904; Archibald Pettes, born February 26th, 1872, died March 14th, 1875; Dean H. Pettes, born August 15th, 1874; William S. Pettes, born September 3rd, 1878.

The children of Charles Pettes were: Stephen, born 1814; Nathaniel, born 1816; Drusilla, born 1818, married Jed. Scott; Dianna, born 1822; Jeremiah C., born 1820; Katherine, born 1824, married M. D. Scott; Anna, born 1826, married Mr. Jackson; Sarah and Mary, born 1828, married H. Shufelt and C. C. Shufelt; Louisa, born 1830, married Mr. Shufelt, sen.

Stephen was a municipal councillor for many years. Nathaniel was a justice of the peace and commissioner for taking affidavits.