

Albert G. Hall, Peter Cherry, John Denio, Alvah Strong, Nahum Goodsell, Franklin Cowdery, Sidney Smith, George Dawson, Samuel Heron, George Smith, Thomas Barnum — are names blended with the history of printing and newspapers in Rochester.

And here the author must leave the Press of Rochester, as all else must be left, in this history of the *beginning of things*; — with something more than usual reluctance — for it is of his own craft; and no where is the whole history of its progress marked with greater enterprise, or more creditable to the "Art preservative of all Arts."

Roswell Hart, was of the large family of that name, in Clinton, Oneida county. He commenced mercantile business in Rochester as early as 1816; died in 1824, aged 37 years. His surviving sons are, Thomas P. Hart and Roswell Hart, of Rochester, and Geo. W. Hart, of N. Y. Daughters became the wives of the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, now of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Henry E. Rochester, and M. F. Reynolds, of Rochester. Thomas Hart, a brother of Roswell Hart settled in Rochester in 1820; still survives. Seth Saxton was the early clerk of Roswell Hart, subsequently his partner and that of his brother Thomas Hart. His widow still survives, and three daughters, one of whom has recently become the wife of Major Sibley, of the U.S. Army, now stationed in Santa Fee.

Charles J. Hill was in Rochester as early as 1816; he still survives; one of the many enterprising millers of the "city of mills." He erected in 1821, in company with Mr. Leavitt, and occupied himself, the first brick building in Rochester, on Fitzhugh street, the present residence of Wm. Alling. Mr. Hill observes: In point of health, the settlers immediately upon the site of Rochester, suffered less than would be supposed, as it was literally, most of it, a swamp without drainage; still they were no strangers to sickness and suffering, and occasionally from fevers of a very malignant type.

Solomon Close, who it will be observed, was one of the signers of the handbill—"Canal in danger"—was a deputy sheriff of Genesee; resided in early years in Greece; and was also an early resident in Rochester. He removed to Michigan in early years.

John Odell was a merchant in Rochester as early as 1819; had a small store on site now occupied by the Talman block; emigrated to Michigan in early years.

Harvey Montgomery, who was an early merchant in Rochester, the partner of John C. Rochester, still survives. He is the father of Thomas Montgomery, an Attorney, and Dr. Harvey Montgomery of Rochester.

Eli Stilson, was from Fairfield, Conn., emigrated to Cayuga county as early as 1800. He was an early surveyor in Cayuga, a school teacher, and had much to do in the early organization of schools in Scipio and its neighborhood. He removed to the town of Brighton in 1817; in 1829 became a resident of what is now Rochester, on the east side of the river; was a surveyor of a large portion of the