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OF THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ✓

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A RECORD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HER PEOPLE IN THE  
MAKING OF A COMMONWEALTH AND THE  
FOUNDING OF A NATION

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(Munn) Sandford, was born in Montclair, New Jersey, August 4, 1867, and is now living at 42 Park avenue, East Orange. For his early education he was sent to the public and high schools of the town of his birth. In 1886 he became a clerk in the employ of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Here he advanced from step to step until in 1902 he was appointed division manager, which position he now holds. Mr. Sandford is a Republican, but he has held no office. He is an elder in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

October 5, 1899, Joseph Albert Sandford married, in Nutley, New Jersey, Lulu, one of the nine children of Henry and Jane L. (Vreeland) Evers, by whom he has had one child, Jean Carolyn Sandford, born September 13, 1905.

(VI) William M., third child and second son of Michael and Gitty (Cadmus) Sandford, was born in Belleville, New Jersey, April 3, 1798, and died in the same place, in 1888. He was engaged in the carriage manufacturing business and at one time represented Belleville in the legislature. By his marriage with Mary Spear Dow he had five children: 1. Theodore, referred to below. 2. Anna D. Sandford, now lives in Belleville, and survived her father. 3. Charles Sandford, lived in Paterson, New Jersey; married Elizabeth Taylor; children: Charles Henry, married Frances Bat, and had three children: Edward, Charlotte and Frank; and George, married Effie Snyder. 4. Edmond J. Sandford, lived in Belleville; married Mary Jane Gourley; two children: Theodore, married Mary Soule, and had two children: Elsie and Edmund Theodore; and Sarah Gertrude, married Stuart Austin, and had one child, Warren. 5. Cathalina Dow, died January 16, 1878, aged forty-four years.

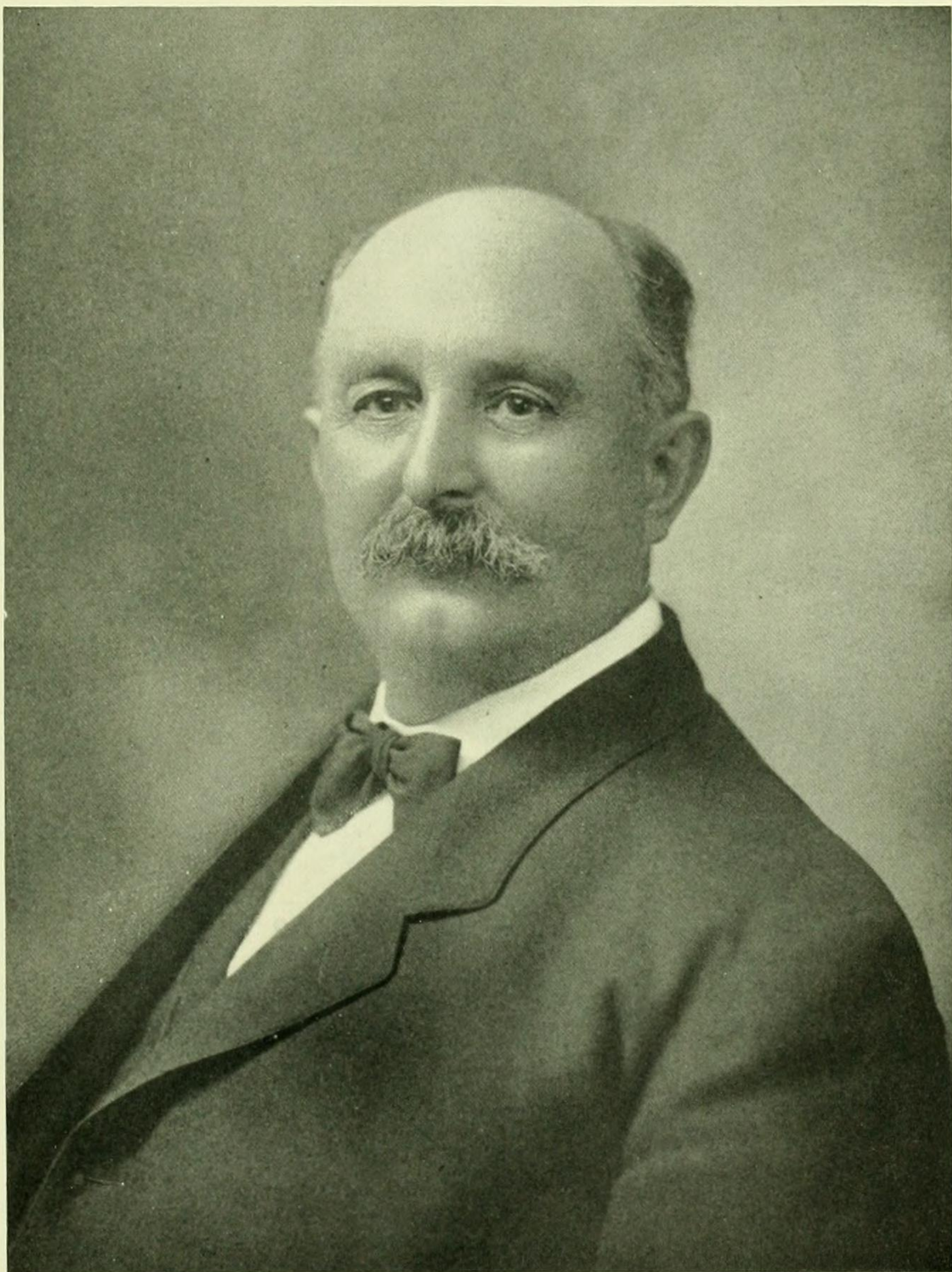
(VII) Theodore, eldest child of William Michael and Mary Spear (Dow) Sandford, was born in Belleville, New Jersey, August 26, 1819, and died February 26, 1910, aged ninety years and six months. For his early education he attended the only school in the town at that time, a two-story stone building standing on the street just in front of the present lecture room of the Dutch Reformed Church, in the lower part of which a school was kept by I. I. Brower, the parents paying a certain amount per quarter for the tuition of their children. When this and the two private schools kept by Mrs. Leslie and Miss Wallace in their own homes, were superseded by the present free school system, September

4, 1852, Theodore Sandford became one of the first of the school trustees. After leaving Mr. Brower's school, Theodore Sandford learned the trade of wheelwright, at the same time reading law, finally giving up the former trade for the prosecution of the latter profession, in which for more than fifty years, as a country squire and justice of the peace, he has served in all probability longer than any other man in New Jersey. As a public-spirited citizen he has been thoroughly and actively identified with the development of Belleville, where he has spent all of his life, respected and honored by all who know him. He is a Republican, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Dutch Reformed Church. He is the author of the very ably written chapter upon the history of Belleville township in Shaw's "History of Essex and Hudson Counties," published in 1884.

Theodore Sandford married, November 16, 1842, Margaret Leah, youngest child of Abram and Maria (Spear) Van Riper. Children: 1. Helen A., married William Jenkins (now deceased), of Newark; children: i. Frederic C., married Florence T. Walsh, and has Florence W., Arthur S. and Ruth; ii. Helen S., married Thomas M. Watson, of Newark, New Jersey; iii. Margaret V. R., married Pierre M. Looker, of Newark, and has Maxwell Sandford Looker and Norman Looker. 2. Arthur Ellison, referred to below. 3-4. Sarah A. and Eliza Mary, both unmarried.

(VIII) Arthur Ellison, second child and only living son of Theodore and Margaret Leah (Van Riper) Sandford, was born in Belleville, New Jersey, December 5, 1846. His early education was received in the Belleville public school. At the age of seventeen he went to Chicago and there became a clerk in a commission house. Later, on account of his acquaintance with the bankers of Chicago (having handled a large bank account for the house he was with the previous year), he was offered a position in the First National Bank of Chicago, at its establishment, and which he declined. At the age of nineteen he returned to Belleville, New Jersey, and upon attaining his majority engaged in the general contracting business, and later under the name of Sandford & Stillman Company, incorporated, which was later changed to Sandford & Harris Company, and subsequently to A. E. Sandford Company. Being gifted with a natural mechanical mind, inherited probably from his ancestors, many of whom were mechanics, early in life he began the development of his ability,





A. E. Sandford



accepting contracts of all kinds, and engaging in the timber and saw mill business, securing timber for piles from the woods and finally equipping himself with machinery for driving them. Thus he became practically familiar with all the details of the business. The following will give an adequate idea of the work in which Mr. Sandford has been engaged in connection with the companies aforementioned, and which stand as testimonials to his skill and ability: The Pennsylvania freight bridge over the Hackensack river; the county bridge over the Hackensack river on the Newark plank road; Clay street bridge; Jackson street bridge; the foundation for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western bridge over the Passaic river at Newark; piers in the Central railroad bridge in Newark bay for the Sherzer lift draws; the life elevator at Weehawken; four tracked the Erie road from Ramsey to Suffern on the main line; double tracked the Greenwood Lake branch from Newark to Great Notch; and depressed the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad from High street, Newark, to East Orange. In addition to his extensive business interests, Mr. Sandford is serving in the capacity of director of the Second National Bank of Hoboken, and for five years was one of the freeholders of Essex county, being appointed on the finance and other important committees. He is a Democrat, and a member of the North End Club.

Mr. Sandford married, October 19, 1875, in what is now known as North Arlington, New Jersey, Cornelia M., daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Browe) Walsh, of Newark, New Jersey.

(VIII) Peter Voorhees, son VOORHEES of Martinus (q. v.) and Elise (Van Dyck) Voorhees, was born May 17, 1787, and died July 4, 1853. He lived on the farm he inherited from his father and which formerly was owned by his grandfather, Peter Van Voorhees. He was a man of much influence and strong character. He was a member of the New Jersey house of assembly, 1843-45, and judge of the court of common pleas of Somerset county, from 1833 to 1845. He married, March 2, 1809, Jane Schenck, born December 28, 1787, died July 22, 1843, daughter of Captain John Schenck. Children: 1. Alice, born February 11, 1810, died August 18, 1878; married, January 12, 1848, Dr. J. V. D. Joline, of Camden. 2. John Schenck, born March 18, 1812 (see

post). 3. Charity, born September 22, 1814; married, November 25, 1835, Samuel Disbrow Bergen, born August 25, 1809. 4. Mary, born February 2, 1818, died December 17, 1867; married, December 6, 1843, Reuben Armitage Drake (see Drake). 5. Ada H., born April 14, 1820, died May 9, 1883. 6. Jane, born March 1, 1823, died June 16, 1873; married, September 11, 1849, Rev. J. B. Davis. 7. Peter L., born July 12, 1825; married, October 16, 1855, Anna F. Dayton, died February 19, 1880. 8. Frederick, born April 9, 1832; married, February 14, 1883, Lizzie M. Barrett.

(IX) John Schenck Voorhees, son of Peter and Jane (Schenck) Voorhees, was born March 18, 1812, died June 19, 1877. He lived at Elm Ridge, North Brunswick, Middlesex county. He married, December 16, 1846, Sarah Ann Van Doren. Children: 1. Abraham De Hart, born March 23, 1848. 2. Peter V., born June 18, 1852 (see post). 3. John Schenck, born November 30, 1855; lawyer of New Brunswick. 4. Anna Margaret, born April 19, 1860.

(X) Peter Van Voorhees, second son of John Schenck and Sarah A. (Van Doren) Voorhees, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 15, 1852. He spent his boyhood on the home farm and began his education in the neighborhood schools, then entered Rutgers College, from which he graduated in 1873, the year in which he attained his majority. He read law under the excellent office tutorship of his uncle, Peter L. Voorhees (one of the most eminent lawyers who ever practiced in New Jersey), and was admitted to the bar as an attorney-at-law in June, 1875, and as a counsellor in June, 1879, and was associated in practice with his preceptor until the death of the latter in 1895. The bond of esteem existing between the two was particularly strong. On the death of his uncle, Peter Van Voorhees received by gift from him his library, the most extensive private collection in the state, and also succeeded to the entire business of the firm, which became too extensive for one person to conduct, and he formed a partnership with George Reynolds. Throughout his legal career Mr. Voorhees occupied a position of prominence and successfully conducted many important litigations. In 1900 he was nominated by Governor Voorhees as a judge of the court of errors and appeals for a six year term, and was unanimously confirmed by the senate.

Judge Voorhees was active in community affairs, and at the time of his death was a di-