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# The Book of Clevelanders

A Biographical Dictionary of Living  
Men of the City of Cleveland



Cleveland  
The Burrows Bros. Company

1914

public schools; married, Cleveland, Feb. 12, 1903; Mary Pally-blank; issue, four children; from 1892 worked for J. W. Wilson as florist, till 1901, for Lyman Essex, florist; in 1902 started in business for himself, continuing in one location; member P. H. C. and Florist Club.

**WASON, Charles William;** retired; born, Cleveland, April 20, 1854; son of Charles and Matilda Parker Wason; graduated, Cornell University, 1876; married, Paris, France, January, 1882, Jettie Anna Morrill; issue, two daughters, Jettie, now Mrs. Harold Edwards, Velda, now Mrs. John A. Bithet; married, Cleveland, September, 1896, Margaret Wright; married, Hamilton, Canada, February, 1901, Mabel Breckenridge; director Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern; Northern Ohio Traction and Light Co., Williamson Building Co.; trustee Cleveland Associated Charities; member Kappa Alpha, Carnellian Council, Cleveland Engineering Society, Bibliophile Society, Union, Country, Mayfield, Willowick and Rowfant Clubs.

**WATSON, Wilbur J.;** civil engineer; born, Berea, O., April 5, 1871; son of D. R. and Maria Parker Watson; educated, public schools of Berea, Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, B. S. (C. S. A. S.), S. E. (C. S. A. S.); married, Cleveland, 1900, Harriet Martha Barnes; issue, two daughters; five years in engineering dept. of L. S. & M. S. Ry.; nine years as asst. engineer for consulting engineering firms; last six years engaged in consulting, designing and supervising work in connection with construction of bridges and buildings for cities, counties, railroads and private corporations, etc.; work covers entire eastern part of the United States; has offices in New York and Charlotte, N. C., as well as Cleveland; connected with construction of Rocky River bridge, New City Hall and many other buildings in Cleveland; chief engineer and mgr. Wilbur J. Watson & Co.; member American Society of Civil Engineers, Cleveland Engineering Society, American Railway Engineering Ass'n, American Electric R. R. Society, Ohio Engineering Society, Chamber of Commerce, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Tau Beta Pi Fraternity (Honorary), Cleveland Athletic Club; Grandfather Watson settled in Cuyahoga County in 1832, and Grandfather Parker in Medina County in 1828.

**WEAVER, S. Marshall;** dentist; born, Dayton, O., Dec. 13, 1875; son of W. J. and Mary E. Marshall Weaver; educated, Ravenna High School and Western Reserve University (D. D. S.); married, Cleveland, April 17, 1896; two sons; pres. Weaver Dental Specialty Co.; vice pres. Cleveland Vending Co.; director Realty Building-Renting Co.; member National, Ohio State, Northern Ohio and Cleveland Dental Societies, Delta Sigma Delta, Colonial and Cleveland Athletic Clubs; pres. Cleveland Dental Society, 1913-1914.

**WEBSTER, John Howard;** assignee The Variety Iron Works Co.; born, Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 8, 1846; came to Cleveland in

1850; public school education, graduated from Yale in 1868; degree A. B., Union Law College, 1870; degree LL. B.; received degree of A. M. from Yale in 1871; engaged in the practice of law in Cleveland until 1891, when he was appointed assignee for the Variety Iron Works Co.; still serving; pres. Chamberlain Cartridge & Target Co., Buckeye Milling Co.; vice pres. Penton Publishing Co.; interested in other corporations; member Union, University, Rowfant Clubs, Cleveland, and University Club, New Haven, Conn.; member Japan Society, London, Eng.

**WEIDENTHAL, Maurice**; editor Jewish Independent; born, Hungary, Oct. 3, 1856; came to Cleveland as a boy, attending Rockwell Street school; married, Cleveland, Feb. 14, 1883, Lida Brandes; correspondent New York Dramatic News; reporter and critic Cleveland Herald; city editor Cleveland Plain Dealer; reporter and critic Cleveland World (News); city editor Cleveland Recorder; reporter, dramatic and editorial writer Cleveland Press; made politics a specialty, "covering" many national and state conventions for Cleveland Press and Scripps-McRae league of newspaper; accompanied late Senator Hanna on national campaign tours; founded Jewish Independent March 1906, being president of the publishing company; member Independent Order B'nai B'rith, Knights of Joseph, Sons of Benjamin.

**WEIS, S. H.**; architect; born, New York City, September, 1888; educated in the grammar and High Schools of Cleveland, and University of California; married in Cleveland in 1911; pres. and treas. Esplanade Realty Co.; member Chamber of Commerce.

**WELCH, Leon Cowles**; mechanical engineer; born, Green, N. Y., June 20, 1882; educated, High School and Cornell University, M. E.; married, Oxford, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1913, Edith Sans Packard; 1906, started as machinist's helper; has held various positions with the following companies: New York Transit Co., Ohio Oil Co., National Transit Co., Northern Pipe Line Co., Buckeye Pipe Line Co.; at present division supt. of The Buckeye Pipe Line Co., also a director of the company; member American Society Mechanical Engineers, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, University Club. Recreations: Baseball, Football and Tennis.

**WELLMAN, Samuel Thomas**; mechanical engineer; born, Wareham, Mass., Feb. 5, 1847; son of Samuel K. and Mary L. Bessie Wellman; educated, Norwich University, Vermont, B. S. and C. E. (hon.); married, Stoneham, Mass., Sept. 3, 1868, Julia A. Ballard; issue, Mina Bessie, Aug. 11, 1870, Addie Lena, June 1, 1872, Wm. S., Nov. 1, 1874, Holley G., May 19, 1881, Frederick S., Dec. 8, 1887; served as corporal Co. F, 1st New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, 1864-1865; built first open hearth furnace in United States to make steel commercially, Bay State Works, Boston, 1870; engineer and supt. Otis Steel Co., 1873-1889, building it from the ground up; organized Wellman, Seaver Engineering Co., 1896, now Wellman,



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the difference with the council of the city. They state that the whole effort is to force transfers on the Fourth of July.

#### Western Reserve Steel Company.

C. G. Thomas has been elected president of the Western Reserve Steel Company, which recently established offices in the Stone building, at Warren, O., and made plans to erect sheet steel mills for which ground will be broken soon. Other officers chosen were:

Vice president, I. A. Thomas; treasurer, C. R. Thomas; secretary, C. H. Lewis; general manager, F. J. Thomas.

#### Dividend Announcements.

**YOUNGSTOWN SHEET & TUBE.**—Regular quarterly  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per cent on preferred and 2 per cent on common, payable July 1.

**CANADIAN LOCOMOTIVE.**—Regular semi-annual  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per cent on preferred.

**GENERAL FIREPROOFING.**—Regular quarterly  $1\frac{3}{4}$  on common and preferred, payable July 1.

**NATIONAL CARBON.**—Usual quarterly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  on common, payable July 15 to stock of record July 4.

**NATIONAL ROOFING COMPANY.**—Stock dividend of 100 per cent, to holders of common stock, payable between July 10 and July 15.

**CRUCIBLE STEEL.**—Regular quarterly  $1\frac{3}{4}$  on preferred, payable June 30.

## TRADE REVIEWS

**AIR COMPRESSORS.**—Mesta Machine Company has issued a special bulletin "N" on "Air Compressors and Vacuum Pumps." The company claims that the chief advantage in its air compressors is in the use of the automatic plate valve (Iversen patent), which, the makers hold, makes possible the economic use of much higher piston or rotative speed, in fact, the piston or rotative speed is limited only by the speed of the driving engine or by general wear and tear of the compressor, if the latter be driven by electric power. The bulletin is well illustrated, the illustrations including charts showing operating characteristics of the Mesta 15 and 25x30 air compressor and performance records from vacuum pumps equipped with Mesta valves.

**ELECTRIC HOISTS.**—Pawling & Harnischfeger Company, Milwaukee, has issued Bulletin No. 301 A, describing "Applications of the Electric Hoist." The bulletin is devoted largely to the application of the small hoist in industrial plants, the makers specializing, in this bulletin, largely on one-ton and two-ton electric hoists. The bulletin refers briefly to the advantages of monorail systems in manufacturing plants.

## THE DEATH RECORD

### Expressions of Regard for J. H. S. Stimmell.

The funeral of J. H. S. Stimmell, secretary and treasurer of the Connellsville (Pa.) "Courier" Company, and prominently identified with the Connellsville coke region for a generation, was the occasion, last week, of an extraordinary demonstration of regard by operators from all parts of the Connellsville region.

Mr. Stimmell died at Confluence, Pa., on June 11, from heat prostration. His death was noted briefly by the INDUSTRIAL WORLD last week. Expressions of regard for Mr. Stimmell poured in on his associates at Connellsville from many companies and organizations in the Connellsville region.



J. H. S. Stimmell.

### John Donald MacKinnon.

John Donald MacKinnon, who was one of the organizers of the Variety Iron Works, Cleveland, and of the MacKinnon Boiler & Machine Company, Bay City, Mich., died June 4. Mr. MacKinnon was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, March 17, 1841. In 1866, he was one of the organizers of the Variety Iron Works, and in the following year sold out his Cleveland interests and moved to Bay City, Mich., where he erected a boiler shop and started in business under the firm name of MacKinnon & Bestor. The business became the Bay City Steam Boiler Works in 1869 with Mr. MacKinnon as proprietor. In 1883, a machine shop, foundry, pattern shop, blacksmith shop and drafting department were added and the name was changed to the MacKinnon Manufacturing Company. In 1902, Mr. MacKinnon sold out his business interests to his sons, Hector D. and Arthur C. MacKinnon, and the name of the concern was changed to the MacKinnon Boiler & Machine Company.

### John F. Robinson, of American Car & Foundry Company.

John F. Robinson, assistant secretary of the American Car & Foundry Company, died at his home, 5559 Vernon avenue, St. Louis, Sunday, June 14, following an illness of two months. He was 38 years old and had been associated with the car and foundry company for 15 years.

## BUSINESS TROUBLES

**POPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.**—A syndicate of Eastern bankers has made an offer of \$1,800,000 for the entire properties of the Pope Manufacturing Company in Connecticut and Massachusetts, now in the hands of a receiver, and in the Superior Court, at Hartford, Conn., on June 12, Judge Bennett granted a petition of the receiver for a hearing on the offer for Wednesday, June 24. A second hearing probably will be held in the Federal Court in Boston on June 25. Col. George Pope, the receiver, recommends the acceptance of the offer. Edward E. Blodgett of Boston, attorney for the bank creditors, said the offer was acceptable to his clients. The offer includes \$400,000 in cash and \$1,400,000 in seven year 6 per cent mortgage notes. The valuation of the property made when the receiver was appointed was \$2,074,000 for the Hartford property and \$1,300,000 for that in Westfield, Mass.

**NITTANY IRON COMPANY.**—On Saturday, June 27, at 1 p. m., there will be sold at public auction all the property of the Nittany Iron Company. The sale is to take place at the court house at Bellefonte, Pa. At 2:30 the same afternoon, an auction sale will be held to dispose of property of the Nittany Valley railroad, consisting of six miles of track, one locomotive, one hand car, track, cars, tools, etc. The Commonwealth Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pa., is in charge of the sale, while Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, will be the auctioneers.

## INDUSTRIAL FIRES

**WARREN, N. Y.**—Plant of Jacobson Machine Manufacturing Company, at Warren, damaged \$2,000 by fire June 10.

**ST. LOUIS.**—Mallincroft Chemical Company's plant almost totally destroyed June 11; damage about \$1,000,000.

**MACON, GA.**—Oconee cotton mills, at Dublin, Ga., destroyed June 10; loss \$220,000. About \$40,000 recently had been invested in improvements and extensions. Insurance \$133,000. W. N. Leitch, Eastman, Ga., president; S. C. Smyley, Eastman, Ga., manager.

**YORK, PA.**—Plant of Codorus Manufacturing Company, at Jefferson, this county, was burned to the ground, June 17; 10 carloads of lumber, together with 25,000 handles. Isaac Hildebrand, president. Loss \$10,000.

American manufacturers are bidding on heavy inquiry for Portland cement for Buenos Aires dock works.



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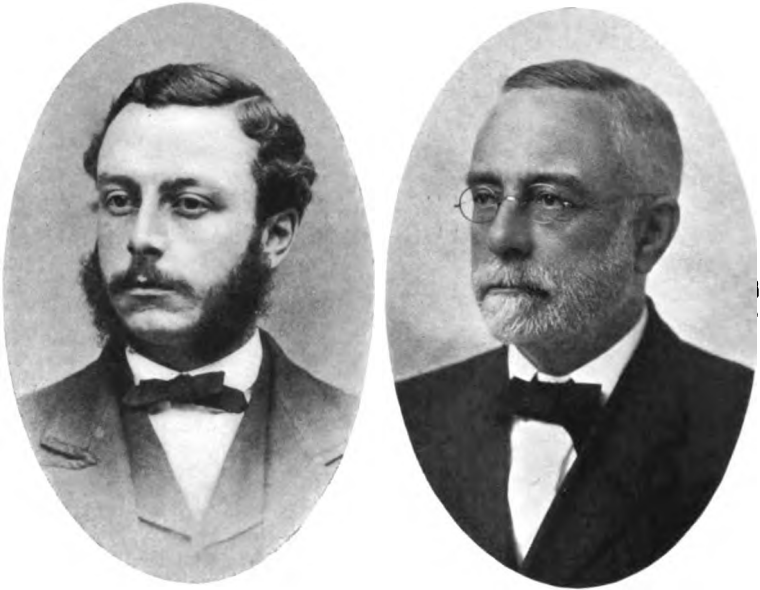
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Watson had fine intellectual powers, but ill-health had long kept him from active work in his profession. Before he lost his health, the Cincinnati *Graphic News* said of him:

"No man in the State of Tennessee is more universally respected, and none stands higher for official and social integrity. He is known everywhere for his fair and ever open dealings with his fellow citizens, and no living man can justly accuse him of anything unbecoming an able, generous and honest gentleman. Mr. Watson has had several cases in the United States Supreme Court, and his arguments before that tribunal have been most highly commended by eminent jurists."



### John Howard Webster

Webster has completed and expects soon to publish the genealogy of his Webster ancestry, beginning with Thomas of Hampton, N. H., who arrived from Great Ormsby, England, at Boston in 1636 when eight years old. His line from him was (2) Thomas, (3) Joshua, (4) Waldron, who married a Dudley, (5) Davison, (6) John, his father. From Thomas (1) was also the great Daniel, in the fourth generation. On his father's side, among his direct forebears were the Starbuck and Coffin families, who afterward emigrated to Nantucket; the Gilman, Trewaygo and Hilton families, well-known in the colonial history of New Hampshire; and Governors John Winthrop and Thomas Dudley of the Company of

Massachusetts Bay. In the study of these families, the most prominent and universal characteristic is found to be the constant imprint of puritanic vigor, sturdiness and conservatism.

Our classmate was the son of John and Sara (Perry) Webster. His father was born in Newfield, York County, Maine, in 1821, and died in 1874. His mother was born in 1823, died in 1852, and was daughter of Daniel and Mary (Barker) Perry of Limerick, Maine, the next village to Newfield.

John H. Webster was born November 8, 1846, in Portsmouth, N. H. The family removed in 1850 to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was prepared for college at the Cleveland Central High School. He was awarded prizes in Composition in Sophomore year, was one of the speakers at Junior Exhibition, and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa rank in scholarship.

After graduation he read law at Cleveland, entering the Ohio State and Union Law College as a Senior and graduating June 29, 1870. In September, 1870, he was admitted to practice in State and United States Courts.

From the start Webster has been blessed with a constantly increasing business, and he ranks among the most successful of the class in his profession. He has given his attention chiefly to real estate law, and has dealt largely in Cleveland property. Politics he has carefully avoided, but he has held many offices of trust. He was one of the founders of the Manual Training School of Cleveland and of the University School established in that city.

In January, 1884, he became associated with E. A. Angell (Harvard 1873) in the practice of law, which continued very profitably and pleasantly until Angell's death at sea, July 4, 1898, in the awful wreck of the French steamship *Burgoyne*. At that time he had become interested in an iron works company in Cleveland, who were contractors in heavy iron and steel construction, and by the rapid increase of this business he soon found his entire time was demanded; so he turned the law practice over to others and has ever since stuck closely to what is now the Variety Iron and Steel Works Company. He has also picked up a four hundred acre farm within twenty miles of the city limits, and has been restoring its fertility for the last twelve years, and getting fresh air and good exercise as a side profit. He also has some office building interests in Chicago and bank and life insurance interests to keep him thinking and fussing over; also the chief respon-

sibility for the Chamberlin Cartridge and Target Company, which concern makes almost all of the clay inanimate pigeons or targets that are shot at all this world over.

Webster is President and Treasurer of the Variety Iron Works Company. He is also President of the Chamberlin Cartridge and Target Company, a Director of the Cleveland National Bank and of the Cleveland Life Insurance Company. He is also a member of the Union and University Clubs, and has been President of the Rowfant Club, a group of one hundred and fifty book lovers who have a clubhouse, which he has helped to pay for and furnish.

October 18, 1870, he was married to Helen A. Curtis, in Stratford, Conn., and has three children: Paul Wentworth, born December 20, 1871; Harold Curtis, born May 20, 1875; Jean Howard, born December 8, 1876.

Paul was for two years a member of the Class of 1893 in the Sheffield Scientific School, and completed in 1894 a course in Mining Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, near Denver. He spent the year 1894-95 at the German Government School at Freiburg. In June, 1895, he went from Freiburg to West Australia and was engaged in engineering and mining, with headquarters at Coolgardie, for two years, returning westward around the world in 1897. In October of that year he located as a mining engineer in Pueblo, Colo. He left Pueblo in 1899, accepting the position of night superintendent at the Star Mine, Rossland, B. C., where he sustained a severe accident in December, 1900, which compelled him to give up mining. In 1901 he engaged in mechanical engineering with the Variety Iron Works Company, remaining until 1907, when he entered the employ of the Treadwell Construction Company of Easton, Pa. He is now President of the Lutz & Webster Engineering Company of Philadelphia, Pa., where he resides. He married September 7, 1898, Florence Fletcher of Denver, Colo., and has three daughters: Elizabeth, born 1904, Dorothy, 1908, and Paula, 1910.

Harold was a student in the Sheffield Scientific School, in the Yale Music School, and in the Yale Law School. He entered the engineering department of the Variety Iron Works Company in 1899 and continued therein till October, 1908. He left engineering work in 1908 and studied the violin for three years at Leipsic, Germany. He is now established in Los Angeles, Cal.,

in the latter profession. He was married November 15, 1897, to Florence Glidden, and has one child, John, born August 14, 1898.

Jean was a student in Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn., from 1894 to 1897. During the past ten years she has lived mostly in Berlin and Paris, pursuing her musical studies.

Webster was again married on April 27, 1910, to Florence Harris Ives, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Harris Ives of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Webster made a journey around the world. Of this journey he writes:

"I found time to go around the world on the first trip of the steamship *Cleveland*, taking in the side trip across India, from Bombay to Calcutta. At the opening session of the Christian Endeavor Convention, at Agra, where ten thousand Pilgrims lived in tents, I sat within forty feet of "Bob" Hume, while he delivered the opening address of welcome, and when it was over he had gotten away in the crowd before I could reach him. It seemed that he had a pressing appointment to dine with some distinguished delegates, and the delay in opening the meeting caused his abrupt leaving. My stay in Agra was only a few hours on a special train of tourists. The meeting in the tent was at 6.00 P. M., and the light very dim. I left a brief greeting on my card at his tent, and received his reply after my return home.

"I also spent the first five months of 1911 in China and Japan. I was in Kobe April 8th, and there learned of Miss DeForest having left her school to return to Sendai, which is a day's journey north from Yokohama. In the latter city, about April 20th, I learned through Japanese friends, for the first time, of her father's illness, but that it was not considered serious. I sailed May 9th for home, and after my return learned of his death at the Tokyo Hospital on the 8th. Had I known of his being there, only forty minutes' ride by rail from Yokohama, I certainly would have tried to see him, for I went back and forth several times from the hotel in Yokohama, eighteen miles away.

"DeForest was the best known American in Japan, and the most beloved by all, from the Emperor down to the peasant. All of the educated men whom I became acquainted with constantly alluded to this, and one old acquaintance of his put him in the same group as Harris, Hepburn, Townsend and Brown. His memory will survive for a very long time among those Japanese people who love their country for what it really is, and what has been done for them by those distinguished Americans."

### Gideon Higgins Welch

His father, James M. Welch, was son of Bliss Welch, a farmer of East Hampton, Conn. His mother, Eliza M. (Higgins) Welch, was daughter