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Hastings and Frontenac mills, and from the Sanderson & McGlashen mills, as well as the Drew mill property. In June, 1865, George H. Grannis returned from the east and with Sidney S. improved the Central Point mill property to a considerable extent. In 1865, Mr. Grannis was elected county commissioner for the first district, representing Red Wing, Burnside and Grant. In the summer of 1864, S. S. Grannis, Hon. E. T. Wilder and J. C. Pierce were appointed a committee to purchase a town farm. A suitable place was selected in Burnside, and in 1866 the house was built by Ole K. Simmons, with Alexander Coons as poor-master. The succeeding years were spent by Mr. Grannis in increasing his lumbering operations and in acquiring additional property. In 1870, Mr. Grannis met with an accident on a shingle saw, cutting off about half of the length of all the fingers and thumb of his left hand. The shock and pain were great, and from the effects Mr. Grannis has never fully recovered. Subsequently he spent many years at the Central Point property and finally retired.

Mr. Grannis was married in 1842 to Sarah Shaw Howe, of Westmoreland, N. H., by whom he had six children: Ellen M., born in 1843; Sidney Howe, born in 1845; Sidney, born in 1847; Hiram, born in 1851; Edward H., born in 1854, and Mary Etta, born in 1860. Sidney H., Sidney and Hiram died young. Edward H. was assistant surgeon in the Third Wisconsin infantry company for several years, with the rank of captain. He enlisted in the United States service with his regiment and went to Porto Rico. Was promoted to surgeon with rank of major and was mustered out with his regiment in 1899. Since then he has remained in the service of the state of Wisconsin. Ellen M. McCord resides in Red Wing, and Mary Etta Carlstrud, who has two daughters, lives in Minneapolis. Mrs. Grannis died in 1884.

William H. Putnam, Red Wing, banker, comes of New England parentage, his parents being William R. and Mary (Phelps) Putnam, of Danvers, Mass. The mother died in that town, and the father, in 1876, took up his residences in Red Wing, where he lived until his death, in 1886. William H., born January 22, 1848, attended the district schools in Danvers, Mass., his native town, and in 1867 came to Red Wing. For six years he was employed as a clerk in the office of the county auditor, after which, in 1873, he entered the employ of the bank of Pierce, Simmons & Co., with which institution he has since remained. After ten years of service he was chosen cashier, a position he held a quarter of a century. From cashier he was promoted to vice-president, and on January 1, 1908, he assumed his present position as president. His years of active service have covered a wide range of the business and financial growth of the county, and with this progress

Mr. Putnam has been prominently identified. Mr. Putnam has successively been elected to the state legislature since 1903, and has presented and actively advocated many important measures during his term of service. A Republican in politics, Mr. Putnam has served as councilman, as a member of the school board, and for two terms as mayor of the city. He is interested in the majority of the leading manufacturing concerns of Red Wing. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of Red Wing Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.

William Larnard Webster, retired, has engaged successively in several Red Wing business enterprises. Of New England ancestry, he was born at Croydon, N. H., February 19, 1826, his father, William W. (married to Azuba Gale) being of that sturdy type of Yankee blacksmith immortalized by Longfellow in his famous poem, "The Village Blacksmith." The father died in 1867 and the mother in 1874. William L. received his early education in Claremont, Sullivan county, New Hampshire, and at Windsor, in the same state. The tailoring trade, which he then learned, was his occupation at Windsor and Charleston, N. H., until 1856. On his arrival in Red Wing, in that year, he became proprietor of the Kelley house, a popular hostelry of the early days. A year later he opened a jewelry store, and still another year later he embarked in the livery business. In those days Red Wing had no railroads, and the demand for horses was great. Year by year the business grew, the livery, boarding and sale stables all being conducted on a successful scale. In 1906, after many years of hard work, he sold out his business and retired. He still makes his home in Red Wing, he and his wife living at 705 Fourth street. Mr. Webster was married at Hartland, Vt., June 19, 1848, to Susan W. Sturtevant, of that place, daughter of Thomas F. and Rosaline T. (Taylor) Sturtevant, the former of whom was a manufacturer of cloth. The father died in 1876 and the mother in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Webster has been born one son, Frank, head clerk and manager of the Willard hotel at St. Paul. W. L. Webster is a Universalist in religion, a Republican in politics and a member of the Odd Fellows.

George R. Sterling, a prominent Red Wing manufacturer of the early days, now deceased, was a native of Luzern county, Pennsylvania, born July 14, 1831. When quite young he was taken by his parents to New York state, later to Vernon county, Wisconsin. Thence he moved to Pierce county, Wisconsin, afterward to St. Paul, Minn. In June, 1858, he came to Red Wing and started the manufacture of boots and shoes, under the firm name of G. R. Sterling & Co. In this business he remained for about three decades, retiring from active business in 1887. The growth of the Sterling concern was associated with the growth of the