

His preliminary educational discipline was secured in a private school, and he subsequently prosecuted his studies in the Newark Academy and in Dr. Pingry's Classical School, at Elizabeth, New Jersey, in which latter institution he completed a two-years course. He then matriculated in Princeton University, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1888. Thus fortified for the activities of practical life, Judge McCarter forthwith began his work of preparation for the special line of endeavor to which he wished to devote his attention and energies.

Deciding to adopt the profession of law, he became a student in the office of his father immediately after his graduation at Princeton, and continued his professional studies in the Columbia Law School, of New York, in the winter of 1889-90. He was admitted to the bar of the state of New Jersey in June, 1891, and within a short time entered upon the active practice of his profession in his native city. On the 1st of July of the year last mentioned he became a member of the well known law firm of McCarter, Williamson & McCarter, with which he has ever since been identified and which is recognized as one of the strongest and most prominent legal firms in the state. In June, 1894, he was made a counselor at law, and he has been concerned in some of the important litigations of the place and period. His judicial acumen has been clearly shown in his rulings as judge of the first district court of Newark, to which office he was appointed by Governor Griggs, in February, 1896, taking his place upon the bench in April following. His rulings and decisions have been signally fair and impartial, and in his official capacity he holds the confidence and respect of

the people and the profession, even as in private life he has retained uniform respect and honor.

On the 9th of February, 1897, Judge McCarter was united in marriage to Miss Madeline G. Barker, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they occupy an enviable position in the social circles of the New Jersey metropolis. In his political adherency the Judge is stanchly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles.

JOHN G. KEYLER,

of the firm of John G. Keyler & Son, undertakers and furniture dealers, No. 550 to No. 558, Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, has been in business at this place for many years and enjoys high standing in the estimation of the people of the town and surrounding country. Reviewing his life briefly, we find the following facts:

John G. Keyler was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1832, and in his native land spent the first twenty-one years of his life, receiving his early education in the common schools and then taking a course in one of the academies of Germany. According to the German custom, he was put to a trade in his youth. He served an apprenticeship of four years to the trade of cabinetmaker, in that time becoming thoroughly familiar with every department of the business. He continued work at his trade in Wittenberg until 1853, when, thinking to find a better field for advancement in the new world, he took passage for America, and in June landed in New York city. Soon thereafter he located in Newark and for two years was employed in a furniture manufactory.

In 1856 Mr. Keyler established his present business at Bloomfield. For some years he made to order all of his coffins and most of his furniture. As his business enlarged he from time to time increased his facilities until his establishment reached its present large proportions. For years he has manufactured and kept in stock a large variety of both furniture and undertaker's supplies. His outfit, complete in every way, includes three fine funeral cars. He has during his experience here, as his books will show, officiated as undertaker at no less than five thousand three hundred funerals, and ranks to-day as one of the oldest undertakers in Essex county.

In 1886 Mr. Keyler, with others, organized the Bloomfield Building & Loan Association, and at the organization he was made president of the concern, which responsible position he still holds, Charles W. Martin being treasurer and Henry Lawrence secretary.

During the whole of his residence in Bloomfield Mr. Keyler has shown a public spirit, always interested in whatever he considered for the good of the town. He at one time served on the Town Committee. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Keyler was married in 1855 to Miss Margaret Schneider, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and to them have been given seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: John D., an undertaker of Montclair, New Jersey; Charles H., engaged in business with his father; William W., a merchant in Arlington, New Jersey; Fred, at home; Eliza M., wife of Frank Pescey, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Anna, wife of the Rev. F. O. Cesch, D. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Margaret B., wife of Rev. A. K. Slaiger, of Atlantic City.

JOSEPH LEWIS MUNN.

No state in proportion to its size can boast a more brilliant bar than New Jersey, and the city of Newark has contributed its full quota to the distinguished jurists, who by their ability and learning have added dignity and honor to the fair fame of the commonwealth. Among those whose talents, legal acumen and sterling purpose have gained them distinction in the field of jurisprudence is the gentleman whose name introduces this memoir.

In the early days of American history there came to the shores of the New World the founders of the family. Benjamin Mun, for so the name was originally spelled, served in the Pequod war in 1637 and made his home in Hartford, Connecticut, where his death occurred about 1675. He married Abigail Burt, daughter of Henry Burt, and their children were Abigail, John, Benjamin, James and Nathaniel. Of this family John was a participant in the great fight at Turner's. He left one son, John, who was born March 16, 1682, and located in Orange about 1700 or 1705.

About 1750 Joseph and Benjamin Munn, sons of John, settled in what is now East Orange, and their brother Samuel took up his residence in Morristown, New Jersey. Benjamin Munn died in 1818 at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a farmer and his land was located on what is now Munn avenue, East Orange. He was one of the members in commission with the Mountain Society prior to 1756. He married Jemima Pierson, who was born August 28, 1734, a daughter of Joseph Pierson, whose father, Daniel, was a son of Thomas Pierson. Unto Benjamin and Jemima Munn, on the 16th of December,