

owned the land which is now included within Alcyon park, a pleasure resort near Pitman Grove. He is still the owner of a valuable tract of one hundred and forty acres, which yields to him a good income.

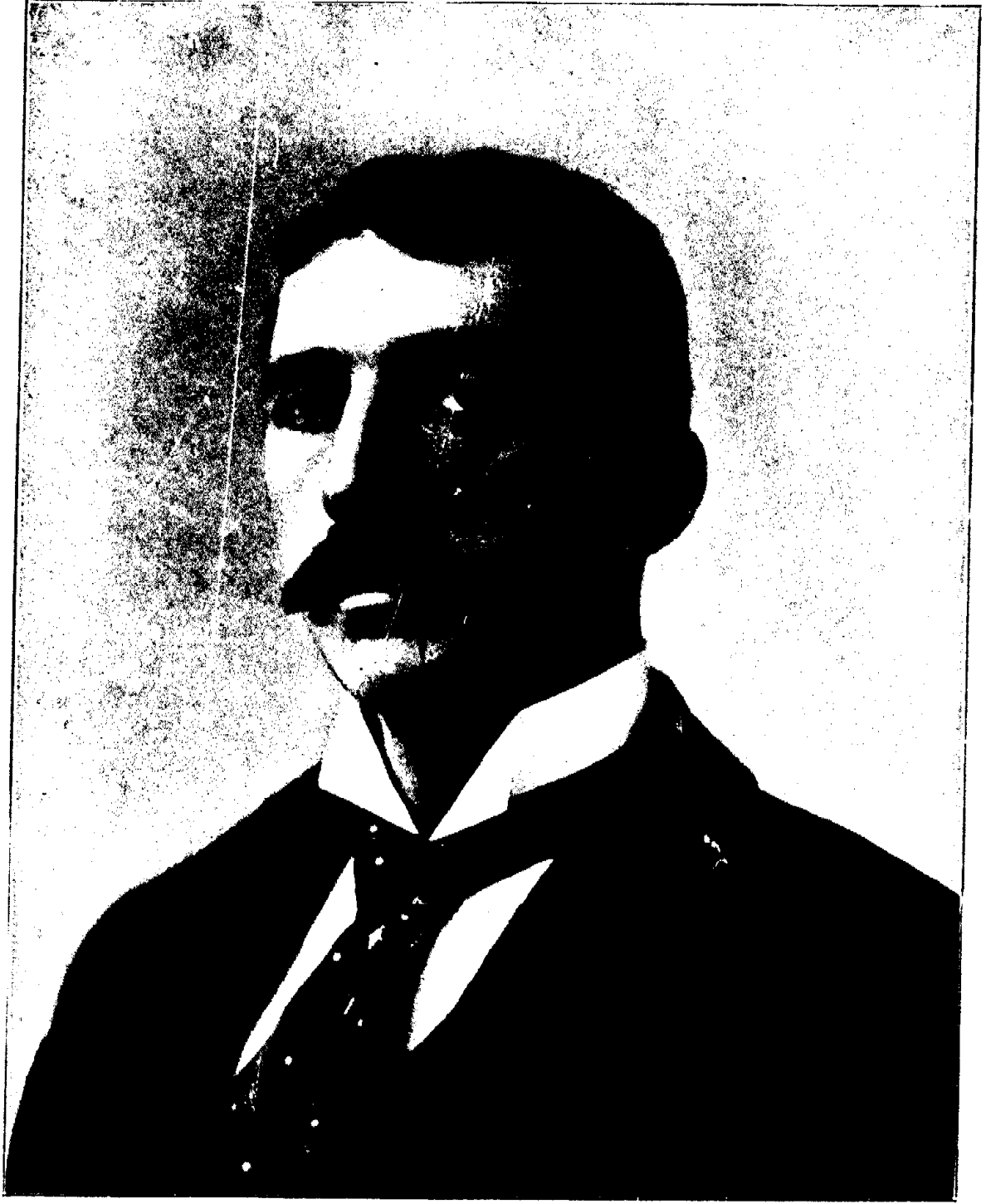
Mr. Gardiner has been twice married. First he wedded Louisa, the daughter of Ely Heritage, who died in 1859. Their only child is also deceased. For his second wife he chose Keziah Eastlock, a daughter of James Eastlock, of Mantua. She is still living and has three children: Sarah, the wife of Edward Justice, of Penn Grove; Anna, the wife of Samuel L. Justice, also of Penn Grove; and Kate, the wife of Josiah Shute, of Pitman Grove.

Mr. Gardiner takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and has efficiently served as a school trustee. His life has been an active and useful one, devoted to honorable business pursuits and to the faithful performance of his duties of citizenship. This has made his record a commendable one, worthy of a place in the history of his native county.

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#### WILLIAM K. WILLIAMSON.

Ocean City has no more active champion than this gentleman, whose deep interest in its welfare is manifested in his well directed efforts for its improvement and upbuilding. He was born in Bloomfield, Essex county, New Jersey, September 4, 1848, and is a son of William J. and Amies (Keene) Williamson. The name is of Scotch origin and the first progenitor of the family in America was William Williamson, who left the land of his nativity to seek a home beyond the broad Atlantic. The grandfather of our subject also bore the name of William, and was born in what was then Belleville, New Jersey, a little town which now forms a part of the city of Newark. He engaged in quarrying sandstone for building purposes, was also one of the extensive farmers in Bloomfield; and the family homestead which he occupied had been in possession of his ancestors for nearly two hundred years, and is yet owned by his descendants. He was an honored country gentleman who controlled extensive property interests and by his upright life commanded the respect of his fellow men. He served his country in the war of 1812. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Bowman, and their children were Margaret; Eliza; Adeline; Mrs. Maria Bowman; William J.; and Jane, wife of Thomas Munn, of Orange, New Jersey. All died within six years, the youngest one being seventy-nine years of age at the time of his death, while the eldest was eighty-eight. The family has ever been noted for longevity, although the grandfather died at the age of forty-four years; his wife, however, reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years.



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William J. Williamson was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, in 1812, and was educated in the public schools of Newark and in Seymour Academy. He was a country gentleman whose real-estate interests were extensive and who added to his property by fortunate speculations. Through his efforts the agricultural interests of this community were largely promoted. He owned a large farm near Newark and did much to improve the grade of stock raised in that section of the state. He served as a member of the city council and of the school board, and was a very active member and worker in the First Presbyterian church, in which he served as a deacon and a trustee. In his family were two sons and two daughters: William K., Margaret, Lilly and Ellis N. The last named is connected with the Evening Post of New York city and resides in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The father of this family was called to his final rest in June, 1896, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the mother passed away in February, 1898, at the age of seventy-eight years.

William K. Williamson, having acquired his education in the common schools, became a student in Bloomfield Academy and later matriculated in Columbia College, where on the completion of the classical course he was graduated in 1871. Two years later he was graduated in the Columbia Law School, previous to which time he had read law under the direction of Courtland Parker, a distinguished legist of Newark, New Jersey. From his office he was admitted to practice in May, 1873, and for two years was a member of the bar of Newark. During that time he acted as the counsel of Bloomfield township, and served as a member of the city board of aldermen. Later he became connected with journalistic interests in Wilmington, Delaware, as the city editor of the Morning News, in which capacity he served for five years. He then became connected with the theatrical business, as the manager of theaters in Wilmington, Delaware; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Albany, New York; and in Trenton, New Jersey. He had several companies upon the road and traveled through every state and territory in the Union. On severing his connection with the stage in 1896 he came to Ocean City, where he had previously made extensive investments in real estate and where he had spent his summers for some years previously. He has taken an active and important part in the upbuilding of the town and has valuable property interests here and in Bloomfield, New Jersey. He does all in his power to promote the improvement of Ocean City and withholds his support from no movement or measure which he believes will be a public benefit.

On the 12th of March, 1881, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss Roberta M. Stanley, of South Carolina, and they now have one of the most beautiful and attractive homes in Ocean City, occupying one of the fine building sites here. Mr. Williamson is a member of the Masonic fraternity,

and in politics he is a stalwart Republican, being recognized as a leader in the ranks of his party in Cape May county. He has served as a member and the president of the city council, and his efforts to promote the welfare of the community have been very effective.

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#### GAINER P. MOORE.

The history of the community is best told in the lives of its representative citizens, for it is to the business and executive ability of the prominent men of the town to which is attributed its progress along all lines of intellectual, moral and material advancement. No city, no matter how great her natural resources, ever rose to any degree of prosperity that did not owe credit of her possessions to the men within her limits and their ability to develop these resources and create new enterprises. To those who have faith in her future and contribute toward her prosperity by investing capital and identifying themselves in every possible manner with her interests, the question of failure is not only improbable but impossible. That Mr. Moore has ever believed in the future of Ocean City is demonstrated by the fact that he has been the promoter of many of its leading interests, and its growth is largely due to the wise effort which he put forth during his service of twelve years in the mayoralty.

He claims Pennsylvania as the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Chester county, on the 13th of June, 1836. He is a representative of two old families connected with the Society of Friends, and is a son of William and Lydia (Moore) Moore. His father was born July 12, 1779, in Chester county. He was a carpenter and cooper by trade, and spent his entire life in the counties of Chester and Lancaster. During the war of 1812 he was drafted for service, but paid the redemption fee and remained with his family. His religious belief was in harmony with the doctrines of the Society of Friends, and his political faith was with the Whig party. He married Lydia Moore, and to them were born eight children, namely: George, James, Samuel, William, Wilson, Cassandra, Jane and Mary. The father of these children died in 1853, at the age of seventy-four years, and the mother, who was born in 1800, died in 1876, at the age of seventy-six years.

Mr. Moore, of this review, acquired his education in the public schools of Chester county, and worked with his father until nineteen years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade at Atglen, and also followed it to some extent in Calhoun county, Michigan. During the civil war he offered his services to the government, but failed to pass the physical examination, being re-