

erse Bay. In 1881 they bought one-half interest in the saw mill at Sutton's Bay, and in 1883 bought out the interest of the partners in the mill; they are also stocking Darrow's mill on Carp Lake. Their cut of hard wood lumber for the year 1883 was eight and one-half million feet. On sale of their brewery they bought and re-built the schooner, "Lake Forest," and in 1883 bought the "Granger;" they also own the schooner "Minnehaha," and own the tugs "Drisco" and "Charles C. Ryan."

PETER NELSON, keeper of Grand Traverse Light, Leelanaw County, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, February 12, 1811. He was bred a sailor, serving a seven years' apprenticeship as such, and has spent a large part of his life on the ocean and lakes. Has been nearly all over the world. Was in San Francisco when it was but a trading post. He came to this country in 1835, landing in New York City. Came west by canal and lake to Buffalo in 1842. Sailed on the lakes until 1853, all but the first year as master. Came to the Traverse Region in 1851, bringing Mr. Hannah to what is now Traverse City. In 1853 he bought a water mill on East Bay, four miles from Traverse City. Worked several years for Mr. Hannah, measuring lumber, logs, etc. In 1855 he bought of the government 160 acres of land in Section 10, Town 31, Range 11. Has sold forty acres, retaining the rest. October 24 he was appointed keeper of the Grand Traverse Light, of which he has since remained in charge. He was married in June, 1866, to Mrs. Alice Bigelow, a native of England, who had two children. Three children have been born to them.

ORIS L. WHITE, farmer, Leelanaw Township, was born in Pamelia, Jefferson County, N. Y., in 1821. Remained at home till twenty-one years of age, then worked by the month till twenty-eight years of age; then went to Chicago, remained a short time; thence to Berrien County, Michigan, where he spent one summer; then returned to his old home in Jefferson County, N. Y., on account of sickness, and in the spring of 1850 came to Pere Marquette, now Ludington, Mich.; was head sawyer in a steam saw-mill for two years. He then went to Racine, Wis., and carried on a store for a year and a half, then went to Adams County, Wis., and had charge of a mill for one year, and August 19 he landed in Northport. Was engaged in selling goods for fifteen years. Soon after arriving at Northport bought his present farm of government, and, in connection with his store, was engaged in getting out cord wood. He now owns 530 acres of land, has good buildings and a fine location on Traverse Bay. Helped to organize the county and township. Was the second supervisor elected in town; has been justice of the peace three years, highway commissioner several years. Married December 31, 1858, to Sarah Hazel. They have four children.

JOSEPH VOICE, mill foreman, Leland, Leelanaw County, was born in England in 1827. In the spring of 1833 his parents went to Canada, and about 1836, to Chicago, Ill. At that time there was but one brick house in Chicago, and but one bridge across the river. He lived in Cook County, Ill., on a farm, until the fall of 1855, when he removed to Northport and worked in the saw-mill of his brother William. He has followed milling ever since. Returning to Cook County, Ill., he remained two years and then came again to Northport. He was sheriff of the county in 1866 and 1867. From Northport he moved to Sutton's Bay in the spring of 1874. He was married July 4, 1858, to Arvilla A. Smith, daughter of Rev. George N. Smith, a pioneer of Leelanaw County whose biography appears in this work. Mrs. Voice was born in 1839, at Gunn Plains, now Wayland, Mich., and came to Northport in 1849. Their children are Arthur L., Ernest A., Annie J., wife of A. Couturier, Austin Ulysses, Minnie A., Lulu M., Helen E., and Florence D.

FREDERICK COOK, SR., of Leland, Leelanaw County, was born in

France in 1823. His father was a shoemaker, and he learned and worked at that trade, at farming and various other employments. Came to America in 1844, to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he engaged in the boot and shoe business on Fulton Street, employing several workmen. He also kept a large boarding-house. He remained there eight years and then went west to Tonawanda, where he owned and run a canal-boat, being also engaged in farming and gardening. He also took contracts for building there and at Buffalo and vicinity, having learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. Having a contract with Mr. Munger, of Buffalo, for the carpenter work of a mill on the North Manitou, he came there in 1856 and remained about one year, until the mill was completed. He then came to Carp River, where he was employed at carpenter work. He bought a tract of state land on Carp Lake and engaged in farming. He enlisted August 12, 1862, in the Twenty-sixth Michigan Infantry, of the Army of the Potomac, serving as sergeant. In the spring of 1864 he had a stroke of palsy, in consequence of which he was discharged in November of the same year. Is now in receipt of a pension. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1845, to Walburga Becker, by whom he had four children, two of whom have died. She died in January, 1870. In 1872 he married Aurora Landgreen, by whom he has had five children, of whom two have died. Mr. Cook is now carrying on a meat-market in Leland.

GEORGE A. CRAKER, farmer, Leelanaw Township, Leelanaw County, Mich., was born in Evans, Erie County, N. Y., in 1836. Was brought up on a farm. In 1846 his parents moved to Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wis., where he remained until he was sixteen years old. He then came to New Mission, Leelanaw County, and was for fourteen years engaged in teaching the Indians farming and manual labor generally. In 1866 he bought a farm in Sections 23 and 26, Town 31 north, Range 11 west. Has now 268 acres in these sections and Section 27, his residence being on 23. Has been county overseer of the poor, and held various town offices. In 1860 he married Mary McConnel, who died in January, 1880, leaving two sons. In 1882 he married Mrs. Margaret M. Say who had one child.

MANITOWABA.

Manitowaba, a member of the Ottawa tribe of Indians, died at New Mission, July 29, 1873. He was one of the most noted of his race in this part of the country, and was universally known as Doctor, or "the Medicine Man." He attracted attention wherever he went by his fantastic garb and ornaments of silver. It is said that he was present at the Indian massacre at Chicago in 1830, but was always friendly disposed toward the whites, and advised his people to live peaceably with them and conform to their customs. Latterly he lived a hermit life, and it is not known that he had a single surviving relative at the time of his death.

GLIMPSE OF THE COUNTY IN 1862.

The development of Leelanaw County was very materially retarded by an extensive Indian reservation, lying in the midst of an active white population. This reservation was made a few months after the settlement of Northport. It extended from the village of Northport south to Township 28, and embraced the entire county as far west as Range 13 west, leaving only the small triangle north of Northport as the sustaining back country for that village. The term of reservation expired in 1866.

In 1858 and 1859 farmers began to come in slowly, and from that time development has been steady. Business centers formed as elsewhere mentioned.

Leelanaw County was mentioned in the winter of 1862 as follows: The county of Leelanaw embraces the entire peninsula formed by Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay and extends south seven miles below the mouth of Betsie River. It is bounded