

ers in general groceries, drugs and produce. He is also a stockholder in the Savings and Exchange banks of Plymouth; he served as State senator in the session of 1895, and was chairman of the committee on agriculture; is a commissioner of the Industrial Home for Girls, Iona Reformatory, Insane Asylums at Kalamazoo and Traverse City. He entered actively into the necessary legislation touching those subjects, and is considered by his associates as an able reasoner and an earnest investigator. He is closing his twelfth year as a justice of the peace, and his administration of justice has tended to the betterment of his town, making it a warm place for the law breaker and increasing its desirability as a place to raise children, free from the too often contaminating influences so often found in other sections of Wayne county. January 14, 1864, Mr. Briggs married Mary A. Westfall, daughter of Jacob and Mary Westfall, and they have one adopted daughter, Mary A. Hearn, who, since the age of fourteen, has contributed much to the pleasure of their home, and whose intelligence and womanly grace and refinement are highly appreciated by her many friends.

Burdeno, Augustus I., M. D., son of Louis and Adaline (Roberts) Burdeno, was born in Delray, Mich., December 23, 1857. His early education was received in the district schools of Delray and in 1870 he moved to the township of Romulus, where he attended the district schools until 1877; he attended the high school at Belleville and taught and attended school until 1880, when he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1883. In the fall of that year he was appointed assistant physician and surgeon of the asylum for the insane and county house of Wayne county, Mich., serving in this capacity until 1885, when he located at Dearborn, Mich., and engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1888 he removed to Delray, Mich., where he has since remained. Dr. Burdeno was appointed health officer of Dearborn in 1886 and again in 1887; he also served in a like capacity at Delray during the years 1891 and 1892. Dr. Burdeno is a member of the Maccabees and the American Insurance Union. February 3, 1885, he married Sarah O. Quirk of Springwells, Mich., and they have one daughter, Verna M.

Burke, Hyacinthe C., town clerk and dealer in real estate, loans and insurance, is a native of the town of River Rouge, being born there October 23, 1860. His parents were Casper and Catherine (Riopelle) Burke, he a native of Baden, Germany, coming across the water in 1853. He died June 10, 1867, leaving two sons, H. C. and Francis, and one daughter, Frances, wife of Isador Nuske. H. C. remained on the farm until he entered the employ of the Michigan Carbon Works, retaining for eight years the position of foreman. He then embarked in the real estate trade with results attained by no other man. Meeting with instant success, he continued to plot various additions, to erect dwellings, etc., which his disposal on liberal terms has enabled him to keep pace with the demand of the times. His good judgment has often been verified. He has the name of being a liberal dealer and one whose faith in the future of his community has never faltered. In politics Mr. Burke is one of the most active Democrats and is ever found attentive to his party's demands; for two years he has served as clerk of Ecorse. January 31, 1887, he married Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Michael Dunn, and they have four children: Edmond Michael, Mary C., Rosa D. and Wolfort H.

Cahalan, James, M. D., a native of Ireland, was born in Tipperary, and when five

