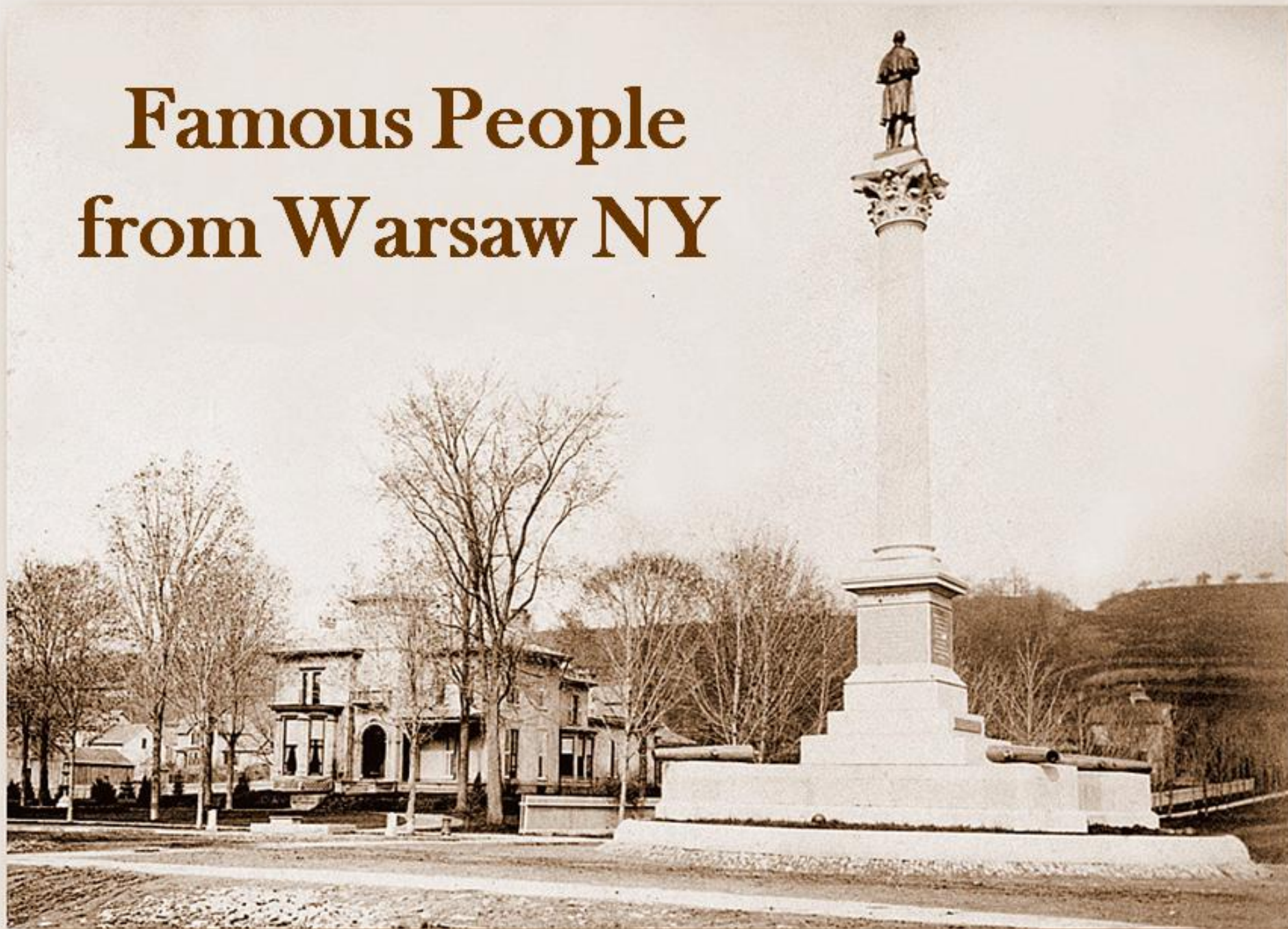


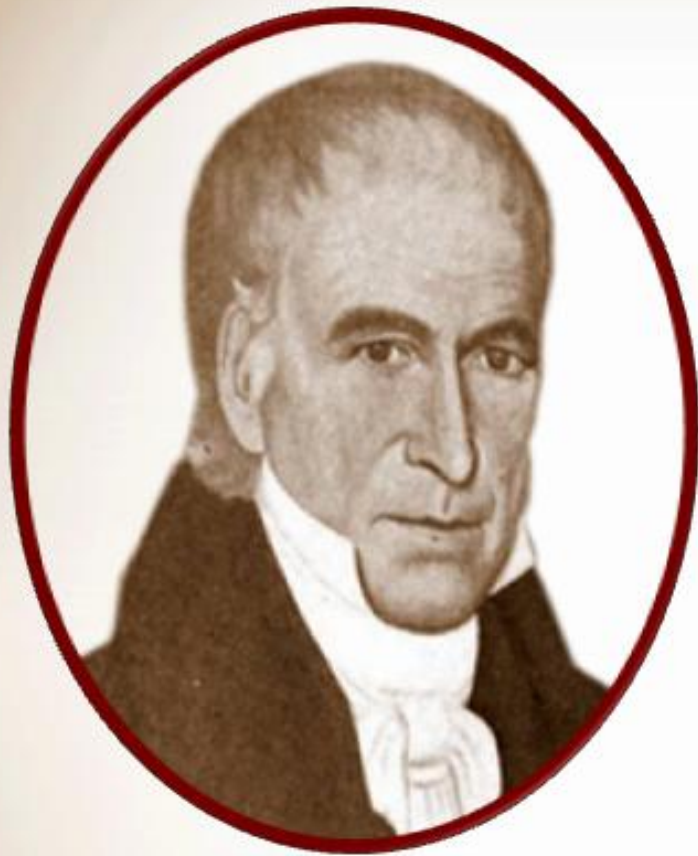
# Famous People from Warsaw NY





# Elizure Webster

## First Settler in 1803

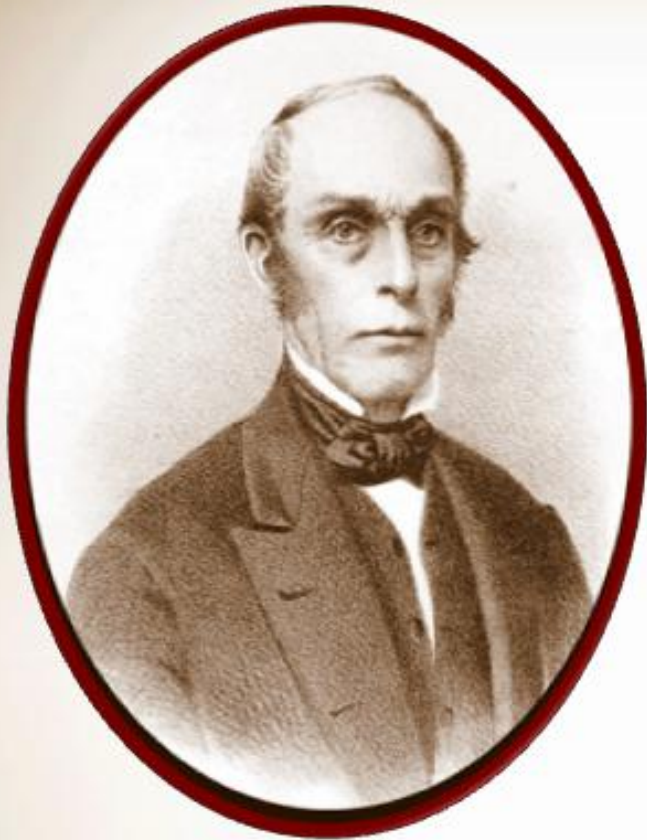


1767 – 1854  
NY State

- Bought 3,000 acres of forest in the Oatka Valley.
- Sold land on credit or traded for goods or labor.
- First Town Supervisor in 1808.
- First tavern keeper.

# Andrew W Young

## Writer and Editor



1802 – 1877

Warsaw Cemetery

- Editor of the *American Citizen*, an anti-slavery newspaper.
- Wrote the 1869 *History of the Town of Warsaw*.
- prolific writer including the *Science of Government*, the first of its kind.
- Helped runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad.



# Mary Hosford Fisher



1822 – 1884

Warsaw Cemetery

## First woman in America to receive a B.A. Degree

- An 1841 graduate of Oberlin College.
- Married Rev. Caleb Fisher of the pioneer Fisher farming family.

B.A. – Bachelor of Arts

# Congressman William Patterson

## Farmer and Manufacturer



- Anti-slavery Whig
- Operated lumber company
- Uncle of Congressman Augustus Frank, Jr.

1789- 1838

Warsaw Cemetery



# James R Doolittle

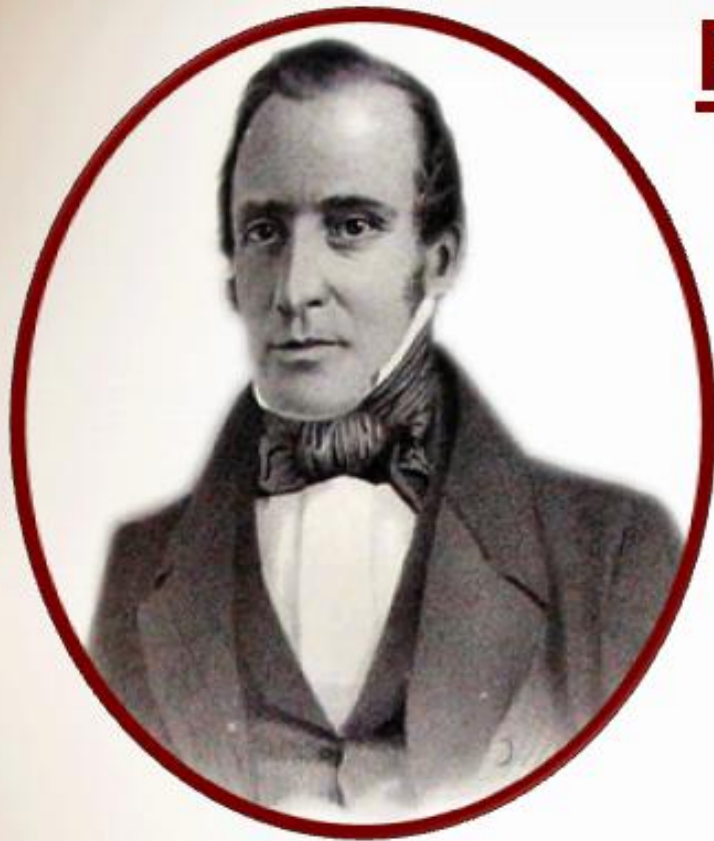


**1815 – 1875**  
**Wisconsin**

**First president of the**  
**Village of Warsaw upon**  
**incorporation in 1843**

- Wyoming County District Attorney.
- As a Ohio Congressman, he became an eloquent speaker against slavery.

# Congressman Seth M Gates



1800 – 1877

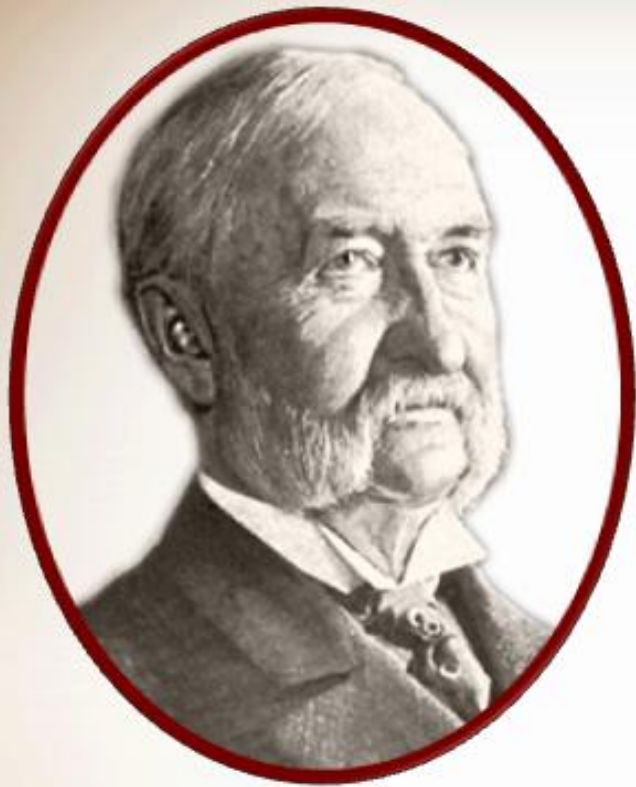
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## Radical Anti-slavery Whig

- Deliberately sparked controversy by promoting an immediate end to slavery.
- A bounty of \$500 placed on his body in the South.
- Moved with his family to Warsaw after anti-abolitionists destroyed his LeRoy home.
- His Warsaw home a station of the Underground Railroad.



# William H Merrill, Sr.



**1840 – 1907**  
**Warsaw Cemetery**

## Editor of the Boston Herald and New York World

- Editor of the *Western New Yorker* and *Wyoming County Mirror*
- Father of William Henry Merrill, Jr., Founder of Underwriters Laboratories.
- Director of the Warsaw Water Works Company & and other positions of honor.



# Colonel Abram B. Lawrence

## Chief Quartermaster-- Union Army during the Civil War



1834 – 1887

Warsaw Cemetery

- Received the arms and supplies of the Confederacy upon General Lee's surrender to Ulysses Grant.
- Helped establish GAR posts which advocated for the veterans, widows and orphans of the war.
- Formerly a business man and accountant.

GAR (Grand Army of the Republic)

# Commander Zera Luther Tanner

## Navy Ensign then Commander during the Civil War



1835 – 1906

Arlington Cemetery

- Commanded from his vessel Union boats in the battle for Fort Fisher, the last major stronghold of the Confederacy.
- Later invented methods for mapping the ocean.
- Two U.S. Navy ships named in his honor after World war II.



# Captain Wallace Bartlett



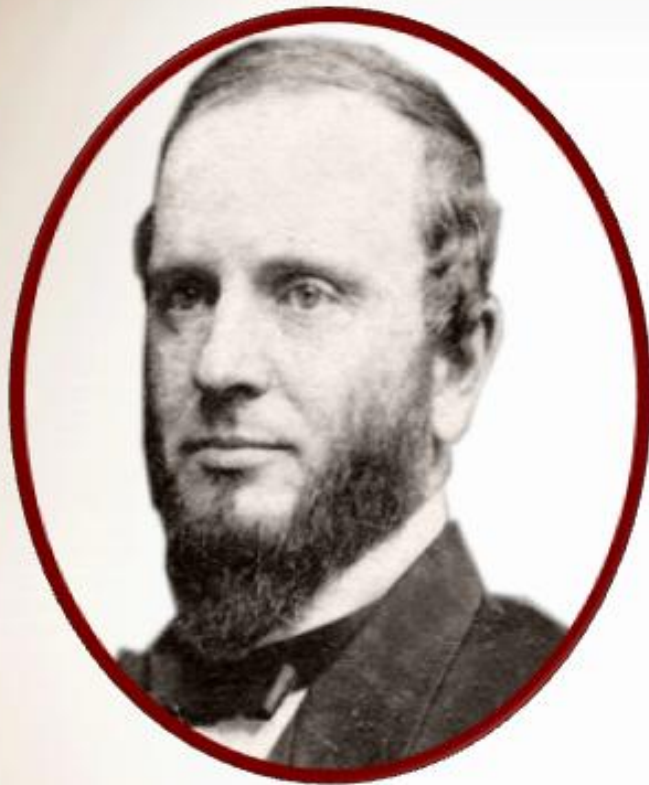
1820 – 1893

Salina Kansas

## Commanded Black troops during the Civil War

- Twice imprisoned by the Confederacy
- Created the first residential suburb in New Jersey for African-Americans after the war.
- Patent attorney in Washington, D.C.
- From Warsaw's celebrated Bartlett family of builders, attorneys and physicians.

# Congressman Augustus Frank



1826 – 1895

Warsaw Cemetery

Co-introduced the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment forever  
abolishing slavery in America

- Son of Dr. Augustus Frank, leading abolitionist and conductor of the Underground Railroad.
- Frank, Jr., and William Pryor Letchworth were chiefly responsible for erection of Wyoming County's Civil War Monument.



# Elbert E Farman



1831- 1911

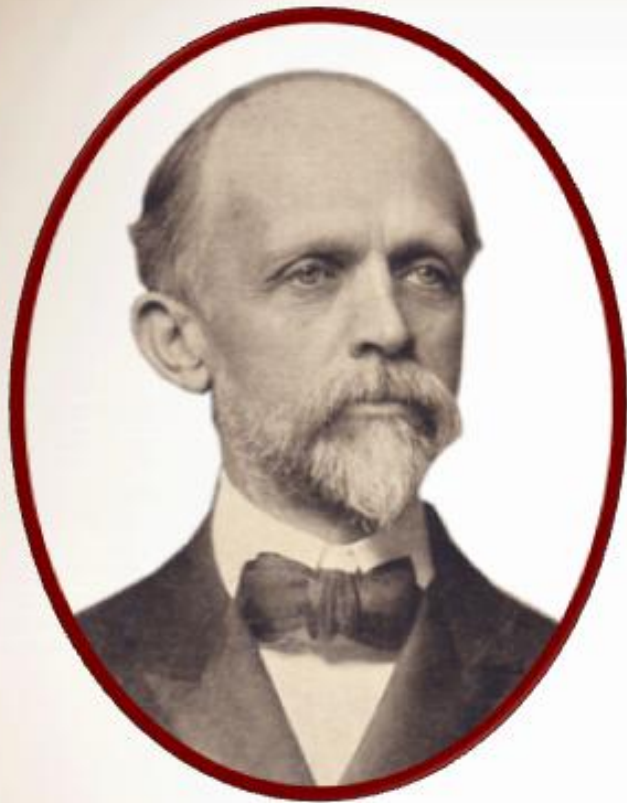
Warsaw Cemetery

## Warsaw's "World Citizen"

- Imminent writer, jurist and Consul General to Egypt.
- Secured Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000 gift to build the Warsaw Public Library.
- Led efforts to erect the Warsaw Opera House renamed the Farman Theater, now Spotlight Theater.

# Senator Lester H Humphrey

## Manufacturer, Banker and Politician



1850 - 1902

Warsaw Cemetery

- Assemblyman- 1851
- Anti- slavery Whig
- President, Wyoming County Bank (1873- 1888)
- Manufactured salt - 1885.
- Nephew of banker Wolcott J. Humphrey



# Senator Wolcott J Humphrey



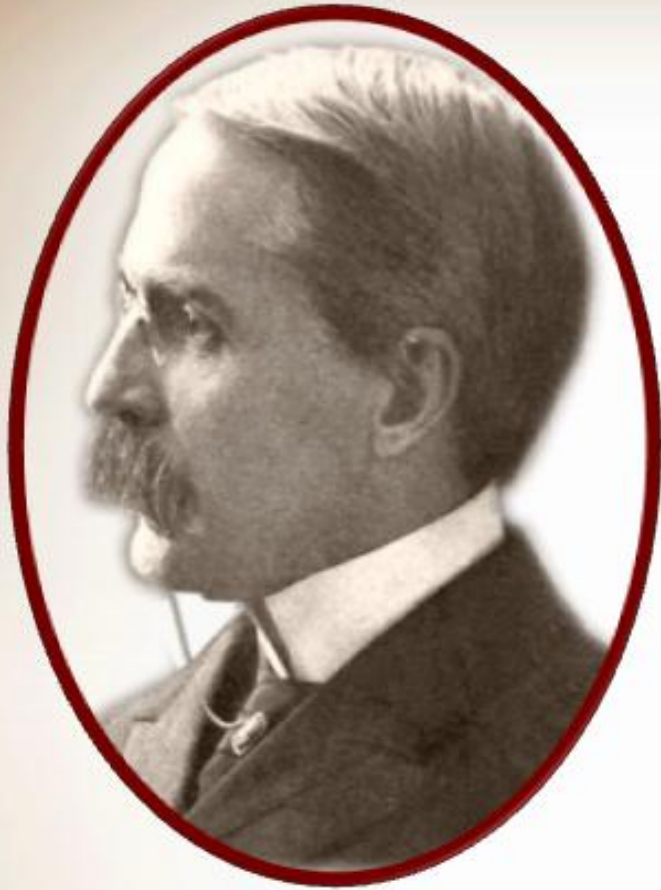
1817- 1890

Warsaw Cemetery

## Merchant, Banker & Politician

- Anti-slavery Whig.
- Ran a leather tanning business.
- Uncle of senator Lester H. Humphrey.

# Dr. Merrill E Gates



**1848 – 1922**

**New Hampshire**

President of Rutgers college  
and Amherst college

- Received Doctor of Laws from both Princeton and Columbia University.
- Chairman of the board of Indian Commissioners .
- Son of Congressman Seth M. Gates.



# Earl A Brininstool



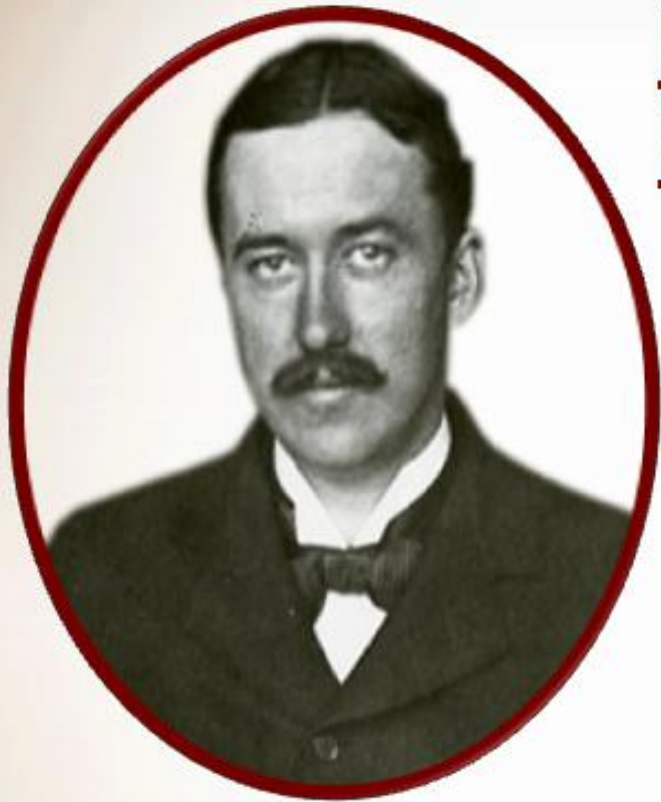
1870 – 1957

California

One of America's foremost authorities on the Indians

- Journalist and prolific author on the Western Indian culture . . .
- Wrote many local stories reminiscing his boyhood experiences.
- Son of one of Warsaw's leading merchants who operated the Irving Opera House.

# William H Merrill, Jr.



1868 – 1923

Warsaw Cemetery

Electrical engineer who founded  
Underwriters Laboratories

- Developed safety science for fire suppression – 1893.
- Son of renown newspaper editor William H. Merrill.



# Ella Hawley Crossett



1853 - 1925

Warsaw Cemetery

## President of the New York State Suffrage Association (1902-1910)

- Brought Dr Anna Howard Shaw and Susan B. Anthony who galvanized Wyoming County's women to act.
- Formed Wyoming County's suffrage association; Red Cross; Hospital Auxiliary among many groups.
- Lived at her beloved home "Hillcrest" on the west hill above the Village.

# Harry E Hovey



1881 – 1953

NY State

Founded the Market Basket  
chain of grocery stores - 1901

- Grew to over 117 outlets.
- Grandson of one of Warsaw's earliest settlers, a Revolutionary War veteran.



# John Warwick Montgomery



1931 . . .

Maverick- who earned 11  
degrees in multiple disciplines

- Attorney, Lutheran theologian and prolific author living in France.
- Descendant of the enduring Montgomery family who opened Warsaw's first shoe store in 1850.

# Charlotte Smallwood-Cook



1923 – 2013  
NY State

## First female District Attorney in New York State

- Practiced law for a half-century.
- Successfully prosecuted Wyoming County's first murder case.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> proclaimed "Charlotte Smallwood-Cook Day".



# Congressman Barber Conable



1922 – 2003

NY State

## Ten-time Congressman and World Bank President

- Shaped legislation on trade, capital gains and social security.
- Made 401(K) and 403(b) tax deferred retirement plans possible.
- “Most respected” member of Congress.