

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY RECORDS

Springs, Connecticut, and they were the parents of two children: L. Marjorie Brooks, now the wife of Victor E. Giles of Chicopee Falls, a George Sylvester II, who died May 23, 1906. Mrs. Taylor passed away in February, 1929. He married (second), in August, 1928, Blanche (Newkirk) Benjamin, daughter of Benjamin Newkirk and the mother of Donald A. and Robert E. Benjamin.

FRANK CHAPIN FLINT—For over three decades Frank Chapin Flint, founder and directing head of the Knit Goods Specialty Company, has been identified with the business life of the city of Chicopee Falls. He is a member of the board of directors of several financial institutions in this vicinity and in a civic capacity has occupied important and responsible public office.

Frank Chapin Flint, a native of the city of Chicopee Falls, was born here July 2, 1872, the son of James and Anne (Mathway) Flint, both natives of Massachusetts. His father, who was prominent in civic and business affairs here, was a manufacturer of loom harness and also operated a gristmill. For many years the elder Flint was assessor for the city of Chicopee Falls. He belonged to the Masonic Order and served as Past Master of his lodge.

Frank Chapin Flint was afforded a general education in the public schools of his native community and after completing his studies became associated with the old American Bicycle Company, which later developed into the Lamb and Spaulding companies. He rose to the post of paymaster with this organization and remained in this capacity until 1899, when the firm was dissolved.

It was shortly after this that he founded the Knit Goods Specialty Company with Fred E. Patterson, who is now retired and

living in Chicopee Falls. This firm originally specialized in the manufacture of gas matted fabrics, a feature which gave way to the production of knitted specialties which it now turns out. Under his management this enterprise has grown to become one of the important ones of its type in this section. Mr. Flint is a member of the board of trustees of the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank, and a director in the Cabot Trust Company. For many years he served as a member of the board of aldermen and throughout his life has maintained a keen interest in political matters. Socially he is a member of several organizations here, among them the Chicopee Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Flint married Bertha J. Clapp, daughter of Otis and Sarah (Burt) Clapp of Southamptone, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Lawrence R., born June 28, 1905, in Chicopee Falls. Educated in the public schools of this community and Bowdoin College, where he was graduated in the class of 1927 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Since that time he has been associated with his father in business. During his collegiate career he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi, national Greek letter fraternity. 2. James C., graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1931 and now a student at the Union Theological Seminary.

HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH STONINA

—Elected mayor of Chicopee in 1925 for second term, director of one of the largest automotive concerns of this vicinity and prominent in civic activities, Anthony Joseph Stonina is regarded as one of the outstanding leaders of this community. His rise to heights makes a romantic chapter in the history of this community. Coming here from his native Poland, with a very limited knowledge of the language and customs, he applied himself, secured humble employ-

ment and through diligent and intelligent effort made rapid advancement, finally being in a position to establish a business of his own. Under his able and careful management this enterprise has grown and prospered, a concrete evidence of his ability and a tribute to his sagacity. His interests have been widespread. From the outset he has been active in social and civic affairs and today is prominently identified with many of the leading organizations of this section.

A native of Poland, Mr. Stonina was born in that country June 7, 1898, the son of Joseph and Theresa (Mis) Stonina, both natives of his birthplace. His father, who died in this country in 1904 at the age of thirty-eight, came here in 1908 and settled in Turner Falls, Massachusetts where he was employed in the cutlery business. Later he went to Northampton and joined a cutlery manufacturing concern in the capacity of mechanic, and after settling there sent for his family in 1909. They removed to Chicopee three years later where the elder Stonina engaged in the grocery business until his untimely death.

Anthony Joseph Stonina attended the schools of his native land for two years and later was educated in the public schools of this country at Northampton and Chicopee. He continued his studies until he was fourteen years old when he secured a position with the Dwight Manufacturing Company of this city, shortly after the death of his father. His first position was that of a car washer and paid a salary of three dollars a week. Keely interested in automobiles and mechanics, he was anxious to learn the business and through his ability and ambition made rapid progress. He successively occupied the posts of mechanic, driving instructor, foreman of the accessory department and finally became a salesman for the firm.

After enjoying a thorough and well-rounded practical experience in the business, which adequately equipped him for the work he was about to undertake, Mr. Stonina at the age of twenty-one opened the first automobile accessory store and filling station in the city of Chicopee during 1909. Three years later he took out the first automobile dealers' license in Chicopee and started to operate an agency here which has been outstanding for its success. The firm represents several of the leading cars on the market and is located at No. 67 Exchange Street.

Throughout his residence here he has maintained a keen and active interest in civic and political affairs and has been chosen to occupy important and responsible public office. His official life can be traced back to 1924, when he was elected a member of the board of aldermen. He was re-elected to this post in 1925 and in 1931 had the distinction of being chosen mayor of the city of Chicopee. In this capacity he was the first mayor of Polish extraction to be elected in New England. He was re-elected in 1936 for a term ending in 1938. As a Republican he has taken an active leadership in the affairs of that party. Between 1928 and 1929 he was chairman of the Republican City Committee and in 1932 was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention held in Chicago. Apart from his work with this organization he has served as secretary of the Kirby Junior High School Commission; is past treasurer of the Polish National Home Association; past director of the Polish Credit Union; a director of the National Credit Union; and is a member and former director of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Polish National Alliance and a director of the Hampden County Automobile Dealers As-

sociation. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In 1921, Mr. Stonisa married Mary Wilczak, daughter of Anthony and Patricia (Stefanik) Wilczak, and they are the parents of four children: Alfreda, Helen, Anthony Joseph, Jr., and Robert.

ROY BERNARD MAHONEY, M. D.—

For nearly a decade Dr. Roy Bernard Mahoney, physician and surgeon, has been one of the foremost medical representatives of the city of Chicopee Falls. During this period he has built up a large and lucrative practice and today enjoys the esteem and respect of his professional colleagues as well as the confidence of the public-at-large.

Dr. Mahoney was born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, March 12, 1897, the son of John Stephen and Theresa (Ryan) Mahoney, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York State. The elder Mahoney came to this city with his parents, Michael and Mary Mahoney, in 1871 and became an engineer with the Fire Department, a post he filled for many years. Later he entered the insurance business and today is representative for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. Dr. Mahoney is one of four children, the others being: 1. Nora, 2. Theresa, now the wife of Bernard W. Burdick of Springfield. 3. John, who is living at home.

After being graduated from the public high school in this city in 1916, Dr. Mahoney matriculated at Georgetown College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1921 and completed his medical training in 1925 with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He served an internship and two years later returned to Chicopee Falls to establish a practice that has been noted for its excellence and success. As a professional man he

has won wide recognition. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Mercy Hospital in Springfield and belongs to the Hampden County Medical Association and the Massachusetts State Medical Society. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Shortly after he completed his high school studies the United States entered the World War and Dr. Mahoney enlisted becoming a member of Company A in the infantry replacements. With this unit he served at Camp Grant, Illinois, and later at Plattsburg, New York. He received an honorable discharge from the service in 1919, with the rank of lieutenant in the infantry.

In 1921 Dr. Mahoney married Mary Esther Kelly, daughter of Michael E. and Margaret (Higgins) Kelly. Dr. and Mrs. Mahoney are the parents of five children: Marguerite, Mary Theresa, Roy Bernard, Jr., Barbara, and Mary Esther.

CHARLES HARTLESS USHER—Outstanding as an inventor and business man Charles Hartless Usher, president of the Lamb Knitting Machine Corporation, has come to assume a prominent place in the affairs of Chicopee Falls. Coming to this section of the State as a young man he rose through his own efforts and initiative to become one of the most valuable and ingenious executives in the knitting industry. As an inventor he has contributed to the advance of this business through a number of innovations which today are being widely employed throughout this country and abroad.

Charles Hartless Usher was born in Coventry, Connecticut, June 23, 1871, the son of Hartless S. and Caroline L. (Chappell) Usher. His father engaged in farming in his native State. The Usher family trace their American ancestry to Hesakiah and Robert Usher, brothers, who came to this