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CAPTAIN FRANKLYN HOWLAND.



"WAYSIDE," RESIDENCE OF FRANKLYN HOWLAND.



Photo by Dunn.
MRS. FRANKLYN HOWLAND.

To the Members of the South Bristol Farmers' Club:

We were appointed by you to prepare and publish a historical sketch of the Club. It was happily decided later to embellish the work with portraits and residences.

The plan to put the portraits of officers and members of their families first and those of others in alphabetical order, has been quite closely carried out.

The Suffolk Engraving Co. of Boston made the half tones. Their work has pleased us and we trust it will you.

The printing was done by E. Anthony & Sons, Inc., the binding by W. H. Collins & Co., both of New Bedford, in a creditable manner.

Altogether this makes a very desirable and valuable souvenir of the Club, which, without doubt, will be enjoyed and prized by its members and their families.

We have endeavored to present to you an attractive and interesting volume and hope our efforts to this end may meet with your approval.

FRANKLYN HOWLAND.
D. C. POTTER.
EMILY A. BROWNELL.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., FEBRUARY 18th, 1898.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

ORIGIN OF THE CLUB.

In the Autumns of 1880 and of 1881, Captain Franklyn Howland of Acushnet made a request of the Bristol County Agricultural Society, that one of the three Farmers' Institutes this society is required to hold each season, should be held in New Bedford. These requests were granted. Prof. Levi Stockbridge, president of the Massachusetts Agricultural Col-



GEORGE C. HATCH.



DANIEL W. DEANE.

lege, addressed the first Institute, which was held in the City Hall, New Bedford. The second Institute was also held in the City Hall, February 7, 1882. Hon. Warren Ladd of New Bedford, an officer of the county society, presided. The speakers were Col. John E. Russell, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, whose subject was, "The Horse: his care and keeping"; and Hon. A. P. Slade of Somerset, subject: "Fruit

Culture." These were the first meetings of this character ever held in this vicinity. New Bedford was the birthplace of the South Bristol Farmers' Club, and in that city all its meetings have been held.

In the report of the latter meeting in the *New Bedford Standard* there appears the following: "Captain Howland suggested that a Farmers' Club be formed, to hold its meetings in New Bedford, and be called the Southern Bristol Farmers' Club. Several others advocated the project, and it was voted that Captain Howland be authorized to call the first meeting." Messrs. Franklyn Howland, Edmund Rodman of New Bedford and Dr.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE C. HATCH.

George Atwood of Fairhaven were appointed a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws, and Isaac R. Potter of Dartmouth and Daniel W. Deane of Fairhaven were appointed a committee to nominate officers and present the list to the meeting which was held in the Fifth Ward-room on Fourth street, on Saturday, February 18th, 1882, when the constitution reported by the committee was adopted and officers were elected. The new organization was named "The South Bristol Farmers' Club."

The above is from a historical sketch of the organization published in 1890.

The club started out as a pure and simple, unincorporated Farmers' Club. Urgent invitations have come from prominent grangers to join their organization. These have been courteously listened to, but have not met with favorable consideration.

January 30, 1886, a committee was appointed to report upon the advisability of being incorporated as an Agricultural Society, in order to be entitled to the bounty provided by the statutes. On learning that in order to become such a society we should be obliged to hold fairs, county institutes, and award premiums, the proposition was abandoned.



LUTHAN T. DAVIS



A. P. R. GILMORE.

On several other occasions the matter of incorporating the club under Chapter 115 of the Statutes of the Commonwealth had been discussed, but no definite action was taken till March 3d, 1894, when the directors were authorized to have the organization incorporated under that chapter, if in their judgment it was deemed advisable. They decided it was a wise act, and a certificate of incorporation, No. 6,057, dated November 1st, 1894, was issued by the Secretary of State of Massachusetts. The ceremony of transferring the affairs of the old organization, after fourteen years of pleasant and successful existence, to the incorporated one with the same name and membership, occurred November 17, 1894.