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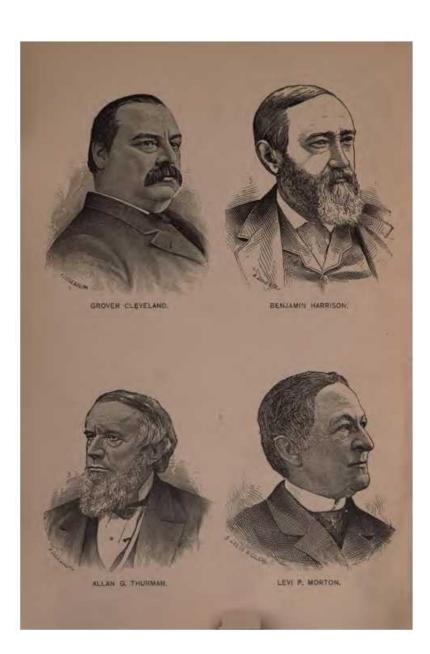
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### THE LIFE OF GROVER CLEVELAND.

Democratic Candidate for President.



Richard Falley Cleveland, third son of William Cleveland, and father of Grover Cleveland, was born in Norwich, Conn., June 19, 1804, and after graduating with high honors from Yale College in 1824, went to Baltimore, where he fell in love with Anne Neale, the daughter of a prosperous publisher, of Irish extraction. He

He soon after entered Princeton Theological Seminary, and after a three years' course, he received a call to a church at Windham, Conn., which he accepted, and then hastened to Baltimore where he was married to Anne Neale in 1829. His second trust was in Portsmouth, Va., and in little over a year, in the fall of 1834, he accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Caldwell, near Newark, N. J.

Richard and Anne Cleveland had nine children, as follows: Anna (Mrs. Dr. Hastings), born in 1830; William N., born in 1832; Mary (Mrs. W. E. Hoyt), 1833;

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Richard Cecil, 1835; Stephen Grover, 1837; Margaret (Mrs. N. B. Bacon), 1838; Lewis Frederick, 1841; Susan (Mrs. L. Yeomans), 1843; Rose E. (unmarried), 1846. All the children are living, except two who were burned at sea. The father of Richard Falley Cleveland was William Cleveland, whose father was the Rev. Dr. Aaron Cleveland, great grandfather of Grover Cleveland, and a graduate of Harvard College, afterwards ordained a clergyman of the Episcopal church. The Cleveland ancestry date their settlement in this country to 1636, when Moses Cleveland, of Ipswich, county of Suffolk, England, settled in Woburn, Massachusetts. The family is noted for its piety and religious zeal, having had distinguished representatives in the clerical profession for many generations.

Grover Cleveland was born March 18, 1837, in New Jersey, and named Stephen Grover in honor of Rev. Stephen Grover whom his father had succeeded. The name of Stephen was so seldom used that he never became accustomed to it, and before he became of age he ceased altogether to use it and signed his name simply Grover Cleveland.

In 1840, when Grover was nearly four years old, his father accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, New York. The trip from New Jersey to central New York, in those days, was much more of an undertaking than it is to-day; about ten days were occupied in reaching Fayetteville, the home of the future president. The tired parents, while passing through Albany, little thought that their four years old son would one day be a future Governor.

In the little town of Fayetteville young Grover had his ups and downs as other children, and at the age of eight years he began attending the district school, and two years