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1797. ALFRED PARSONS, M. D. 1865.—The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Enfield, Hartford county, in the State of Connecticut, in the year 1797. When he was but three years of age, his father moved to the town of Franklin, Delaware county, in the State of New York, where, from the then wilderness, he carved for himself and family a home.

That indefatigable integrity of character, so peculiar to the early settlers of New England, was a strongly marked feature in the character of the subject of this notice, and of the family from which he sprung. In the year 1815 he entered William's College, where he remained about two years, giving his whole time and attention to the study of those principles of science, the possession of which in after years, contributed so much to his prominence in the profession of medicine. A reverse in the pecuniary affairs of his father made it necessary, at this time, that he should abandon the idea of acquiring a classical education, and he returned home and entered the office of Dr. Dewey as a student of medicine. After remaining with Dr. Dewey for some time, he put himself under the instruction of Dr. Morse, of Otesago, N. Y., one of the most skillful practitioners of the State. He attended Lectures at the old "Fairfield College," in Western New York. After finishing the course in this institution, he came into Bradford on a visit to Eli Parsons, a paternal uncle, one of the pioneers of the county, and earnest solicitation he consented to locate here for the practice of his profession.

Business accumulated rapidly on his hands; possessing a kindly nature, a fine personal appearance, and an easy, frank address, he soon won the confidence and esteem of all who came in contact with him. His fine social qualities remained with him through life, and maintained for him that ascendancy in the social circle, which he acquired so easily in his youth. In June, 1834, he led to the Hymenal Altar the eldest daughter of the Hon. Rowen Wilbur, one of the eldest and most esteemed of the early settlers of the county. His father-in-law is still living at the advanced age of 81 years, loved and honored by all who know him. Dr. Parsons was one of the founders of the Bradford County Medical Society, and took a lively interest in all its meetings and deliberations. Three times elected President of the Society, he was honored and looked up to by each of its members. For a number of years, Dr. Parsons was associated in the practice of his profession, with a younger brother, Dr. Thomas E. Parsons, who was removed in his prime, from a life of usefulness, by that disease of our science, Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The loss of one so serviceable, and who so deeply afflicted the affectionate nature, added greatly to the onerous duties of his position.

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