

"FAMILY SKETCHES."

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Markham, Mrs. M. A.—Willard Markham was born in East Avon, then Ontario county, now Livingston county, November 1, 1805. He was educated in the schools of his day, and has been a successful farmer. He came to the town of Greece in his twenty-ninth year. October 1, 1835, he married Louise Bronson, of Greece, by whom he had seven children: Laurinda, Joseph, Betsey, Levi A., Eunice A., Frances L., and Eliza. Joseph, Eliza and Eunice are dead. Joseph was a soldier in the late war, in Company I, 13th Inf., N. Y. S. Vol., and died at Yorktown, Virginia, May 15, 1862. Mrs. Markham died August 13, 1848. For his second wife he married

Do # 8 Mary A. (Drake) Palmer, widow of Daniel Palmer, of Elba, Genesee county, N. Y., by whom he had three children: Samuel W., Sylvia J., and Spencer S. Samuel W. was born March 10, 1851. He was educated in the public schools and is now a farmer at home. January 12, 1878, he married Florence W. Dewinell of this town, by whom he had seven children: Joseph W., Horace G., Florence E., Arthur W., Ida, Anna, and John D. Mrs. Markham's father, Samuel Drake, was born in Greene county, N. Y., in 1791. He married Sylvia Thorne of his native place, and by whom he had nine children: Edward, Orrin, William, Moses, Samuel O., Mary A., S. Jane, Stephen A., and Elvira. The family at an early day came to Genesee county, N. Y. Mr. Drake died April 28, 1878, and his wife May 31, 1868. Mr. Markham is ninety

years old, hale and hearty and is one of the town's honored citizens.