

FRANKLIN **SIMMONS**, owner of the fine, large residence at No. 517 East Second street, Jamestown, is engaged in the manufacture of lumber, owning a forest tract in Cattaraugus county. He is a son of **Philander** and **Mary A. (Wade) Simmons**, and was born in Poland, Chautauqua county, New York, August 29, 1827. His great-grandfather, **Ebenzer Simmons**, was a native of Connecticut, of English extraction, and his grandfather, **Zariel Simmons**, was also born in that State, but removed to Washington county, N. Y., and afterwards to Chautauqua county, same State, where he arrived in 1817, settling in Poland, where he died. He was a farmer, and married **Sallie Hunt**, who bore him twelve children. His maternal grandfather, **Pember Wade**, was born in Connecticut, but went from there to Meadville, Pa., and was one of the first settlers of that ancient place. He married **Martha Lord**, whose brother, **Samuel Lord**, was also a Meadville pioneer, and owned a portion of the land upon which Allegheny college now stands. **Philander Simmons** was born in Washington county, New York, March 20, 1798, came into Chautauqua county, and left his Poland farm in 1858, removing to Jamestown. Until his advent here he was a farmer, and, owning twenty acres within the city, he devoted some of his time to cultivating it. He was an enthusiastic republican, and a strong anti-slavery man, besides being a deacon in the Baptist church for a number of years. He married **Mary A. Wade**, and was the father of ten children: **Eliza**; **Leander** (dead); **Franklin**; **Harvey**; **Clarissa M.**; **Martha T.**; **Ira** (dead), served in the civil war with his brothers, **William** and **Adelbert P.**; and **Chester A.**

Franklin Simmons was educated in the district schools and began life as a manufacturer of pails. He remained in this business one year an employee, and four years the proprietor, and then he bought a shop and made scythe snaths, grain cradles and chairs until 1857, and

then enlarged his business, turning out all kinds of furniture, which was operated up to 1867, when he sold out and moved on his farm near Ashville, and lived there three years, then returned and engaged in the same business for four years longer, finally giving it up, at the same time buying the place he now owns on East Second street and selling furniture at retail. This was succeeded by the grocery business until 1882, when the lumber business, which has since grown to great proportions, was established.

He married a **Miss Williams**, a daughter of **Asa Williams**, of this county.

Politically **Mr. Simmons** is a republican, and has been the assessor and overseer of the poor for Jamestown. Both he and **Mrs. Simmons** are members of the Baptist church, the latter since thirteen years of age.

ANDREW **SOLOMONSON, JR.**, a native of Sweden, was born on June 21, 1852, near the historic town of Gottenburg. **Andrew Solomonson, Sr.**, and his wife are land-owners in Sweden, are engaged in cultivating their land and are more than ordinarily well-to-do subjects of their king.

Andrew Solomonson, Jr., lived with his parents, helping them to cultivate their farm, until reaching the age of twenty, when he started for America. He reached New York in 1872, and at once started west, his first stop being **Titusville, Pa.** Remaining there a short time he decided to go elsewhere, and went down to **Williamsport, Pa.**, where he staid until 1874, when he came to Jamestown, where he has resided ever since. His first work here was in a planing-mill, and he continued to work for others until 1885, when he decided to embark in business for himself. The result is the fine, large grocery store located at the corner of **Windsor** and **Second streets**, in connection with which he conducts a first-class meat shop.

He was married to **Anna A. Lawrence**, a