

Oneida County, New York Biographies

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QUINN, JOHN, born January 6, 1840, in Boonville, Oneida County, is a son of John Quinn, who was born in Ireland in 1802, came to America in 1833, and settled in Quebec, Canada. About 1838 John, sr., went to Boonville, in 1856 moved to Rome, and in 1861 located in Utica, where he died in 1878. John Quinn, Jr., went to Arizona Territory in 1858 and remained there till the war broke out. He then came to Utica and joined the family, and entered the employ of the Gulf Brewery where he remained until 1874. In that year he formed a partnership with John Myres, James O'Toole and Thomas Quinn (his elder brother) and built the Star Brewery on the corner of Mohawk and Jay streets, the firm being J. Myres & Co., which still continues. The capacity of this brewery is about 30,000 barrels a year. In 1888 the same men and six others incorporated the Eagle Brewery Company with a capital of \$100,000, and built the present Eagle Brewery on the corner of Jay street and Third Avenue. Its capacity is 50,000 barrels per year. Mr. Quinn has been president since the incorporation. He has been a member of the Board of Charities since 1879, and was its president in 1895. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and a member of the C.B.L. On May 2, 1864, he married Ann T. Venn, of Utica, who died December 10, 1881. They had nine children of whom four are living: Frederick J., Rebecca H. (Mrs. Thomas Hobbs), Anna and Margaret E. January 10, 1883, he married second, Mrs. Mary A. (Welch) Kelly, and they have nine children, of whom six are living: Bessie, Thomas, John, Agnes, Mary, and Harry. (p. 262-263)