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## Edward Posson, 1841-1914

Edward Posson was born in Galuprilla, Schoharie County, in 1841. In 1850, the family moved to East Shelby, where Edward was educated in the rural school. He received his higher education at the Millville Academy and the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima.

Posson then studied law under Judge Henry Childs and Sen. Edmund Pitts. Admitted to the bar in 1874, he was engaged in the law firm of Pitts, Posson and Sherwood and was widely known and active in many political offices and fraternal circles.

Edward Posson, a Republican in his politics, was first elected school commissioner of Orleans County in 1875. He held this position from 1876 to 1885. In 1890, he was again elected to a three-year term, which he held through 1893. In this job



he would have been like a superintendent of all the rural schools in Orleans County, which at the time numbered well over 100.

Mr. Posson was an active member of the Medina Village Board, serving as president in 1876, 1880, 1881 and 1882.

He also served on the Medina School Board of Education for close to 30 years.

He joined the Alert Hose Company of Medina in 1877. Mr. Posson was also recognized in the Masonic Fraternity. He served as master of the lodge in Medina from 1887 to 1894. He was senior warden in 1880 and assistant grand lecturer from 1887 to 1891.

In 1894, he served on the Medina Sewer Commission.

Mr. Posson had married Helen Noble in 1862 and she died in 1863. In 1864, he married Samantha Williams, by whom there were three children: Cornelius (Neal); Myra, who became Mrs. George Doolittle; and Miss Verna C. Posson.

Upon his death in 1914, Mr. Posson was laid to rest in the family plot in Millville Cemetery.