

JOHN MASSINO, plumber, gas and steam fitter, No. 559 East Water street; established in 1870 at No. 556 East Water street, and removed to his present location in 1880; does work as a machinist and deals in second-hand machinery; keeps a constant force of four hands and at certain seasons employs five times that number. Mr. Massino was born in Saxe-Gotha, March 14, 1842, and came to Milwaukee with his parents when 7 years old, where he attended school until he was about 12, and then served his time as apprentice in the shop of Fred. Horning on River street; has had considerable experience as a machinist and engineer, both on the lakes and railways, business in which he was engaged for several years. September, 1870, he married Annie Winkel, a native of Wisconsin, born March 15, 1850. Their children are: Mattie, born March, 1871; Joseph, born January, 1874; Josephine, born February 20, 1875, and Clara, born April 9, 1876.

AUGUST MEISTER, blacksmith, No. 577 Seventh street, was born May 27, 1834, in Prussia; came to Milwaukee in 1852; thence to St. Louis, Mo., where he remained four years, during which time he learned the blacksmith trade. In 1856 he returned to Milwaukee, and has since worked at his trade here. Mr. Meister was married in 1858 to Annie Kreuz. She was born in Prussia. They have two sons and six daughters.

ROBERT J. OWEN, of the firm of Routledge & Owens, was born in Bettws y Coed, Caernarvonshire, Wales, January 10, 1833; learned the blacksmith trade in his native country; came direct to Chicago, in July, 1852, where he remained twelve years; came to Milwaukee in July, 1864. In 1865 a partnership was formed with Thomas Routledge and John G. Owen, under the firm name of Routledge & Owens, for the purpose of carrying on the business of horse-shoeing. The firm has two places of business, one at No. 322 Broadway, and another at No. 225 West Water street.

GEORGE OTT, machinist, residence No. 946 Vliet street, was born June 16, 1838, in Bavaria. He came to Buffalo, N. Y., in 1844, with his parents, and in 1846 they came to Milwaukee. He commenced to learn this trade in 1852 at the Eagle Foundry, where he remained four years. In 1856 he went to Dubuque, Iowa, there he worked at his trade three years. He returned to Milwaukee in 1866, having gone from Dubuque to La Crosse, Wis., where he worked eight years. After returning to Milwaukee he entered the employ of E. P. Allis & Co. He is a member of the St. Joseph Society.

JOHN PAULU, inventor, No. 84 Kinnickinnic avenue, was born in Bohemia, May 8, 1850. His parents, Joseph and Francisca, native Bohemians, emigrated to America in 1857, and after a temporary sojourn in New York and Milwaukee, settled on a farm in Kewaunee County, on which the mother is still living, the father having died there in 1866. Mr. Paulu is a blacksmith by trade, and had worked four years as a journeyman at the time he settled in Milwaukee in 1871. Two years later he started in business for himself, buying the property corner of Kinnickinnic avenue and Becher street, 80x200, upon which he built and where he now resides. Mr. Paulu commenced in 1880 the manufacture of patent wagon stakes, on letters patent issued the same year. He has also received letters patent on a thimble skein, dated July, 1880, and is engaged in superintending its manufacture. About one year since he rented his blacksmith shop, and has since devoted himself to the manufacture and sale of his patents, in which he has been quite successful. Mr. Paulu was married in this city, September 7, 1872, to Mary Temke, a native of West Prussia, who came to Milwaukee in 1862. They have four children living: Amalie, born July 25, 1873; Annie, April 28, 1877; Clair, November 27, 1878; Rosa, April 5, 1880.

CHARLES POLACHECK, practical plumber and gas fitter, No. 503 Chestnut street. This business was established in 1878. Mr. Polacheck was born in Austria. He came to Milwaukee with his parents in 1858, and learned his trade with J. & T. Wittig. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and B'nai Brith in the Isaac Lodge, No. 87.

PETER STRASSBURGER, blacksmith, No. 576 Mitchell street, was born in Milwaukee, July 31, 1846. His parents came to this city in 1842. His father, a mason, died February 12, 1857. In 1862, Mr. Strassburger learned his trade, and in 1868, commenced business for himself. He enlisted in February, 1864, in the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry, and served two years and four months. He was married in 1868 to Miss Ulricke Wetzel, a native of Prussia. They have three children.

T. W. SHERIFFS, machinist, No. 318 Pierce street.

JACOB WINKLER, plumber and sewer builder, also steam heating, gas and steam pipe fitting, No. 369 Third street. The business was established in 1867, by Mr. Winkler, at No. 343 Fourth street, and removed to the present location in 1878. He now employs from thirty to forty men, and is doing a business of about \$80,000 per annum. Mr. Winkler was born in Germany in 1840, and came to Milwaukee with his parents in 1845.

FREIDRICK ZELL, blacksmith, corner of Twelfth and Beaubian streets, is a native of Jastrow, Prussia, born in 1827. He came to Milwaukee in 1859, and opened a blacksmith shop in 1862. Mr. Zell enlisted in 1864, in Company G, Forty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served nine months.