



WRIGHT, WILLIAM J., son of George W. and Mary J. (Williams) Wright, was born at Montgomery, January 14, 1874. His grandfather, Joseph Wright, a miller at Enosburg, furnished flour for the Plattsburg volunteers in the War of 1812.

George W. Wright, at twenty years of age, came to Montgomery nearly sixty years ago, settled on East Hill and carved out a farm from the primeval wilderness. Here he reared his two sons, William and Eugene, and remained until 1890, when he removed to Montgomery Center.

The father of Mary (Williams) Wright, came from Wales and as a lad of twelve years worked his way from Philadelphia to Ohio.

William J. Wright attended Brigham Academy and later Vermont Academy at Saxtons River. After clerking two years in his native village, he was employed three years in the general store of Ezra T. Seaver of North Troy. In September, 1897, he opened his grocery and general store at Montgomery Center, where he keeps a well-selected stock adapted to the needs of the community. Mr. Wright is a good type of the rising young business man of Vermont. Possessing agreeable manners and an accommodating disposition, he is highly esteemed and is a hustling and successful salesman. He handles flour, feed and phosphate and at the East Berkshire depot has a building for storing agricultural implements and machinery, his leader being the Walter A. Wood machines. In politics, an active Republican, he was appointed postmaster in 1897, and the next year was elected town treasurer, still holding both positions, the latter by unanimous elections. Broad gauge in his social affinities, he is an esteemed member of Masonic Union Lodge, No. 16, of North Troy and a R. A. M. of Lafayette Chapter, No. 4, of Enosburg. He is also a member of Enosburg Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F., and of Camp Green Mountain, I. O. F., in which body he has passed all of the chairs.