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**Andrew Garnet**, New Buffalo, Perry County, Pa., was born November 17, 1834, in Turbot Township, Northumberland County, Pa., son of **John F.** and **Mary L. (Young) Garnet**. **John Garnet** was a native of Chester County, Pa., whence he removed to Northumberland County, was married there and worked at carpentry. He died about 1839; his wife survived him many years, dying in her seventy-eighth year, in Rush Township, Northumberland County. Their children are: **Susan**, deceased; **Nancy Ann**; **John**, deceased; and **Andrew**. During **Andrew's** early childhood, his parents removed into the town of Northumberland, where he attended the public schools until he was fifteen years old. He then became employed on the canal, for the first two years as driver, and for one year after as boatswain. He was next occupied for one year in farming, for **Mr. Campbell**, of Rush Township, Northumberland County, after which he went back to the canal, this time as captain of a boat; in this position he continued for seven years, and then exchanged boating for boat-building. He came to New Buffalo about 1858, and learned the trade from **George Leshner**; for several years he followed this calling, and then for two years, he conducted his own boat. In September, 1862, **Mr. Garnet** enlisted for nine months in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, as a private. His regiment marched to Norfolk, Va., and acted as provost guard until the following July, when it was ordered to Gettysburg, but arrived too late to have part in the great battle at that place. **Mr. Garnet** was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., August 18, 1863. He then returned to his trade of boat building. In the following spring, he went to Freedom, Pa., where he was engaged in the same occupation for one year; then came back to New Buffalo, and continued at the same for nine months longer; the next two years he spent in farming in Northumberland County, and then worked for other persons in New Buffalo until 1875. In that year, **Mr. Garnet** purchased a boat yard, which he has ever since conducted.

**Andrew Garnet** first married the widow of his brother, **John Garnet**; she died March 9, 1882. His second marriage, to **Eliza J. (Howard) Thurston**, widow of **T. A. Thurston**, of Lynn, Mass., took place October 26, 1887. In 1890, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Garnet** removed to Lynn, Mass., where he was for three years in the grocery business; at the end of that time, they returned to New Buffalo, selling out the store; and **Mr. Garnet** has ever since devoted his attention exclusively to his boat yard. He is a Republican. He was formerly a member of the K. P., I. O. O. F., and G. A. R. **Mr. Garnet** is universally honored and esteemed as a man of great kindness and benevolence, not in word alone, but in his actions. His affectionate care for the family of his brother is well remembered by his neighbors. The brother having by accident broken his leg, **Andrew Garnet** faithfully tended him until his death. There were nine children in the family, left with his widowed mother; he cared for them too; and after his mother's death, when eight of the children were ill at once with the diphtheria, and the neighbors were afraid to do anything for them, fearing the contagion for their own families, the uncle took upon himself the trying task of nursing and tending them. **Mr. Garnet** certainly honors his profession as a member of the Methodist Church.

**Mrs. Eliza J. (Howard) Garnet** was born in Melrose, Mass., March 21, 1844, daughter of **Joseph A.** and **Sarah (Penney) Howard**. She was educated in the common schools of Melrose

and of Lynn, to which place the family removed when she was eight years old. She was first married in Lynn to **Theodore Albert Thurston**, born in that city, December 14, 1844, son of **John A. Thurston**, who was for many years city marshal of Lynn, and who is still, at the age of eighty, a member of the force, but is not on active duty. **Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Thurston** resided in Lynn; but they had been married only a few months when **Mr. Thurston** enlisted, and was in active service for a year and a half. At the expiration of his term, he went home, but soon enlisted again, in the heavy artillery, serving nine months. He was a contractor for masonry. **Mr. Thurston** was a member of the G. A. R. Post, in Lynn; he died in that city. Their children are: **Rev. William Albert**, a Methodist Episcopal minister, in Beverley, Mass.; and **Ida Adelaide**, died aged seven. **Mrs. Thurston** had adopted a boy, **Charles Walter**, who succeeded to the masonry business of **Mr. Thurston**. Her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Howard**, had seven children, of whom the survivors are: **Eliza J. (Mrs. Garnet)**; **Elizabeth Eldora (Mrs. Arthur Hawks)**, of Lynn; and **Joseph Ethan**, an overseer in the shoe factory at Lynn. The grandfather of **Joseph A. Howard**, **Mrs. Garnet's** father, was a descendant of a noble family of England, and was born in that country. Emigrating to America, he became a resident of Litchfield, Me., where he died, and where **Joseph A. Howard** was born. His father, who died when **Joseph** was two years old, was a seaman on board the famous war vessel "Constitution." Following the paternal example, **Joseph A. Howard** also went to sea, and visited all parts of the world. He died in Lynn. His wife was a native of Maiden, Mass., where they were married, removing afterwards to Melrose. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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