James Seymour

James Seymour was some years younger [than **Heil Brockway**]. He was a native of Litchfield, Conn., where he was born in 1791, the son of **Samuel** and **Rebecca Osborn Seymour**. He came to New York State in 1812 and entered the employ of his cousin, **Henry Seymour**, a merchant at Pompey Hill, Onondaga County. This cousin was the father of **Horatio Seymour**, afterward Governor of the State of New York. James Seymour arrived at Clarkson in 1817. The following year he married **Mira A. Hill**, daughter of **Hiram Hill** of Holley. The same year his brother, **William Seymour**, joined him at Clarkson and became a partner in his business which was general merchandising. They moved to Brockport in 1823. James was appointed first Sheriff of Monroe County and served for several years. In 1827 he moved to Rochester, his brother William remaining in charge of the business here. James was cashier, and afterward president, of the first bank in Rochester. When the bank's charter expired in 1846 or '47 he moved to Michigan where he had made extensive purchases of wild lands which he wished to develop.

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