

Biographical Record of ISRAEL W. VAN SISE, of Queens County,  
Long Island, NY. 1896.

The occupation to which this gentleman had devoted his life to has been known and followed since the world began. In addition to farming, he was also engaged in butchering, and in this business he became an expert. He was born 2 Sep 1829, in the house where he spent his entire life, and he was the son of Jeremiah and Maria White Van Sise, the former who had been born in the same dwelling. The farm had been in the Van Sise family over 180 years. Israel's father, Jeremiah, who was also reared in the same homestead, and when the estate was settled it came into the possession of him and his brother, Charles, whose share he later purchased, making it his home for the rest of his life. He gave his attention to farming and marketing, and became very successful in his business ventures. Besides owning the old homestead, he also owned several farms, and was also extensively engaged in stock buying and trading on different parts of the island, and disposing of his purchases in the NY markets. In public affairs he took great interest, was a leader and held several offices for many years, such as Road Commissioner, and displayed excellent executive ability in the discharge of his duties. He was a staunch Democrat, was highly respected, and his words were universally considered as good as his bond.

He died at the old homestead after a well spent life, his wife predeceased him. She was a worthy member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church.

In the common schools and in his home, Israel received a practical education. He remained with his father and assisted him on the farm until his marriage. After which he located to one of his father's farms in the same neighborhood, where he remained for 11 years.

He was first married to HANNAH BLATCHLEY, a daughter of Henry Blatchley. She was born in Suffolk County, but was of English descent, her father having been a native of England.

After the death of his father, Israel settled on the old homestead, of 130 acres, besides which he owned another farm of over 100 acres in the same vicinity, and valuable town property in Oyster Bay. About 30 years prior, Israel took up the butchering business, which he still follows, along with farming. Like his father before him, too, he was active in foreign affairs, and in 1880, he was elected one of the three trustees of Oyster Bay. They had charge of the Jones trust fund, amounting to \$30,000, left by Samuel Jones for the poor of Oyster Bay and Hempstead.

For over 30 years, Mr. Van Sise had been a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Woodbury, of which he had been a trustee for twenty years. And like his father, he had been a staunch Democrat, and had taken part actively in the affairs of the community. He was a member of the Central Committee and had represented his party in various conventions.

Mrs. Van Sise passed away 25 Aug 1887, and the highest regard in which she was held was expressed by Rev. T.M. Terry and Benjamin Gilman.

Mr. Van Sise remarried 19 Feb 1890 to ELIZABETH A. SMITH, daughter of Daniel Smith of Suffolk County. Children by his first marriage were: Jeremiah, Clarence, Caroline M, Edward H, and Hannah M.