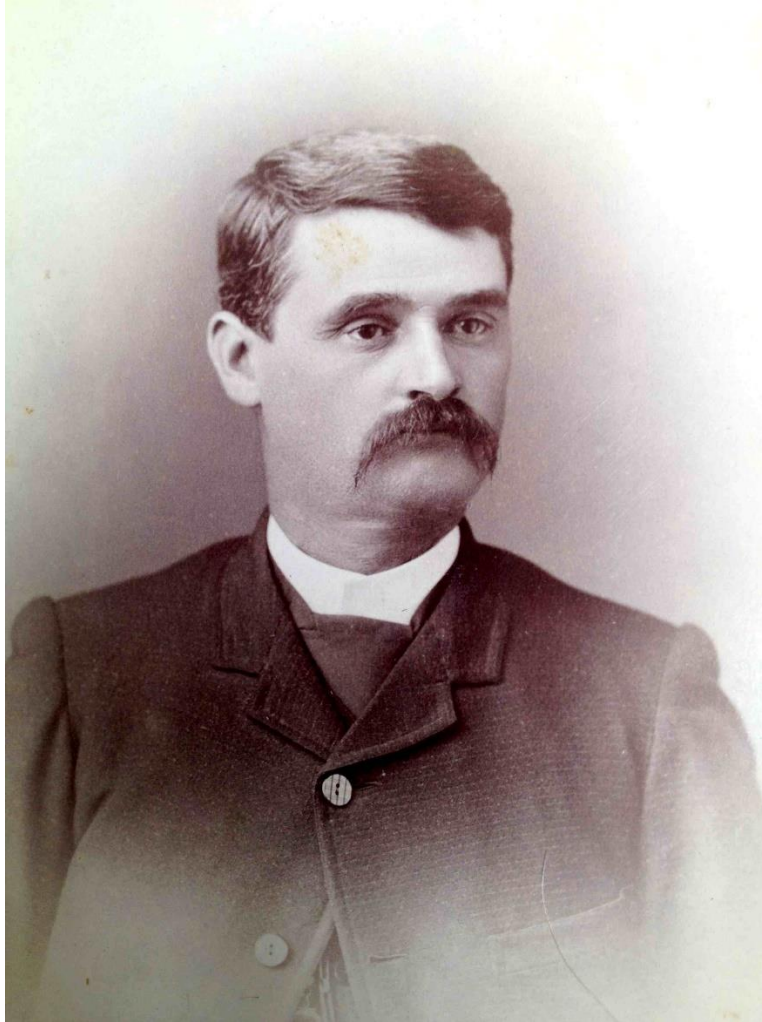


Citizens – Charles Ellery Covell

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*Charles Ellery Covell 1845-1924*

Charles Ellery Covell was born on 25 April 1845 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, one of twelve children of Calvin T. and Elizabeth (ne Coleman) Covell. He worked on his family farm. In January 1863 at the age of 18, he came to Whitehall where he joined his brothers Andrew who came in 1856, and Lyman in 1859.

He began working for Messers C. C. Thompson and A. J. Covell's mill. Afterwards he worked for Joseph Hinchman & A. J. Covell.

His first business venture was in 1872, when he entered a partnership with his brother A. J. Covell as owner of a sawmill. The partnership existed until A. J.'s death in 1886. M. B. Covell entered the firm in 1891 and it then became known as C. E. & M. B. Covell mill continuing until 1924.

With hard work and frugality, he worked until he became a successful businessman. He was part of the White Lake Transportation Co. along with his brothers A. J., M. B., and Capt. Peter D. Campbell

C. E. Covell was township treasurer for six years, supervisor six years, member of the village school board 33 years, chairman of the county board of supervisors one year, county road commissioner three years and village treasurer for several years.

Charles married Jessie Hedges in Whitehall on 27 January 1877. They had five children: Calvin T. (1879-1894); Guy S. (1881-1952); Blanche (1884-1955); Bessie (1886-1985) and Dora (1891-1982).

Charles Covell died at his home in Whitehall on 25 October 1924. His wife Jessie died 11 February 1938. They are both buried in Oakhurst Cemetery.