

trial. He would sometimes argue motions for continuance, or for other purposes, and his success on such occasions showed that he had underrated his own powers. Although he did not argue his cases he was the master spirit in managing all the details of the trial, in what order witnesses should be called, and the points of testimony brought out. His associates depended greatly on his skill in conducting this part of the proceedings. He had a kind, affable and winning way in his social intercourse, and his offices were employed in adjusting and settling legal controversies. He acted as committee and arbitrator in more cases than any other member of the bar of his time, and if a desire to make himself as indifferent as possible to all parties sometimes seemed to hold him back from decisive action, he always, in the end, showed true firmness and integrity. He was an associate judge of the County Court from 1829 to 1836, and after that chief judge for ten years. He died at the age of seventy-seven years.

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COLONEL WILLIAM COGGSWELL,

Of New Preston, a very worthy and respectable gentleman, was a member of the bar and was very seldom absent from the courts, He never engaged in the trial of a case, and very seldom spoke to the bench, but he was always a busy man in the court room. He was one of the electors who cast the vote of Connecticut for John Quincy Adams for President in 1824. He died before he had reached a very advanced age.

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SETH P. BEERS.

When I came to the bar in 1820, Seth P. Beers, Esq., was in full practice. He was appointed State's Attorney soon after, but resigned in three years, having been appointed Commissioner of the School Fund, which office he held for twenty-five years. I have heard him say that some terms of the Court he had commenced as many as one hundred and fifty cases, and he was very thorough in all matters committed to his trust. His talents as an advocate were respectable, his briefs being very full and his knowledge of every minute point being very complete. It is hardly necessary to speak further of him as he lived down to a period within the memory of most of those who are present.

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PERRY SMITH,

Of New Milford, held a somewhat prominent place at the bar and his practice was extensive. So many different estimates have been