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from A CENTURY OF MERIDEN " THE SILVER CITY"

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"George Cooley, one of the substantial residents of the town of Meriden and the veteran liveryman engaged in business at the present writing, was born in Ashford, Windham county, Conn., June 23, 1835. He is the son of ROWE and MIRA (SNOW) COOLEY and his father was a well-to-do farmer of that town which is now Eastford. He was educated in the district school and brought up to work on the home farm until sixteen years of age, when he went to Hartford and learned the trade of a burnisher, first entering the factory of William & Asa Rogers and later being employed by J.H. Martin. He came to Meriden soon after and secured employment as a burnisher at the works of the Meriden Britannia Co. and for some years was employed by that company in Wallingford; and during this time Samuel Simpson was a member of the concern. In 1864, while still employed by the Meriden Britannia Co., he started in the livery stable business on Broad street, by buying out William Fisher, where he soon recovered his previous failing health, and since that time he has been entaged in the livery business continuously. He remained on Broad Street for a period of sixteen years, but before he sold out the Broad street stables to Mr. Smith, of Middletown, he had for four years at the same time been conducting also the stables of William Parker on Main Street. The latter stables he carried on successfully in all for twenty one years but, May 1 1901, he sold out the Parker stable and from J.H. Mc Donald, purchased the Meriden House stables. Mr. Cooley is a Republican in politics and a member of the Home Club. He is married to Emily J., daughter of Leander PARMALEE, of Wallingford, onee high sheriff of New Haven county, and by that marriage are two grown children; IRVING G., th manager of the Meriden Curtain Fixture Co., and JENNIE: wife of C. S. HOWARD,