

Biography of David C. Bush
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DAVID C. BUSH

David C. Bush is the grandson of Samuel Bush, who came to Mahwah from Holland in colonial times. He was a blacksmith and manufacturer of cowbells, in which industry he was an expert. His son, Peter S. Bush, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Peter S.

Bush and his wife Bridget Christie were the parents of Samuel, John, Mary, Magdalene, Elizabeth Ann, David C., Rachel and Peter. The father died eighty-four years of age, soon after the late war. David C. Bush was born on the old homestead at Mahwah in 1827. In 1848 he married Miss Anna Van Blarcom, and in 1852, he located at Oakland, where he has resided since that time. His business has been farming and following various callings and pursuits, looking to his own material interests and the growth of the village. As one of the sponsors for the success of the railroad he took stock in that company, and helped in part to build it. In 1869 he erected his present residence, and upon the completion of the railroad, used one room of his new house for a few months as a ticket office, and subsequently became agent for the company, where he served for seventeen years. He was postmaster of the village sixteen years; was on the Township Committee seven years; a Freeholder during the troublous times of the late war, and has held various other offices and positions of trust when necessity so required. In 1887 he built a store and did merchandizing until recently when he retired from active business.

He was married to his present wife Jemima Van Houghten, daughter of Martin Van Houghten, May 7th, 1867, and his son David C. Bush, Jr., and her son, W. H. Shuart, by a former marriage, now own and operate the store.

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