Mr. Robert Lansing, a senator from Jefferson county, was inexperienced in public life, but a young man of fair mind, and endowed with talents sufficient to render him an useful member of the legislature. His diffidence and modesty, prevented his taking a very active part in the Senate. (Term from Jan. 1, 1832 to Jan. 1, 1833) (Elected in 1831 from 5th District—p. 368)

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Syracuse 1852.
ROBERT LANSING

Was a son of Sanders and Catharine Lansing, and was born at Albany, Feb. 2, 1799. He was a member of Union College, but for some reason did not remain there and graduate. In 1817 he came to Watertown and entered the law office of Egbert Ten Eyck, and was admitted in 1820. In June, 1826, he was appointed district attorney for the county of Jefferson which office he held until February, 1833, when he was succeeded by George C. Sherman. He was elected to the State Senate in November, 1831, and held that office for four years from Jan. 1, 1832. He was then succeeded by Micah Sterling. Mr. Lansing was again elected to the State Senate. I don't know the precise year, but he was the immediate successor of Ashley Davenport. He said he was nominated by the Democratic Union. On Dec. 22, 1831, he married Maria Hubbard, the eldest daughter of Noadiah Hubbard, of Champion. She died in the year 1839, leaving one child surviving, now so well and favorably known in the profession as John Lansing. On Feb. 2, 1841, he married Cornelia Hubbard, the second daughter of Noadiah Hubbard. Soon after the expiration of his senatorial term he formed a co-partnership with George C. Sherman, under the name of Lansing & Sherman. In Feb. 1845, he was again appointed district attorney, and held the office for one year, when he resigned. In June, 1847, he was elected county judge under the constitution of 1846, which office he held until Jan. 1, 1852. At the expiration of this office he practically retired from the profession except to act as a referee, which for many years he was afterwards called upon to do.

He died October 3, 1878, aged nearly 80 years.

He was thoroughly imbued with the principles of law, unostentatious of his great legal learning, and of scrupulous integrity. He was a fluent speaker, and logical and clear in his arguments. After his partnership with Mr. Sherman he seldom took the lead in the trial or argument of causes; but the writer has heard him on several occasions in important cases, and can confirm the traditional reputation of his earlier years.

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Hamilton Child.
ROBERT LANSING

The first elected county judge under the constitution of 1846, and one of the most prominent lawyers of the county during the long period of his professional career, was a native of Albany, born in 1799. He entered Union College but was not graduated, after which, in 1817, he came to Watertown and read law in the office of Egbert Ten Eyck, and was admitted to the bar in 1820. He then entered upon a long and entirely successful professional and political career; was one of the distinguished lawyers and fluent and logical advocates of the old bar. In county politics he held the offices of district attorney, county judge and State Senator, filling each position with marked ability. The civil list will show the offices held, and the period of service, but as one of the leading law firm of Lansing & Sherman his best professional record was made.

Judge Lansing died October 3, 1868 at the advanced age of nearly 80 years.

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He was President of the Jefferson County National Bank of Watertown 1855-56. p. 335.