



VILLAGE CLERK COLLINS.

MICHAEL J. COLLINS was born in Brooklyn, in 1856. When he was six years of age, his family moved to Staten Island, where Michael, after a course of study in the public schools, studied the classics under a private tutor.

After completing his education, he returned to Brooklyn, where he remained in business for four years, after which he returned to Staten Island. In 1884, he was appointed secretary to the board of health, and in 1886 was made clerk of the village of Edgewater, and the fact that he has held this position for seven consecutive years, under different boards of trustees, is the best proof of how well he has performed the duties of his office.

Mr. Collins has also served as a member of the board of directors of the Edgewater Co-operative Building and Loan Association, is a member of the Southfield Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen 401, has been treasurer of the Forester's Court, Staten Island, for the past six years, and is one of the charter members of the Edgewater C. B. L.

Mr. Collins is a Democrat, always active in politics, and has served as secretary of several conventions.